

**45** Indigenous Youth Leaders  
**25** Days at Sea  
**1** Experience of a Life Time

# Meet the **Warriors** of The **Red** Road at Sea



MSIT NO'KMAQ  
*All My Relations*



Gulden Leeuw



Walking the Red Road is an intentional way of living within the teachings of our Elders and Ancestors that includes a life of courage, respect, love, and spiritual connection. There is never someone on this road walking a perfect path, but many who travel with guided direction, self-reflection and in a good way. The young people profiled here, the **Warriors** of the Red Road at Sea, have demonstrated that they are committed to finding balance and incorporating teachings on 'how to be' within their families, communities, schooling, work and onboard the Gulden Leeuw, the tall ship that will carry them on an adventure of a life time.

The young people selected from the applications that came from sea to sea to sea and represented Territories across Turtle Island demonstrated in their words, their stories and references (from adult allies and youth in their lives) that they embodied the concepts of walking the red road – and wanted to put them into practice. They shared how they interact with others, care for themselves while caring for the Earth and the gifts it provides. These young people know how they want to live their life day to day - especially when no one is watching, and that is how they are walking the Red Road.

The colonized and manufactured representation of warriors allowed this word and concept to be terribly misrepresented. This led to the word warrior being characterized by groups who did not walk the path like that of our original warriors. The 45 Indigenous young people profiled in these pages are reclaiming that term for themselves – and have earned it. From the moment, they chose to submit their application, to boarding the Ship and departing from Halifax to France in August 2017 they are putting into practice the values and beliefs of traditional warrior societies: protect, care, support, stand up for and be role models. These young people already define this in their contributions to their families, communities and society. From incorporating the Seven Sacred Teachings of courage, humility, love, respect, wisdom, honesty and truth into this process, to continuing to learn and share their culture, embracing language and protecting the land – these young people – between the ages of 15 and 24 are defenders of their People. Their actions and commitment to this experience is not only about them – it's about those who will follow for generations. When they wake up each day at sea, surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean they will be surrounded by the spirits of their Ancestors and the true warriors who came before ... along with all of us across the land cheering them on.

On behalf of all the partners: Assembly of First Nations Office of Regional Chief Morley Googoo, Waterfront Development, Ulnooweg Development Group Inc., Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Centre, Sail Training International, the Gulden Leeuw and Three Things Consulting, we proudly introduce to you: the **Msit No'Kmaq: All My Relations Warriors of the Red Road at Sea.**



# Jessica Cutler

Jessica is a 23 year old member of the Miawpukek First Nation. She grew up in St. George's NL, presently living in Corner Brook where she is a mother, student and a healthy lifestyle enthusiast. Currently finishing her last year at Grenfell University, Jessica is completing her degree in Environmental Studies, while also training to become a certified yoga teacher. Jessica has worked seasonally as a fish harvester with her family since the age of 12, and enjoys working outdoors and immersing herself in nature. Jessica hikes, fishes, camps and in the winter months, skis. She has been able to connect her cultural roots to every aspect of her life but feels that she is most connected spiritually, while spending time in nature. This is her key to a healthy body and mind.



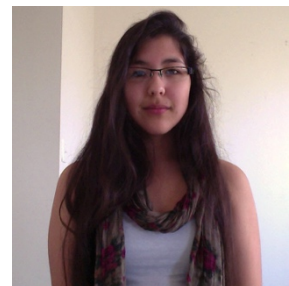
# Melanie-Rose Frappier



Making a positive difference in her community and across the country is Melanie-Rose's passion. Selected as a Youth Ambassador of Canada by the United States Embassy in 2013, Melanie-Rose spent three weeks on exchange in the United States, so the idea of being away from her community creating change isn't new to her. An Indigenous education activist & public speaker, Melanie-Rose is the Founder of "*It's Cool to be Healthy*" a local non-profit organization in her home community of Sudbury. Melanie-Rose was a Carrier of Youth Wisdom for the Rideau Hall Foundation in 2016. She is currently attending Laurentian University doing a double major in Health Promotion and Indigenous Studies at the University of Sudbury. Her francophone and Métis culture are very important to her and Mélanie-Rose is always looking for ways to attain cultural, spiritual and personal growth.

