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Greetings and Congratulations from Ministers Ledoux and Beaudin



Greetings from Louis Riel Institute!

It is with utmost pride and heartfelt joy that we offer our congratulations to the 2025 graduating classes of Louis Riel College and the Louis Riel Institute Adult Learning Centre. To all those students who dedicated so much time and energy towards the completion of a post-secondary diploma or certificate, mature student diploma, or post-diploma upgrades: Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone! Your achievement is a testament to your hard work, resilience, and dedication, and we are so proud of everything you've accomplished. As you embark on the next chapter in your life journey, we wish you all the best and a lifetime of success.

Minister Joan Ledoux
Minister of Provincial Education
Chair of Louis Riel Institute

Minister David Beaudin
Associate Minister of Provincial
Education
Vice-Chair of Louis Riel Institute

LRC Graduation 2025

“The Louis Riel College community proudly celebrated the graduating class of 2025 in a heartfelt ceremony filled with joy, pride, and inspiration. This year’s graduation was a tremendous success, marking not only the end of a chapter but the beginning of new and exciting journeys for our students.

We commend the hard work, dedication, and resilience each graduate has shown throughout their time at the college. Their achievements reflect not only academic excellence but also the strength of community and the spirit of perseverance.

To the Class of 2025—congratulations! We are incredibly proud of all you’ve accomplished and look forward to seeing the remarkable paths you will take. We wish you continued success in your educational pursuits and in all your future endeavors.”



ALC Graduation 2025

The Adult Learning Center graduates earned their diplomas with pride. It's about reclaiming their story, standing tall in their accomplishments, and stepping into their future with pride. So whether the next step is work, further education, or simply taking a well-earned moment to breathe — know this: you did it. You earned it. And we are all so proud of you! Congratulations, graduates of 2025, This is your moment. And the best is yet to come!



Student Spotlight - Kayla Thomas

What inspired you to complete/upgrade your diploma?

My education journey to achieve the diploma has been inspired by a profound desire for a successful life. I strive to further my education and achieve my own goals, paving the way for a stable and fulfilling lifestyle for my family and myself. The memory of my late father, who always encouraged me to pursue my dreams, serves as a profound inspiration throughout this process. My children also play a crucial role in my motivation. I want them to recognize the importance of finishing school and achieving independence. Moreover, I aspire to be a positive role model for young indigenous people like myself, inspiring them to reach for their dreams and uplifting their families.

What was/has been your favorite part of being a student at LRI?

My favorite part of being a student has been the opportunity of learning and working with my teacher towards earning this diploma at a flexible, self-paced school. This journey has been especially fulfilling, as it empowers me to pursue my goals while cherishing precious moments with my children.

What was/has been your most memorable moment at LRI?

Although I haven't been at the school long, I've really enjoyed learning and accomplishing tasks in the courses. Graduating from the Louis Riel Institute will be my most memorable moment of 2024-2025.

What is one thing you currently or want to learn?

I want to learn about being consistent. Life is a journey, and success is not a one-time event but a continuous process. There's no time to dwell on your failures, as that only wastes time. Instead, pick yourself up and keep moving forward. Success is not a destination; it is a process of consistency throughout your journey.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever received?

The best piece of advice is that to achieve anything of value, you must be willing to make sacrifices. Often, the hardest choices and the right decisions are one and the same. Nothing truly meaningful comes easily.

Where are you from? What is your hometown?

I have the privilege of growing up in Kinonjeoshtegon First Nation, a reserve situated near the beautiful Lake Winnipeg. This is my hometown to many cherished childhood memories and beloved family members. Additionally, I am a proud member of Peguis First Nation, which is where my father was raised, and I value this deep connection to my heritage.

