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University College of the North Begins Adult High School Programming in Post-Secondary Education Access Centre Communities

(The Pas, MB) – The pathway to a high school diploma is made easier through the implementation of adult high school programming at two Post Secondary Education Access Centres. The Province of Manitoba has approved for the University College of the North (UCN) to operate adult learning centre sites in Mathias Colomb Cree Nation (Pukatawagan) and Tataskweyak Cree Nation (Split Lake).

Lisa Flett, instructor in the program held at Tataskweyak stated, “This program is an excellent opportunity for the students in the program. It is giving them the essential skills they need in order to succeed in this world. I am hoping they continue on with post-secondary studies after the successful completion of this program.”

Adult Learning Centre participants can complete a Mature Student High School Diploma designed for adult learners, earn individual high school credits, strengthen prior learning and use it to gain high school credits or take courses to complete a high school diploma.

“I wanted to learn more about Math and English as I am an EA in the school,” said Tataskweyak student Clarise Martin, “I didn’t think education was important but at this stage in my life, I realize how important it is. I want to show my adult children that it’s not too late to do what is important and that is education.”

Mathias Colomb student Darren Bighetty said, “it gives me the opportunity to upgrade my learning skills ... we can do this, so we can inspire other people in our community, that if I can do it you can do it!”

“My future goal is to continue my education so that I can become a good teacher like my instructor Lisa Flett,” said Sylver Spence, enrolled in the program at Tataskweyak, “I want to be a role model for my children and to make my family and friends proud.”

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