# Sierra Mclsaac

Sierra has spent her life travelling the land. Moving to the west coast and seeing the ocean for the first time had a profound impact - she is an adventurer, she will go far and see all the world had to offer. Moving to the east coast showed how important heritage is, and what a privilege and obligation it is to share our history. Moving north gave her a sense of home, a comfort living on the road rarely afforded. She is Ojibwe, Mohawk, Cree and Algonquin. Her teachings are Ojibwe, mostly, but the opportunity to learn from many different nations has cultivated her own identity. Sierra is a pastry chef by trade and chocolate is her future. She will continue her travels after her experience with Msit No'kmaq moving to Eastern Canada from Vancouver Island.



# Jada Sofea



I am 15 years old and Oji-Cree from Webequie First Nation. Our community is very remote, located 529 km away from Thunder Bay. I have lived in Webequie all my life and I love that I am from a community that is peaceful and has a rich sense of culture and language. We have Pow Wows, sweat lodges and night lodges, camping activities and our annual summer festivals. I have two younger siblings named Tanner and Eve.

I have just completed grade 10 and moving to grade 11 in September. I love being active and play a lot of different sports, as well as being a fancy shawl dancer. I like to learn a lot of things, going out into the bush and I love sleeping out on the land. It's a lot of work when you go out to the bush and my grandparents Irene and Enias have taught me a lot.

# Kailey Sager

*She:kon, Kailey yonkats tahnnon Kenteke Nikteron!* Hey, my name is Kailey Sager and I am from Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory. I am 16 and currently preparing for exams to finish my grade 11 year. Sports and culture are two of the biggest factors in my everyday life and I am beyond excited to learn about many more cultures - and how to sail. I am an active member in my community and a regular volunteer. I currently am working at Native Renaissance, a local store here on the Territory, while learning more about my community and culture. Nia:wen to the organizations partnering to make this project happen and for allowing me to become a warrior on this life changing journey.



# Brady Sager



I'm a Mohawk out of Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory and I am 16 years old. I've been involved in several other projects, including a cultural exchange and reconciliation project that brought me to the Arctic and as a Carrier of Youth Wisdom for the Rideau Hall Foundation, but never one quite this large. I'm extremely excited to put my physical gifts to the test as well as making new friends and connections. It'll be interesting – and quite challenging to be in such a unique environment with people I have never met, but I believe in 25 days on a boat together I'll connect to every person in some way.

# Taylor Behn-Tsakoza

Taylor is Echo Dene and Dunne Za, and is a member of the Fort Nelson First Nation in Northeastern British Columbia. She is currently in her third year of her Health and Physical Education degree at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta and hopes to work with an Indigenous sport organization after graduation. Taylor values her rich culture of which her mom and grandparents have instilled in her since birth.



# Steph Gould



I am 20 years old and from Membertou First Nation in Nova Scotia. I'm very responsible, independent, intelligent, generous, and a motivated individual. I come from a big family that includes Goulds, Marshalls, Bernards, and Basques.

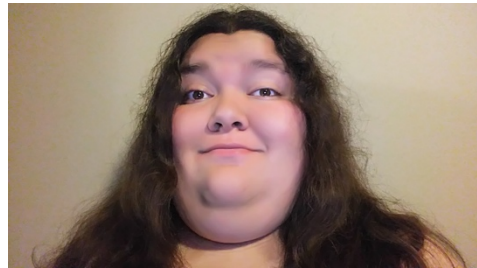
I love my community and I am very close with my family. I am the proud daughter of Arlene Googoo and Timmy Bernard and have 11 other siblings, including 2 step siblings. I have 2 godchildren, Jonah and Avery (Coco). I also have a nephew and niece, Zaiden and Alaiyah.

I love my culture, and going to sweats and smudging. I also enjoy doing activities like fishing, hunting, going on hikes, playing hockey and baseball on my free time. I work at the Membertou Youth Center and Membertou Entertainment Center. I love working with kids and I get along easily with everyone.



