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SPRING CELEBRATION POWWOW

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. JACQUELINE OTTMANN

Aniin ni dinowaymahginitook
Greetings all my relations.

Welcome to Treaty 4 and the First Nations University of Canada Spring Celebration Powwow. We gather to celebrate First Nations cultures, languages, spirit of dancing and singing, and the wonderful accomplishments of our students. We are excited to bring people back together to take part in this wonderful gathering of Nations.

The powwow is one of the most significant cultural events in the province and we are honoured to share this time and space with everyone. I would like to acknowledge the powwow committee's continued dedication and hard work – their work is truly commendable.

Community engagement, committed partnerships, and meaningful relationships are important and integral to this event. Our mission at the First Nations University of Canada is to preserve, protect, and teach the histories, languages, cultures, and artistic heritages of First Nation peoples. The Spring Celebration Powwow encompasses and is an expression of that mission.

Gitchi-miigwetch to all the singers, dancers, kēhtë-ayak/elders, veterans, sponsors, partners, dignitaries, and volunteers. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend embodied by the sound of the drum. Safe travels to you all.

Mizowaykomiguk paypomwayotung

Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann



GREETINGS FROM

ROBYN MORIN &



tanisi. As the co-chair of the 2023 First Nations University of Canada Spring Celebration, I welcome you and your family to this year's celebration.

I want to start off with a huge thank you to the FNUniv Spring Celebration committee members that volunteer their time and work very hard for many months to bring this celebration together. Also, a thank you to the many volunteers that dedicate their spare time in assisting the committee to make this event successful. We cannot host this pow wow without the dedication of our volunteers.

I would like to welcome the sponsors & partners to this year's celebration. We are grateful for the new and continued relationships that support the continuation of the pow wow as the longest Indigenous event held in Regina, SK. We look forward to strengthening these relationships and creating new partnerships within the community of Regina and the greater community of Saskatchewan.

To the elders, dancers, singers, Veterans, dignitaries, visitors and community members who have chosen to attend the 2023 FNUniv Spring Celebration, we welcome you and thank you for choosing our pow wow to attend! It is my hope that you enjoy your time with us during the weekend and travel safe back to your home fire.

Respectfully,
Robyn Morin



THE CO-CHAIRS

CHERISH JEAN-BAPTISTE

Amba Waste!

Welcome to the First Nations University of Canada Spring Celebration Powwow! I want to acknowledge our Elders and Veterans who without their guidance, prayers and support, our powwow would not be possible.



The Powwow Committee is comprised of both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous FNU staff, faculty, alumni and students who volunteer and work tirelessly to make the powwow a memorable experience for everyone! In addition, returning and new volunteers who show up every year for every shift, we appreciate you and value your contributions!

I would also like to recognize our long-time and new sponsors who have continued their commitments and investment into making our powwow a huge success! We will continue to work together in partnership in the spirit of reconciliation.

On behalf of the Committee, we are grateful for the dancers and singers who have joined our Spring Celebration Powwow – without your participation in sharing our First Nations cultural songs and dances, none of this would be possible!

Pinamaya

Cherish Jean-Baptiste (nee Deegan)

2023 Interim Co-Chair & Sponsorship Sub-Committee
FNU Spring Celebration Powwow Committee



2023 POWOW COMMITTEE

WITH MUCH APPRECIATION FOR YOUR COMMITMENT

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Cherish Jean-Baptiste
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Keaneena Agecutay
Sheila Acoose-Gould
Wendy Whitebear
Ben Redcrow
Kristin Francis
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Zoey Briggs

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Dana Benjoe
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Bee Bird
Michael Shorting-Bear
Marissa Walkingcloud
Carrie McNab
Micah Stonechild
Justin Reeves
Joan Mantee

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Tānisi, ānīn, Hau,

On behalf of our more than 3,000 employees, welcome to the Spring Celebration Powwow! We're pleased to once again be a major sponsor of this year's powwow, as well as the title sponsor of the singing contest. And we wish you a wonderful weekend of friendly competition, cultural celebration and community.

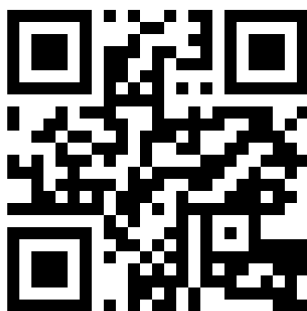
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As the Presenting Sponsor, K+S Potash Canada would like to thank the organizers of the First Nations University of Canada 2023 Spring Celebration Powwow.

