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REMEMBERING YOUR ROOTS

'Tis the season of giving, and what better way to give back than by paying it forward so others can access opportunities to progress their careers.

MITCH MERCREDI - 2023 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



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“ **Keyano** has had a positive impact in my career by changing what I had anticipated by life would look like. If I didn't have the post secondary education with Keyano College, I don't know where I'd be today...

It means a lot to give back and assist wherever we can - And it feels good!

-Chris '96



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MITCH MERCREDI - KEYANO'S 2023 DISTINGUISHED ALUM



At the 42nd Annual Keyano College Gala on November 04, Mr. Mitch Mercredi was named Keyano's 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. This award is given annually to alums who have garnered recognition for their remarkable achievements, and these individuals are celebrated for their leadership and industry knowledge that exemplifies their devotion to the college and the greater community.

Originally from Fort Chipewyan, Mercredi discovered his second home in Fort McMurray, where he has spent most of his life and career passionately advocating for the promotion of the richness of Indigenous culture. As a proud Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation member, Mercredi has emerged as a true leader dedicated to championing Indigenous businesses and entrepreneurs throughout the country. His efforts reflect a commitment to working to preserve and revitalize Indigenous cultural heritage and traditions.



He lives by the philosophy: **“We rise by lifting others,”** reflected in his daily interactions, particularly in his quest to enhance partnerships with Indigenous businesses and creators in Wood Buffalo.

Mercredi has maintained a profound connection to Keyano College since completing the College Preparation and Industrial Instrumentation Technology programs from 2000 to 2002. He has advocated for education and self-development, expanding his post-secondary journey and earning a degree in Civil Engineering from NAIT and an Executive MBA in Indigenous Business and Leadership from Simon Fraser University.

He has also volunteered with the Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association for over a decade and was a past President of the NAABA board. Through this and other ventures, he has worked tirelessly to advocate for reconciliation by empowering local Indigenous businesses and unlocking new opportunities for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit individuals and communities throughout the region. He has also contributed his athletic skills to the Men's Volleyball Team during his formative years at Keyano.

His mentorship extends to Indigenous youth in the Aboriginal Entrepreneur Program at Father Patrick Mercredi High School and the Composite High School. He has always worked to guide our local youth, giving them the courage to present their ideas without fear and the courage to take on the world. Consistently an inspiration through mentorship, he ensures youth express their opinions without fear and instills the confidence to overcome hardships and challenges.

We take great pride in recognizing Mercredi as our Distinguished Alumni this year, commending his outstanding leadership and engagement in local community organizations and initiatives. His dedication to mentorship and the advancement of Indigenous companies positions him as an exceptional changemaker, and we look forward to the progress he will continue to make within the community in the years to come.

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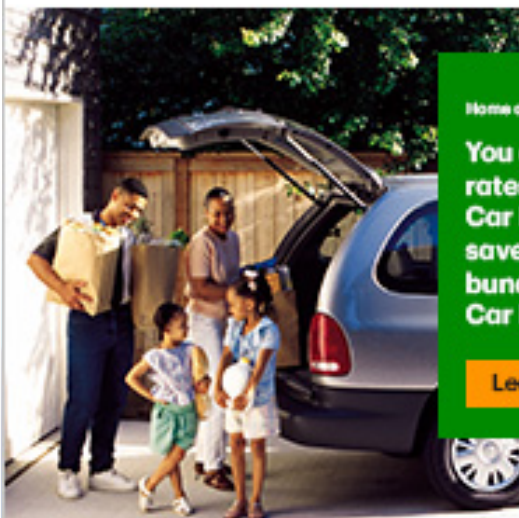
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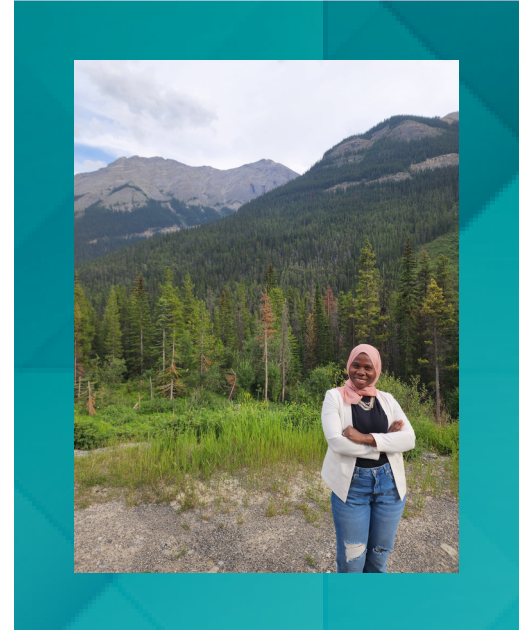
MEET RODIYAH - KEYANO ALUMNI COMMITTEE MEMBER



Hi, I'm Rodiyah, an early childhood educator passionate about intentional parenting, family life and caring for kids to help them reach their full potential.

I graduated from the Early Learning and childcare program in Keyano in 2023 (yeah newbie) and attending Keyano College is one of the best decisions of my life. It has helped made me to be a better person not only in my career life but social and personal life which has shaped me to be able to work with kids in the Fort McMurray public school district.

I was a journalist in the early years of my career with speciality in radio and TV new reporting. During this phase my writing skills were polished as I've always loved to write, which I now do in form of social media content creation.



Asides working with kids, I love to write, take nature picture, travel and learn.

I decided to be part of Keyano college alumni association to give back. I've gained a lot through the scholarship of tutors in keyano which made me think how best to give back while still being a member of this great college community. The alumni association starting at this time was the universe responding to my thought. I'm so happy I get to be part of the alumni board of an institution that I'm so proud of.

Rodiyah is a certified early childhood educator, intentional parenting advocate, writer and family life enthusiast.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