# Cheyenne Wood

I'm 18 years old, born and raised in Kingston, Ontario where I feel it's my home sweet home. I'm currently finishing my grade 12 year. My father, Don, is Mi'kmaq from Bear River, Nova Scotia. My mother, Helen, is of Italian and Irish decent. While my father grew up away from his community, I have found myself reconnecting with our culture throughout numerous learning experiences offered to me through my school, Pathways to Education and other local organizations. From a young age, I've been drawn towards volunteering and leadership opportunities, where I got the chance to learn about other people and cultures. This trip is going to be a huge learning experience where I hope to gain experience as a leader, a friend, and as a Mi'kmaq woman.



# Jaden Christopher



I am a 17 year old Mi'kmaq youth who lives in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, with my parents and our Belgian Shepherd. Throughout high school, I have enjoyed competing on varsity teams for soccer, basketball and table tennis, and I have also played Tier-1 club soccer for the several years, as a goalkeeper. Besides sports, I love outdoor activities, including hiking, camping and snowboarding. In general, I'm a pretty social person, and I love to laugh. I have thoroughly enjoyed my high school years, and following my upcoming graduation, I am looking forward to studying Business at University starting in September.

# Rose Michael

I am 16 years old and from Indian Brook First Nation (Sipekne'katik), Nova Scotia. I am a grade 10 student at Hants East Rural High School. I have been heavily involved in Sea Cadets for nearly five years. I am a Petty Officer Second Class at my Corp but soon to be a Petty Officer First Class (PO1). I love being on the water and that goes hand in hand with my Mi'kmaw roots. I am a very active person and I love sports such as basketball, soccer, volleyball and most of all, sailing. My dream is to be in the Navy when I get older and if not that, then possibly the Marine Corp. In my family I have 11 siblings, (4 older brothers and the rest are all younger than me), so at our house, it's always pretty busy!



# Tyleigh Shanice Buffalo



My Cree name is peysakastew (sunrise) and I am 17 years old and recently graduated from high school on the honor roll and I have been accepted into College for Business Administration. I've travelled to many different places, and was always fascinated with different cultures and traditions I was encountering, which made me intrigued to see more of the world.

At the beginning of my junior high years I discovered rock music. I was introduced by my music teacher, who gave me an opportunity to sing in his school rock band and I continue to sing in the band. I also carry my cultural traditions and sing at ceremonies such as round dances, powwows, and to pay my respects to those in need.

I was taught it was important to have knowledge of my Cree culture and my kokum took me to sweats and taught me the Cree language so I would be able to pass it down to other generations. I have found my place on this earth and feel it is important to have a strong connection to the Grandfathers we pray to and the creator who guides us in life during our tough times.

# Arden Bernard

Arden Bernard is an 18 year old Mi'kmaq from Eskasoni First Nation, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. He completed his first year of University in April at the Cape Breton University, Sydney, Nova Scotia. He is enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts Community Studies program. Arden's parents are Allison & Miranda Bernard and a younger brother of Ashton Bernard. Arden is physically active and enjoys playing all sports especially hockey over the winter months. Arden is an avid outdoorsman who loves to hunt and fish. He was raised to speak his Mi'kmaq language and to be proud of his Mi'kmaq culture. He continues to live a healthy lifestyle and is willing to take on any challenges.



# Karrie Sock

15 year old Karrie lives in Elsipogtog First Nation, New Brunswick and has 5 siblings ranging in age from 2 to 25 years old. Growing up with a big family has helped to make



her into the strong independent, adventurous and outgoing person she has become. She stays involved in her community and plays many sports including hockey and volleyball. Karrie has always dreamed to join the army.

Her hard work and dedication are some of the qualities that will most certainly bring her far in life and by sharing her knowledge from this opportunity with other native youth from across Canada, this experience will equally, help her grow.

## Megan Dicker

Megan Dicker is a passionate Inuk youth from Nain, Nunatsiavut (Newfoundland and Labrador). Megan has recently graduated from Jens Haven Memorial School and plans to attend Memorial University of Newfoundland with a focus on Geography and Linguistics. She strives to speak fluent Inuktitut and has been avidly learning since last year. As a youth representative for her home region of Nunatsiavut, Megan has traveled nationwide, speaking of enhancing Indigenous education, language revitalization, and working towards healthy and sustainable communities. She loves to share about her hometown of Nain and of her Inuit culture through social media outlets. Megan is thrilled to journey across the Atlantic with other Indigenous youth and is looking forward to working with youth from across the country.



