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Inspire Bursaries, Society of United Professionals Ontario Aboriginal Award.

Dear sponsors of the Society of United Professionals Ontario Aboriginal Award:

My name is Daniel McKitrick and I was raised in Coral Harbour, Nunavut. My mom is an Inuk and my dad is white. My mom lived in Coral Harbour growing up and my dad grew up in Thunder Bay, Ontario. I lived in the north up until grade 4, then I moved to Thunder Bay to pursue better schooling and sports programs. I have two siblings. My brother is taking his masters here at Lakehead and my sister is taking Law school in Iqaluit, Nunavut. I travel to Nunavut every spring and summer. I love learning from my relatives about the land. They are knowledgeable about hunting, fishing, and surviving on the land.

I am studying here in Thunder Bay. I am in my second year of Indigenous learning. This support is making a difference because usually my parents are in Nunavut during the winter, so I need to buy food and gas. It is a struggle sometimes especially as a student. This bursary will help me a lot.

My future aspirations are to give back to Nunavut. I understand and learn about some of the struggles the Inuit face today. I would like to help in any way. I am grateful I can pursue post-secondary education, so I want to give back. I am planning to become a teacher or a counsellor. Inuit suffering with mental illness is concerning. This gives me motivation to get something out of school and motivate me to excel.

Thank you for your generous support.

Yours truly

Daniel McKitrick



Me and my cousin Quinton Netser. I am on the right.