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The Largest Presentation of Kinosalwaw8gan Scholarships – Fonds de recherche du Québec will take place on February 12, 2025, at Kiuna

Odanak, February 5, 2025. Kiuna is proud to announce that its largest scholarship distribution will take place on February 12th. The event will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Kiuna's main hall. You are warmly invited to attend in person or via Zoom for students from the satellite campuses in Wemotaci and Alma. Mark this date in your calendar—an unforgettable moment awaits.

“It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I inform you that Kiuna, the only college-level institution for First Nations members in Quebec, will be awarding 30 scholarships for the achievement of its students enrolled in the last fall session. In total, nearly \$75,000 in scholarships will be awarded by Kiuna on February 12th and this during the Academic Perseverance Week/Hooked on School Days Week. You or a colleague you cherish may receive one of these prestigious scholarships,” says Ms. Prudence Hannis, Director of Kiuna.

In the ancestral language aln8ba8dwaw8gan (Abenaki), Kinosalwaw8gan is a symbol of leadership. It refers to the act of guiding or leading, such as leading a hunting expedition. It reflects the mentorship role that Kiuna plays for the students entrusted to its care. Kiuna is shaping the leaders of tomorrow. The Kinosalwaw8gan Scholarships, which aims to recognize perseverance, excellence, and academic success among First Nations students, are made possible through the generous contributions of individuals and institutional partners.

“The Kinosalwaw8gan Scholarships recognize, support, and motivate students throughout their college journey. For some, these scholarships can make the difference between continuing their studies or not. By awarding these important scholarships, our donors are

directly contributing to the achievement of students' objectives and to their personal and professional success," conveys Ms. Prudence Hannis, Director of Kiuna.

By joining forces, Kiuna and its partners aim to encourage excellence and promote perseverance and success among First Nations students. For a deferred view of the announcement, please visit Kiuna's official Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/KiunaCollege>.

About Us

Kiuna is a First Nations college-level institution located in Odanak. Established by the Council on Education for First Nations (CEPN) in 2011, Kiuna's mission is to enhance educational success and increase school retention rates by offering a learning environment that respects and draws inspiration from the identity, values, and traditions of the First Nations. www.kiuna.ca

The Council on Education for First Nations (CEPN) is an association representing 22 First Nations communities in Quebec, from eight different nations. Its mandate is to advocate for the interests of its members with the intention to improve the quality of educational services provided to learners from First Nations throughout their educational journey. www.cepn-fnec.com

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