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# Late Tony Cote Family Donates \$20,000.00 to Continue Scholarship Fund

**Regina, Saskatchewan** – The late Tony Cote family is honoured to donate \$20,000.00 to continue the “Tony Cote Scholarship” to the First Nations University of Canada. This donation will continue his legacy, which was “A great man of vision and action, always promoting First Nation people.”

The late Tony Cote was a Residential School Survivor and a Korean war veteran (Canadian Artillery, 25th infantry Brigade) who fought for our treaty rights. His vision saw the creation of the First Nation University of Canada, an institution in which First Nations and non-First Nations students may learn about the First Nations’ languages, histories, and cultures and learn Western education. His post-secondary education viewpoint, becoming independent and walking in both First Nations and non-First Nations worlds was a belief for students by the late Tony Cote. The Tony Cote Summer and Winter Games, formerly known as the Saskatchewan First Nations Summer Games, are named after him due to his integral part in creating the games and his passion for sports and recreation.

While working at the First Nations University of Canada, he met many students daily; his encouragement, mentorship and friendship are fondly remembered by all students and employees.

The Tony Cote Scholarship is open to registered 3rd or 4th-year FNUUniv Regina Campus students in any discipline. Application deadlines are twice per year, February 28th, and October 31st. The latest recipient of the Tony Cote Scholarship is Savannah Asapace.

### **About First Nations University of Canada**

The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) was founded in 1976 and is a First Nations owned post-secondary institution that aspires to have transformative impact by bridging our ceremonies, knowledge keepers, languages and traditions with the delivery of high-quality post-secondary education that will lead to the pride and success of all students, First Nations communities and Canada. As of Fall 2020, FNUUniv has over 6,000 active students and more than 5,600 alumni. For more information about FNUUniv, please visit <http://fnuniv.ca>.

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