



**Northern Nishnawbe
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STUDENT EXPERIENCE WITH POST-SECONDARY TRANSITIONS

DAGWAAGIN EDUCATION DIRECTORS FORUM
DECEMBER, 10TH 2025





DALLAS FISHER

GINOOGAMING FIRST NATION

Dallas is a graduate from Geraldton Composite High School, a graduate of the Lakehead University Native Access Program, and is currently in his second year of the Bachelor of Social Work program with specialization in Indigenous Learning.

ANTOINE MOONIAS

NESKANTAGA FIRST NATION

Antoine is a 2022 graduate from the Matawa Education & Care Centre and is in his first year of the Indigenous Transition Year Program (ITYP) at Lakehead University.





JAYRICH MEKANAK

WEBEQUIE FIRST NATION

Jayricho is a 2025 graduate from KKETS Adult Education _____?? and is in his first year of the Indigenous Transition Year Program (ITYP) at Lakehead University.



MYERS CROWE

FORT SEVERN FIRST NATION

Myers Crowe is from Fort Severn First Nation. He is a graduate from Queen Elizabeth High School in 2013. He is currently enrolled in Outdoor Recreation and Education.

SUNSHINE MOONIAS

NESKANTAGA FIRST NATION

Sunshine is a 2024 graduate from the Matawa Education & Care Centre and is in her first year of the Indigenous Nursing Entry Program (INEP) at Lakehead University.





TYLER KAKEGAMIC

COMMUNITY

Tyler is from Sandy Lake First Nation. He is a graduate of Sir Winston Churchill High School. He has completed the Pre Tech program at Confederation College and is currently in the Motive Power Techniques Program.



Question 1

Introduce yourself and explain your experiences with work, education, or life since graduating high school.

Jobs? Training? Change of plans?



Question 2

What was your original plan after graduating high school?

Who helped you with that process?



Question 3

*How has your original plan
changed since high school?*

Are you still on the same path?

*Who helped you with that
process?*



Question 4

Did you have an Indigenous Graduation Coach in high school?

Who was it? Did you have the chance to meet often?



Question 5

What is something you wish you knew before starting college or university?

APA Format? How to fill out/sign a PDF? How much rent costs? How to manage exam stress?



Question 6

Do you feel like your high school experience adequately prepared you for post - secondary?



Question 7

Have you been successful in applying for funding from OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)?

How was that process? If you were not successful, why?



Question 8

What has been the most challenging part of your academic transition?

Think homework, finding a tutor, a certain course or program requirement,



Question 9

What has been the most challenging part of your transition outside of academics?

Think housing, childcare, culture shock, budgeting, cost of living,



Question 10

Is there support that you feel is still missing for first year students?



Question 11

Can you think of an example where you had to advocate for yourself or your community.



Question 12

Where do you get the motivation to continue to pursue your education?