



LOUIS RIEL COLLEGE

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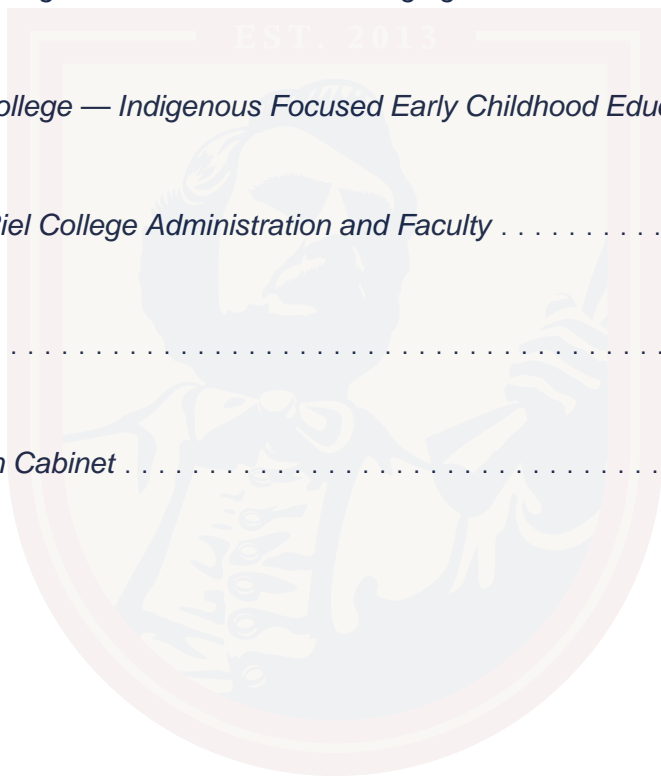


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GRADUATES OF LOUIS RIEL COLLEGE

HEALTH CARE AIDE

The Health Care Aide Training Program equips students with the essential skills and knowledge needed to provide compassionate care in various healthcare settings, combining instructor-led education with hands-on practical experience.

Abalos, John Kenneth
 Ahdi, Inderjit
 Alemu, Rahel
 Aulakh, Gurpreet
 Aulakh, Gurpreet
 Barawid, Joan
 Barihuta, Ernest
 Berhane, Rezene
 Beri, Amit
 Beri, Sonia
 Bhangu, Manjot
 Brar, Jashandeep
 Brar, Ramandeep
 Brar, Sarbjit
 Brar, Sharanjit
 Bumacod, Ilyn
 Canedo, Eugene
 Datuin, Rita
 De Grano, Rhealyn
 Devesores, Kheren
 Dhaliwal, Karamjit
 Dhaliwal, Prabhdeep Kaur
 Dominguez, Jose Luis
 Embaye, Bereket
 Fantaye, Alemnsh
 Fernando, Pablo
 Fishaye, Eden
 Gaidu, Gurpreet
 Garcia, Mary Krist
 Gebru, Zafu
 Gemada, Darartu
 Gill, Manpreet
 Gill, Rajpal
 Gill, Veerpal

Grewal, Manjit
 Gurm, Ravinder
 Guron, Manpreet
 Habtu, Selam
 Jutley, Jashanpreet
 Kalsi, Jagjeet
 Kaur, Amandeep
 Kaur, Amandeep
 Kaur, Gaganpreet
 Kaur, Gurjit
 Kaur, Harjinder
 Kaur, Harminder
 Kaur, Harpreet
 Kaur, Harpreet
 Kaur, Manpinder
 Kaur, Manpreet
 Kaur, Manpreet
 Kaur, Manpreet
 Kaur, Manwinder
 Kaur, Prabhjot
 Kaur, Prabhjot
 Kaur, Ramandeep
 Kaur, Ravinder
 Kaur, Rupinder
 Kaur, Sharanjeet
 Kaur, Simarjeet
 Kaur, Tanveer
 Kaur, Veerpal
 Kooner, Harbhajan
 Mangat, Davinder
 Mangat, Parminder
 Marquez, Sarah Jane
 Mboup, Maimouna
 Mesfin, Daniel
 Millar, Eden



