



RECOGNITION OF AN OUTSTANDING INDIGENOUS EDUCATOR

Patricia Joe

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Pat Joe is a First Nation woman from the Tagish Nation, the Dak'laweide Clan (Killer Whale and Wolf Crest) and is a proud citizen of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation. She is a teacher, mother, grandmother and knowledge keeper. She has been an outspoken advocate for her culture, history, beliefs, and values which she teaches through storytelling.

Her distinguished achievements in leadership, education and public service have been widely recognized by her colleagues and students who are touched by her passion to deliver First Nation curriculum in all subject areas. She is very knowledgeable in the areas of First Nation Traditional Law, Governance and Social Justice, which is evident in her work with all levels of government. To help bring the history and culture of Yukon First Nations to life, Pat has been instrumental in many projects, including "Our Home Magazine", "From Trail to Tramway", and "Canyon City", which integrates the First Nation history, land, and first contact. These initiatives are just a few examples of her tireless dedication to deliver authentic First Nation traditional stories that continue to advance First Nation education in Yukon and throughout Canada.

Pat brings honour to her grandfathers', elders', and ancestors' teachings. As a former Deputy Chief and Chief Land Claims and Self-Government negotiator, she possesses many years of experience in the areas of politics and business. A survivor and third generation student of residential schools, Pat diligently teaches about the legacy of residential schools and the impacts on First Nations.