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Wiseman Mathematics Contest Announce the Winners for 2025

Regina, Saskatchewan – The Wiseman Mathematics Contest has announced the winners for 2025. Now in its 17th year, the Contest aims to motivate young students in First Nations schools across Turtle Island to learn Mathematics in a competitive environment. The Wiseman Mathematics Contest meets the needs of Mathematics teachers in First Nations Schools who want to assess their students' problem-solving skills in a competitive environment.

The 1st Place winners in grades 4 to 6 of the 2025 Contest received educational gifts and late Elder Ken Goodwill Memorial Certificates for the best performance:

Grade 4: Chief Taylor School, Onion Lake Cree Nation

Grade 5: Chief Taylor School, Onion Lake Cree Nation

Grade 6: Biidaamaan Kinoomaagegamik School, Sagamok Anishnawbek

Along with the contests, the First Nations University of Canada also develops and delivers preparatory materials. Mathematics teachers prepare their students for the Contest using these materials but can also use them to immerse them in alternative problem-solving, expanding the curriculum. Other teachers use these materials for extracurricular activities. Students participate in the project voluntarily. The Contest allows one to work on non-traditional problems in a non-mandatory but competitive environment, which is atypical for Western schools.

The Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE Saskatchewan) on Education for Sustainable Development Recognition Program acknowledged the Wiseman Mathematics Contest in 2016 as an innovative project. RCE Saskatchewan noted that the project has helped increase the capacity for sustainable development in the region and contributed to advancing the UNESCO Global Action Programme on Education for Sustainable Development.

First Nations University of Canada faculty member Dr. Arzu Sardarli initiated the Wiseman Mathematics Contest in 2008. Since its start-up in 2008, thousands of First Nations students across Canada in grades 4 to 6 have participated in the Contest. PromoScience, a program within the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), was one of the first to support the Wiseman Mathematics Contest and continues to support it.

Congratulations to all contestants, and appreciation to their teachers! Schools or teachers interested in receiving more information on the Wiseman Mathematics Contest may contact Dr. Arzu Sardarli at asardarli@firstnationsuniversity.ca.

About First Nations University of Canada

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