Bursary Recipient Letter



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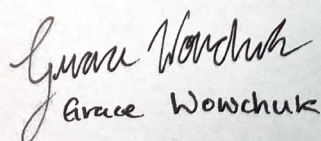
February 21, 2025

Dear Louis Riel Institute,

My name is Grace Wowchuk, I am in my first year of a Bachelor of Arts here at Brandon University and one of the recipients of your Louis Riel bursary this year! It is because of your donations that I was able to receive this scholarship, and pay off some of my second semester tuition so, thank you very much for all your generosity and kindness in donating. It has been of the utmost help. I have very much enjoyed my time here at BU; I have learned so much already and all my classes are exciting. One in particular has been my Michif language class which is being offered here for the first time this year. It is so exciting to me that BU offers these Indigenous language courses and a chance to learn more about my Métis culture, as these language classes aren't always widely available. BU has also felt like a tight-knit, supportive community where there are so many professors and faculty happy to help you. There is a place for every student here and it is a great environment.

I have had a wonderful time at University so far and without your donation I might not have been able to experience all of this. So thank you once again for your donation, I could not be receiving the education I am without it.

Maarsii,


Grace Wowchuk



In the 2024/2025 academic year, the Louis Riel Bursary continued to provide meaningful support to Red River Métis students pursuing post-secondary education. A total of 1,609 applications were received from students across seven institutions, resulting in 868 bursaries awarded and \$1,012,450 in total funding disbursed. LRI bursaries reflect an ongoing commitment to supporting the educational success of Red River Métis students and citizens.

For more information visit our website at: <https://www.louisrielinstitute.ca/lri-bursaries-and-awards>

Staff Spotlight - Carly Frener



As an Administrator at the Louis Riel Institute, Carly supports the day-to-day operations of the institute while contributing to programs that promote Red River Métis education, culture, history and community development

Born and raised in Winnipeg, MB, Carly Fenner says the best part of her job is the people. “Getting to work with such amazing people makes coming to work every day a pleasure.” With a deep passion for her work, Carly is committed to supporting the growth and success of the Red River Métis nation—a commitment that fuels her drive to make a meaningful impact in her role.

One of her most memorable moments at LRI was meeting Wab Kinew and his wife during the Corn Roast at Riel House — an experience she’ll never forget. Carly is also especially proud of being part of the team that created LRI’s Cultural Programming banner. “Seeing it stand tall at events makes me feel really proud.”

She’s currently completing her Food Handlers Certificate to support the various events she assists with, while also deepening her understanding of her Red River Métis culture each day. Looking ahead, Carly hopes to develop her skills in financial and human resource management, with the goal of advancing her career in the future.

Outside of work, she loves spending time outdoors with family and friends—swimming, boating, and soaking up the sun whenever possible. One of the most memorable places she’s visited is the Narcisse Snake Dens. ‘It wassuper creepy,’ she laughs, ‘but also really fun to touch and feel the snakes slithering around!’



LRI - Cultural Programming

Riel House



Corn Roast at Riel House:

You're invited to a day of family fun, culture, and community at the annual Corn Roast at Riel House National Historic Site!

Join us for a lively celebration featuring fresh roasted corn, live Red River Métis music, and cultural presentations that honour the rich heritage of the Red River Métis people. Explore history firsthand with Riel House interpretive tours, where you'll learn about Louis Riel, his family, and Métis river lot life.

Bring the whole family—there will be fun kids' activities throughout the day to keep the little ones entertained while you enjoy the music, food, and history.

Bus Tours

Birth of the Nation:

Embark on an unforgettable journey with our exclusive tour, following the captivating story of Cuthbert Grant and Louis Riel, two pivotal figures in the history of the Métis people. This 3-hour guided experience will take you through the heart of Winnipeg and beyond, with a special visit to St. François Xavier, home to one of the most significant historical figures in the birth of the Red River Métis Nation.

