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First Nations University of Canada's 10th Year Milestone Marked by Robust Growth in Enrollment

September 12, 2013- First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) marks its tenth anniversary with another year of robust growth in enrollment and expansion of its community-based programs. As of today, there are 755 registered FNUUniv students. This is a 15% increase year over year building on a 10% increase from 2011. In addition, each year, FNUUniv welcomes up to 4,000 students from FNUUniv's federated partner, the University of Regina as well as Campion and Luther College for classes.

FNUUniv is celebrating a decade as the First Nations University of Canada and of the opening of its iconic Regina Campus building by holding a full-day celebration to reflect the institution's proud history and the vision that brought it into being as the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College in 1976. In the afternoon, a traditional pow-wow will welcome back all of FNUUniv's students.

"The Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and the University of Regina showed immense leadership 37 years ago to create the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College. We honor that legacy as well as the legacy of the ancestors of this land who understood the importance of education and ensured that it was part of treaty rights. We are also here for the future generation be it my children or my great grandchildren," stated Juliano Tupone, Acting President and Vice-President, Finance and Administration.

"First Nations University of Canada continues to grow at its three campuses and through community-based program delivery," affirmed Dr. Lynn Wells, Vice-President Academic. "We are forming partnerships with communities across Saskatchewan to offer programs such as Indigenous education and university preparation. These programs speak to FNUUniv's commitment to offering high quality, accessible higher education in communities and on our campuses."

The students, faculty and staff come from many backgrounds to support the vision of the federated college: to provide an opportunity for students of all nations to learn in an environment of First Nations cultures and values.

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