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The University of Regina's annual spring convocation presents 14 awards and scholarships over three days – June 5-7.

Among the many accomplished graduates this year is Jenel Markwart. She is the recipient of the President's Medal.

"It is such an honour to receive this award, and I couldn't be more humbled by the experience," says Markwart. "There are so many amazing, deserving students at the University of Regina."

The University of Regina President's Medal is awarded at each spring and fall convocation to a student, receiving a first degree, who has shown academic excellence as well as strong leadership and a commitment to extra-curricular activities while a student.

Markwart is graduating with a Bachelor of Education through the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP) with Great Distinction. She has been honoured with many scholarships and awards, including the Academic Gold Scholarship during each year of study at the University. Other notable awards Markwart has received include the SUNTEP Community Contribution Award, Order of Gabriel Dumont Bronze Medal, Muriel Welwood Scholarship for Women in Education, and Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation Scholarship.

Markwart's accomplishments and spirit of volunteerism have also been recognized and celebrated in the greater community. This year, Markwart was chosen to be one of the Aboriginal youth models featured in the *Proud Generation Calendar*. The calendar features youth under the age of 30 who make significant cultural, educational and entrepreneurial impacts on their communities.

"Volunteerism has been a very important part of my life since I was young," Markwart explains. "It is how I grew to be the person I am today, and it helped me choose a career path. Working with youth at risk, whether it was through running after-school programs or volunteering at the YWCA, really shaped me into the kind of teacher I wanted to be. Volunteering not only gave me experience working with youth, it also gave me an extended family here in Regina."

Markwart personifies the University of Regina motto, *As One Who Serves*, as well as the Faculty of Education's motto, *Inspiring and Transforming Education*. She has volunteered to mentor University of Regina students with intellectual disabilities through the *Campus for All* program and has also tutored small children, helping them to improve their reading abilities through the *Big Boost Tutor Program*. Amongst Markwart's interests is a desire to work with at-risk youth. She was a co-facilitator for *YWCA Girls Space*, a group which promotes healthy habits, the development of a healthy body image, and the empowerment of girls. Markwart is also active in the *Riel Métis Council Jigging Program*, which uses traditional dance to teach youth about Métis culture and values.

To view a complete listing of the platform award recipients, visit: www.uregina.ca.



Jenel Markwart

WHAT'S HAPPENING

June 20 5:30 p.m.

U of R Alumni Association AGM and Reception

The University of Regina Alumni Association invites you to attend the annual gathering. The AGM will be brief, followed by a reception hosted by the Alumni Association.

The AGM will include the election of Board members. For more information on how to nominate an alumnus or alumna for election to the University of Regina Alumni Association Board, please contact URalumni@uregina.ca.

The reception includes appetizers, beverages and an opportunity to meet the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and other alumni.

Pre-register at www.uregina.ca/external/alumni-relations/uraa/agm.html.

Location: College Avenue Campus, College Building, CB 112

Parking: Free public parking is available behind the building in Lot 20 (M area).

For more information, contact Breandan at (306) 585-4503 or breandan.spruyt@uregina.ca.

June 21 9:00 a.m.

National Aboriginal Day Celebrations

In keeping with the spirit of celebration and unity, the Aboriginal Student Centre is partnering with the Regina NAD Celebrations at Wascana Park.

The Regina NAD Celebrations will take place at the Northwest corner of Wascana Park (Green behind the Royal Saskatchewan Museum) from 9 am - 10 pm. Opening ceremonies include a prayer and Grand Entry. The agenda includes cultural & visual arts demonstrations, children's performance artists, arts and crafts, sports demonstrations, vendors and community booths.

Volunteers are needed. Please contact the Aboriginal Student Centre at ascentre@uregina.ca or call 306-585-3153.

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