

**SUNTEP Saskatoon  
Annual Report  
2015-2016**

**Location:** Room 7, McLean Hall, University of Saskatchewan

**Staff Complement:**

Murray Hamilton - Program Coordinator  
Ruth Bird-Anderson - Administrative Assistant  
Ashley Shaw - Student Librarian  
Lyla Phillips - Summer Student

**Student Enrollment:**

SUNTEP

Year 1 - 19  
Year 2 - 19  
Year 3 - 7  
Year 4 - 14

There were also seven students in the Gabriel Dumont College programs, six in Year 1, and one in Year 2.

**Administrative Activities:**

Term 1 and Term 11 were busy with program finalizations, sessional instructors selected for our sections, as well as coordinating visits in the schools for our first and second year students. Ashley Shaw and Norman Fleury organized teaching activities for our first year students during term two, in February and March of 2016. The students became busy in both terms with final exams and preparations for student teaching placements for the second and third year cohorts.

Interviews of prospective students were held during the last week of May. We selected twenty Métis applicants, but due to three of them not guaranteeing their living allowance funding, we only have 17 students in the first year.

University of Saskatchewan related business included, but is not limited to attending:

- University of Saskatchewan Council
- College of Education Faculty meetings
- Undergraduate Program Committee Meetings
- Student Affairs and Academic Standards Committee
- Aboriginal Advisors Meetings

Once again, this year, much of the discussion arising from the aforementioned meetings was the revisions to and implementation of the current Bachelor of Education program. As well, Murray Hamilton moved onto the Gabriel Dumont College portfolio and set up office in the College of Education.

### **Program Highlights:**

- September to December of 2015, the interns enjoyed challenging and exciting four months of internship at schools in Saskatoon and the nearby rural communities.
- March of 2016 - Jim Taylor facilitated a Project Wet Workshop for SUNTEP students. Project Wet is a science and water educational resource for teachers.
- The Gabriel Dumont Institute Library hosted a book launch for the newest GDI publication, *The Road Allowance Kitten* (written by Wilfred Burton, illustrated by Christina Johns, and translated into Michif by Norman Fleury). We were joined by the author, illustrator and translator for a reading and discussion of the book.
- First year students attended a program meeting at the College of Education discussing programming including mandatory classes, teaching areas and electives.
- April 25-27, For the first time in its history, SUNTEP Saskatoon hosted a Michif Language Workshop. Participants included current students, alumni and a few Métis educators from other educational institutions. The workshop was facilitated by Norman Fleury.
- May 1-2, The Program Coordinator and a number of students attended the annual AWASIS Aboriginal Education Conference in Saskatoon. Our second and third year student-teachers completed two weeks of required teaching experience. The students are placed with a cooperating teacher to gain classroom and lesson planning experience within a school setting.
- May 9, the Program Coordinator and a couple of students attended a meeting in Regina with the SUNTEP Regina students, faculty, and staff. They also met with the Gabriel Dumont Institute (Regina) Library staff.
- SUNTEP graduates were honored at the annual SUNTEP Saskatoon Graduation on May 7<sup>th</sup> at TCU Place. The graduates were addressed by representatives of Gabriel Dumont College and the College of Education, University of Saskatchewan. The keynote speaker was Carmen Gilles. Each graduate was presented with a sash by Angie Caron and Wilfred Burton.
- June 5 – the Program Coordinator and a number of students attended the Saskatoon Indian and Metis Friendship Centre’s Annual Aboriginal High School Awards Ceremony. This is an important event which provides an

excellent opportunity to network with schools and fellow educators, and is also a good place to recruit prospective students.

