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AFOA CANADA TO HONOUR THREE OUTSTANDING RECIPIENTS OF 2017 POTASHCORP ABORIGINAL YOUTH FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AWARDS

Ottawa, ON - September 21st 2017 – AFOA Canada will recognize three recipients of the *PotashCorp Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards* on Tuesday, October 3rd during a special luncheon at AFOA Canada's inaugural International National Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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

1. **Amelia Boissoneau**, Blaine Lake SK, Simon Fraser University, BC
2. **Brianna Francis**, Pictou Landing, North Nova Education Centre, NS
3. **Robert Monague**, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, St Mary's High School, ON

"I am both honoured and humbled to receive this award and opportunity. When students are enabled with tools, support and mentorship, it gives us a greater chance of success and drive. It's important that our voices are heard to assist in building our communities and serving ours and future generations. Thank you PotashCorp and AFOA Canada for supporting Indigenous Youth." Amanda Boissoneau, Blaine Lake, SK

"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 recipients are available for interviews prior to, or at the AFOA Canada International 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 our 12th Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards! 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 Vancouver to participate in AFOA Canada's Inaugural International 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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