Birth of the Province:

Join us on an enriching cultural bus tour that will take you on a historic journey through the founding of our province by Canada's first Indigenous leader. This 3-hour guided tour will lead you through the significant sites once traveled by Louis Riel himself, immersing you in the story of the Red River Métis. As you explore these landmarks, our knowledgeable guide will share the rich history and heritage of the Métis people, offering a deeper understanding of their journey.

Have questions or need more information? Don't hesitate to reach out to us at lriculture@lrilearn.ca.

Louis Riel College – A New Chapter of Growth and Opportunity

We are thrilled to share exciting updates from Louis Riel Vocational College (LRVC). As we continue to build on our legacy of excellence, we are expanding our programs and services to better serve our community.

At LRVC, we offer a variety of high-quality programs designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their chosen fields. Our course offerings include:

- Health Care Aide
- Health Care Aide Bridging
- Health Care Aide Challenge
- Indigenous-Focused Early Learning Childhood Educator
- Education Assistant
- Medical Office Assistant
- Employment Counsellor
- Business Accounting

In addition to these key programs, we proudly offer more than 200 workshops in diverse fields, ensuring that there is something for every learner. Whether you are looking to gain new skills, advance in your career, or switch to a new profession, LRVC provides flexible learning opportunities that are tailored to your needs.

Our dedicated team is committed to walking with you every step of the way in your educational journey. Our instructors are available for support and assistance—even outside of class hours. This personalized attention sets us apart from other institutions and ensures that you receive the guidance you need to succeed.

At LRVC, we understand the challenges that come with balancing education, work, and personal commitments. That's why we offer flexible schedules and individualized support to help you thrive in your studies and beyond. Our goal is not only to provide education but also to foster a community where students can feel empowered, supported, and ready to take on the future with confidence.

For more information visit our website www.lrvc.ca or contact us at admissions@mmf.mb.ca.

We look forward to working with you to achieve your academic goals!



This day in History

September 13, 1870: The Murder of Elzéar Goulet (1836-1870)



Elzéar Goulet was born on November 18, 1836 at St. Boniface, the son of Alexis Goulet and Josephthe Siveright. He married Hélène Jérôme dit Saint-Matte, the daughter of Jean Baptiste Jérôme dit Saint-Matte and Josephthe Courchene on March 8, 1859 at Pembina. Elzéar and Hélène Goulet had six children. Goulet worked as a mail carrier from Pembina to the Red River from 1860 to 1869 and became an American citizen. Goulet joined Louis Riel's forces at Upper fort Garry in 1869 and became second-in-command of the Métis militia under Ambroise-Didyme Lépine.

He was killed in Winnipeg on September 13, 1870. On that day Goulet entered the Red Saloon in Winnipeg and was spotted by James Farquharson (Shultz's father-in-law) who pointed out that he was the man who shot Thomas Scott and incited Red River Expeditionary Force (RREF) men to catch him. Sanders and Madigan (of the 1st Ontario Rifles), Robert Mulligan and a man named Campbell (a voyageur for the RREF) start to chase him. They were seen by Captain MacDonald who called them back, an order the soldiers temporarily obeyed. Minutes later, they again took up the pursuit, chased Goulet into the river and while he is trying to swim to the opposite shore they stoned him, causing him to drown.

Judge Francis Godschall Johnson reported to Lt. Gov. Archibald that it might be possible to make out a murder charge against Farquharson for inciting the others. The persons against whom such a charge could possibly be made are Farquharson (who according to one witness only) called out to the people in the house "to kill him" and Saunders, Madigan, and Campbell who, pursued, and who if they shared that intent are all equally guilty.

Although Lord Kimberley of the British Colonial Office wrote in January 27, 1871, "there is evidence enough to send the case to trial," Judge Johnson had already recommended in December that no one be charged.

Elzéar's brother Maxime Goulet served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba from 1878 to 1886 and was the Minister of Agriculture under Conservative Premier John Norquay. Elzéar's brother Leonide served in the 49th Rangers, the armed Métis scouts who accompanied the British-American Boundary Commission in 1873-74.

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