

# NGPS students nominated for Ind

The Indigenous Shining Student Awards recognize First Nations, Métis or Inuit students who demonstrate leadership, perseverance and Indigenous pride.



Cohen  
Paul

Percy Baxter School

- Hockey Player
- Natural leader
- Strong work ethic

Cohen is a member of Percy Baxter's Leadership Program, plays on various school athletic teams and serves as a classroom representative on the Percy Baxter School Council. His interest in politics is evident in his commitment to ensuring that the voices of his peers are heard and represented. Cohen works hard to balance his academic studies and athletic pursuits. His strong work ethic and great attitude ensure his work always reflects his best efforts.



Kodan  
Whitehorse

Percy Baxter School

- Motivated
- Hard working
- Active living

Kodan takes many opportunities to be involved in the school community in a positive manner including participating in Percy Baxter's year-long Leadership Class. With a gift for making everyone feel comfortable and at ease, Kodan brings a different perspective to his class which is always respectful and inclusive of his peers and teachers. Kodan values a healthy lifestyle and participates on many of Percy Baxter's athletic teams where he has enjoyed great success in terms of skill acquisition, team interaction and leadership.



Layla  
Perrin

Percy Baxter School

- Team player
- Gymnastics coach
- Honour student

Layla is known for her exemplary work ethic and caring attitude. She takes accountability for her own success as a student and as a team player by consistently holding herself to a high standard. Layla is an honour student who is regularly recognized for her sense of citizenship and responsibility. Layla takes pride in her Métis heritage and in the service of others, constantly seeking ways to grow while keeping her cultural connection.



Koda  
Sawyer

Percy Baxter School

- Kind and compassionate
- Incredible work ethic
- Always goes above and beyond with her school work

Koda models strength and commitment in the pursuit of her personal education and embraces her own gifts, strength and potential wholeheartedly. She is kind and compassionate to everyone she meets and is a strong advocate for her needs within the classroom. Koda displays a sincere appreciation for Indigenous traditions and always sacrifices personal time to attain support and extra practice in challenging school subjects.



Renee  
Gray

Percy Baxter School

- Strong work ethic
- Natural leader
- Maintains strength under pressure

Renee is known by her teachers to have a strong work ethic and a positive attitude that is truly contagious. Her kindness towards others can be seen every day in her interactions with her peers and her commitment to making the world a better place through school initiatives like Orange Shirt Day and Pink Shirt Day. Renee's perseverance has helped her to balance school and social commitments while managing numerous competing priorities.

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**Noe  
Champagne**  
Percy Baxter School

- Positive outlook
- Fantastic student
- Breakfast Program volunteer

Noe is a thoughtful and resilient student whose positive outlook is reflected in his school work, his relationships and his consideration of others. Noe works hard to reach his academic goals and plays an enthusiastic role in the school's Leadership Club and Breakfast Program. He speaks proudly about his culture and enjoys sharing his cultural experiences with fellow students.



**Alannah  
Hamelin**  
Hillside Jr/Sr High

- Hard worker
- Community steward
- Positive role model

Alannah is a student who works hard to be successful both in and outside of school. She is involved in her community and participates in Pow Wow dancing and talent shows. At school, Alannah has demonstrated continuous improvement in her work ethic, attitude and interaction with others over the past three years. Her attendance and honesty are demonstrated daily. Her positive outlook serves as inspiration for her peers.



**Millie  
Alexis**  
Onoway Jr/Sr High

- Leads by example
- Committed student
- Works part-time in her community

Millie leads by example with a positive attitude and a commitment to working hard. She is acutely in tune with her Indigenous culture and is a responsible and reliable source of support for her parents, grandparents and community members. Millie earns honours in many subjects and received the Outstanding Indigenous Student award at Onoway Jr/Sr High School last year.



**David  
Cyr**  
Hillside Jr/Sr High

- Passion for the Arts
- Natural storyteller
- Respectful, kind and reflective

David Cyr is described by his teachers as a kind, modest, mature and talented student with a passion for the arts. David works tirelessly in pursuit of perfection on school projects enjoying Art, Drama and English the most. His eye for detail, expression, storytelling and aesthetics have informed his practice in both visual art and dramatic performances. David is always encouraging to his peers, thoughtful and reflective when he speaks and considerate in his interactions with others.

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## Congratulations all of our nominees!

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