

Dear Sponsor of the "Top Up Award",

Thank you so kindly for this generous award presented to myself, Grace Jane Racicot. I am a full status member of Dokis First Nation, located in Monetville, ON. I am a proud indigenous single woman, who has been raised solely by my Mother.

This award means so much to me, as it directly reflects on my own efforts within my education and plays a huge role in building my own future. This generous award will enable me to provide the necessary financial means to engage more in depth in my program and purchase items that I would not be able to easily afford within my educational means.

The support that I have received from not only my First Nations Band, but from Indspire and my Sponsors within Indspire such as yourselves have been absolutely tremendous. I can honestly say that I don't know what my life and future would be like if I didn't have you all in my corner.

I am currently entering into my 2nd year at Laurentian University in the Law & Justice program. I plan to specialize in Indigenous Studies so that I may stay within my own culture and help guide others in the future. I am constantly thankful for the 7 grandfather teachings which has helped guide me throughout my life thus far. I would like to persue a career in either law enforcement or in corrections such as a parole officer in the indigenous field. I have yet to set down a solid career path but am taking many different courses to open doors to paths that may enable me to have the choice at the end of my educational career.

Thank you for your generous support, I will always work hard for you and my community.

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Grace Jane Racicot