We are excited to have the opportunity to be part of such a prestigious event held in Treaty 4 Territory.

We understand the amount of dedication and work it takes to put together an event of this caliber and we appreciate the extra hours you've given to make sure no detail is missed. Thank you to the volunteers and vendors that support this dedicated team to make it all possible.

Good luck to all the dancers, drummers and singers taking part in this year's competition.

Have a safe and wonderful weekend.



image: Bethune Mine

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

REGINA, SASKATOON & NORTHERN CAMPUS

Háu, t̓ānisi, ān̓in, ʔedl̓ānet'e, taanishi,

On behalf of the First Nations University of Canada Students' Association – Regina, Saskatoon, and Northern campuses, we would like to acknowledge the ancestors that came before us and the teachings that make these celebrations possible today. Our goals are to maintain kinship, good relations, and inclusivity in every aspect of our work. We see these same attributes in Powwow societies and are thankful for the blessings this ceremony will bring.

Pinámaya, ninanaskomon (Thank you)

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2023 SPRING

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

8:00 AM Pipe Ceremony

10:00 AM Registration Opens

11:30 AM Princess Speeches/Introductions

11:45 AM Drum Roll Call

12:00 PM Grand Entry #1

- Introduction of Eagle Staff Carrier and Flag Bearers, Veterans, Dignitaries, Sponsors and Princesses
- Welcoming Address President Jacqueline Ottmann, and Sponsors

Inter-tribals

2:00 PM Tiny Tots: Exhibition Dancing *Sponsored by Regina Public Schools*

Dance Competitions: Junior, Teens, and Champion Categories

SPECIAL: Teen Girls Fancy – Honouring Kaylin “Punky” Delorme

SPECIAL: Teen Girls Jingle – Honouring Patience Benjoe- Sponsored by Benjoe family

4:30 PM Miss First Nations University of Canada 2023 Pageant: Dance Competition

5:30 PM Supper Break

Miss First Nations University of Canada Presentation and Crowning

6:45 PM Drum Roll Call

7:00 PM Grand Entry #2

- Introduction of Eagle Staff Carrier and Flag Bearers, Veterans, Dignitaries, Sponsors and Princesses

Inter-tribals

SPECIAL: Miss FNUniv Outgoing Princess – Men's Traditional Sponsored by Alexis Isnana & Family

SPECIAL: Men's Grass Dance - In honour of Byron Goodwill - Sponsored by the Goodwill family

SPECIAL: Honouring the Buffalo Dance Special-Women's category

Dance Competitions: Adult Dance Categories

12:00 AM Retiring of Flags

CELEBRATION POWWOW

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

*Agenda subject to change

8:00 AM Pipe Ceremony

11:30 AM Princess Speeches/Introductions

11:45 AM Drum Roll Call

12:00 PM Grand Entry #3

- Introduction of Eagle Staff Carrier and Flag Bearers, Veterans, Dignitaries, Sponsors and Princesses

Inter-tribals

2:00 PM Tiny Tots: Exhibition Dancing *Sponsored by Regina Public Schools*

FINAL Dance Competition – Junior, Teen, & Champion Categories

SPECIAL: Papasay Badger Initiation-Tiny Tots, Junior & Teen Girl's Fancy Shawl Sponsored by the Badger Family

SPECIAL: Teen Girls Jingle - Liara Tootoosis Standing Initiation

4:30PM

SPECIAL: 2Spirit Streetwear (18+ years)

Sponsored by FNUUniv Regina Student Association

5:30 PM Supper Break

SPECIAL: 65 and Over (all categories)

Sponsored by First Nations University of Canada Elders Office

First Nations University of Canada Committee Give-Away

6:30 PM Announcement of 2023 Winners:

- Juniors and Teen Division and Champion

6:45 PM Drum Roll Call

7:00 PM Grand Entry #4

- Introduction of Eagle Staff Carrier and Flag Bearers, Veterans, Dignitaries, Sponsors and Princesses
- Introduction of New Miss FNUUniv First Nations University of Canada

Inter-tribals

SPECIAL: Men's Grass (18+ years)

Sponsored by FNUUniv Powwow Committee – In Honour of Past Chair, Richard Missens.