## Billy P. Martin Gould



I am 17 years old and have 7 siblings and they're all amazing and make me smile - even though they could be annoying sometimes. I'm so thankful that they support me with the mind set I have towards my future, including wanting to become a barber. After I have a lot of experience I want to become a master barber that to teach others about barbering.

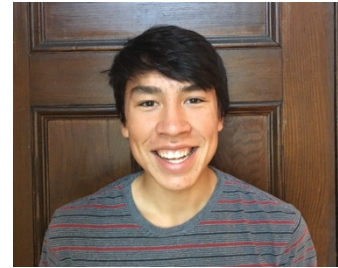
Faith is important to me. At night, before bed, I read the Holy Bible and it gives me a better connection with God and the Holy Spirit and I feel God's presence around me and it is so amazing to feel that.

In my free time I love helping community members with what they need help with/ whether it's helping an individual or a community activity, like being chaperone. I'm thankful for having a small community because it gives me a better chance to be productive and have these opportunities.

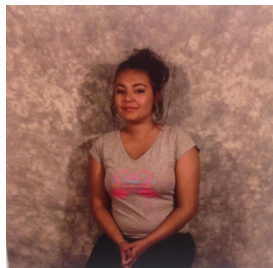


# Denzel Sutherland-Wilson

I grew up in Anspayaxw (Kispiox), an ancient Gitksan village, where the Skeena and Kispiox Rivers meet. I am a member of the Fireweed Clan, Wilp Ts`Basa. I am now attending my second year of McGill University, and am enrolled in a Bachelor of Commerce, with an International Business specialty, and a minor in Anthropology. I am currently completing a semester abroad in Aotearoa (New Zealand), where I have been very inspired by the Maori Language and Culture Revitalization. One of my personal goals after I complete my formal education, is to return to Anspayaxw and help with sustainable economic development that doesn't compromise the core values of the Gitksan people. I also want to learn to speak Gitksanimx fluently. I was raised on the river fishing and working as a river guide, and look forward to having a chance to learn about sailing and the ocean. T'yooyaxsi'y 'Niin.



# Elisha Merasty



My name is Elisha Merasty, I am 17 years old. I am from Flying Dust First Nations but currently live in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. I am attending my senior year of high school at Bedford Road Collegiate, and plan on going to university to study Psychology and Social Work. I hope to soon one day open a 24/7 youth drop in center, for the youth of Saskatoon to go to in a time of need. I grew up in multiple homes across Saskatchewan, and I realize now that the way I was brought up, no child should have to bear that kind of neglect. So, to that I dedicate everything that I am to helping youth today who are going through what I had to endure. My past doesn't define me, my future does.

# Tanner Gallant

Hey there! I like to be active with sports, singing and recording in the studio and I loves animals! I live in Lennox island First Nation and I love being native and learning all about my culture. I am a very spiritual, positive and nice person. I love myself and am starting to find what I like to do now that I am on a clean straight road and though I have had some challenges, I am currently almost three months clean. I thank the Creator every day when I wake up and I am looking forward for this amazing opportunity on this ship!!



# Logan Gargan



I am a 17 year old from Fort Providence, Northwest Territories, and member of Deh Gáh Go'tie Dene First Nation. I have two young brothers and one older sister and am going into Grade 11 in the fall. My parents are still pretty traditional and my Dad still hunts. My favourite foods are moose, fish and duck. I still can't believe that I am going on this adventure and I am really looking forward to it. As much as I am excited, I am a bit scared about being in the middle of ocean and not seeing any land. It's gonna be fun and scary at the same time.

# Mackenzie Bishop

Mackenzie is a 24-year-old queer mixed-race Anishinaabe woman from Walpole Island, Bkejwanong Territory. She is a third-year student majoring in film and foreign languages at Huron College (Western University) in London, Ontario, and previously studied fine arts at Emily Carr University of Art and Design in Vancouver, B.C. She is currently fluent in English, intermediate in French and Japanese, and beginner in Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe) and Hungarian. Her passions include Indigenous language revitalization and art, particularly animation and comics.