**SUNTEP Saskatoon 2016 Graduates:**

1. James Allison
2. Jordan Carriere
3. Sara Davies
4. Natasha De Bakker
5. Marni Enns
6. Steve Fraser
7. Michael Kvasnak
8. Ashley Lang
9. Annette Lanoie
10. Rachelle Lendsay
11. Zakary Lindsay
12. Chelsea MacDonald
13. Lindsay Martel
14. Erica Mailloux
15. Mitchell Morin
16. Melissa Morrison
17. Feather Pewapisconias
18. Lyla Phillips
19. Joanne Schmitt
20. Alyssa Thompson
21. Celine Vandale
22. Charmayne Whitrow

## SUNTEP Prince Albert

### Staff Complement:

Liza Brown	Program Coordinator
Donna Biggins	Administrative Assistant
Jed Huntley	Faculty
Linda Lysyk	Faculty
Kathy McMullin	Faculty
Sandy Sherwin-Shields	Faculty (Retired January 1, 2015)
Corey Teeter	Faculty

### Student Update:

	Female	Male	Total
Year 1	14	6	20
Year 2	19	2	21
Year 3	13	4	17
Year 4	21	2	23
<b>Total</b>	67	14	81

### Centre Activities:

The beginning of a new school year is always a very busy time. It starts with a two-day orientation in August for the new in-coming students. It is amazing to compare students' first two nervous days to their confident and professional appearance at their graduation ceremony four years later! Following the September long week-end, all students come together for a day of preparation for a three-day Cultural Camp. This is held each year at Camp Kinasao at Christopher Lake.

Cultural Camp is always a highlight of the year. It is the foundation of forming and renewing relationships that we have come to know are crucial in building a strong community - and for the success of our students in all of their courses and school-based experiences. It is also a time when we gather together to laugh, tell stories, share food, and deepen our understandings of Métis and First Nations cultures. Elders are a vital part of this growth and understanding. We are grateful for the gifts they offer us.

Some of our other community and family events during the year included: Friday lunches followed by either a professional development workshop or a cultural event; Survivors' Banquet; a Spring Cultural Camp; SRC events; and the Annual Sprinter Festival. Through all of these events, students collect valuable teachings, professional ideas and lists of resources to use in their future classrooms. In the fourth year of the program, students take a course instructed by Bente Huntley, to gather all of this information into a

portfolio. Bente, a long time SUNTEP Faculty member, is now a Sessional instructor and in many ways our centre “Kokum”!

During the reporting year, we celebrated the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Survivors’ Banquet with 17 first year Survivors. The event was hosted by the first year students each honouring a Survivor with a speech they prepared in their Comm 99 course. This public speaking is a part of their preparation and training as teachers.

The student lead SRC plans for many events during the year including Halloween and Christmas parties for the students and their families. The Cultural Committee (faculty and student members) planned many wonderful events including a monthly Smudge Ceremony; Full Moon Ceremonies at the home of Kathy McMullin; a presentation by Linda M. Goulet and Keith N. Goulet on their new book *Teaching Each Other: Nehinuw Concepts and Indigenous Pedagogies*; as well as a discussion of Seneca Wolf Clan Teachings by George Conant. There were also a number of Sweat Ceremonies held throughout the year lead by Michael Relland.

In November, students studying Métis History with Faculty Member Leah Dorion travelled to Winnipeg to conduct research on their family histories. This was the first trip during with the students visited the archives in Winnipeg. We hope to make it an annual event. Jed Huntley worked closely with SUNTEP Regina to coordinate the joint trip. It is rewarding for all students to spend time with their peers from another Centre. Our Elder, Vivian Meabry, travelled with the group and was excited about everything she saw and learned. It was a trip she had always wanted to do.

## **Program Highlights**

The Bachelor of Education program has had several changes over the past five years. Our close working relationship with the University of Saskatchewan College of Education has been one of respect and trust. Dean Michelle Prytula and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs Dawn Wallin have been supportive and always mindful of how these changes have affected our program.

One of the most valuable components of our program is the time our students spend in classrooms doing their field experiences and four-month practicum. Putting theory into action truly validates the knowledge students acquire in their courses. Further, and being in classrooms working with children validates the reasons they want to become teachers. One of the most common feedback we get from cooperating teachers, especially during the practicum, is how well prepared our students are for this experience. The schools in Prince Albert are “full” of SUNTEP graduates. Riverside Community School has a teaching staff component that is over 50% SUNTEP graduates (including the principal). As we walk through the halls in the local

schools, there are always warm smiles and hugs from our graduates, many of whom are in administrative positions. We receive many requests for our students to do cultural workshops in local schools. These opportunities contribute to the professional growth of our pre-service teachers.

