

Heather O'Watch

Born and raised in the Treaty 4 Territory, I am an Assiniboine Nakoda and Plains Cree woman from the Okanese First Nation. My gifted name is Yellow ThunderBird Woman. At twenty-three years old I am currently studying at the First Nations University of Canada enrolled in the Indian Communication Arts Program (INCA) pursuing a career in Journalism. My passion for storytelling and human rights has led me to work with communities in Canada and Colombia. I am a former President for the First Nations University of Canada's Students Association and currently reside as an honorary representative and student ambassador. I also have experience working as a researcher in health and education, a promotional ambassador for CBC Saskatchewan and communications related work amongst several boards and organizations. More importantly I have experience in event and project planning including working with federally funded projects and community initiatives both on and off campus. I believe I can bring more creative ideas while continuing important initiatives such as the mental health and sustainability week. I also would like to focus on student diversity and fostering a stronger relationship amongst our federated colleges. My passion for equity and inclusion is why I strive to become a voice for others amongst our communities and learning spaces. If elected, I plan to help address issues and student concerns that impact both lives on and off campuses through meaningful campaigns, events, and relationship building for a better healthier student life across our campuses.