

**Gabriel Dumont Institute  
Operational Highlights  
Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education (SUNTEP) Programs  
2007-2008**

**SUNTEP Regina  
2007-2008 Annual Report  
April 1, 2007—March 31, 2008**

**Location: University of Regina**

**Staff Complement:**

Joanne Pelletier	Coordinator
Lorri Melnechenko	Faculty
Christina Johns	Faculty
Russell Fayant	Faculty
Erma Taylor	Clerk Steno

SUNTEP welcomed new faculty member, Lorri Melnechenko to the Regina program in July 2007. Lorri brings eighteen years of experience as a classroom teacher, and school-based administrator. Lorri is another SUNTEP Regina graduate, making a total of four SUNTEP graduates that SUNTEP Regina currently has working for the program. In addition to the full-time staff, the program also employed approximately thirty sessional instructors, faculty advisors, lab coaches, and tutors over the course of the academic year.

**Student Update:**

	<b>Total</b>
Year 1	18
Year 2	12
Year 3	8
in Year 4	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

**2008 Graduates**

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual SUNTEP Regina Graduation ceremony was held at the Delta Regina on Friday, June 6, 2008. The gathering included approximately 200 family, friends, students and invited guests. The theme for the graduation was "*...cherish our heritage for future generations.*"

This year's graduates were:

Gratton, Candace  
Heichert, Deb (FN)  
Issac, Denise (FN)  
Janzen, Logan  
Laforte, Allison\*  
Laplante, Brenna\*  
Lefebvre, Megan\*

McKay, Justin  
Montgrand, Winston  
Parr, Allison\*  
Pritchard, Patricia\*  
Roy, Sylvie\*  
Seida, Deana\*  
Spencer, Brianne

\*Graduated with Distinction (average 80% or better)

Awards and Scholarships presented at the graduation included:

- The *David Amyotte Scholarship* was presented to Brenna LaPlante.
- The *Sharing the Warmth Award* went to Allison Parr
- Métis Sashes in SUNTEP and University of Regina colours were presented to the students.
- Leather briefcases handmade by SUNTEP staff were also presented to the graduates

### **Student Employment**

Of the recent graduates, thirteen are employed full time, and one is substitute teaching. Graduates are employed in a variety of positions including classroom teacher, youth care worker, and emergency medical technician.

## Student Achievement/Awards/Scholarships

<b>Fall 2007</b>		
Year 2	Nicole-Anne Morrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Gold Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
	Jed Huntley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Jessica Wesaquate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
Year 3	Kyle Dumont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Jim Burnett Athletic Award in Wrestling</i></li> </ul>
	Holly Minovitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
	Jessica Parr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> <li>• <i>Academic Gold Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
	Ashley Strom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> </ul>
Year 4	Sylvie Roy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
	Deana Kempel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Brenna LaPlante	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> </ul>
	Megan Lefebvre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>C.D. Howe Mature Student Achievement Award</i></li> </ul>
	Patricia Pritchard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> </ul>
<b>Winter 2008</b>		
Year 1	Alison Kimbley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
	Tiu Rettman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Derek McCrae	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>CUPE Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Ashley Norton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
Year 2	Lucas Blondeau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Leah Corbett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Brittany Johns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Jed Huntley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
	Erin Kramer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Nicole Morrow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>

	Coralee Starlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Jessica Wesaquate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
	Jade Yee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dean's List</i></li> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
Year 3	Kyle Dumont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Provincial Sport Governing Body Student Athletic Award</i></li> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>University of Regina Aboriginal Athletic Award</i></li> </ul>
	Holly Minovitch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> <li>• <i>CIC Aboriginal Bursary</i></li> </ul>
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	Allison Leforte	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Megan Lefebvre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Justin McKay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Allison Parr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>
	Patricia Pritchard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Academic Silver Scholarship</i></li> </ul>

### **Program Highlights**

Orientation for eighteen new students was held August 28, 2007. Students were given an opportunity to meet and interact with fellow students and faculty, were introduced to the university environment, were given a program overview, and were told about the expectations placed on SUNTEP students.

The Off Campus Residential Experience (OCRE) for third-year students was held during the first week of September in order to capitalize on the nice weather. Students visited Grasslands National Park, the St. Victor Petroglyphs, Willowbunch and other local Métis historical sites.

