

SECOND MEDIA ALERT



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15th Biennial Ceremony: <http://tinyurl.com/bky8ryf>

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Saddle Lake Post Secondary Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony “Wall of Recognition”

WHAT: Saddle Lake Post Secondary will be celebrating the successful academic accomplishments of its’ Onicikiskwapowin Cree Nation members in the advancement of post secondary education. Current student records from 1974 to present have been awarded for upgrading certificates all the way to doctoral degrees. On April 1, 1986, Onicikiskwapowin Cree Nation (formally known as Saddle Lake First Nation) began to administer post secondary financial support. Prior to 1986, post secondary sponsorship was administered by Indian Affairs & Northern Development Canada (INAC). SADDLE LAKE POTENTIALLY HAS THE MOST POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES OF ALL FIRST NATIONS RESERVATION IN CANADA. Also, is one of the parenting reservations of the first owned and operated school in Canada since 1971, Blue Quills First Nations College. For more information please visit www.slps.ca.

WHY: The Graduation Project will honor our graduate’s challenges, mile stones, and successes while pursuing their post secondary education. . It will create community pride and encourage our future generations to follow their dreams. This research also celebrates the successful facilitation and administration of post secondary support to Onicikiskwapowin Cree Nation members.
In addition, it will attest to and recognize our Nation’s successful pursuit in exercising their Treaty # 6 right to education, an agreement between Her Majesty the Queen and the Plains and Wood Cree Indians of Fort Carlton and Fort Pitt 1876 as follows: “And further, Her Majesty agrees to maintain schools for instruction in such reserves hereby made as to Her Government of Dominion of Canada may seem advisable, whenever the Indians of the reserve shall desire it.” Saddle Lake Cree Nation maintains that Post Secondary Education is included as a Treaty Right.

WHEN: **Friday, February 22, 2013 at 2:00-4:00 PM**
15th Biennial Feast and Round Dance to follow at Ayiwakes Cultural Centre

WHERE: Saddle Lake Cree Nation Manitou Arena Foyer
Saddle Lake Cree Nation
Box 130, Saddle Lake Cree Nation, AB T0A 3T0

Please contact Shannon Houle or Bernadine Houle-Steinhauer to schedule an interview regarding the Graduation Project’s Wall of Recognition

About Saddle Lake Post Secondary – “Assisting Students to achieve Personal Success & Academic Excellence”

SLPS facilitates and administers post secondary education for Onicikiskwapowin Cree Nation members by providing career and personal counselling and financial assistance for students. They further assist in endorsing quality education which will encompass healthy lifestyles, Cree traditions, language, culture, modern technology, and utilize contributions of Indigenous people to promote self-sufficiency and empower Onicikiskwapowin Cree Nation members.