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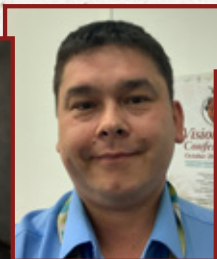
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SAVE THE DATES!

May 17-19, 2022

**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL 25TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

Well, we did it! We hosted our first virtual Conference last month, and are grateful for the many people who came together to make it a success.

There were plenty of challenges with the new format, but isn't that what it's all about? In business and community, we must learn new ways to navigate through challenging times every day, while continuing to learn as we go. Our team diligently worked together in bringing back this year's Vision Quest, and would like to acknowledge the many sponsors, presenters, partners, and delegates, who stuck with us during these last 18 unpredictable months. Because of you, the 24th Vision Quest Conference was able to happen – and so we say thank you!

For more than two decades, Vision Quest has been bringing together innovators, entrepreneurs, leaders, and students to discuss and promote Indigenous business, community, and economic development. Our mission is the emergence of best business practices that support and synergize sustainable development. Our goal is to support, inspire, and encourage success.

Vision Quest originates out of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. We are grateful to live and work on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Cree and Dakota peoples, on Treaty One Territory, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. The

gathering place where the Red and Assiniboine Rivers meet has brought the Anishinaabeg, Métis, Cree, Dakota, Oji-Cree, Dene and other peoples together for millennia.

Our plan is to gather with you in 2022 and celebrate our 25th Vision Quest Conference & Trade Show in-person once again! Please mark the dates in your calendars, May 17-19, at RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg. Until then, stay in touch with us on social media (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) where we will keep you posted on all of our news.

Have a wonderful winter, stay safe and strong, and we will connect again in spring!

From the Board of Directors– Vision Quest Conferences Inc.

Carol Johnston (Acting Chair), Southeast CFDC

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Keynote Messages



SUSAN AGLUKARK

Award-winning singer-songwriter Susan Aglukark delivered her inspiring keynote message on Vision Quest's opening day. She spoke about how understanding the past of her People, the Inuit of Arctic Canada, who share much in common with Peoples of Greenland and Siberia, has shaped her vision of her life today.

The song Shamaya, from her 1995 commercial breakthrough album This Child, is about taking a journey – and sharing a journey. “It’s important to teach about Indigenous history in schools, not only because it’s part of Canada’s history, but also because it’s important to know about each other. The more we learn about each other, the more we appreciate each other, and learn to honour and respect each other.”

O Siem, released as Susan’s first official single in January 1995, shares her experience of attending high school in Yellowknife with kids from all over the Arctic region. The lyrics go: *O Siem we are all family, O Siem we’re all the same.*

O Siem became the biggest song of Susan’s career, and it holds a special place for her. “Everything about the process of that song was seamless, and natural. It felt right. It challenges all of us to listen, with different ears, to the stories that we share, and learn to walk together.”

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KENDAL NETMAKER

On Day 2, entrepreneur and author Kendal Netmaker was the featured keynote presenter. Kendal spoke about the influences in his life, and how the words of his kokum when he was a young boy shaped his outlook today.

Raised by a single mother, with three other siblings, Kendal’s life

was heavily influenced by females – not only his mom, but also his kokum, and many female relatives. He was led by the matriarchs of his family, and so he had to learn how to become a partner, a husband, a father, and a leader.

“My kokum taught me, this day we’ve been given is not for nothing. All of us are chosen to be here in this moment. There is a purpose for you being here today,” he said. “Each and every one of us has a gift, a unique talent, and over your lifetime, you will be presented with challenges, obstacles, opportunities, and knowledge, in ways that will test your will and grow your gifts.”

