

**Gabriel Dumont Institute
The Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education (SUNTEP)
Operational Highlights, 2017-2018**

SUNTEP Prince Albert

Location: 48 12th Street East, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

Staff Complement:

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| Sandy Sherwin-Shields | Program Head |
| Donna Biggins | Administrative Assistant |
| Ashley Grimard | Faculty |
| Jed Huntley | Faculty |
| Kathy McMullin | Faculty |
| Bonnie Novotny | Faculty |

Centre Activities:

We had an exciting start to the 2017/2018 academic year with two new faculty members, Ashley Grimard and Bonnie Novotny (both SUNTEP Prince Albert graduates). They have enriched our program with their passion for SUNTEP, their energy and their enthusiasm. These attributes benefit the program and the students in building strong relationships and a healthy community. "Working with all of the faculty and staff continues to be a joy and an honour for me," said Sandy Sherwin-Shields, the head of SUNTEP Prince Albert.

The start of a new school year is always a very busy time with a two day Orientation for new students followed by a day of Orientation for Years 1, 2 and 3. The Year 4 students begin their internship with a day of Orientation with their supervisors and a full day In-service with interns and their cooperating teachers. During the term we have three other full days of in-service with interns and cooperating teachers. The Interns were supervised by: Bonnie Novotny, Bente Huntley, Janis Sawa and Sandy Sherwin-Shields. And then we are off to Fall Cultural Camp for three days!

Our days at camp enriched our program with cultural teachings and activities. Elders who joined us for camp this year were: Vivian Meabry, Joe Welsh, Susie Bear, Lyle Bear and Sally Milne. In addition to the Elder teachings, cultural activities were provided by Michael Relland, Curtis Breaton. Leah Dorion, Cecilia Vandale, Bente Huntley, Marilyn Belhumeur and SUNTEP Regina students. We were joined together through stories, laughter and music, and left the camp with new friendships and our spirits full.

Throughout the reporting year, we met as a community for ten Friday lunches followed by Professional Development and Cultural Workshops. The topics covered at the workshops included Working with students with Mental Health Challenges, LGBTQT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer and Transgender) presentation, Blanket Exercise, viewing of film series Eighth Fire, as well as a Christmas Smooze and Sprinter Festival.

Throughout the year, we had several Sweat Lodge Ceremonies and Full Moon Ceremonies facilitated by Michael Relland and Kathy McMullin. A Friday in November was dedicated as a Riel Memorial Day. Kathy McMullin and Ashley Grimard facilitated the Cultural Committee and planned many of the events.

The SUNTEP Prince Albert Student Representative Council (SRC) SRC contributions are always a welcome strength of the SUNTEP community. They organize a number of events during the school year including a joint Halloween Party with the Friendship Centre for SUNTEP and local families. SRC also organized a Christmas Hamper with gifts for two families at Riverside School, participated in selling SUNTEP clothing, and provided leadership and support for their fellow students. Jed Huntley was the SRC's Faculty Advisor during the reporting year.

Program Highlights:

One of the highlights for the second year students is the Survivors Banquet, held on November 10th. The first year students plan the event to honour students for their success. Each first year student is matched with a second year student to deliver a speech (or roast!) as part of a public speaking assignment. Bonnie Novotny, with assistance from other faculty, worked with the students to make this event a success. It is always a wonderful evening filled with stories and laughter.

A major strength of SUNTEP Prince Albert is the sessional instructors who deliver most of our courses. We are fortunate to have most of them returning year after year and truly become a part of the SUNTEP family. They each bring their individual expertise and contribute to the excellence we have come to expect in our program.

And of course, the SUNTEP Graduation Ceremony is one of the biggest highlights of the year!

