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2021 Edets'seèhdzà Studentship Awarded to Aurora College Student Samantha Morandin

Yellowknife (May 27, 2021) - Hotiì ts'eeda and Aurora College are pleased to announce that the 2021 Edets'seèhdzà Studentship Award has been awarded to third-year nursing student Samantha Morandin.

Ms. Morandin is the fourth student supported through the Edets'seèhdzà Studentship since its launch in 2019. The studentship supports an Aurora College student to be involved in health research during their studies through a \$20,000 stipend. The award is funded by Hotiì ts'eeda and provided through partnership between Hotiì ts'eeda and Aurora College, Edets'seèhdzà (eh-DEY-tsay-zah) means "stepping forward to challenge yourself" in the Tłıchǫ language.

Ms. Morandin plans to graduate with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2022 and begin her nursing career in the North. She is committed to holistic health care, and hopes to use this opportunity to learn more about Indigenous health, traditions, medicines and ways of healing in order to provide superior culturally safe nursing care.

Hotiì ts'eeda and Aurora College are pleased to congratulate Ms. Morandin and look forward to seeing the results of her work on health and wellness research in the NWT.

"The Edets'seèhdzà Studentship supports students to gain meaningful in health and wellness research in the NWT. These students will go on to be homegrown researchers and health professionals shaping the northern health research landscape."

- Dr. John B. Zoe, Chairperson, Hotiì ts'eeda

"The opportunity to engage in health-related research while pursuing studies provides Aurora College students a rich opportunity to anchor learning in Northern communities. Aurora College is proud to support the Edets'seèhdzà Studentship and our outstanding recipient, Samantha Morandin."

- Andy Bevan, President, Aurora College

For more information, visit nwtspor.ca/programs/edetsseehdza-studentship.

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