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Wiseman Mathematics Contest Announce the Winners for 2022

Regina, Saskatchewan – The Wiseman Mathematics Contest has announced the winners for 2022. The Wiseman Mathematics Contest was initiated by the First Nations University of Canada faculty member Dr. Arzu Sardarli in 2008. PromoScience, a program within the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), has supported the program's start-up. Since then, thousands of First Nations students in grades 4 to 6 across Canada have participated. The Contest's purpose is to motivate young students in First Nations schools in Saskatchewan and other provinces 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. 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 the students in alternative problem-solving, expanding on curriculum. Other teachers use these materials for extracurricular activities. Students participate in the project voluntarily. The Contest provides the opportunity to work on non-traditional problems in a non-mandatory but competitive environment, which is atypical for Western schools.

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

The 1st Place winners of the 2022 Contest also received book awards. The following schools received Elder Ken Goodwill Memorial Certificates for the best performance:

Grade 4: Senpaq'cin School, Osoyoos Indian Band, BC

Grade 5: Moosomin School, Moosomin First Nation, SK., and Mihtatakaw Sipi School,
Driftpile Cree Nation, AB

Grade 6: Eagleview Middle School, Onion Lake Cree Nation, SK

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

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