Second-year students participated in a research trip to Winnipeg as part of the Métis history (INDG221) class. While in Winnipeg, students research their genealogies at the Hudson's Bay Company Archives and at the St.

Boniface Historical Society. Students also visited many local historical sites, such as Riel House, Louis Riel's gravesite, Lower Fort Garry, and the St. Boniface Museum, and stopped at Connie's Corner Café for the famed BBLT (Bannock, baloney, lettuce and tomato) sandwich.

The annual SUNTEP Regina Christmas Party was held at the University of Regina's Riddell Centre on December 14. Approximately 250 students, staff, family and friends were in attendance for the potluck meal. The Year IV students traditionally host this event, and had activities for the children, which included handing out goodie bags, and a visit and picture with Santa Claus.

SUNTEP students and faculty attended the annual *Celebrating Outstanding Academic Achievement* reception hosted by the Faculty of Education. Of the 183 students who received awards, nine were SUNTEP students.

Third-year SUNTEP students participated in a tipi raising workshop, conducted by Elder Glen Anaquod. Modules such as this one prepare students to work confidently with Elders in future teaching placements.

**SUNTEP Saskatoon and Gabriel Dumont College (GDC)  
2007-2008 Annual Report  
April 1, 2007—March 31, 2008**

**Location: University of Saskatchewan**

**Staff Complement:**

Murray Hamilton	Coordinator
Nicole Amiotte	Faculty
Linda Lysyck	Faculty
Kenneth Kutz	Faculty
Ruth Daniels	Clerk Steno

This year, SUNTEP/GDC Saskatoon and its partners reached new milestones. A new five-year SUNTEP agreement was concluded between the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI), the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina. The University of Saskatchewan also marked its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with several academic forums and special events being held.

Prospective student interviews for the upcoming year were held the first week of June, 2007. All applicants, who submit the required documents, are granted an interview. Membership on the committee and the selection criteria are prescribed by GDI and the College of Education.

The summer months are generally spent planning the implementation of SUNTEP and GDC courses for the coming year.

SUNTEP Saskatoon staff, faculty, and students continue to organize a variety of social events, fundraising initiatives and educational forums which serve to increase the student's educational experience at the University of Saskatchewan.

Orientation for new students was held September 7, 2007, and in keeping with SUNTEP tradition all first-year students—accompanied by faculty and staff along with several upper-year students—once again enjoyed an inspirational visit to Batoche.

Another highlight of the year was the opportunity for staff and students to attend a special presentation by noted educator, Alfie Kohn. In February, the second-year SUNTEP students, along with a few GDC students, once again journeyed to the Hudson's Bay Company Archives in Winnipeg. This field trip is part of a Métis history course, and is intended to provide the students with an opportunity to visit Louis Riel's grave site, Riel House, Upper and Lower

Fort Garry, La Fourche (the Forks), the Métis Resource Centre, the St. Boniface Historical Society, and many other Métis-related sites.

SUNTEP Saskatoon continued its international flavour by hosting Anja Goetze, another visiting student from the University of Greifswald in Germany. SUNTEP Saskatoon was also fortunate to dialogue with Bob Morgan and Dr. John Maynard, two Aboriginal academics from Australia.

The most significant aspect of the SUNTEP program is the students' introduction to teaching. Nicole Amiotte arranges for the first-year students to visit several alternate learning environments. These visits allow the students to begin the integration of practice and theory. The exposure to in-school experiences is one of the strengths of the program as it prepares the student for the diversity of educational settings which they may encounter.

Nicole Amiotte entered SUNTEP Saskatoon in 1991, and graduated in 1995. After graduating, Nicole taught in Wollaston Lake and later at Waterhen Lake First Nation. Seeking a new challenge, she began teaching adult education in Regina for the Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) in 1998. After a few years, she began teaching for DTI Saskatoon.

With the retirement of a SUNTEP Saskatoon faculty member, SUNTEP Saskatoon actively recruited Nicole to accept a faculty position. Utilizing her experience, as a former student and knowledge acquired through teaching, often in difficult circumstances, Nicole has not only continued to maintain, but improve upon the teaching objectives and philosophy of SUNTEP Saskatoon. This year, in addition to organizing several off-campus educational experiences, she organized a series of jigging workshops. Nicole is an exemplary and consummate professional who has done much to expand the intellectual horizons of her students. It is often said that SUNTEP is one big family. Nicole Amiotte's journey is a story of individual achievement and a commitment to our collective aspirations.

