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First Nations Centre of the National Aboriginal Health Organization announces the beneficiaries of the First Nations Single Parent Health Career Bursary

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Ottawa, Ontario - The First Nations Centre of the National Aboriginal Health Organization is pleased to announce the five recipients of the First Nations Single Parent Health Careers Bursary. This program gives $1,000 cash bursaries to assist First Nations students attending health related post-secondary programs in 2009-2010.

"I am thrilled that many First Nations people are choosing health careers" said Valorie Whetung, Director of the First Nations Centre. "Our communities will benefit from having workers who enter health care professions. It is essential that we support and encourage them to achieve their dreams."

The five First Nations single parent students are:

- Chantell Neff, Chemawawin Cree Nation, MB, who is attending the University of Winnipeg, MB, to prepare for a nursing career.
- Myrna Nabigon, Pic River First Nation, ON, who is attending the Practical Nursing Program at Confederation College, in Marathon, ON.
- Adrienne Doxtator, Oneida Nation of the Thames, ON, who is attending the Registered Practical Nursing Program at St. Clair College in Chatham, ON.
- Cheyenne Mary, Bear River First Nation, NS, who is enrolled in the Master of Public Health program at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, ON.
- Sheena Solomon, Toosey Indian Band, BC, who is studying General Biology to prepare for the Registered Practical Nursing Program at Thompson Rivers University in Williams Lake, BC.

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The mission of the First Nations Centre (FNC) is to advance First Nations health knowledge. The FNC develops tools and processes that assist in building capacity and transferring knowledge. The First Nations Single Parent Bursary program is consistent with the FNC's objectives to foster the participation of First Nations people in delivery of health care and to assist First Nations in nation building as it relates to health (self-sufficiency, self determination, true transfer and securing appropriate resources).

The National Aboriginal Health Organization is an Aboriginal-designed and -controlled body that works to influence and advance the health and well-being of Aboriginal Peoples through knowledge-based strategies.

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