SUNTEP Prince Albert Graduation:

The 2018 Graduation Ceremony was held on Friday, May 18th with nineteen graduates:

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| Amanda Adams | Michelle Ferland-Murphy | Taylor Palidwar |
| Kelsey Aydt | Ysabel Gallegos | Kelly Regnier |
| Kayla Blanchard | Jason McKay | Tammy Stonestand |
| Mika Carriere | Brittany Morin | Jason Vandall |
| Adam Daigneault | Kylie Morin | Daisy Villeneuve |
| Tara DeBray | Liz Northy | Lori Wintringham |
| Kim Deschanbeault | | |

All the graduates have found teaching jobs. Saskatchewan Rivers School Division has hired five of the graduates while the Prince Albert Catholic School Division hired three graduates. Many of the graduates were hired by First Nation Band Schools and two returned to their home communities to teach. The remaining graduates are working as substitute teachers and hopefully will receive contracts in the near future. We have many schools in Prince Albert that now have over fifty percent of staff that are SUNTEP

graduates. We continue to hear from many teachers in our community that they prefer to have SUNTEP students for field experience and for the internship. They feel they are better prepared than student teachers from other institutions.

We look forward to another great year for 2018/2019.

**Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP)
Operational Highlights
2017-2018**

SUNTEP/GDC Regina

Location: University of Regina, College West

Staff Complement:

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| Janice R. Thompson | Program Head |
| Erma Taylor | Administrative Assistant |
| Russell Fayant | Faculty |
| Brenna Pacholko | Faculty |
| Jennifer Reid | Faculty |

Student Update:

| | Female | Male | Total |
|-----------------|--------|------|-----------|
| Year 1 | 09 | 09 | 18 |
| Year 2 | 07 | 02 | 09 |
| Year 3 | 07 | 03 | 10 |
| Year 4 | 09 | 03 | 12 |
| GDC, Year 1 & 2 | 07 | 02 | 09 |
| Total | | | 58 |

Program Highlights:

SUNTEP Sessional Lecturer Wendy Willis coordinated SUNTEP students Marissa Poitras, Haylie Bedore, Alex McNabb-Sinclair, and Elsa Ramos-McKenzie for an *Indigenization Teacher Professional Development Day: Métis Education* with representatives from Regina Campus, Saskatchewan Polytechnic. Welcome greetings from Program Head Janice R. Thompson and Faculty member Russell Fayant were extended. The students shared and showcased Métis culture; history, sash, buffalo hunt, jigging, and seasons of the year with the participants. The day concluded at the Gabriel Dumont Institute with Kim Kovacs researching resources and materials.

Russell Fayant met and collaborated with Heritage Saskatchewan's Director of Living Heritage Kristin Catherwood. The meeting resulted in filming and recording a historical "Road Allowance" vignette about Saskatchewan's Qu'Appelle Valley. You can watch the video by clicking the following link:

[Road Allowance People](#)

Program Head Janice R. Thompson and Saskatchewan Ministry of Education representatives, including Executive Director Rosanne Glass and Policy Analyst Chris Belhumeur, met to review Métis education in the Ministry's *Inspiring Success: First Nations and Métis PreK-12 Policy Framework* document. Collaborating with GDI Publishing Director Karon Shmon, the review work highlighted the importance of Métis

education in the final document that was released by the Ministry of Education in the fall of 2018.

Erma Taylor participated in the GDI *Michif is a Beautiful Language* gathering in Saskatoon. Erma's reflection after the event included the importance of protecting and revitalizing Michif language at GDI and within the SUNTEP program, now and for the future.

Janice R. Thompson and YWCA Senior Director of Programs Kendra Strong-Garcia finalized another partnership year with the Regina YWCA program unit. First Year students continue to engage in volunteer and mentorship activities during the academic year. Kendra is a SUNTEP Regina alumna.

Russell Fayant and GDC Coordinator Michael Relland presented in Dr. Larry Steeves, University of Regina Faculty of Education graduate class *Administration Behaviour in Education*. Russell's presentation focused on language preservation and revitalization with examples from the SUNTEP Regina Michif 100 class.

The 50th anniversary of 'The Trial of Louis Riel' was celebrated in 2017. To commemorate the bi-centennial, invited guest Russell Fayant, a teacher of Métis history, Métis culture and Michif, presented a paper titled *Riel, Martyr or Michif: The Claiming of Louis Riel*. Russell touched on some of the ways in which non-Métis people claim Riel for their own political, social and economic agendas while simultaneously omitting or silencing a Michif perspective.

