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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you to all our 2024 Donors from Urban Spirit

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URBAN SPIRIT FOUNDATION

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Mission Statement : To provide employment and training opportunities, scholarships, and the relief of poverty to urban Indigenous people on their journey to success

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Urban Spirit Foundation was presented with a donation of \$25,000 by RBC staff. The funds will be used toward Indigenous youth employment and training programs, cultural activities and learning tools. USF is very grateful to RBC for their donation and support of our Indigenous youth!

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Urban Spirit Foundation strives to meet the needs of Indigenous people to help them overcome the multiple barriers they face to achieve higher education. Over the years, we have awarded over 160 scholarships totaling over \$160,000.

Each year USF supports the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre's Children's Back-to-School Backpack Program. Children receive a backpack filled with school supplies to start the new school year. USF also supports the VAFCS Children's Christmas Party where low-income families receive a food hamper and each child receives a present to open on Christmas morning.

USF is proud of our achievements. This year USF provided top student awards for all the trades training programs.

In August Urban Spirit Foundation raised over \$33,000 at the USF Annual Urban Indigenous Charity Golf Classic. In November, we raised over \$4,000 for Giving Tuesday USF Chili and Bannock Lunch-To-Go fundraiser. We wish to thank you for all your generous donations over the years. Together we can make great things happen.



CHILI AND BANNOCK FUNDRAISER

Urban Spirit Foundation had the 10th Annual Giving Tuesday Chili and Bannock Lunch-To-Go Fundraiser on December 3rd. Thank you to our community partners for coming out to support USF. The fundraiser helps to raise money to support Indigenous students so that they can attend and complete their training programs. Thank you to all our supporters who helped to make this another successful event! Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season. See you all next year!



10TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

Urban Spirit Foundation held the 10th Annual Urban Aboriginal Charity Golf Classic Tournament at Country Meadows Golf Club in Richmond on July 26, 2024. We raised over \$33,000 this year to support Indigenous students in their training programs. Thank you to all our sponsors, players, and volunteers who helped to make this event a huge success. We hope to see you all again in 2025 at the 11th Annual!



VAFCS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Urban Spirit Foundation supports the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre's Children's Back-to-School Backpack Program. This year 332 backpacks were given out to Children filled with supplies they need to prepare them for success in the new school year.

USF also supports the VAFCS Children's Christmas Party. Food Hampers are given to low-income families, and each child receives a present from Santa to open on Christmas morning. USF would like to ensure no child goes hungry, so please give generously to make someone's Christmas extra special this year.



ACCESS TRADES GRADUATIONS

Urban Spirit Foundation supports Aboriginal Community Career Employment Services Society (ACCESS) Trades Program participants. USF provides top student awards at each completion ceremony. The student support coach and program instructor choose the top student from each cohort and the students receive a bursary to help with further training.



USF and Neptune Scholarship \$1,000 Award winner is Duane Boser. Duane is a proud member of the Salt River Nation located in Alberta. He was commended for his attendance and commitment to the ACCESS Trades Bridge Watchman Program in partnership with BCIT.

Sybil Mecas, acting Director of Development for Urban Spirit Foundation presented the award to Duane at the graduation ceremony held at BCIT Marine Campus in North Vancouver.



Jasmine Hamilton (L) received The top student award at the ACCESS-funded Welding Level B program completion ceremony on August 1, 2024. USF Director of Development Kristen Wealick presented Jasmine with her certificate and a \$500 bursary from Urban Spirit Foundation. This program was in partnership with United Association Piping College Industry of BC. (UAPIC)

USF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Congratulations to Sonny Many Horses who is the 2024 recipient of the APOTEX Nursing Scholarship Award. Sonny will be attending the UBC Nursing Program. We wish you much success in your chosen field of nursing.



Urban Spirit Foundation Director, Stewart Anderson presented scholarships to Oliver Buskey and Chase Thomas at the Burnaby Secondary High School graduation ceremony.