SPECIAL: Honouring the Buffalo Dance Special - Men's category

FINAL Dance Competition: Adult Dance Categories

10:00 PM Announcement of 2023 Winners

- Singing Competition & Adult Dance Categories

11:00 PM Closing Ceremonies & Retiring of Flags

POWWOW

2023 SPRING

HEAD DRUM JUDGE

Teddy Bison is Nakota/Lakota/Cheyenne from the Ocean Man First Nation. A husband and father of 7, Teddy obtained a Bachelor's degree in Theatre and Performance through the First Nations University of Canada.



An accomplished Fancy dancer and singer, Teddy has performed locally and internationally for many audiences. Teddy is currently the Cultural Theatre Arts Catalyst in both schools on the Pelican Lake First Nation.



HEAD DANCE JUDGE

Nelson Baker hails from the Poundmaker Cree Nation in Saskatchewan, Canada and the Fort Berthold MHA Nation in North Dakota, USA. He is a member of the Flint Knife Clan on his Hidatsa side. Married to Yanabah Baker, they share three children Okimaskwew, Waseyaw-iskwew, and Mahikan.

Dancing Men's Prairie Chicken style has always been a love of Nelson's and he made his own style which has impacted the style of Chicken we see today. Although Chicken dance may have many origin stories, it's important to Nelson to dance with respect to the Original style.



HEAD STAFF

CELEBRATION POWWOW



STUDENT ARENA DIRECTOR

RJ Badger is from Kawacatoose First Nation, and he has danced the grass dance style since he could walk. He is pursuing his second degree at First Nations University and currently in the Indigenous Education program.

RJ enjoys traveling and going to powwows with his family. He enjoys his culture and going to ceremonies. "I'd like to thank the First Nations University of Canada Spring Celebration for asking me to be one of their arena directors, representing students at First Nations University of Canada."

ARENA DIRECTOR

tanisi, Navarone Thunderchild is from Thunderchild First Nation located in Treaty Six territory. Currently, Navarrone is a student taking classes with the First Nations University of Canada and University of Regina, in Saskatoon campus, in the Social Work program. He has been dancing and going to powwows most of his life dancing fancy. Navarrone always promote his culture and way of life to maintaining balance throughout all aspects of our lives. He does this by going to and practicing our ways with our ceremonies and celebrations such as this. "Our culture is beautiful and welcoming, it teaches us to be kind and to be resilient. I am a strong believer in our ways as Indigenous peoples. ekosi pitama."



POWWOW HEAD

2023 SPRING



ANNOUNCER

Don Speidel is a member of the Standing Rock Dakota and Lakota nations of South and North Dakota. An accomplished Lakota singer, dancer, and choreographer, he has performed internationally and across North America.

He has been an announcer for many years where he shares the knowledge he has acquired over the years to those who attend pow wows.

ANNOUNCER

Elmer Rattlesnake Cree name is Nanatew Awasis. He was born in Maskwacis Alberta in Treaty Six territory. He is one of the last ceremonial callers in or community. He sang with Mountain Soul for many years travelling right across North America and Canada. He was a fancy dancer in the 1980's-early 2000's. His connection to his culture and ceremony transitioned him to become an emcee. His passion is studying the Cree language, using Cree syllabics, and teaching it to others.



STAFF CONTINUED

CELEBRATION POWWOW



SOUND

Angelo was born in Manitoba and resides on the Standing Buffalo Dakota Nation with his wife Stacy and daughter Preslley. He is a proud father of five children and ten grandchildren. Angelo has been a Pow-Wow singer since 1985 and has operated Wasteste Sound for the last eight years or so. He wants to acknowledge his brother Jason Wasteste who is a big part of Wasteste sound. Angelo loves to travel and see Turtle Island as much as possible and as a family they love to attend concerts.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve as central sound for this prestigious event and a huge responsibility we do not take lightly. We pride ourselves on top quality sound service and continue to learn and keep up with the ever-progressing industry. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity"

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FNUNIV 2022 SPRING

Singing Contest

1. Blackstone
2. Black Otter
3. Sharp Shooter
4. Iron Swing
5. High Noon
6. Wakinyan Luta
7. Yellow Creek
8. Fly In Eagle