# Cheyenne Oakley-Paul



My name is Cheyenne Paul I'm 17 years old, I'm from Eskasoni First Nation, Nova Scotia. My parents are Nancy Oakley and John Paul. A few things about myself would include that I come from a big family and I have a twin brother! I took part in Aboriginal in Business Program, and participating in sports has been a big part of my life. I've been attending the same judo club since I was around 8 years old, and I'm

also on my schools track, soccer, and badminton teams. In July I'll be attending the North American indigenous Games held in Toronto where I'll be representing team Nova Scotia for track and field.

# Ryan Toney

Taliaq .... Ryan Ji'j lives on an island, Cape Breton, where his ancestors have lived for thousands of years. Here's a sailors 'yarn.' It was Christmas Day, 2002 and one of Ryan's gifts was a boat. At over a foot long, it was too big for the bathtub. While his mom made Christmas dinner, he decided to launch his boat in our pool. Like a ninja he slipped outside and straight to the pool, reached way down to launch his boat and fell in. He busted through the thin ice into the waste deep water. When she heard tapping on the front door she opened it to see four year old Ryan Ji'j standing there soaking wet and shivering.



Once at sea he may share how he won the "Energizer Bunny" award during his grad trips. He plays tournament basketball and sometimes shoots hoops at 2 a.m. under the street light or playing golf or surfing. When Ryan Ji'j sets his mind to pursuing his interests he'll give his team or crew, his best. He's a humble guy who'll tell you simply, "They call me Tony!"

# Jonathan Lidd



I am an Inuit youth who lives in a Self-Governing Land Claim's called Nunatsiavut. I am 19 years old and I'd like to think that I've accomplished quite a bit in my short time as a youth. I have two brothers and three sisters and I am the 2nd youngest and the 2nd to have successfully graduated High School.

Since I was 15 years old I have been traveling to many unique and cool places such as PEI, Greenland, New York City and soon France. I've always enjoyed traveling and meeting new people.

I am perceived to be a shy person to some people, but I like to listen and observe things first, then open up to everything. And I think that is how the Inuit are and were, because living in such a remote area, there is a lot of rugged land and water to learn from in order to survive. So that is where my quietness comes from. Lastly, I am trying to pursue my dream, which is to find a career working in the Torngat Mountains National Park, because it is such a beautiful and peaceful place. There I feel that I am at home and my spirit feels free.

# Hannson Paul

Hannson Paul lives in Hammonds Plains, NS and is a Mi'kmaw from the Acadia First Nation. Hannson has been involved with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets for the past 7 years where he was a Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class, the highest rank possible, and is presently a civilian instructor with the program. As a youth leader, Hannson was awarded the top Sea Cadet in Nova Scotia in 2016 and continues to lead cadets in the sailing program. Hannson learned to sail Echos and 420s through the cadet program and attained CANSail Level 5 and is a CANSail Level 2 Instructor. When not on the water sailing Hannson can be found at the local hockey rink either playing or officiating as a Level III hockey referee. Hannson has finished two years of study at Dalhousie University and will return to school in the fall.



# A Velez



**Kwe'!** I am a Qalipu Mi'kmaq youth from Corner Brook, Newfoundland. I am 21 years old, and I am studying International Development and Gender Studies at the University of Ottawa.

I grew up not knowing that I was Indigenous, but since finding out, I have been doing everything I can to reclaim my heritage. The Msit No'kmaq Sail Training Program is an exciting next step in a lifelong journey of walking the Red Road and living the Seven Grandfathers teachings. I am eager to meet my fellow Trainees so that we can all learn from the ocean and one another to become our best selves.

# Camryn Sock

Camryn Sock is a proud Mi'kmaw young women from Eskasoni First Nation. She is an enthusiastic and hardworking individual and very involved in her community through her hours of community service and involvement in various clubs in her school. Camryn has been involved in educating non-Mi'kmaq people about her culture and community.



# Kimberley Googoo



Hello, my name is Kimberly Googoo. I am 17 years old, living in the We'koqma'q First Nation reserve. I attend the We'koqma'q Mi'kmaq School and will enter grade 12 this fall.