First year students spend two weeks assisting and teaching in classrooms as they begin to formulate their knowledge of teaching and learning. They are placed and supervised by Neil Sherwin-Shields, instructor for the Professional Development Lab. Second year students spend three weeks in First Nations schools in the Prince Albert area. This is one of the experiences offered to further develop competence in diversity and inclusive education. Third year students, pre-interns, are placed for four weeks in classrooms with Sask Rivers School Division and Prince Albert Catholic School Division. Pre-interns choose to be placed in grades from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and many do their internship with the same cooperating teacher. These have been very successful placements in the past with strong relationships having already been developed. These positive relationships are always key to the success of the internship experience. The four-month practicum (internship) is scheduled from September to December. The interns leave us as students but when they return in January to complete their course work we always say they "look and feel like teachers now"!

### **SUNTEP Prince Albert Graduates:**

Our 2015-2016 Graduation Ceremony was held on May 20, 2016 at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts. We are fortunate to have such a beautiful facility in Prince Albert and it provides a wonderful venue for our ceremony. There were 20 graduates in attendance with proud family and friends there to celebrate their success. Thirteen of the graduates are employed as teachers in and around Prince Albert, and one is teaching in London, United Kingdom. Entertainment was provided by the Riverside Dancers; students from Riverside Community School. The dancers were accompanied by their teachers: Bonny Johnson, Troy Parenteau, Alicia Vandale and Megan Walsh (all SUNTEP Prince Albert graduates).

### **The Graduates of 2016 are:**

1. Verna Ballantyne
2. Jordan Bear
3. Chantelle Burns
4. Sarah Beth Eskes
5. Jennifer Gerow
6. Jayde Grenier
7. Chelsea Gunville
8. Taylor Lamb
9. Lindsay Magee
10. Tymoor McKay

11. Shea Meyers
12. Aleyna Morin
13. Shelby Munro
14. Judy Natomagan
15. Hailey Novotny
16. Jessica Pocha
17. Cherise Robertson
18. Devyn Sachkowski
19. Dayna Sayese
20. Amanda Soroka

**Gabriel Dumont Institute  
Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP)  
Operational Highlights  
2015-2016**

**SUNTEP Regina**

**Location:** University of Regina

**Staff Complement:**

Janice R. Thompson	Program Coordinator
Erma Taylor	Administrative Assistant
Russell Fayant	Faculty
Brenna Pacholko	Faculty
Jennifer Reid-Vandevord	Faculty

**Student Update: 40**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Total</b>
Year 1	<b>11</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>14</b>
Year 2	<b>12</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>14</b>
Year 3	<b>03</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>06</b>
Year 4	<b>05</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>40</b>

**Program Highlights:**

- Faculty member, Russell Fayant was invited, attended, and spoke at the annual Saskatchewan Association for Community Education conference "The Changing Face of Community Education" conference at the University of Regina. His address spoke to the *Following Their Voices project*, a research based initiative, designed to engage and support students through improved relationships with their teachers that will result in increased First Nations and Métis educational achievement and higher rates of Grade 12 graduation.
- The annual 'Talking about Schooling' event was held in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan. Invited guest speaker and Faculty member, Russell Fayant shared his Métis perspective tying into the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report. Year 4 students and Faculty member, Brenna Pacholko also attended the event.
- The University of Regina, Faculty of Education hosted its first Treaty Education camp. More than 30 presenters, 250 teachers and students from across Saskatchewan attended the event. SUNTEP Regina facilitated 'Métis Script and Land Displacement' by Faculty members,



Russell Fayant and Brenna Pacholko. The Year 4 students participated and were fully engaged in the event.

