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News of interest to Aboriginal people
from the Government of Canada

Education takes you places

Tania Marynowich and Jason Holway know that post-secondary education can take you places.

Now Tania and Jason are studying to be Canada Lands Surveyors. Surveyors measure the land using satellite and other methods. This information shows rights on Canada Lands and helps decide where houses, schools or roads can be built.

Because Canada Lands include reserves, national parks, Yukon, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, Tania and Jason have travelled across Canada to work. They have worked on polar ice caps and the top of mountain ranges.

"In this job you can travel to many different places and meet many interesting people all over Canada," Tania says.

Both Tania and Jason agree that their studies have opened doors to interesting jobs and travel.

"I saw that education helps to get a good job," Tania says.

"Geomatics, and surveying in particular, is really an exciting and rewarding career," says Jason.

To learn more about becoming a Canada Lands Surveyor, visit <http://acls-aatc.ca> on the Internet. ■



Tania Marynowich surveys land near the Arctic ocean.

Post-secondary students — Check out the E-Directory!

This online directory lists scholarships and bursaries for Aboriginal students. You can search the E-Directory by region, subject, funders and key words to find out what to apply for. Visit www.ainc-inac.gc.ca and click on *Programs and Services*, then *Education*, then *Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards Guide*. Or call toll-free **1 800 567-9604**, TTY/TDD **1 866 553-0554**.



Dean Tanner and Cherish Lavallee from Cowessess, SK, Joscelyne Ponsioen from Whitehorse, YT and Jesse Mike from Iqaluit, Nunavut travelled to Ottawa for an encounter with Canada.

Meeting, learning, understanding

Thinking about becoming a doctor? Are TV and film more your thing?

If you are a high school student, you can learn first-hand about your career interests while meeting other young Canadians.

The program is called **Encounters with Canada**. Every year it brings more than 130 students from across Canada to The Terry Fox Canadian Youth Centre in Ottawa.

You can choose from 11 different week-long sessions, such as:

- Science and Technology
- Law
- Sports and Fitness
- Business and Entrepreneurship
- Arts and Culture
- Medicine and Health

You can take part in activities focused on the week's theme, such as mock courtroom trials or artist workshops.

This year, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is sponsoring First Nation or Inuit students to take part each week from September 2003 to April 2004. If you are between 15 and 17 years old, you can apply for funding to be part of the next encounter!

To find out how, call Encounters toll-free at **1 800 361-0419**, e-mail info@encounters-rencontres.ca or visit www.encounters-rencontres.ca on the Internet.

Encounters with Canada is a Canadian Unity Council program. Transportation costs are covered by Exchanges Canada, a Canadian Heritage program. ■

Meeting special education needs

Over the next three years, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada will spend over \$248 million on the Special Education Program. This will give special needs students more help in the classroom. Program funding will be renewed in 2005.

In British Columbia, First Nations schools get funding through the First Nations Education Steering Committee, a non-profit group. The money then goes straight to the schools. This way, schools decide the best way to spend money.

The steering committee in BC and the First Nation Education Council in Quebec are the only two groups who fund First Nations schools like this. After June 2005, other regions will be eligible to manage special education programs in the same way.

Nak'Albun Elementary School in Fort St James, BC, has seen the difference this makes.

"Special Education Program funding lets us target the money where we know it needs to go," said Principal Paul Landry. "This is a phenomenal help."

The Special Education Program also funds things like teacher training. For example, last year Nak'Albun brought in a speech language pathologist, a professional who is an expert on speech problems.

"A speech pathologist came to the school to do student testing," said Cheryl Peterson, Nak'Albun's special education teacher. "Not only was I trained to do this test, but with the funding we bought the test. Now we can give it to students on our own."

You can read more about the *Special Education Program in the Special Education National Program Guidelines*. For a copy of the guidelines, call toll-free **1 800 567-9604** or **TTY/TDD 1 866 553-0554**. ■

Learning for Special Education Teachers!

Do your students have special needs? To find out more about training in special education, visit the new E-Directory of Training Opportunities at www.ainc-inac.gc.ca. Click on *Programs and Services*, *Education*, then *Special Education Training Opportunities*. Or call toll-free

1 800 567-9604 or **TTY/TDD 1 866 553-0554** for more information.





