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Media Release

Highlighting First Nation Students Mathematic Excellence with FNUUniv's Wiseman Contest

June 20, 2014 - The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) is pleased to highlight both the interest and excellence that First Nations youth are demonstrating in mathematics through their participation in FNUUniv's annual Wiseman Mathematics Contest. The initiative, designed to motivate young students in First Nations schools to learn math in a competitive environment, bears the distinction of being North America's first math contest developed for Aboriginal students.

"We are delighted with this year's response in participation as well as the special ways that the various schools celebrate the students who chose to participate in the contest," affirms Dr. Lynn Wells, FNUUniv Vice-President Academic. "I'd also like to acknowledge the dedication of FNUUniv Science Faculty member, Dr. Arzu Sardarli, for initiating this contest in 2008 and continuing to spearhead it."

"The Wiseman Math Competition is an excellent opportunity for First Nations students to showcase their math skills," said Pearleen Lachhab, Principal of Chamakese Education Center. "We were fortunate enough to have one student who got 100% in his Math test last year. The students enjoy the competition very much and are excited knowing they are competing against other First Nations students across the country."

The contest has become so popular that grade 6 students were also given the opportunity to participate; it also marks the first year that students from New Brunswick, representing Elsipogtog and Bouctouche First Nations, have registered.

The 2013 Wiseman Mathematics Contest winners are:

- **Lloyd S. King Elementary School (Ontario) - Grades 4, 5 and 6**
Elder Ken Goodwill Memorial Award
- **Eleanor W. Graham Middle School (New Brunswick) - Grade 6**
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- **Individual students who placed were from Witchekan Lake, Pelican Lake, and Cross Lake First Nations in Saskatchewan, and Long Plain First Nation in Manitoba**

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Wiseman Mathematics Contest 2013

Top Winners

Grade 4

1st Place

Student	School	Community	Province
Dayna Sault	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario

2nd Place

Student	School	Community	Province
Makayla King	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario
Steven LaForme	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario

3rd Place

Student	School	Community	Province
Christy Jo Thomas	Kisiskohk School	Witchehan Lake First Nation	Saskatchewan
Seth Murray	Kisiskohk School	Witchehan Lake First Nation	Saskatchewan

Grade 5

1st Place

Student	School	Community	Province
MacKenzie General	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario



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2nd Place

Student	School	Community	Province
Caleb Martin	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario

3rd Place

Student	School	Community	Province
Shaneil Roulette	Long Plain School	Long Plain First Nation	Manitoba

Grade 6

1st Place

Student	School	Community	Province
Regan Thomas	Chamakese Education Centre	Pelican Lake First Nation	Saskatchewan

2nd Place

Student	School	Community	Province
Aidan Paas	Mikisew Middle School	Cross Lake First Nation	Manitoba
Emma McGee	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario
Ian Kelly	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario
Sharlee Sock	Eleanor W. Graham Middle School	Elsipogtog and Bouctouche First Nations	New Brunswick



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3rd Place

Student	School	Community	Province
Alayna Blacksmith	Mikisew Middle School	Cross Lake First Nation	Manitoba
Brian Mazerolle	Eleanor W. Graham Middle School	Elsipogtog and Bouctouche First Nations	New Brunswick
Jada Levi	Eleanor W. Graham Middle School	Elsipogtog and Bouctouche First Nations	New Brunswick
Karrie Sock	Eleanor W. Graham Middle School	Elsipogtog and Bouctouche First Nations	New Brunswick
Skye Woods	Long Plain School	Long Plain First Nation	Manitoba
Madison White	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario

Elder Ken Goodwill Memorial Certificate

Grade	School	Community	Province
Grade 4	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario
Grade 5	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario
Grade 6	Eleanor W. Graham Middle School	Elsipogtog and Bouctouche First Nations	New Brunswick
Grade 6	Lloyd S. King Elementary School	Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation	Ontario