Junior Girl's Fancy

1. Shilee Baptiste
2. Cree Sayer
3. Aiesha Tootoosis
4. 4336
5. Demi Potts
6. Honey Kahpeaysewat

Junior Girl's Jingle

1. Laila Weenie
Waskahat
2. Amia Goodwill
3. Dinaye Sayer
4. Madison Daniels
5. Jazzlyn
6. Addison Fiddler

Junior Girl's Traditional

1. Mahpiya Redman
2. Jo-Leigha Berland
3. Elizabetha Fourhorns
4. Jutearez Thomas
5. Adeezba Whitehorse
6. Rita Bird

Junior Boy's Fancy

1. Cante Bison
2. Meekah Littlelent
3. Gedraaen Littlelent
4. Hawk Obey Jr.
5. David Still
6. Mason Haywahe

Junior Boy's Grass

1. Skyler Benson Jr
2. Derian Stanley
3. Olin Osawamick
4. Kingston Daniels
5. Lane Weenie
6. Jairus Faithful

Junior Boy's Traditional

1. A.J. Assoon
2. Colby Medicinerope
3. Notaa Whitehorse
4. Shawn Cardinal
5. Wally Littlelent*
6. 4296

Junior Boy's Chicken

1. Nauzland Friday-
Goodwill
2. Adriel Patty
3. Tatum Asapace
4. Colton
5. Sonny Seesequasis
6. Nathan Nasha Cappel

Golden Age Women

1. Irene Oakes
2. Melinda Good Will
3. Iris Mckay
4. Linda Standing
5. Sandra Plentywonds
6. Celeste Tootoosis

Golden Age Men

1. Byron Goodwill
2. Kevin Haywahe
3. Donny Mckay
4. Ron Mcnab
5. Darrell Goodwill
6. Conrad Medicinerope

Teen Girl's Fancy

1. Shundiin Whitehorse
2. Tamiya Iyahe
3. Okimawiskwew Gadwa
4. Punky Delorme
5. Cheyene Bison
6. Delphine Zorthian

Teen Girl's Jingle

1. Cedar Mainville
2. Cree Delorme
3. Kaylie Nepoose
4. Omiyosiw Warren
5. Ashley Asapace
6. Lyla Roberts

Teen Girl's Traditional

1. Georgia Roses Alex
2. Harmony Speidel
3. Deanna Starchief
4. Zids Arrow White
5. Windy Rain
6. Delleah Bonaise



CELEBRATION WINNERS LIST

Teen Boy's Fancy

1. Vincent Obey
2. Cole Patrick
3. Joseph Blaine
4. 4237
5. Samaira Strongarm

Teen Boy's Grass

1. Raynen McNab
2. Elijah Paskemin
3. Aidan Mcgilvery
4. Henry Taypotat
5. Justice Starblanket
6. Elijah Lavallee

Teen Boy's Traditional

1. Blaze
Standingready
2. Raynell McNab
3. Nipin
Almightyvoice
4. John Berland Jr
5. Sky Not Afraid
6. Nathaniel Littlewolf

Teen Boy's Chicken

1. Oj Gopher
2. Maurice Begay
3. Keeka McNab
4. Brenton
Dustyhorn
5. Christian

Women's Fancy

1. Laryn Oakes
2. Tish Baptiste
3. Dezi Tootoosis
4. Bobbi Lynn
Frederick
5. Nadine Obey
6. Symone Paskemin

Women's Jingle

1. Ashleigh Bonaise
2. Yanabah Baker
3. Monica Bear
4. Connie Starblanket
5. Prairie Rose Jack
6. Adrianna Douglas

Women's Traditional

1. Krista-Marie Goodwill
2. Miranda Thomson-
Obey
3. Emery Assiboine
4. Isabelle Roan
5. December Arrow
White
6. Ellie Olson

Men's Fancy

1. Brenden Higheagle
2. Dyson Brown
3. Coliin Starblanket
4. Denzel Harris
5. Elijah Half
6. Rawd Belanger

Men's Grass

1. Randall Paskemin
2. Darwin Goodwill
3. Ira McNab
4. Therien Paskemin
5. Elijah Provost
6. Aj Redman

Men's Traditional

1. Malcolm Murphy
2. Keith Tacan
3. Hunter Blassingame
4. Levi Nepoose
5. John Berland
6. Vee Whitehorse

Men's Chicken

1. Lance McNab
2. Ronnie Harris Iii
3. Jonas Thomson
4. Jamon Paskemin
5. Wayland
Mistickokat
6. Shauntay Begay



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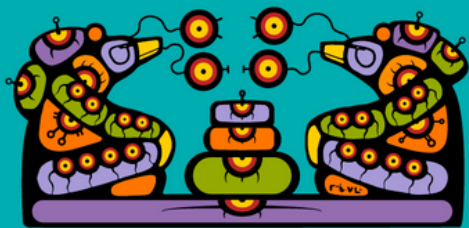
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