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Presenters & Entertainers

Thank You to our MCs



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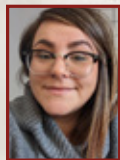
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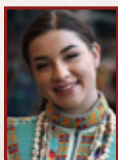
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Thank You to our Presenters for Sharing their Time and Expertise



SARA BENNETT

SEED Winnipeg



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Anishinaabe
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Pow Wow Pitch



DON BURNSTICK

Comedian &
Speaker



JUSTIN MORRISSEAU

SEED Winnipeg



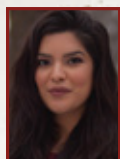
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Musician & Speaker



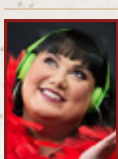
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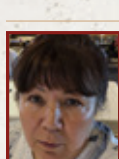
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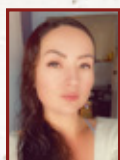
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Boutique



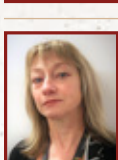
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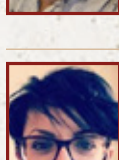
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ANDRINA TURENNE

Award-winning Singer/
Songwriter



ILA BARKER

Folk Singer/Songwriter,
RBC FirstUp Artist



NIKKI KOMAKSIUTIKSAK

Tunngasugit Inc. /
Inuk Throat Singer



BURNSTICK

Award-winning
Husband & Wife Singing/
Songwriting Duo



MIKEY HARRIS

Ivan Flett Memorial Dancers,
from Traditional Red River Jig
to Hip Hop



WALKING WOLF SINGERS AND DANCERS

Traditional Singers
and Dancers led by
Ray Co-Co Stevenson



CLINT & RILEY DUTIAUME

Father and Son Duo



MATTMAC

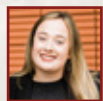
Recording Artist
and Producer

Awards & Bursaries

Vision Quest Steve Prince Memorial Bursary

The Vision Quest - Steve Prince Memorial Bursary is presented annually in memory of Vision Quest's first Board Chair, the late Steve Prince. The award provides \$1000 to two Indigenous students at University of Manitoba's I.H. Asper School of Business who excel academically while demonstrating community involvement. There were two deserving recipients in 2020, and again in 2021. Congratulations to:

2020 RECIPIENTS:



KRISTI PERRIN – Bachelor of Commerce graduate from the Asper School of Business with double majors in marketing and human resource management.



JORDAN PINEAU – graduate of the Asper School of Business with a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) in accounting and finance.

2021 RECIPIENTS:



JENNY MOOSE – Bachelor of Commerce student at the Asper School of Business majoring in Indigenous Business Studies and Leadership and Organizations.



JUSTIN TURMAN – graduate of the Asper School of Business with a double major in international business and finance.

Dragon's Quest Business Plan Competition

Indigenous Business Development Services & Vision Quest Conferences Inc. present



Vision Quest is pleased to partner with Community Futures Manitoba through the Indigenous Business Development Services (IBDS) program in presenting the Dragon's Quest Business Plan Competition. IBDS is dedicated to promoting and encouraging the spirit of entrepreneurship amongst Indigenous entrepreneurs across Manitoba. Cash prizes assisted winners in turning their business dreams into reality.

IBDS was able to turn those dreams into reality in two separate business plan competitions in 2020.

MAY 2020 WINNERS:



RURAL
ANDREW CLARK
Overtime Fitness



URBAN
CARA GALKA
Bluebird First Bookkeeping

DECEMBER 2020 WINNERS:



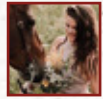
RURAL 1ST PLACE
ADAM NEPON
IKA Healthcare



RURAL 2ND PLACE
SEASON KIRKWOOD
Sayzoons Play Outside



URBAN 1ST PLACE
CELESTE THERIAULT
Red River Bagel



URBAN 2ND PLACE
TRESSA BEAULIEU
Red Horse Connection

Daily Conference Draw Winners!



PRIZE PACKAGE:

- \$150 Gift Card from Dreamcatcher Promotions
- 2 T-shirts & 2 Face Masks by Indigenous artist Glen Gear
- 2 Tickets to WAG's Qaumajuq

PRIZE DRAW WINNERS:

- DAY #1:** Chelsea P. (Naotkamegwanning First Nation)
DAY #2: Sienna G. (Fairford MB)

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The Vision Quest Conference & Trade Show brings together innovators, entrepreneurs and business leaders to discuss and promote Indigenous business, community and economic development.



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If you have an idea for a speaker, entertainer or workshop you'd like to see at next year's Vision Quest, contact us through our website or social media.