



THE IRVING K. BARBER

British Columbia Scholarship Society

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94 Aboriginal students receive \$256,000 in awards

VICTORIA – Ninety-four BC Aboriginal students will receive awards of \$1,000 - \$3,500 each for study in BC this year. Awards totalling \$256,000 were announced today by Jim Reed, chair of the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society.

“These awards are an investment in the skills and talents of BC’s Aboriginal students”, said Reed. “They will help to open new doors to BC’s educational system for Aboriginal people in all regions of the Province.”

The B.C. Aboriginal Student Award is funded from the returns on a \$10 million endowment fund established by the Province in 2007 as part of its strategy to improve Aboriginal access and achievement. To ensure that there are more opportunities for people to benefit from this award, the Province provided an additional one-time grant of \$500,000 that will be used to fund awards this year and in 2010.

“Government is committed to providing opportunities for Aboriginal people to help them start, stay in and succeed in post-secondary education and training,” said Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development. “I congratulate the 94 student recipients of these awards and wish them much success in their educational endeavours.”

Awards of \$1,000 - \$3,500 are given annually to Aboriginal students pursuing post-secondary education in B.C. The number of awards granted depends on the type of programs students are enrolled in and the revenue generated by the endowment fund. Preference was given to students enrolled in the trades and certificate programs.

Working in partnership with the Victoria Foundation, the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society provides scholarships to students attending public post-secondary institutions both throughout the province and internationally. To date, the Society has awarded over \$2.2 million in scholarships.

To find out more about this program call the Victoria Foundation at 250-381-5532 or visit www.bcscholarship.ca.

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List of recipients follows

2009 BC Aboriginal Student Award Recipients

Institution	Student	Hometown/ City
British Columbia Institute of Technology	Lisa Girbav	Burnaby
	Tammy Kennedy	Burnaby
	Derrick McDermott	Vancouver
	Nigel Williamson	Nanaimo
Camosun College	Glynis Galligos	Victoria
	Jaimie Harris	Bella Bella
	Sandrea Sampson	Brentwood Bay
	Name Withheld	Masset
Capilano University	Sarah Hager	North Vancouver
	Jaysen Villeneuve	Vancouver
College of New Caledonia	Keith Thomas	Fort St. James
College of the Rockies	Richelle Bowe	Kimberley
	Paige Potter	Parson
	Name Withheld	Golden
Douglas College	Sean Fitzgerald	Port Coquitlam
	Brenda Flett	Maple Ridge
	Crystal Griffiths	Surrey
Emily Carr University of Art + Design	Name Withheld	Surrey
Justice Institute of British Columbia	Teara Fraser	Vancouver
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	Alison Antone	Langley
	Lisa Iversen	Surrey
	Braxton Lawrence	Maple Ridge
Langara College	Ryan Erwin	Burnaby
Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	Kaylynn Dixel	Merritt
	Genessa Sam	Lytton
	Name Withheld	Merritt
North Island College	Melissa Kubinec	Campbell River
	Kim Moldowan	Campbell River
	Lauren Stevenson	Courtenay
Northwest Community College	Michael Davis	Terrace
	Marlene Jail	Prince Rupert
	Name Withheld	Terrace
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Okanagan College	Cody Lebeau	Chase
	David Nault	Kelowna
	Carla Winchell	Penticton
Selkirk College	Edgar Vien	Nelson
Thompson Rivers University	Sarrah Adolph	Burns Lake
	Atoine Archie	Kamloops
	Lloyd Chalifoux	Kamloops
	Dessa Gottfriedson	Kamloops
	Sharon Gottfriedson	Kamloops
	Jordan Jones	Kamloops
	Krista Lyons	Sorrento
	Osvold Ossi	Fraser Lake
	Broderick Prarie Chicken	Southbank
	Jameson Regier	Williams Lake
	Delores Shintah	Lillooet
	Bonnie Walsh	Kamloops
	Raymond West	Granisle
Lynda Yow	Kamloops	

Institution	Student	Hometown/ City
Tillicum Lelum Friendship Centre	Arthur Sampson	Hazelton
University of British Columbia	Krysta Cochrane	Richmond
	Alison Cuffley	Surrey
	Treanna Delorme	Kelowna
	Daniel Fortin	Vancouver
	Donna Hill	Vancouver
	Jacquelyn Humchitt	Vancouver
	Name Withheld	Kelowna
	Miranda Kelly	Vancouver
	Larissa Laderoute	Sicamous
	Breeanna Mussell	West Kelowna
	David Peltier	Vancouver
	Melodie Pierre	Sechelt
	Rheanna Robinson	Prince George
	Crystal Smith	Vancouver
	Shirley Snowshoe	Fort McPherson
	Christopher Sullivan	Cranbrook
	Carmen Tait	Vancouver
	Travis Thompson	Oliver
Name Withheld	Vancouver	
Catrina Webster	Nanaimo	
University of Northern British Columbia	Ann Abraham	Prince George
	Name Withheld	Smithers
	Candice George	Prince George
	Beatrice Michell	Burns Lake
	Melissa Teed	Prince George
	Kelly Tizya	Burns Lake
University of the Fraser Valley	Samantha Allen	Aldergrove
University of Victoria	Michelle Beland	Victoria
	Robert Tyson Humpherville	Victoria
	Michele Morfitt	Victoria
	Roberta Parton	Victoria
	Sarah Sabo	Qualicum Beach
	Jennifer Wickham	Victoria
Vancouver Community College	Deanna Friesen	Vancouver
	Gregory Marrotte	Vancouver
Vancouver Island University	Michelle Clifton	Prince Rupert
	Tiffeny Denny	Duncan
	Sandra Donaldson	Nanoose Bay
	Tchadas Leo	Campbell River
	Cherish Mason	Nanaimo
	Matthew Parent	Duncan
	Name Withheld	Nanaimo