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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Gabriel Dumont Institute to Invest Three Individuals into the Order of Gabriel Dumont**

#### ***GDI hosts Order of Gabriel Dumont Investiture Gala in Saskatoon***

(SASKATOON, SK)—The Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research (GDI), a Métis-owned post-secondary and cultural institution based in Saskatoon with campuses across Saskatchewan, is proud to announce it will invest three individuals into the Order of Gabriel Dumont at a special awards gala on March 25, 2022, at TCU Place in Saskatoon.

The Order of Gabriel Dumont is one of the Métis Nation's highest civilian honours. It is awarded by GDI to Métis and non-Métis individuals who have served or continue to serve the Métis of Canada with distinction. "This year, we are pleased to honour two recipients with an Order of Gabriel Dumont Gold Medal and one recipient with a Silver medal. GDI thanks all recipients for their unwavering dedication to the Métis community," said Lisa Bird-Wilson, GDI Executive Director.

The Order of Gabriel Dumont **Gold** Medal recognizes lifetime of outstanding service to the Métis of Canada and the Order of Gabriel Dumont **Silver** Medal honours those who have made significant contributions to the Métis.

Since its inception in the 1980s, 86 individuals have been invested into the Order. Appointments are adjudicated by a selection committee, based on nominations from the public. The last investiture was held in March 2021, where three gold medals and two silver medals were awarded. For a list of past recipients and other information about the Order of Gabriel Dumont, [please visit our website.](#)

A schedule for the investiture ceremony held at the Gala and the list of recipients with citations are presented below.

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### ***Ceremony Details***

GDI welcomes anyone who would like to support the recipients to attend our gala. Gala tickets are \$30/each and are available for purchase by contacting the GDI head office at 306-242-6070. Gabriel Dumont Institute leadership to present the insignia of the Order of Gabriel Dumont as follows:

**Friday, March 25, 2022  
TCU Place, Saskatoon, SK  
Doors Open 5PM  
Supper 6PM  
Program Begins 7PM**

Order of Gabriel Dumont Gold Medal  
Order of Gabriel Dumont Silver Medal

### ***RECIPIENTS' CITATIONS***

#### **THE ORDER OF GABRIEL DUMONT—GOLD**

Doris McDougall  
St. Louis, Saskatchewan

Doris McDougall was an educator for 33 years and spent many years teaching in northern communities. Growing up in the Lepine Flats region where all residents were of Métis descent and spoke Michif, living the Métis way of life has always been important to Doris and her family. Over the years she's continued to be a dedicated volunteer and plays a huge role in her small Métis community of St. Louis.

Geordy McCaffrey  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Geordy was born and raised in the North Battleford area. He graduated from the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP) Saskatoon in 1993 and joined GDI shortly after. Geordy's career at the Gabriel Dumont Institute extended over 27 years and, in that time, he made a significant mark on Métis education and heritage in the province. As the longest-serving GDI Executive Director, Geordy provided accountable, professional leadership for the Institute. Over the 17 years with Geordy at the helm, GDI experienced unprecedented stability and growth. Geordy's vision for GDI and his passion for the work of the Institute, along with his sense of humour and affable personality, mark him as a truly remarkable Métis leader.



## **THE ORDER OF GABRIEL DUMONT—SILVER**

George Fayant  
Regina, Saskatchewan

George is a proud Métis with deep roots in the Qu'Appelle Valley and comes from a huge Michif family, well-known for their work on grain elevators throughout the prairie provinces, this is where he began his carpentry and woodworking skills. George has been building Red River Carts since 1998, inspired by his love of his Métis culture and his carpentry background. Over the years this work has expanded to include presentations and workshops on the history of the carts, showcasing the ingenuity and celebrating the resilience of the Métis. His carts grace many locations, including the beautiful new Gabriel Dumont Institute building as well as the Round Prairie Elders' Lodge.