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AFOA CANADA HONOURING RECIPIENTS OF 2017 POTASHCORP ABORIGINAL YOUTH FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Ottawa, ON-January 31, 2017 – AFOA Canada will recognize the 2017 recipients of the *PotashCorp Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards* on Wednesday, February 8 during a special luncheon at AFOA Canada’s 17th Annual National Conference in Calgary, Alberta.

The *PotashCorp Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards* will be presented to:

1. **ROBYN BLACK**, Mistawasis First Nation, Leask Community School, Leask, SK
2. **BRANDON HUDSON**, Bearskin Lake First Nation, Queen Elizabeth District High School, Sioux Lookout, ON
3. **CHRISTIAN WIGGER**, Saddle Lake Cree Nation, Old Scona Academic High School, Edmonton, AB

“PotashCorp has made a long-term commitment to invest in the futures of Aboriginal young people, helping them achieve the education and training they need to participate in the economy and make a difference in their communities,” said Leanne Bellegarde, PotashCorp’s Director of Diversity and Inclusion. *“This year’s award recipients are a talented group with the potential to accomplish great things.”*

“The accomplishment and drive shown by these students is commendable, they’re smart and they’re engaged. These are the students who will be making important future financial decisions for our communities. It is critical that we continue to provide mentorship and support their journey in learning financial management. With the generous support of PotashCorp, we have been successful in opening many doors for our Aboriginal youth.” states Terry Goodtrack, president and CEO of AFOA Canada.

Please note: Award winners are available for interviews prior to, or at the AFOA Canada National Conference.

About the Award

Launched in 2007, this award was created by AFOA Canada to address demand in our communities for Aboriginal financial management professionals. With the generous sponsorship and support of PotashCorp, we are celebrating 11 successful years!

The Awards are open to all Aboriginal youth in grades 11 and 12. Applicants are required to submit an essay which is reviewed and ranked by a selection committee.

Recipients will be flown to Calgary to participate in AFOA Canada's 17th Annual National Conference and special youth program. Students are introduced to career opportunities in financial management, meet financial management and academic professionals, as well as Aboriginal Leaders, and are provided with information on pursuing an education in financial management. All award recipients also become eligible for a \$5,000 scholarship.

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