The Faculty of Education at the University of Regina held its third annual *Treaty Ed Camp*. Faculty member Brenna Pacholko, who is also a volunteer planning committee member, provided professional development support to SUNTEP Alumni at the event. The professional development event focused on the legacy of residential schools, Treaty Education, the historical and contemporary implications of the Treaty, and possibilities for decolonization and reconciliation. This event was organized for teachers by teachers, with a focus on the implementation of Treaty Education in the classroom. It also covered the role of schools and educators in reconciliation.

Program Head Janice R. Thompson planned and coordinated a momentous two day event at the University of Regina in fall 2017. The *Indigenous Knowledge Exchange: Teacher Education Program (TEP) Gathering* was held at the University of Regina in collaboration with the Faculty of Education and the Saskatchewan Instructional Development Research Unit (SIDRU). The Gathering had representatives of Indigenous teacher education programs from Nunavut, the Yukon, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Regina. Dr. Earl Cook, Chair of the GDI Board of Governors, also attended the Gathering. Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Sherri Farrell-Racette. It was an engaging opportunity for our voices to collaborate, share, celebrate, and discuss challenges and opportunities in our programs. The support was invaluable!

University of Regina's Acting Dean of Education Dr. Andrea Sterzuk and Faculty member Russell Fayant attended the *Measuring identity, diversity and inclusion in Canada @ 150*

and beyond conference in Gatineau, Quebec. They discussed “*Li laang d’Michif ashokawnihkew: Michif is the Language of Working Together.*”

Faculty member Brenna Pacholko and students Alex McNabb-Sinclair and Crystal Norris facilitated the *Blanket Exercise* to employees of the federal Department of Culture and Heritage. This experience was engaging for all participants.

Faculty member Russell Fayant was invited to the La Cite Universitaire Francophone where he presented a paper titled *History of Métis People* to a group of Francophone students.

Russell Fayant also delivered the keynote address at the Regina Public Schools Youth Forum. Russell spoke to the theme of *Resistance, Resilience and Reclamation: A Path to Success*. His presentation received positive reviews from all who attended.

Program Head Janice R. Thompson attended the Regina Catholic Schools (RCS) Board Trustees and Post-Secondary Institution & Education Partners Gathering. “This gathering was established to ensure RCS students are prepared and equipped to enter the post-secondary education institutions upon their Grade 12 graduation. Also to understand and realize community partnerships benefit student transition beyond Grade 12. RCS is seeking opportunities to provide smooth passage to post-secondary learning institutions.”

The Court decision on the Gerald Stanley murder trial in which Mr. Stanley, a white farmer, was accused of killing Colten Bushie, an Indigenous man, had an impact on our students. SUNTEP Regina staff hosted a Sharing Circle as a result of numerous student requests. Coordinated with the GDI Library, SUNTEP was able to secure a safe space for students to voice their emotions and seek support from us and one another, most important, where student wellbeing always comes first.

SUNTEP Regina’s affiliation expanded in 2017-2018 offering GDC post-secondary program options. This exciting opportunity resulted in nine students accepted and registered in various University of Regina Arts and science programs.

Program Head Janice R. Thompson and Faculty member Jennifer Reid attended the *Think Indigenous Métis Pre-Conference and Conference* in Saskatoon. The conference showcased and highlighted Métis Education in various capacities, at various levels, in organizations, and with one another.

The First Nations University of Canada hosted a *Post-Secondary Councillor Forum*. Program Head Janice R. Thompson was an invited speaker at the event. Her presentation highlighted GDI-SUNTEP programme offering and requirements for future applicants.

Janice R. Thompson and GDI Librarian Marilyn Belhumeur were invited and attended the *Métis National Council Education Conference* in Ottawa, Ontario. It was an honour for both of us to present the GDI work we do and what we offer. The focus of our

presentation shared important GDI Library resources and materials along with SUNTEP program information invaluable in Métis education and teacher training.

Awards and Scholarships presented during 2017-2018:

- The 30th annual *David Amyotte Memorial Scholarship* was presented to graduate Haylie Bedore. The award was established by the Amyotte family to recognize students who promote Indigenous 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 graduate Crystal Norris. 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 35 years ago.
- The *Lebret Métis Cultural Days Award* was awarded to Doug Jarvis. Established in 2010, the award is a ten year scholarship project at the request of the Lebret Métis Cultural Days Committee. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize academic achievement, financial need, and community involvement. This award recognizes Métis students who have a current or historical connection to Lebret.