- SUNTEP Regina staff hosted invited guests Tina Jules and Mark Connell from the Yukon Native Teacher Education Program (YNTEP), Whitehorse. Also in attendance were University of Regina Faculty of Education members Dr. Val Mulholland, Nicole Glass, and Dr. Andrea Sterzuk. The day included travelling to Lebret showcasing local Métis culture and history, and a visit to the Gabriel Dumont Institute.
- The University of Regina Faculty of Education invited SUNTEP Regina Faculty member Russell Fayant to the Western Deans of Education Conference in Vancouver Island. Russell gave a presentation on the importance of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) Calls to Action and its relevance to Métis history, culture and experiences.
- In early spring, SUNTEP Regina staff explored, and examined options for establishing Arts and Science course offerings through Gabriel Dumont College (GDC), for non-SUNTEP Métis at the University of Regina for Arts and Science majors. The guidance of former University of Regina, Faculty of Education Dean Dr. Michael Tymchak, and Gabriel Dumont College Program Coordinator Michael Relland assisted in this process. The program will admit its first cohort of students in 2016-2017.
- Faculty member Jennifer Reid-Vandevord participated in the *Living Heritage: Truth & Reconciliation through the Sharing of Stories* Symposium. The symposium began in 2015 as a way to showcase and encourage the expression of knowledge, skills and practices of Living Heritage. Living Heritage “emphasizes the human experience; it lives in each of us and shapes our sense of identity, belonging and place in the world.”
- Faculty member Russell Fayant and Acting Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Programs in Education Dr. Andrea Sterzuk co-authored a paper titled: ‘Towards Reconciliation Through Language Planning for Indigenous Languages in Canadian Universities.’ The article appeared in the peer-reviewed journal *Current Issues in Language Planning*.
- Program Coordinator Janice R. Thompson was invited and participated in the University of Regina Faculty of Education Indigenization incentive along with Associate Dean Dr. Paul Clark and Faculty member Dr. Patrick Lewis. These meetings created and drafted the application process for new Indigenization financial grants. Critical in this incentive is the enhancement of Indigenous teaching, research, and community work. This process will be reviewed three times a year.

- SUNTEP Regina participated in the annual University of Regina *Discovering Your Direction* Grade Nine Conference. Faculty member Jennifer Reid-Vandevord, who leads and coordinates the event, facilitated the Métis Red River Cart session for participants and arranged the guest panel discussion with SUNTEP students.
- Program Coordinator Janice R. Thompson and Faculty of Education Associate Dean Dr. Valerie Mulholland tabled a 'motion' at the University of Regina Faculty of Education Undergraduate Program meeting in early spring. The motion sought approval for a new MICHIF 100 language course to be offered in the SUNTEP program. SUNTEP Faculty member Russell Fayant, along with Program Assistant Erma Taylor and Janice R. Thompson collaborated to ensure the needs of the Michif language would be taught to the students in the program. The motion passed unanimously, and was approved by the Faculty of Education Council and the University of Regina Senate Committee. A first of its kind in Canada, the MICHIF 100 course will be offered to students during 2016-2017.

### **Awards and Scholarships presented during 2015-2016:**

- The University of Regina Faculty of Education held the annual spring "Student Academic Awards Ceremony" and a student recognition reception. SUNTEP Regina students received awards as follows: Year 2 – Crystal Norris, Marissa Poitras, Garrick Schmidt, and Year 3 – Chad Fisher.
- The *David Amyotte Memorial Scholarship* was presented to Dalton Burzminski. The award was established by the Amyotte family to recognize those students who promote Aboriginal culture in the classroom, demonstrate teaching potential and leadership in the SUNTEP program, and promote the goals of cross-cultural education, much as David did during his time as a SUNTEP student and teacher.
- The *Spirit of SUNTEP* was awarded to Chelsie Sinclair. This award recognizes community leadership and involvement by SUNTEP students, and is given to a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated the spirit of SUNTEP as visualized by the Métis people of Saskatchewan established 33 years ago.
- The *Lebret Métis Cultural Days Award* was presented to Taylor Frei. Established in 2010, the Lebret Métis Cultural Days Award is a ten year scholarship project at the request of the Lebret Métis Cultural Days Committee. The scholarship recognizes academic achievement, financial need, and community involvement. This award also seeks to recognize Métis students who have a current or historical connection to the traditional Métis Settlement of Lebret Saskatchewan.

