




Edmonton Catholic High Schools FNMI Graduation Ceremony

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H. Sc. Grad 1963



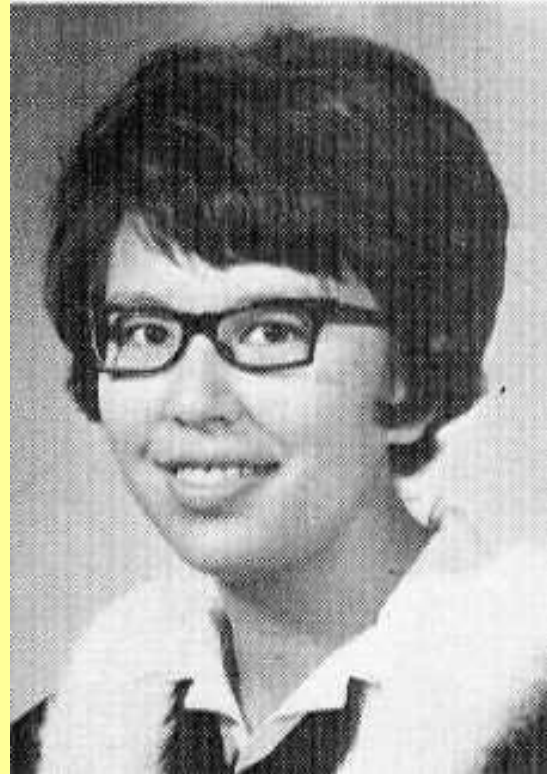
Clever & bright is Lillian Quan
In Biochemistry, she'll never go wrong

Chem teacher Mr. John Dyer



Mr. J. A. Dyer, B.A., B.Ed.
Vice-Principal

B.A. Chem, 1966




Ph. D. Biol Psiat, 1981






(Advice)

Takeaway messages

- Don't give up when the going gets tough
 - Don't feel bad about taking advantage of aboriginal programming
 - Don't be afraid to ask for what you need
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My biggest mistake

- Not applying for scholarships while at university
 - I wanted to prove I could do it without help!
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Undergraduate experiences: My Past vs your Present

1962-63:


- ?? Indians on campus
- Women students a minority
- Overt sexism, racism

2013 -14:

- 1999 Aboriginals on campus
 - Women students a majority
 - Subtle sexism, racism
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Don't be shocked ...

- If you encounter discrimination
 - If you are treated differently
 - If you are:
 - Prejudged
 - Underestimated
 - Undervalued
- 



'Difference'

- Learn to value your own 'different' perspectives, insights.
 - Hopefully others will value your 'different' perspectives, insights.
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Who I am is fine

I no longer am ashamed of who I am





The value of PSE

- A degree is a great equalizer.

- The Best and the Brightest


vs

Being Different - Unique.





2005 - Summoned to the Senate

- Why me?
 - Because I'm an Aboriginal female.
 - Because I had a public profile.
 - Because I did public work that I was told not to do! Speaking about equity issues, discrimination, WIS, Aboriginals.
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● This above all, to thine own self be true.



Visiting Chief Theresa Spence
December 2012



Idle No More Rally,
January 2013

Be Unstoppable!
Don't let anyone stop you
from achieving your dreams

BRIDGES

FASHION:
Saskatoon Tweed
Ride: Ohwards with
vintage fashion! **P. 4**

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Bob Rogers teaches
youth to protect,
appreciate nature **P. 14**

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013

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PREJUDGED AND UNDERESTIMATED,
LILLIAN DYCK HAS OVERCOME
DAUNTING LIFE OBSTACLES **P. 6**



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