

2022 ARBOS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION AND THE TEACHING PROFESSION

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ARBOS ACCEPTANCE REMARKS



I am honoured and humbled to receive the Arbos Award for Contributions to Education and the Teaching Profession. To be recognized by a colleague for what I do in the learning community is a great honor. For this I thank Jenna O'Connor for seeing me, hearing me, and appreciating what I do.

I wish to thank my family who supported me in my teaching career, coaching opportunities, and educational journey. Thank you for the gift of time and love.

To my students, past and present, you have all left a mark on me. Some through the gray hairs I gained while teaching you, some by making me pause and question so I could change my teaching or coaching to better meet your needs, and others through the laughter shared or tears shed as your teacher and coach.

I wish to acknowledge my colleagues. I have had the opportunity to teach and coach in many diverse communities where I was able to learn and grow. I continue to be inspired by the passion that teachers in this province have for their profession. Jinny inspired me with your creativity and near constant smile, Delbert with your passion for culture and language revitalization, and Mark for your need to ensure that all student and teacher needs were being met. There are many others who remain nameless, but please know that you are all appreciated for everything you do.

I would also like to recognize the STF Professional Growth Network: Physical and Health Education Saskatchewan. Through my participation in this organization, you have allowed me to find my voice. You have nurtured my love of Physical Education and have helped put me on the path that I am currently traveling.

I also want to thank the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation for recognizing me with this great honour. I did not enter teaching for the accolades, but when one is recognized for trying to do the best that they can for the youth of this province known as Saskatchewan, it is extremely validating.

In accepting this award, I pledge to continue my work to advocate for Indigenous students and to embed Indigenous culture, language, and knowledge into the curriculum.

Marsi Cho, Thank you.