# Alassua Hanson

My name is Alassua Hanson. I was born in Iqaluit Nunavut. I am an Inuk of the Nunavut Agreement. I am raised by my mom. My brother lives with us but he is away at college for two years. I am currently in grade 10. I am a throat singer, drum dancer, singer and song writer. I play the fiddle, and acoustic guitar. I love to share my culture by doing performances. In the summer time, I am a Junior Instructor for our Iqaluit Music Society. I help teach throat singing, drum dance and the fiddle.



I have travelled far and wide in my young age with in Canada and even overseas. I am a Sergeant in the 795 Air Cadet Squadron. I travelled with the Air cadets to The Struggle for Europe Tour. I went to Belgium, Berlin, France, and German. I got to Throat sing at Vimy Ridge and Juno Beach! I was also one of the Carriers of Youth Wisdom and an Alumni of Students on Ice. I look forward to meeting you all. Nakurmiik (thank you in Inuktitut)

# Aileen Searson



Aileen Searson is an adventurous young woman from the Lac La Ronge Indian Band. In the fall, she will enter her second year of university for the fine arts at the University of Saskatchewan. Aileen is interested in all artistic things, like painting, dancing, and singing, but especially acting. Her goals while embarking on this once in a life time trip are to make lifelong friendships and work hard.



# Ashton Mark Rose

Ashton Mark Rose is a 16 year old Wolastoqiyik from Saint Mary's First Nation in New Brunswick. Ashton currently lives in Halifax with his parents Sarah Rose & Brian Dorey, along with his siblings Holly, Caleb, Rhea and Sophia. He attends Charles P Allen School. In 2012 Ashton participated in the Canadian delegation to Norway with CISV Canada and he is excited to build on this experience by embarking on this exciting adventure across the Atlantic. Ashton thinks that retracing, after 525 years, the trip Columbus made to North America is as historic as the original trip and that This event will provide for new learning and leadership opportunities which will shape the future. Ashton also thanks two-spirited First Nation community leader, Councillor Allan Polchies Jr. for paving the way for two-spirited youth leaders.



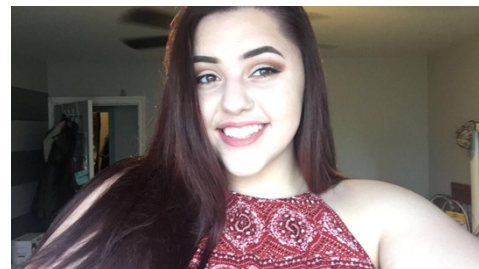
# Brett Marko-Wolftail



Born and raised in a small town in the Yukon called Watson Lake, I spent most of my early days in the same way your average boy would: working hard in school but playing harder outside. Nowadays though at the relative young age of eighteen I would rather spend the evening with a cup of milk and a good book for company. While I do prefer being in solitude, I will break it for friends and adventure. Like many young people, I don't like writing about myself, so, that's about it. (For now!)

# Charity Doucette

Charity Doucette is 18 years old and soon to be rewarded a high school diploma. She plans on attending Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University, studying Design. She is looking forward to an exciting future after graduation and is going to take any opportunity she has to explore the world and all it has to offer. The world is her oyster.



# Phil Truchon



I am a 22-year-old from a small town in the heart of Muskoka, Ontario. I grew up with a love of the outdoors, with hobbies that include hunting, camping, boating, canoeing and fishing. In the winter, I enjoy skiing and ice fishing. I am looking forward to this adventure as an opportunity to challenge myself and, through that, to learn more about both who I am and my native heritage, before returning to complete my Mechanical Engineering degree at the University of Waterloo. I have recently completed my scuba diving certification and participated on a team that designed a human-powered submarine for an international competition.

# Dakota Francis

My name is Dakota Francis, I am a Mik'maw from Pictou Landing First Nation Reserve in Nova Scotia. I am twenty-three years old and am a student at St. Francis Xavier (StFX) University. I am really excited to do this tall ship project because sailing is something I really enjoy. I want to be able to improve on my skills and learn new things. This is an experience of a lifetime and even though it would be hard work, I would like to be able to say that I have done this. I also think that this project will help me develop into a better person by making me resilient, patient, and brave.