## Centre Activities and Program Development

The students actively participated in professional and cultural modules throughout the academic year. These included:

- ✓ Treaty Four Celebrations
- ✓ Winnipeg trip, Métis and Family History
- ✓ A visit to the Office of the Treaty Commissioner
- ✓ Teaching Treaties in the Classroom, Faculty of Education, and the First Nations University of Canada (FNUC)
- ✓ Métis Cultural Knowledge Keepers and Storytelling
- ✓ SUNTEP Indigenous Student Talks
- ✓ Tunnels of Moose Jaw
- ✓ SAFE Conference
- ✓ GDI Publishing Department and Museum
- ✓ Louis Riel Vigil Walk and Luncheon
- ✓ Métis and First Nation Teaching and Curriculum Perspectives
- ✓ Traditional Métis Practices with Métis Cultural Knowledge Keeper
- ✓ Information Technology Services
- ✓ Saskatchewan Teachers Federation
- ✓ Red Cross, RespectEd
- ✓ University of Regina Archer Library
- ✓ Regina Teachers' Convention day
- ✓ Riel Walking Tour
- ✓ Métis Food Preparation and Cooking
- ✓ Métis Cultural Knowledge Keepers
- ✓ Inclusive Education Professional Development.

## Student Awards and Accomplishments:

Student	Award, Scholarship, Bursary
YEAR ONE	
Alexis Johnson	GDI – Napoleon Lafontaine
	GDI – Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity
Zachary Klyne	University of Regina Centennial Merit Scholarship
Alex McNabb-Sinclair	University of Regina Centennial Merit Scholarship
Tresley Tourond-Bouvier	University of Regina, Faculty of Education, Academic Silver Scholarship
YEAR TWO	
Tara Loreth	GDI – Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity

Kelly Regnier	GDI – Napoleon Lafontaine
	GDI – Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity
	University of Regina Aboriginal Bursary
	University of Regina CIC (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan) Aboriginal Bursary
	Saskatchewan Gaming Awards
Kaitlyn Skilliter	GDI – Napoleon Lafontaine
	GDI – Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity
YEAR THREE	
Taylor Frei	GDI – Napoleon Lafontaine
	University of Regina, Faculty of Education, Academic Silver Scholarship
	University of Regina Faculty of Education, Dean’s List (Fall 2015)
Doug Jarvis	University of Regina, Faculty of Education, Academic Gold Scholarship
	University of Regina Faculty of Education, Dean’s List (Fall 2015)
Crystal Norris	University of Regina CIC (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan) Aboriginal Bursary
YEAR FOUR	
Trenna Beauregard	GDI – Napoleon Lafontaine
	GDI – Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity
	University of Regina, Faculty of Education, Academic Silver Scholarship
	University of Regina CIC (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan) Aboriginal Bursary
	Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan – Regina Chapter
	Mary Cronin
	Marlene (Wood) Steininger Memorial Scholarship in Education
	Morley Wood Memorial Bursary for Aboriginal Female Students
Dalton Burzminski	GDI – Napoleon Lafontaine
	GDI – Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity
	University of Regina CIC (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan) Aboriginal Bursary
	INDSPIRE Award

Taylor Pelletier	University of Regina CIC (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan) Aboriginal Bursary
Alicia Reiss	University of Regina Undergraduate Single Parent Bursary
Chelsie Sinclair	University of Regina CIC (Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan) Aboriginal Bursary
	Friends of the University of Regina – Aboriginal Student Bursary

### SUNTEP Regina 2016 Graduates:

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual SUNTEP Regina Graduation ceremony was held at the Delta Regina on Friday May 6, 2016 for the graduating class of six students. The celebration was attended by over one hundred and sixty family, friends, students, and invited guests. The graduation theme was "You have done well!" translated in Michif as "Kiki-miyototenawaw." The graduates included:

1. Trena Beauregard
2. Dalton Burzminski
3. Taylor Pelletier
4. Alicia Reiss
5. Chelsie Sinclair
6. Hannah Thrun.

### SUNTEP Regina 2016 Graduates' Employment:

Employed as a teacher						Employed but not as a teacher		Unemployed				Further studies		Unknown		Total
First Nations school		Public school		Separate school				Looking for work		Not looking for work						
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
0	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6