

Oshki-Wenjack: Two Decades of Empowering First Nations through Holistic Education

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THE WENJACK EDUCATION INSTITUTE

For over 20 years, Oshki-Pimache-O-Win: The Wenjack Education Institute (Oshki-Wenjack) has been at the forefront of innovating and delivering, quality post-secondary educational programs to the 49 Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities. President Lorrie Deschamps emphasized, "We provide wholistic adult education solutions, focusing on delivering degrees after certificates, and diplomas to First Nations students within a safe and supportive environment that embraces and integrates cultural elements onto our campus."

Oshki-Wenjack's offerings encompass a spectrum of educational opportunities, including college access programs, post-secondary certificates, and diplomas, all delivered through their Thunder Bay campus.

Annual General Meeting Highlights:

Today, on January 17, 2024, Oshki-Wenjack hosted its Annual General Meeting, a pivotal event that brought together the Governing Council members, NAN Executives, provincial and federal representatives and Oshki-Wenjack staff. The meeting was conducted both in-person at the Delta Hotel and Conference Centre in Thunder Bay and virtually, ensuring broad accessibility for all engaged parties, communities, and general public.

During the meeting, crucial aspects such as the 2021-2022, 2022-2023 Financial Statements and the new 5-Year Strategic Plan were thoroughly discussed. Adding to the significance of the occasion, Laurie DePerry, an accomplished student with Diplomas in Social Service Worker – Indigenous Specialization and Indigenous Wellness and Addictions Prevention, took the podium. Delivering a compelling presentation titled 'Oshki-Wenjack: Where Students Thrive,' Laurie, currently pursuing a Bachelor of Social Work Degree, showcased the institution's dedication to continuous improvement in educational services.

Reflecting on the institution's rich history, President Lorrie Deschamps expressed pride, saying, "We're proud to have provided adult educational opportunities to the First Nations people for over 20 years and are excited about continuing to offer these services for the next 20."

Oshki-Wenjack remains dedicated to its mission of fostering educational excellence and wholistic growth within Indigenous communities, ensuring a brighter future for generations to come.

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About Oshki-Wenjack

Oshki-Wenjack has been a trailblazer in providing wholistic and culturally integrated education to the 49 Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities for more than two decades. With a commitment to excellence, Oshki-Wenjack continues to empower First Nations students through innovative programs and a supportive learning environment.

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