# Rosalie LaBillois



Rosalie LaBillois is daughter to Glenda and Gordon LaBillois from Eel River Bar Mi'gmaq First Nation, New Brunswick. Rosalie just finished her 2nd year at the University of New Brunswick and recently celebrated her 20th birthday. She is the Gespe'g District representative for the Mi'gmaq Maliseet Atlantic Youth Council. Her love for her culture and people has taken her all across the country crossing paths of many great people. Rosalie is hoping to become a great leader for her people!.

# Brennan Googoo

My name is Brennan Googoo. I am a proud 20 year old Mi'kmaq youth aspiring to be a leader and positive role model for Aboriginal youth!



I am passionate about learning my traditional Mi'kmaq language and practices, as well as learning from other Aboriginal cultures around the world. My life goal is to show Aboriginal youth that there is a larger world out there than "the rez".

I want to educate Aboriginal youth through my experiences and lead by example, inspiring youth to get out there, explore, learn, and live life to the fullest.

# Brian Phillips



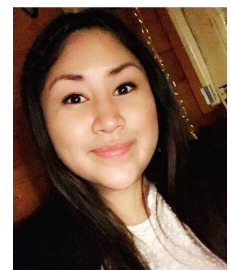
My name is Brian Phillips, I am 17 years old and live in We'koqma'q with my two sisters and my mother. I am attending We'koqma'q Mikmaw School. In September, I will be in grade 12.

I am a part of the Red Road Project, and I am a Youth Councillor in We'koqma'q. I think this would be an awesome experience because it is my first time on a tall

ship. I'm very open to try new things, and this trip is going to be one that I will never forget. Thinking about this trip make me very nervous and kind of scared - but at the same time, I can not wait. This will be a great opportunity to learn something new, and meet new people.

# Kyra Harris

I am North Slavery/Kasho Gotine from Fort Good Hope, Northwest Territories but lived in Fort Simpson, NT most my life. Growing up I lived in many places which gave me a lot of opportunities to learn and gain a lot of knowledge. I have always been adventurous and liked living out of my suitcase. I have volunteered in Mato, Peru with Canada World Youth in the Indigenous Youth program for 6 weeks and it was one of the most rewarding experiences I had the opportunity to take. I also, finished 2 semesters with Dechinta Bush University accredited through University of Alberta. I will be attending NAIT this fall in Edmonton, Alberta taking Business Administration.



# Cassidy Mckillop

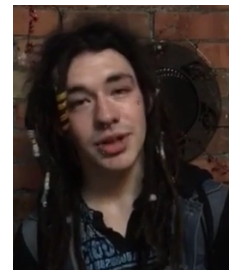


Hello. I'm Cassidy Mckillop. I identify as First Nation and my family is from Lennox Island First Nation but I live off reserve. I just finished up grade 11 and will be going into grade 12 in the fall. I love to draw; it's one of my favourite hobbies. I also play softball with West Royalty Rockets, to keep myself busy during the summer.

One of my main goals, after high school is to travel and have adventures. That's why I am so thankful to be accepted into this program and have this opportunity, because how can you pass up this kind of opportunity. It's amazing!

# Paddy Davisson

Paddy Davisson is a status member of the Makah Nation from Neah Bay, Washington. He has made St. John's, Newfoundland his home since 2012. Paddy is a lifelong lover of nature, adventure, and learning. He embraces his identity as a Makah, who are a traditionally seafaring people, and he is also descended from the Nuu-chah-nulth, Cowichan, Quileute, Passamaquoddy, and Métis. Paddy is currently involved in community through the St. John's Native Friendship Centre, and participates each year in events such as National Aboriginal Day, the Miawpukek Powwow at Conne River, and the annual "In Her Name" vigil for Missing and Murdered Women and Girls of NL.



# Chelsea Edwards



Chelsea Jane Edwards is a 21 year old award-winning Indigenous rights activist from the Attawapiskat Cree First Nation in northern Ontario. She has established an international reputation as a champion for the education rights of First Nations children in Canada and has Co-Founded the Shannen's Dream campaign in 2010. This allowed her to speak about the inequalities our Indigenous youth still face across this country and to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child

in Geneva, Switzerland.

Knowing the importance of education, Chelsea has received her Policing Diploma at the Atlantic Business College in Fredericton, New Brunswick. She is also hoping to further her education to study Indigenous issues and in Human Rights where she is passionate in.