

# Atuqtuarvik Corporation Celebrates its 2023 Scholarship Recipients



The Board of Directors and Staff of Atuqtuarvik Corporation are pleased to award five educational scholarships annually. They are two 20th Anniversary Scholarships, two Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarships, and the John Hickes Business Scholarship. We are delighted to announce the five scholarship recipients for 2023:

## Atuqtuarvik Corporation 20th Anniversary Scholarships

The Atuqtuarvik Corporation 20th Anniversary Scholarships were created in 2020 to celebrate Atuqtuarvik Corporation's contributions to Nunavut over two decades by presenting two outstanding students with financial support to pursue their post-secondary education. These \$2500 scholarships are awarded to two students.



### Elisapee Kautuk, Clyde River

Elisapee is studying in the Interpreter/Translator Program with the Nunavut Arctic College in Iqaluit. She plans on using her education to advocate for positive change, using Inuktitut to overcome language barriers, preserving Inuktitut and Inuit culture, and contributing to enhancing the well-being of Inuit communities by assisting in legal and health context with her acquired skills by bridging the linguistic gap that arises in our diverse population.

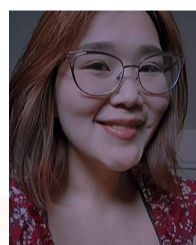


### Kassidy Klinger, Baker Lake

Kassidy is entering her first year of the Bachelor of Health Science Program with the University of Ottawa where her ultimate goal is to become a doctor. Cassidy believes that being able to receive health care from a fellow Inuk would foster a deeper level of trust in the health care system. In turn, Cassidy aims to contribute to the delivery of culturally sensitive health care. She is committed to advocating for equitable access to health care professionals who choose to remain in Nunavut while advocating for more doctors in our communities to provide more accessible health care services.

## Atuqtuarvik Corporation Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarships

The Atuqtuarvik Corporation Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarships were created in 2011 to recognize the importance of the Nunavut Sivuniksavut (NS) program and to provide support to students who are pursuing post-secondary education. These \$2500 scholarships are awarded to two students.



### Damaris Nutarasungnik, Arviat

Damaris graduated from the second year Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program in 2022 and is now entering her second year of the Community & Justice Services Program through the Algonquin College in Ottawa. Once she completes this program, Damaris plans on completing her Bachelor of Public Safety. Damaris is set in her career goal of becoming a Youth Justice Worker to assist with young people navigating their personal lives and the justice system while helping them accept and understand the consequences of their actions. She believes that being a fellow Inuk will help clients trust her and see her as a role model to help them make good choices in their futures.

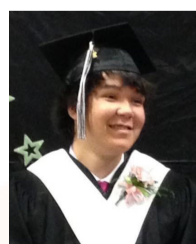


### Gorretti Panika-Tinashlu, Naujaat

Gorretti graduated from the Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program in 2001 and is now in her third year of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program with the Nunavut Arctic College in Naujaat. With her previous experience in schools as a Counsellor, Gorretti knew she needed to obtain her teacher education and fulfill her goal of becoming a full-time teacher where she could give Inuit students the benefit of learning from another Inuk. Gorretti aims to teach math, an important subject that relates to all aspects of life; cooking, shopping, budgeting, construction, and finance (a few areas that she names).

## Atuqtuarvik Corporation John Hickes Business Scholarship

The John Hickes Business Scholarship was created in 2018 to honour John's leadership as an original and long-serving board member of Atuqtuarvik Corporation while recognizing his commitment and involvement in the Nunavut business community. This scholarship awards one student \$5000.



### Dione Kajuarpik Adams, Rankin Inlet

Dione is in his final year of the Business Accounting Program with Algonquin College where his goal is to ultimately assist local businesses and organizations make informed financial decisions. Dione plans on furthering his skillset with the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association through their specialized programming that focuses on Indigenous financial management practices and fosters a deep understanding of the unique financial challenges faced by Indigenous communities. Dione is determined to make a meaningful impact through business accounting for Nunavummiut.

**Atuqtuarvik Corporation is proud to support Elisapee, Cassidy, Damaris, Gorretti and Dione in their post-secondary education!**