Centre Activities and Program Development:

The students were actively engaged in a variety of professional and cultural modules and activities throughout the academic year:

- ∞ Treaty Four Celebrations
- ∞ Winnipeg trip, Métis and Family History
- ∞ Traditional Métis Storytelling
- ∞ Treaty Ed Camp (Social Justice & Anti-Racist Anti-Oppressive Conference)
- ∞ GDI Publishing Department and Museum
- ∞ Louis Riel Vigil Walk and Luncheon
- ∞ Métis & First Nation Teaching and Curriculum Perspectives
- ∞ Traditional Métis Practices with Métis Cultural Knowledge Keeper
- ∞ Métis & First Nation Teaching and Curriculum Perspectives
- ∞ Information Technology Computer Services Training
- ∞ First Nation Protocol with Cultural Knowledge Keepers
- ∞ Saskatchewan Teachers Federation
- ∞ Red Cross, RespectEd
- ∞ Aboriginal Storytelling Festival
- ∞ Regina Globe Theatre, Rez Sisters
- ∞ Regina Teacher's Convention day
- ∞ Métis Food Preparation & Cooking with Métis Cultural Knowledge Keepers
- ∞ Inclusive Education Professional Development
- ∞ Regina Public Schools Northern Games Event
- ∞ Walking Together: A Day of Reconciliation

Student Awards and Accomplishments:

| Year 1 | |
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| Aubichon, Deanna | Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship |
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| Bage, Nicholas | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Desjarlais, Kaleb | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Frei, Tristan | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
| | University of Regina – Academic All Canadian Scholarship |
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| Haywahe, Jeanne | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Joachim, Dylan | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Jendrick, Julia | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Kretschmer, Jeremy | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Laliberte, Darian | Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship |
| | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Langan, Micheal | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
| | Luther College Undergraduate Scholarship |
| | INDSPIRE Scholarship |
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| LaPlante, Brianna | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
| | Centennial Merit Scholarship |
| | Dale Wild Scholarship |
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| Menhart, Kyra | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
| | Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship |
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| Nault, Jenna | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Prudat, Alyssa | Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship |
| | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Robertson, Nolan | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Terry, Tana | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |

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| Year 2 | |
| Boyer, Logan | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
| | Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship |
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| Bubb, Sentilla | INDSPIRE Scholarship |
| | University of Regina – Aboriginal Bursary |
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| Cardinal, Brandon | National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund |
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| Morrow, Alicia | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Ward, Kayla | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
| | Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship |
| | University of Regina – Aboriginal Bursary |
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| Year 3 | |
| Johnson, Alexis | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| McNabb-Sinclair, Alex | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Pelletier, Alyssa | National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund |
| | Continuing Our Journey - National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund |
| | University of Regina – Aboriginal Bursary |
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| Pelletier, Danielle | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
| | Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship |
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| Pelletier, Tyra | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
| | Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship |
| | University of Regina – Aboriginal Bursary |
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| Pritchard, Jaleesa | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Tourond-Bouvier, Tresley | Marilo Kinzel Bursary |
| | Mackenzie Alastair Lawrence Memorial Award |
| | National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund |
| | Saskatchewan Gaming Community Leadership Scholarship |
| | TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Community Service Scholarship |

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| | University of Regina – Aboriginal Bursary |
| | University of Regina – Lee & Lillian Forsythe Scholarship |
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| Weins Rebecca | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
| | INDSPIRE Award |
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| Year 4 | |
| Ash, Marsha | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Bedore, Hayley | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Gary Burgess | INDSPIRE Scholarship |
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| Hanson, Lesley | CIC Aboriginal Bursary |
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| Legare, Garrett | University of Regina Aboriginal Bursary x 2 |
| | Regina Sunshine Preschool Society Prize |
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| Norris, Crystal | CIC Aboriginal Bursary x 2 |
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| Postras, Marissa | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |
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| Ramos-McKenzie, Elsa | City of Regina - Henry Baker Scholarship |
| | University of Regina Dr. Hellmut Lang Education Award |
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| Skilliter, Kaitlyn | MacKenzie Alistair Lawrence Award |
| | Regina Sunshine Preschool Society Prize |
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| Unrau, Hayley | Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship |

