

Building a Better Future Bursary

\$3500 Engineering Scholarship

Is awarded to a Syilx Nation student pursuing an education in the field of engineering.



Teigan Peterson



"I always try to remember my roots. My family and community have played a huge part in my success so far and I hope I will be able to give back and help them and others. "

Teigan graduated from Similkameen Elementary School with honours. She has always had a love for math and science so has decided to follow that passion into the field of engineering. Teigan has been accepted into the Schulich School of Engineering at the University of Calgary. Engineering is her first step to achieving her ultimate goal of becoming a doctor of optometry.

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\$1500 an Education for Life Award



Vanessa Michel



"With all my experiences I just hope to share with the younger ones and show them just how much life can offer you, if you just try new things."

Vanessa graduated this year from Merritt Secondary school . She maintained being an honour roll student throughout high school with an A average as well as being selected as her classes valedictorian. Throughout high school she participated in numerous She has been accepted into the bachelor of science program for kinesiology in University of Calgary, where she will attend in the fall.

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\$1500 Higher Learning Bursary

This award was contributed by Hi-TRAX Contracting, and Lance McLean member of the Penticton Indian Band's to support those pursuing higher learning.

Kimberlyn Kosik

Kimberlyn is a member of the Westbank First Nation, and is currently in her second year in the Bachelor of Nsyilxcen Language Fluency Degree Program at UBCO (in partnership Enowkin)



"Registering for this program lit a much bigger fire than I could have imagined inside of me and my motivation to complete this program has a much bigger meaning to me now. I have realized how healing, that reconnecting with my roots and learning language, has been for my soul and how important that it is that I share this learning far and wide with community so others can experience this healing as well."

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Lepika Saddleman



"My goal is to give back and help our people and communities to the best of my ability...The children, youth and the next generation drive me to follow my educational goals "

Lepika attends the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, where she is taking an Arts Degree, and intends to then pursue a Social Work. Her education is preparing her to be a leader who can create change in community and Nation.

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\$1000 Syilx Excellence

The Syilx Excellence scholarship is awarded to a well-rounded high school graduates who have demonstrated service and leadership, both in their community and in the Nation.



Qui Parker



"Growing up I always admired the business owners of the community. Not only was it astonishing to see their dreams come to life, but also see their business thrive"

Qui graduated this year from WL Seaton Secondary School. He will be attending the Thompson Rivers University to pursue a Bachelor of Business Administration. In the future he plans on using his business experience to help his community as well as opening a business of his own.

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Kwelaxen Louis



"When I realized that I wanted to attend college, I was able to apply myself and focus on my work to get better grades. "

In 2022 Kwelaxen graduated from Similkameen Elementary Secondary School. His future plans are to attend Okanagan College Culinary Arts Program. His motivation to pursue his education comes from assisting with catering community events and liking to eat good food. He hopes to implement indigenous foods in his cooking and learn new and different ways to prepare fish and wild game.

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Llana Teichroeb



"My grandmothers voice was taken from her. I'm reclaiming it for her and all the others who lost their voices... the language is yours to claim. It's in you waiting to be woken "

Llana is currently enrolled in her 3rd year in the Bachelor of nsyilxcen Language Fluency Program at the UBCO (in Partnership with Enowkin). Her goal is to be an asset to her people and to advocate for language revitalization and reconciliation.

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\$1500 Walking My Learning Forward

Open to students enrolled in full time studies in a two-year university, college diploma, certificate or trades program at an accredited college or university



Kirsten Lindley



"I was privileged to be raised by many grandmothers. The most important lesson I was taught was that whenever possible I give back to my people. These teachings guided me into choosing a profession in healthcare. "

Kirsten is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Health Science, with a Major in Public Health, from the University of Lethbridge. One of her goals is to develop sexual health materials from an Indigenous perspective.

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\$1500 an Education for Life Award



íkwákwíslaʔqn Dina Brown

"I am extremely passionate about learning the language because it encompasses who we are as Sylx people. Being Sylx, there is a meaning for everything we do and our language is very powerful."



Dina Brown, íkwákwíslaʔqn is a member of the Okanagan Indian Band. She has a Bachelors Degree of Kinesiology and a Master's of Occupational Therapy from the University of British Columbia. She has been working as an occupational therapist for over 2 years with Interior Health. Dina is currently taking the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology Nsyilxcen Language Fluency Diploma and has just completed her first year of the program. She aspires to one day do work with the health of her people in the Okanagan Nation and would like to be able to incorporate the language into it.

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k'ayk'aitkw Hall



"I want to ensure that Indigenous history, cultural heritage, and cultural cultural belongings are made accessible to Indigenous communities. "

k'ayk'aitkw is now pursuing a Masters of Archival Studies from UBC. She is passionate about documenting and preserving history, with significant investment in continuing Indigenous knowledge, culture, language, and art.

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\$1500 Business Bursary

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Kaleb Reid



"Teaching from community and nation have helped me stay on track with my dreams... its about moving forward like my ancestors have done before me "

Kaleb graduated this year from Mount Boucherie Secondary School, and plans to attend the Okanagan College Business Program this fall. He has invested a lot not only in basketball but himself as a person by always learning; how to change his mindset, how to journal, meditate and listening to podcasts of successful people to gain insight from their experience. All of this has given him the drive to keep pushing.

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Alicia Marchand



"I want to teach our youth our language, bring the classroom outside and be on the land. I want to teach our youth to be strong and resilient..."

Alicia is currently enrolled in the Indigenous Teacher Education Program at UBC. This program provides her with the opportunity to talk about Syilx ways of being and the ability to engage with Elders as she continues to learn.