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Aboriginal Relations & Engagement Programs

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Welcome Message

On behalf of the University of Alberta, thank you for taking the time to meet with the Métis Settlements Life Skills Journey team and learn more about its programs. It is with great pleasure that I support and encourage this endeavour, which invests in the development of healthy and resilient Aboriginal communities.

The University of Alberta strongly believes in cultivating inclusive communities that foster growth and achievement. First President Henry Marshall Tory shared his dream of “the uplifting of the whole people,” which continues to guide the work of faculty, research centres, and education programs today. Fundamental to this vision is the involvement of Aboriginal viewpoints, culture and history.

Maintaining deep-rooted relationships with Aboriginal communities is a priority, informing research paradigms and supporting the integration of Aboriginal perspectives across campus. It is through building and nourishing these relationships that we can work together to create awareness, open dialogues, break down barriers, and work towards establishing a more equitable and just future for all.

In order to achieve this goal, sustained community-university partnerships are essential. Long-term funding will provide the networks and means to successfully grow the Life Skills Journey program; ensuring education and mentorship opportunities remain available to these communities.

As Life Skills Journey prepares for program sustainability, I invite you to consider the attached sponsorship opportunities where your contribution has a direct impact in building healthy, active and resilient Métis communities.



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