

Atuqtuarvik Corporation Board of Directors and Staff Congratulate Recipients of its 2020 Scholarships



Inaugural Recipients of the Atuqtuarvik Corporation 20th Anniversary Scholarship:

As Atuqtuarvik Corporation marks its 20th year in business, we are proud to introduce the Atuqtuarvik Corporation 20th Anniversary Scholarship, which is an annual scholarship to recognize the contributions that Atuqtuarvik Corporation has made in Nunavut.

The inaugural recipients of these \$2500 scholarships are:



Brendan Mannik of Baker Lake is currently enrolled in his second year of the Human Rights and Social Justice Degree Program at Carleton University in Ottawa, ON. Brendan wrote in his application essay, "...what I am seeking with the Human Rights Program is to bring understanding to Inuit and our rights of cultural preservation and revitalization of speaking the language... I hope to one day work firmly on issues in Nunavut and my community." Atuqtuarvik Corporation encourages you to keep up with your studies, Brendan, and thanks you for being a great role model for other students!



Jenna Kilabuk of Pangnirtung is continuing her studies as a second-year student in the Nunavut Teacher Education Program at the Nunavut Arctic College. Prior to going back to school, she was a student support worker and said of that experience, "Working in a school environment can be challenging at times, but it is a rewarding profession. I enjoyed promoting Inuit Qaujimagajutuqangit to students and staff to strengthen Inuit language and culture... It was evident that there is a need for more Inuktitut teachers to help students learn in a bilingual education system." Jenna, we believe in you and your dreams. All the best for your upcoming school year!

Atuqtuarvik Corporation Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarship Recipients:

The Atuqtuarvik Corporation Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarship was 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.

This scholarship awards each student \$2500.



Charmaine Okatsiak is from Rankin Inlet, graduated from NS in 2009, and is entering her fourth year of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program at the Nunavut Arctic College. Not only has she been furthering her education, but she was also the Founder of the youth group Inuugapta where Inuit youth would gather to learn and practice their Inuktitut and cultural performing arts. She said, "This was an awesome opportunity for the youth to not only learn about who they are as an Inuk, but an individual... they had a sense of identity... I wanted to work in this field for the rest of my life." Charmaine, we applaud the work you have done and look forward to seeing your future accomplishments!



Jane Pameolik is from Arviat, graduated from NS in 2016, and is starting her first year of the Pre-Health Program in Iqaluit at the Nunavut Arctic College where she plans to become a Registered Community Health Nurse. Her experience in working with people in Arviat inspired her to continue her education in the field of health. Of the program she says, "I would like to help my community as a Registered Nurse as most of the people in the community speak [only] the Inuktitut language... I cannot wait to let the community of Arviat know they have gained another Inuk Registered Nurse." Jane, keep inspiring Inuit to follow their dreams!

Atuqtuarvik Corporation John Hickee Business Scholarship:

The John Hickee 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 recipient \$5000.



Elizabeth Aglukark, of Arviat, is enrolled in the Honours Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting Program at the University of Ottawa. Elizabeth graduated from the Office Administration Program at the Nunavut Arctic College and completed her practicum at the accounting firm, Lester Landau Chartered Professional Accountants. She also graduated from the Management Studies Program at the Nunavut Arctic College, which provided her the opportunity to work for another private business in Nunavut. She says of that experience, "I saw the tireless work and dedication it takes to be successful in business- their constant motivation and eagerness planted the idea of business ownership in my future." Atuqtuarvik Corporation sees the need for more financial services available to the people of Nunavut and we look forward to following your journey, Elizabeth!

Atuqtuarvik Corporation congratulates this year's scholarship recipients and wishes each of them a successful academic year.