SUNTEP Regina 2018 Graduates:

The 35th annual SUNTEP Regina Graduation ceremony was held at the Delta Regina on Friday, May 4, 2018 for 12 SUNTEP students. The celebration was attended by over 150 family, friends, students, community members and guests. The graduation theme was *Mishi Atoushkay, Moochikihtaw, Ooshihtaw lil Zistwaar* which translates to: *Work Hard, Have Fun, Make History*. The 2018 graduating class included:

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| 1. Ash, Marsha | 7. Loreth, Tara, <i>Distinction</i> |
| 2. Burgess, Gary | 8. Norris, Crystal, <i>Distinction</i> |
| 3. Bedore, Haylie, <i>Distinction</i> | 9. Postras, Marissa, <i>Distinction</i> |
| 4. Fisher, Chad | 10. Ramos-McKenzie, Elsa, <i>Great-Distinction</i> |
| 5. Hanson, Lesley | 11. Skilliter, Kaitlyn, <i>Great-Distinction</i> |
| 6. Legare, Garrett, <i>Distinction</i> | 12. Urau, Hayley |

SUNTEP Regina 2018 Graduates' Employment:

| Employed as a teacher | | | | | | Employed but not as a teacher | | Unemployed | | | | Further studies | | Unknown | | Total |
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| FN school | | Public school | | Separate school | | | | Looking for work | | Not looking for work | | | | | | |
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SUNTEP/GDC Saskatoon Operational Highlights 2017-2018

Location: Room 7, McLean Hall, University of Saskatchewan

Staff Complement:

Sheila Pocha - Program Head

Tasha Neveu- Administrative Assistant – May, 2018

Ashley Shaw – Student Support Coordinator – August, 2018

Carmen Gillies – Faculty 111

Angie Caron – Faculty 111 – August, 2018

Brooke Kennedy - Student Librarian

Student Enrollment:

| <u>SUNTEP</u> | <u>GDC</u> | <u>Total</u> |
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| Year 1 – 22 | 13 | 89 |
| Year 2 – 16 | | |
| Year 3 – 18 | | |
| Year 4 – 20 | | |

Administrative Activities:

Term 1 and Term 11 were busy with program finalizations, staff and sessional instructors selected for our sections, as well as coordinating school visits by our first, second, third and fourth year students. The fourth year students were successful in their internships in both of Saskatoon's school divisions.

Among the graduating class, five of the 11 graduates accepted employment as substitute teachers at Saskatoon Public and Greater Saskatoon Catholic school divisions. Two graduates received teaching contracts within Saskatoon Public Schools, another two signed contracts with First Nation Band Schools, while the final two received contracts at Calgary Public Schools and overseas in London, England. Carmen Gillies, Bruce Sinclair and Métis Elder and teacher Norman Fleury organized teaching activities for our first year students in both terms.

Between January 2017 to May of 2017, we received 43 applications for admission into both SUNTEP and GDC. Interviews with prospective students were held during the final week of May. We selected twenty two SUNTEP Métis applicants and two non-status applicants. Four of those accepted will complete their Bachelor of Education degree studies within two years as they came in with advanced standings from the University of Saskatchewan's College of Arts and Science. We also accepted five GDC students, all interested in Arts and Science, Commerce and Social Work.

Sheila Pocha, Bruce Sinclair and Ashley Shaw attended University of Saskatchewan related business meetings that included:

- University of Saskatchewan Council

- College of Education Faculty meetings
- Faculty Policy and Planning Committee
- Undergraduate Program Committee Meetings
- Student Affairs and Academic Standards Committee
- Aboriginal Advisors Meetings

Much of the discussion arising from the aforementioned meetings was the revisions to and implementation of the current Bachelor of Education program including changes to the College of Education's mission and vision statements. Sheila Pocha took over the GDC portfolio in June of 2018 following the retirement of Murray Hamilton from that portfolio. Sheila is now Program Head of both SUNTEP and GDC Saskatoon.

Program Highlights:

Due to the busy workload of the Program Head position and positions of faculty in years past, to support student intake and their on-going needs, it was determined to slowly transition new staff/faculty to the Centre in time.