Also pictured is Rob Smyth, Burnaby District Principal of Indigenous Education.



On November 26, 2024 ACCESS Trades Program held a completion ceremony for Foundation Metal Fabrication and Marine Fitter Program, the Self-Erect Tower Crane Operator Program and Electrical Level 4 Program. USF awarded \$500.00 to the top student from each of the cohorts. Congratulations to all students.



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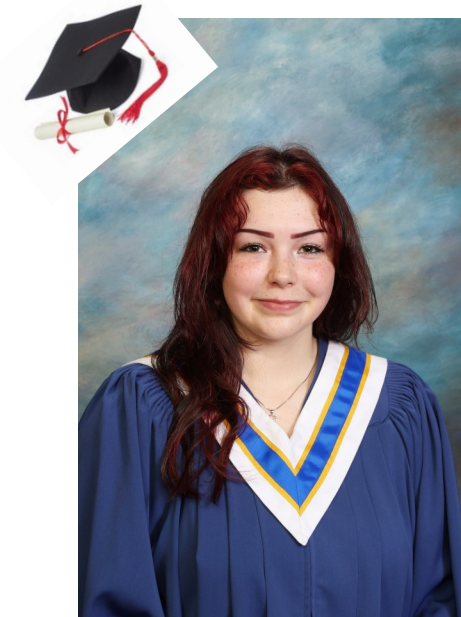


Tanis Wilson is Cree from Constance Lake First Nations located in Ontario.

In April 2024, she completed the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology's Bachelor of Social Work degree with a specialization in Indigenous health care. She is the recipient of the 2024 Urban Spirit Foundation Scholarship and presenting it to her is Sybil Mecas, Acting Director of Development for USF.

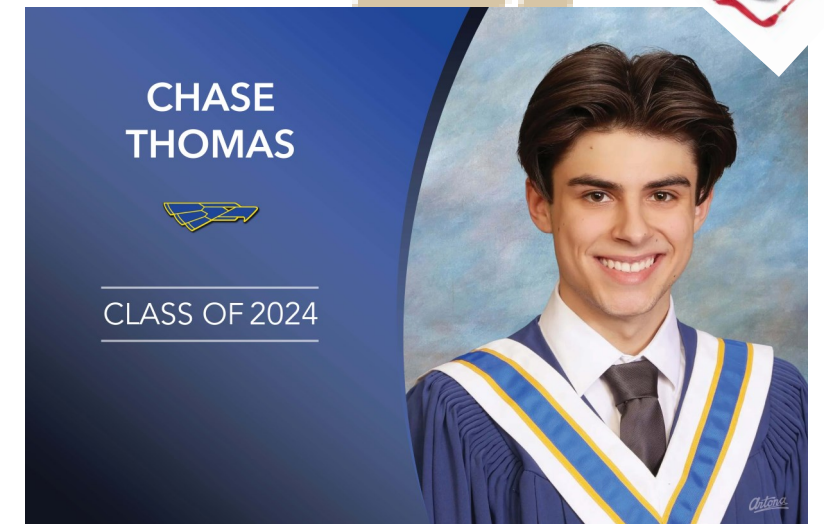
"I am happy to share that I will be continuing my education in the Juris Doctor (law degree) program at The University of British Columbia in September 2024."

Congratulations to all grads from USF.



Keisha Pelletier is from the Cowess Nation in Saskatchewan. She graduated from the Heron's Nest Education program and plans to attend the Family Community Counselling Program at Native Education College.

"Thank you to USF. My daughter and I are very grateful for this award."



Chase Thomas is Inuit and graduated from Ecole Alpha Secondary. He is enrolled in the Metal Fabrication Program at BCIT.

"I'm extremely excited to go on to the next chapter of my life and attend BCIT for metal fabrication. I am super grateful to receive the scholarship from Urban Spirit Foundation since this will help me to go further with my education."