



2017 Winners of the Josie Gould Memorial Scholarship

Annalise Couturier

Annalise is a resident of Yellowknife and is beginning her postsecondary studies at the University of Alberta in September. She is completing a Bachelor of Science with the goal of pursuing a career in the healthcare field such as dentistry or medicine. Annalise was born and raised in Yellowknife and graduated in June of 2017 on the Principal's List from Sir John Franklin High School. While growing up in Yellowknife, Annalise spent many years dancing with the local dance academy, riding at the horse stables and travelling! She comes from a family that loves travelling and exploring the many cultures of the world, giving her an appreciation of the diversity in the world.



Maya Fernandez

Maya grew up on Gabriola Island, BC. She has worked in various policy roles within the Government of the Northwest Territories, including most recently as a Policy Analyst with the Department of Finance. Maya completed her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and Public Policy at the University of Guelph, and later her Master's degree in Human Rights at the London School of Economics. In Yellowknife, Maya has been a Director with the NWT Regional Group of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC), and an English tutor with the Aurora College Welcome Program. She will be furthering her education this fall at the University of Ottawa in the Common Law program.



Laura Giovanetto

Laura was born and raised in Yellowknife and graduated from Sir John Franklin High School in 2013. Immediately following graduation, she spent a year living abroad in Belgium as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student, then worked in Yellowknife for the next year as a support worker for the Yellowknife Association for Community Living. This job sparked in her an interest to study psychology and sociology, but after two years of studying these disciplines Laura decided to instead pursue a career in nursing. In September 2017, she will begin her transfer-route nursing program at the University of Calgary, and by January 2020 she will be a registered nurse! Laura plans to return to the north and work following graduation, but also hopes to someday use her nursing to help those needing medical attention due to exposure to natural disasters or tropical diseases.



Katie Glowach

Katie Glowach was born and raised in Yellowknife Northwest Territories. She completed a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in Finance and Computing & Information Systems at Saint Mary's University in the Halifax, NS. Katie is a current law student at the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University.

Harold Hartley

I'm originally from Newfoundland, I moved to the North in the fall of 2007. My family was perusing new career options which lead us to Aklavik. I have been living in Aklavik 10 years now and it was a big change from my home town of St. John's. Now I am moving back to the city life style to obtain my education in which will allow me to better my life and career options. I'm moving out to Calgary Alberta as soon as September 2nd to settle down in Mount Royal University's residence and follow my dream career as a Personal Fitness Trainer. As I am attending MRU my friend Nathan Wilson is also joining me in this institute to obtain his educational goals. I encourage people to reach for their personal desires in life such as hobbies, career, education, etc. I'm like any normal teenager I play basketball and scroll Instagram I also enjoy the outdoors and hitting the gym on my spare time. Once again thank you so much for choosing me for the scholarship.



Curtis Herritt

Curtis is originally from Newfoundland and has been living in Yellowknife since 2014. Working as a Licensed Practical Nurse for the past few years, Curtis decided to return to school to pursue a Bachelor's of Science in nursing degree here at Aurora College. Curtis enjoys being active with climbing outside in the summer months and inside in the winter at the Yellowknife Climbing Club where he also volunteers. Curtis is the Vice President of his local and will miss his union duty while he focuses on his studies. He thanks the UNW for their support and wishes success to all other candidates.

Amy Lam

Amy Lam was an active UNW Member, having served in her local executive as well as the NWT Women's Committee and the Racially Visible Committee. Within the Yellowknife community, she was active in local food initiatives by joining the board of the Yellowknife Farmers Market, doing backyard land share gardening and selling produce at the Farmers Market. She also maintained a food column for Edge magazine. To continue her drive to create positive and resilient changes to our food system, she is doing her MSc. in Agroecology at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences. She is grateful and very appreciative of the support from the Josie Gould Memorial scholarship as Norway is a crazy expensive country!



Alex Lynch



Alex holds a Master's of Science in Integrated Water Resource Management from McGill University. Immediately upon graduating from McGill, he worked as a research assistant for The Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources; the only First Nations directed Canadian environmental not-for-profit. With CIER, he worked with clients to develop and implement sustainable solutions to address local water-related environmental issues affecting First Nations land. Alex is currently the Regional Water Resource Officer with the Government of the Northwest Territories, where he works to promote and support the sustainable use of waters in the Northwest Territories. Prior to this position, Alex was employed as a Project Manager for Aerosan, a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded not-for-profit focused on developing low-cost sanitation systems for humanitarian aid. He was responsible for overseeing the planning, implementation and management of the organization. In September 2017, Alex will be pursuing a second Master's of Science in Hydrogeology from the University of Strathclyde, Scotland. In his spare time, he can be found cycling, hiking, snowboarding, and traveling the world.

Jade Riordan

Jade Riordan is attending the University of Ottawa and studying health sciences. Jade plans to pursue a career in health care. She enjoys reading, swimming, and writing.



Kateryna Staszuk

Kateryna Staszuk is a second year honours economics student at the University of Alberta. After getting her bachelor's degree she plans on getting her master's degree in operations management. Kateryna has always loved the North and is considering moving to Yellowknife after graduation as there is amazing career opportunities there not always offered down South. Kateryna's grandfather was shop steward and then president of local 22 at the Northwest Territories Power Corporation for many years and her father was also president of that same local. She was raised to appreciate the importance of unions in protecting workers rights and is happy that she can continue the family tradition of being involved in unions.