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**AFOA CANADA TO HONOUR THREE OUTSTANDING RECIPIENTS OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NUTRIEN INDIGENOUS YOUTH FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AWARDS**

Ottawa, ON - September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – AFOA Canada will recognize three recipients of the **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards** on Wednesday, October 9th during a special luncheon at AFOA Canada's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Conference in Saskatoon, SK.

The **14<sup>th</sup> Annual Nutrien Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards** will be presented to:

1. **Elizabeth Gagné** – Harvest City Christian Academy, Regina, SK
2. **Nathan Headrick** – St. Mary's College, Garden River First Nation, ON
3. **Natalie Ward** – Bayside Academy, Port Hope Simpson, NL

*"I stand in a place of great appreciation to both AFOA Canada and Nutrien for offering this Youth Financial Management Award. Their belief in, and support of, Indigenous youth speaks volumes. It speaks vision with practical help in the form of funding and mentorship. It is an honour to be able to attend the AFOA Canada National Conference and I look forward to the opportunity to meet, network and hear from Indigenous business leaders from across the nation"* says Elizabeth Gagné, Regina, Saskatchewan

*"These three students are an example of the skill level within Indigenous youth today"* says Terry Goodtrack, President and CEO of AFOA Canada. *"We all have a role to play in supporting and mentoring these three students and other Indigenous youth who will be the finance and management leaders of tomorrow. With the generous support of Nutrien, we have been successful in opening many doors for our Indigenous youth."*

*Please note:* Award recipients are available for interviews prior to, or at AFOA Canada's 20<sup>th</sup> National Conference.

**About the Award**

Launched in 2007, this award was created by AFOA Canada to address demand in our communities for Indigenous financial management professionals. With the generous sponsorship and support of Nutrien, we are celebrating our 14th Annual Indigenous Youth Financial Management Awards! The Awards are open to all Indigenous 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 Ottawa to participate in AFOA Canada's 20<sup>th</sup> National Conference and special youth program. Students are introduced to career opportunities in financial management, meet financial management and academic professionals, as well as Indigenous 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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