With the addition of a Student Support Coordinator, Bruce Sinclair, we believe it imperative to gain faculty to teach some of the course loads that our current sessional lecturers teach. We believe we can support our students more cohesively, compassionately and effectively to become proud and effective teachers and educators, while promoting their positive experiences at SUNTEP/GDDC Saskatoon. We appreciate the support of our Executive Director Geordy McCaffrey and our Board of Governors as the transition to a full staff complement has been successful.

In June of 2017, we interviewed for a Faculty 111 position to teach Curriculum and/or Foundations courses. We hired Dr. Carmen Gillies in August of 2017, and she taught three sections of required Education Foundations courses during 2017-2018. The courses were well received and very successful, particularly in the area of Anti-Racist, Anti-Oppressive education.

In addition to Dr. Carmen Gillies's position, we advertised for faculty to teach essential Curriculum courses that personified Indigenous understandings, particularly Métis pedagogy. The successful candidate was Angie Caron. Angie is a SUNTEP graduate and is presently seconded to us from her Principal position at Westmount Community School. We are very proud to have her teaching two curriculum studies methods courses to our second and third year student teachers. Our students are learning exceptional lesson and unit plan applications enriched with Métis culture and language.

In May of 2018, two staff members announced their retirement. We bid farewell to Student Support Coordinator Bruce Sinclair and Administrative Assistant Ruth Bird-Anderson. We began our search for their replacements and hired Tasha Neveu as our new Administrative Assistant and Ashley Shaw as the new Student Support Coordinator.

Tasha has been very productive in organizing and disseminating scheduled tables, acquisitions, invoices, banking procedures, and other various procedures necessary in running a university student support office. We are pleased with her management,

friendliness, time spent on organized procedures, as well as her on-going support of staff and students.

Ashley's role include supporting students with programming, planning professional development activities, supporting the Michif Methods class with structure and activity, while engaging with instructor, Michif Elder, Norman Fleury. She has been productive with producing slideshows for our student lounge monitor, continuing to produce and share the Michif Messenger newsletter, creating new SUNTEP/GDC promotional materials and promoting SUNTEP/GDC at the annual Indigenous Spend a Day activity for Grade 12 Indigenous students. Ashley oversees the inventory and daily use of library/resource materials and supports our student librarian with her role in accessing borrowed materials.

Sheila Pocha has also been appointed to sit as a Métis representative on the Provincial Learning Team. She is involved in two initiatives: the Following Their Voices, and SK Reads committees. As well, Sheila Pocha was involved in planning the October 2018 Education Summit with Karon Shmon, as key representatives for GDI. The Education Summit was very well attended by over 80 agencies that are involved with K-12 education in the province. Positive work will come out of the summit to help narrow the education gap for our Indigenous students as they strive to achieve their Grade 12 and pursue post-secondary education. In addition to these appointments, Sheila Pocha is also a new member of the provincial Curriculum/Assessment Committee.

In the fall of 2017 and the winter term of 2018, we organized, through Carmen Gillies' classes and Norman Fleury's Michif methods class, teaching activities with the first and second year students at St. Michael's School and Westmount School. The students flourished as they worked hard at working with children in K-8 classrooms, while learning to develop and implement culturally appropriate lesson and unit plans.

In September 2018, 18 of our students had their internship experience at schools in Saskatoon, Clavet, Pike Lake, North Battleford, Meadow Lake, and Prince Albert.

October 30th, 2018, SUNTEP and ITEP Student Council's planned a Halloween Party for the children at ITEP's newly renovated student lounge at the Education Building, College of Education. A haunted house, games, pumpkin carving, music, food and a costume contest were celebrated during the evening!

SUNTEP Saskatoon 2018 Graduates:

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| 1. Tatum Albert | 10. Robert Sayese |
| 2. Vanessa Gardiner | 11. Brooke Van Damme |
| 3. Shaylyn James Messier | |
| 4. Santana Kennedy | |
| 5. Brittany McKay | |
| 6. Genevieve McKay | |
| 7. Dylan Menard | |
| 8. Aimey Parent | |
| 9. Renée Prefontaine | |