



CELEBRATING SUCCESS: IIC AND CIBC FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP DELIVERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO INDIGENOUS LEARNERS

The Indigenous Institutes Consortium (IIC) and the CIBC Foundation are thrilled to announce the fourteen (14) winners of the Community Development Scholarship, awarded to outstanding Indigenous learners attending the Consortium's seven member Institutes: Six Nations Polytechnic, Kenjgewin Teg; Oshki-Pimache-O-Win: The Wenjack Education Institute; Ogwehoweh Skills & Trades Training Centre; Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig; Anishinabek Education Institute; and IOHAHI:IO Akwesasne Education & Training Institute. This marks the inaugural year in which each institute will participate in the scholarship program throughout the designated five-year timeframe.

"The scholarships, under the broad theme of Community Development, provide unparalleled flexibility for learners, encompassing fields such as Nursing, Early Childhood Education, Business, and Trades," said Rebecca Jamieson, Chair of the IIC. The benefits of the scholarships include coverage of enrollment, travel, food, and living expenses.

"CIBC is proud to partner with the IIC to help make education more accessible, flexible and inclusive for all," says Jaimie Lickers, Senior Vice-President, Indigenous Markets, CIBC. "CIBC congratulates these 14 inaugural IIC scholarship recipients and we are proud to help make their ambitions of furthering their education a reality." "This transformative collaboration comes as a beacon of opportunity for Indigenous learners, aligning with the crucial role that Indigenous Institutes play in preparing learners with the knowledge and skills they need for good jobs and to contribute to the strength of community," said Executive Director Marsha Josephs. Indigenous Institutes, alongside the province's colleges and universities, offer a diverse range of accredited programs, including certificates, diplomas and degree programs, high school completion, skilled trades, and transferable credit courses accessible from First Nation communities. Grounded in Indigenous cultural awareness and community leadership, these programs often incorporate language revitalization throughout curriculums.

ABOUT THE IIC

The IIC stands as a testament to collaborative efforts, uniting seven Indigenous Institutes spread across Ontario. Established in 1994, the IIC has been instrumental in both raising awareness and enhancing the profile of Indigenous Institutes. Through its ongoing commitment, the IIC has successfully fostered a sense of unity among these institutes, contributing to the collective strength and recognition of Indigenous post-secondary education and training initiatives throughout the province.

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