

Remarks

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Presentation

Chief Noel Doucette Memorial Youth Education Awards

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It's a great pleasure to introduce the winners of the Chief Noel Doucette Memorial Youth Education Award.

This award was created in 1996 by the Province of Nova Scotia in memory of the late Chief Noel Doucette. It is awarded to Mi'kmaq youths who possess leadership qualities and reach high levels of academic achievement.

This year there are two winners, both outstanding examples of young people achieving results for their communities.

Derrick Paulette of Paq'tnkek (Buck-en-kek) First Nation is a grade 11 student at East Antigonish Education Centre who has been active in his community for a number of years as a youth leader and volunteer.

Derrick has been a drummer and mentor for many years and was responsible for recruiting the junior drumming group Red Wolf. That group is now taking bookings and being paid for its performances. He also designed and painted a First Nations mural at his school and is an active member of the volunteer team of workers that facilitate community cultural events.

I would now call on Derrick Paulette to accept the award and ask Premier MacDonald, Minister MacIsaac and Ms. Jean Doucette to make the presentation.

Our next winner is Ashley Paul of Membertou First Nation, currently doing a two-year Master of Public Administration degree at Dalhousie University. She has demonstrated her leadership skills over several summers in working in a supervisory capacity with the summer student program at Membertou. She did her job placement for her Bachelor of Arts Community Studies in areas of planning, research and policy writing.

Ashley has great respect for her Mi'kmaq heritage and a strong sense of spirituality.

I would now call on Ashley Paul to accept the award and ask Premier MacDonald, Minister MacIsaac and Ms. Jean Doucette to present the award.

Thank You

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