



## The National Gathering for Indigenous Education: Innovations and Celebrations

Indspire’s second annual education conference brings teachers together to share successful practices that address the needs of Indigenous students and produce positive results for high school completion.

The *National Gathering* will be held in Toronto from November 20 to 22, 2014, with the theme of “Innovations in Indigenous Education.”

The conference begins with the *Guiding the Journey: Indigenous Educator Awards*, which celebrate teachers who are making outstanding

contributions and nurturing the potential of Indigenous students. Through practical workshops, networking opportunities, and a tradeshow, teachers are encouraged to learn from each other’s experiences and to collaborate on solutions. ●

Indspire is a national registered charity that is dedicated to delivering programs and providing the necessary tools and support for Indigenous youth to complete their education and achieve their potential.

Indspire is committed to transforming Indigenous education. And it’s good for Canada. Please support us by making a donation today. For more information, visit [www.indspire.ca/donor](http://www.indspire.ca/donor).



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## DONOR UPDATE

### A message from Roberta Jamieson

The statistics seem bleak: Indigenous high school students are nearly three times more likely to drop out of high school than their non-Indigenous counterparts.

However, when a student is given the opportunity to envision a bigger future and the resources to achieve it, amazing things happen – and those bleak numbers start to change.

With your support, Indspire offers programs to help Indigenous youth get excited about their options after high school.

Knowing that they can count on Indspire for financial support gives them hope to achieve their goals. We also provide teachers with resources and opportunities to collaborate and improve the high school graduation rates of Indigenous students. In November, we will bring hundreds of teachers from across Canada together to work on solutions and to share successful practices. Your support provides life-changing options to Indigenous students. Thank you!

Roberta Jamieson, President & CEO







## Planned giving and you

Indigenous people believe that we must look seven generations ahead, to those not yet born, when deciding a course of action. Future generations of Indigenous youth can benefit from your legacy gift.

When you make Indspire part of your planned giving strategy, you are helping to create positive changes for generations of Indigenous students in Canada.

By including Indspire in your will, you can also receive personal financial benefits, ease your estate’s tax burden, and create a legacy that reflects the values that are important to you.

There are many options for planned gifts, including annuities, life insurance, residual interest, real estate, RRSPs, RRIFFs, and bequests. Each has its own benefits and Indspire strongly recommends that you seek professional advice to ensure your financial goals are considered, your tax

situation reviewed, and that your planned gift is tailored to your own circumstances.

Planning your legacy can also be a meaningful time of personal reflection and a chance to discuss your wishes with your family.

Many of our donors have already included Indspire in their wills. We hope you will consider doing this too.

Your gift will help Indigenous students achieve their dreams, give back to their communities, and contribute to Canada’s economic future. ●

For more information on planned giving, call at Indspire at 416.987.0256 or talk to your financial advisor.

The Indigenous concept of *reciprocity* is based on cycles of give and take that occur in the natural world. Indspire bursary recipients live this value by giving back to their communities.

### What fields of study does Indspire support?



In 2013-2014, Indspire supported Indigenous youth in 30+ fields of study including law, social work, fine arts, nursing, business, engineering, education, and midwifery.

**Did you know?**  
In 2013-2014, Indspire awarded over \$10 million through 3,000+ bursaries and scholarships to Indigenous post-secondary students.



### Students see the future at Soaring: Indigenous Youth Career Conferences

Indspire hosts conferences across Canada to show Indigenous high school students the many diverse career options available to them.

When Indigenous students attend *Soaring: Indigenous Youth Career Conferences*, they don’t just get a day away from school, filled with fun and entertainment – they get to explore career paths for their future.

Indspire hosts three conferences each year, attended by thousands of students, in cities across Canada. At a recent *Soaring* conference at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, students and their chaperones came from more than 20 communities in Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Ontario, and Saskatchewan.

For many students, this conference is their first chance to start thinking about their careers and, often, the very first time travelling outside their communities.

As a part of their day at *Soaring*, students attend career workshops that describe not only what various jobs entail, but also the post-secondary training required to be hired. Students also meet and talk to representatives from colleges and universities and businesses, as well as learn how to access bursaries and scholarships through Indspire.

At *Soaring*, Indigenous students learn that an exciting career is an achievable goal. We encourage them to dream big because there are people who can help make their dreams come true! ●

Since 1998...  
**~38,000**

Indigenous high school students have attended *Soaring: Indigenous Youth Career Conferences*.



### Here’s what students said about their experiences:

“It was very inspirational, makes me look forward to the future in a very positive way.”

“The event showed me many opportunities to do after high school and also inspired me to make better of myself.”

“It showed me how many different studies you could do and there are cool different ones I never even thought of.”

“I want to go to post-secondary so I can help people back in my community.”

**47%** of students at *Soaring* said that lack of money was their biggest obstacle to post-secondary studies.

