



MANITOBA INDIGENOUS YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

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27th Annual Manitoba Indigenous Youth Achievement Awards To be held virtually for second consecutive year

The MIYAA Planning Committee has made the difficult decision to bypass an in-person event once again. Given the COVID-19 situation, the MIYAA Planning Committee will proceed with three virtual Award Celebrations. It is important that we prioritize the safety of our communities while still providing a platform to celebrate the outstanding youth.

We are pleased to announce that our host for these events is the Pembina Trails School Division. The 2022 MIYAA awards will be held online on the following dates (full schedule to be released on www.miyaa.ca.)

- Wednesday February 2, 2022 @ 6:00pm
- Tuesday March 8, 2022 @ 6:00pm
- Wednesday April 6, 2022 @ 6:00pm

The awards were founded in 1994 to combat negative images of Indigenous youth and to celebrate their achievements. “The youth are our future. They are breaking many barriers to accomplish their hopes and dreams. They uplift our community as they deliver heartfelt messages” says MIYAA Co-Chair Helen Robinson-Settee.

MIYAAAs are presented to 18 outstanding Indigenous youth between the ages of 16 and 24 excelling in a variety of categories from cultural to academic. MIYAA recipients are chosen by a committee of Indigenous peers from the community. Since their inception, the MIYAAAs have given out nearly 350 awards, thousands of dollars in scholarships through the generosity of many sponsors and reached over 1600 attendees annually.

For the 2022 events, we honored to have Elder Dan Thomas lead the ceremony portion of the evening by singing the Honour and Victory songs. We are also excited to have past MIYAA recipients Robyn Chow and Westin Sutherland host this year’s event.

“The awards evening is inspirational. The committee works hard to organize this event and it’s amazing to watch as the youth shine.” says Darlene Daniels, MIYAA Co-Chair.

To learn more about the MIYAA and for the scheduled award presentation to go:
<http://www.miyaa.ca>

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