From kindergarten to university, there are programs to help your kids grow.

First Nations and the Government of Canada are working together to make sure First Nation and Inuit students do well in school.

Here are some highlights from a report on education:

Elementary and Secondary Education

\$1,127 million will be spent in 2003 and 2004 on teaching, tuition to provincial public schools, school supplies and equipment, student transportation and guidance for over 119,000 students living on-reserve.

More than \$1 billion will be spent over the next four years to run the 503 schools on-reserve. This includes building about 23 new schools.

Special Education

\$248.1 million will be spent over the next three years on special education services to students living on-reserve.

Post-Secondary Education

\$304 million will be spent to support about 27,000 students. Almost 100 percent of programs are run by First Nations.

First Nations and Inuit Youth Employment Strategy

\$24 million per year will be spent on four programs:

- Student Summer Employment Opportunities Program
- Science and Technology Program
- Youth Work Experience Program
- Career Promotion and Awareness Program

New Paths

\$40 million will be spent in 2003 and 2004 on education projects and programs that:

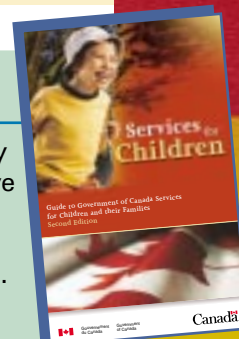
- improve classroom teaching
- give more control to parents and the community
- help students move from school to work

You can read about these programs and more in a report on education spending. For a free copy call toll-free at **1 800 567-9604**, TTY/TDD **1 866 553-0554**, or visit www.ainc-inac.gc.ca on the Internet. ■

First Nations control over education helps First Nations students do better in school. The Minister's National Working Group on Education supports greater First Nations control over education. You can read their recommendations in *Our Children – Keepers of the Sacred Knowledge*. For a copy call toll-free **1 800 567-9604**, TTY/TTD **1 866 553-0554**, or visit www.ainc-inac.gc.ca.

Services for Children

Our children are our future. They deserve every opportunity to lead happy, healthy and productive lives. The *Services for Children* guide provides descriptions of more than 100 programs and services offered by the Government of Canada. For a free copy of the guide, call toll-free **1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232)** or visit www.canada.gc.ca on the Internet.



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The Editor

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Self-reliance, education and teamwork

Miawpukek First Nation is a community of 800 people on the southeast shore of Newfoundland. Since 1986, the Miawpukek have taken care of their own water supply, roads, band-owned buildings, reserve grounds, sewage, garbage collection, fire protection and snow removal.

Tammy Drew, General Manager, says a focus on education and training has been a big part of Miawpukek's successful public works management.

"We have always promoted our own people becoming educated and doing our own work," says Tammy. "This has let us successfully build and maintain high quality projects."

You can read more about Miawpukek in a new booklet called *Sharing the Story*. It tells of First Nations and Inuit communities that have come up with Aboriginal solutions to Aboriginal challenges.

For a free copy, call toll-free **1 800 567-9604** or visit www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/pr/index_e.html and click on *Publications*, then "Sharing the Story: Experiences of Six First Nations Communities." ■

The First Nations University of Canada

On June 21, 2003, the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College became the First Nations University of Canada. In 27 years, over 3000 students have earned degrees, certificates and diplomas at the university's campuses in Regina, Saskatoon and Northern-Prince Albert. To learn more, visit www.firstnationsuniversity.ca.

Coming soon to a computer near you!

One Inuit and three First Nations communities will each soon host a live webcast to bring together young people from across Canada to discuss issues important to them. Access to the webcasts will be available through most computers, and dates and times for the broadcasts will be posted at www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/connex once confirmed. For more information, call toll-free **1 800 567-9604**, or e-mail connex@ainc-inac.gc.ca.



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For information on Government of Canada programs and services, call toll-free **1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)**; TTY/TDD at **1-800-465-7735**; or visit www.canada.gc.ca.

You can also read the *Update* at www.inac.gc.ca/pr/pub/index_e.html.

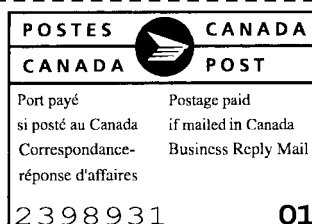
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