Graduates for this year were:

Kyle Blanchard  
Melanie Chalifour  
Aidan Fremont  
Amy Gallagher  
Alaina Gillespie-Meise  
Brandie Heppner  
Elvis Kambeitz  
Tiffany LaPlante  
Denis Lavergne

Alicia Lavoie  
Desiree MacAulay  
Rhonda Neudorf  
Josey Ross  
Kristian Roy  
Mika Settee Usiskin  
Amaranta Sokol  
Delaney Tait  
Steven Vandenheuvel

**SUNTEP—Prince Albert  
Annual Report  
April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008**

**Location:** GDI Centre, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

**Staff Complement:**

Michael Relland	Coordinator
Leah Dorion	Faculty
Bente Huntley	Faculty
Sandy Sherwin-Shields	Faculty
Corey Teeter	Faculty
Liza Brown	Faculty
Donna Biggins	Admin Support

**Student Update:**

As of September 1, 2007, we had a total enrolment of ninety-four students, enrolled as follows:

Year One:	27
Year Two:	24
Year Three:	27
Year Four:	16

**Centre Activities:**

In June of 2007, thirty-four students were selected to enter into the program beginning in the fall, and on August 30, all first-year students attended an orientation session for in-coming students. As part of their orientation, all first-year students spent Friday, August 31 at Batoche.

Orientation for first-year students was followed up by SUNTEP Prince Albert's annual Fall Cultural Camp on September 5, 6 and 7, 2007 at Camp Kinasao at Christopher Lake. This year's camp was very successful, and included numerous resource people and Métis and First Nations Elders such as Maria Campbell, Vivian Mabry, Danny Musqua, Cecil King, Vikki Wilson and Sally Milne. This year, we were joined by a number of university faculty who attended the camp as participants.

Classes officially began on Monday, September 10, 2007. Nearly all of SUNTEP Prince Albert's sessional instructors are local people. We also

welcomed Corey Teeter, a former graduate, as our most recent faculty member. Corey is currently enrolled as a graduate student with the University of Saskatchewan. He instructed first-year SUNTEP courses this past year.

Term one classes ended on November 30, 2007 with term one exams being held from December 3 to December 14. SUNTEP closed on December 21 for the Christmas holidays, and reopened on January 2, 2008 with classes for all students resuming on January 3, 2008.

Every second week throughout the year, SUNTEP hosts professional or cultural workshops for its students. This year's workshops included a Métis Dance Workshop, Project Wild/Project Wet, and a Workshop on Youth Gangs, to name a few.

Under the leadership of Sandy Sherwin-Shields, who has been supervising our interns for the past two years, we are pleased to have initiated an Internship Pilot Project which began in the fall of 2007. This initiative was guided by an advisory committee which assisted in the development of a new internship handbook. This initiative proved to be well received, and the feedback that we received was overwhelmingly positive.

### **SUNTEP Graduation:**

Of the sixteen students who began their internship in the fall of 2007, fourteen successfully completed their practicum experience, and by the end of April met all of the requirements for graduation. This year's graduation ceremony was held at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre on May 16, 2008. Approximately 400 people gathered to honour the graduates.

### **SUNTEP GRADUATES**

Denise Dumais, Debden  
Heather Elliot, Prince Albert  
Deanna Forbes, Prince Albert  
Kimberly Kozus, Prince Albert  
Myra LaPonsee, South End  
Wendy Linklater, South End  
Sheldon Mauvieux, Prince Albert

Leanne Pilon, Prince Albert  
Jill Chenard, Big River  
Kezia Schrader, Prince Albert  
Jennifer L. Smith, Prince Albert  
Jennifer M. Smith, Pinehouse  
Jessica Straf, Prince Albert  
Julie Tournier, Duck Lake

Regular session classes ended on April 4, 2008, and exams were held April 7 to April 18. For obvious reasons, this time period is the busiest and most stressful for students.

Spring Session began on May 12 for all students. This year, Spring Session is scheduled to end on June 27. The centre is also currently preparing for next year's student intake. This year, intake interviews will be held on June 3, 4, and 5, 2008. In total, approximately sixty students will be interviewed for thirty available seats.

Although the 2007 Academic year presented a number of challenges, it was overall a rewarding year for SUNTEP Prince Albert.