

Atuqtuarvik Corporation Celebrates its 2021 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 2021.

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.



Shelly O'Gorman, Cambridge Bay

Shelly is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Health Administration at Athabasca University. Shelly has an impressive background in Health already having graduated from a midwifery program in 2014 and then working as a Midwife at the Kitikmeot Regional Health Centre in Cambridge Bay. In 2019, Shelly became the Director of Health Programs. Shelly is a great role model for Inuit, and we applaud her dedication to her education in Health.



Hayley Locke, Arviat

Hayley is in her final year of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program at Nunavut Arctic College in Arviat. Hayley is bilingual in English and Inuktitut and has extensive knowledge in Inuit culture and Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit, which will be so beneficial for the students that she will teach. One of Hayley's goals is to help develop and improve curriculum after she gains experience in the classroom. Hayley is someone with a passion for teaching and will make great strides in her field of education.

Atuqtuarvik Corporation Nunavut Sivuniksavut Alumni Scholarship

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.

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Patricia Kablutsiak, Arviat

After graduating from the Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program, Patricia entered the Nunavut Teacher Education Program at Nunavut Arctic College in Arviat. She is now in her final year of studies and once she obtains her Bachelor of Education and gains some knowledge in the school system, she wants to pursue her master's degree. With her education and dedication to teaching, we know she will be an asset wherever she goes.



Saalia Pijamini, Grise Fiord

Saalia didn't have a typical linear path with her post-secondary education. Saalia attended Nunavut Sivuniksavut and she ended up having to put her education on hold to take care of her mother. Once she was able to, she returned to NS and completed the Program. Saalia is fully bilingual and hopes to teach students completely in Inuktitut. Saalia is entering her first year of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program in Iqaluit at Nunavut Arctic College. Her determination, and the care for her family, is an inspiration.

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.



Qaritaq Kusugak-Clark, Rankin Inlet

Qaritaq is entering his first-year program at Lake Forest College in Illinois. He will be studying Business and Psychology while playing hockey in the NCAA Division for the College Men's Team. His educational goal is to graduate with a degree in Business. Qaritaq graduated from high school with an Award of Distinction and was on the Honour Roll. He also played for three years with the Notre Dame Hounds Junior A Team in the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League. Upon completion of his Business degree, Qaritaq plans to come home to Nunavut to volunteer in the community. He wants to have a career in business, so he can help contribute to the Nunavut economy and thereby create more opportunities for Nunavummiut. Watch for him in the future.

Atuqtuarvik Corporation is proud to support Shelly, Hayley, Patricia, Saalia and Qaritaq in their post-secondary education!