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**THE SECOND REGIONAL BURSARY AWARDED TO A STUDENT AT
THE KAHNAWAKE REGIONAL ADULT EDUCATION CENTER**



Mr. Wesley Norton, bursary recipient, surrounded by students and staff at the Kahnawake RAEC.

One of the two regional bursaries awarded by the First Nations Adult Education School Council as part of the International Year of Indigenous Languages was given to Wesley Norton, student at the Kahnawake Regional Adult Education Center.

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Kahnawake, December 10, 2019 – The First Nations Adult Education School Council (FNAESC) is proud to announce that one of the two 2019 regional bursaries was awarded to a student registered at the First Nations Regional Adult Education Center (FNRAEC) in Kahnawake. The recipient was selected, among other things, due to his high level of engagement to the language this year. Thanks to the support from Desjardins and MNP, the FNAESC awarded two regional bursaries in the amount of \$1,000 each to students pursuing their education at one of the FNRAECs and who demonstrated a high level of engagement and perseverance with regards to their Indigenous language.

The FNRAEC's Kanien'kéha teacher, Mr. Wahiakeron Gilbert stated that, "Wesley grew up in a Kanien'kéha first language environment. Since his parents have passed, he felt lonely without having speakers to converse with. However, participating in our Kanien'kéha language course, Wesley is



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happy to converse and share his language.” Mr. Gilbert expressed pride in Wesley’s perseverance and attendance rate. Mr. Norton is also proud of his accomplishments this year.

“Wesley participates in our Sociovocational Integration Program. Part of developing autonomy skills, there is a work placement component to acquire experience. Wesley assists in janitorial duties and tends to our livestock on a daily basis.” expressed Ms. Carina Deere, Director of the FNRAEC since September this year.

The other bursary recipient this year is currently studying at the FNRAEC in Uashat mak Mani-Utenam. The FNAESC hopes to offer two regional bursaries again next year. The theme of next year’s bursary will be announced at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the FNAESC’s head office in Kahnawake on January 16, 2020.

About the FNAESC

The First Nations Adult Education School Council was created in 2012 to support the development of adult education services in First Nations communities across the region. It currently supports more than 800 students registered at one of the regional adult education centers located in Uashat mak Mani-Utenam, Kahnawake, Listuguj and Lac Simon or one of the five services centers located in Kanesatake, Gesgapegiag, Val d’Or, Montreal and Pikogan.

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