HEALTH CARE AIDE (continued)

Nigusse, Mebrhit
 Orogo, Marichu
 Perey, Ma Marie Cris
 Punzalan, Kevin
 Quejano, Adrian
 Rosales, May
 Rosales, Neil Bryan
 Saggu, Karamjeet
 Sandhu, Gurnoor
 Sandhu, Raghbir
 Segid, Kibreab
 Sellote, Ana Rose
 Senecal, Raquel

Sharma, Kamal Netar
 Sidhu, Sandeep
 Sidhu, Virpal
 Singh, Gurpreet
 Sran, Rajinder
 Sunga, Maria Ruby
 Theathi, Gurdeep
 Thomas, Kayla
 Virdi, Gurpreet
 Weldehaimanot, Eden
 Wirring, Kiranjeet
 Woldesemayat, Wagaye

HEALTH CARE AIDE CHALLENGE

The Health Care Aide Challenge Program is designed for uncertified workers with 1,200 hours of service in the past 12 months, or new Canadians with unrecognized credentials — gaining certification in just 14 weeks through evening and Saturday classes.

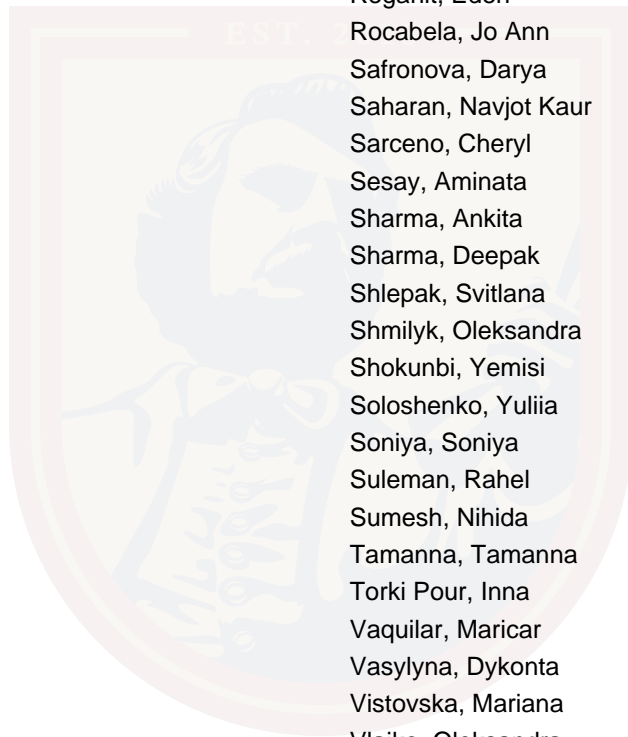
Ackutsah, Edem
 Adetoyinbo, Olajumoke
 Adeyanju, Tamunosiki
 Agu, Ugochi
 Aguason, Sandra
 Aguiluz, John Paul
 Ajayi, Taiwo
 Ajayi-Dada, Titilayo
 Akintan, Selina
 Alemseged, Beamlak
 Alende, Sarah
 Amankwah, Jessica
 Aquino, Ohara Pia
 Asfaw, Melkam
 Asomah, Emmanuella
 Baetiong, Marites
 Bath, Baljinder
 Beraki, Tekeste
 Bhullar, Navneet

Bilous, Olha
 Bonifacio, Noemi
 Cardenas, Eleonor
 Correa, Janette
 Daroy, Stephen John
 Deiparine, Ramy
 Dhaliwal, Manpreet
 Ezeliora, Udoka
 Flores, Cynthia
 Fufa, Zerubabel
 Gagarin, Cristy
 Gebrearegawi, Selam
 Gebreyesus, Fieruz
 Gebru, Milen
 Gill, Beant
 Gill, Gurpreet
 Gill, Jasvir
 Habte, Bana
 Hammed, Adetunji

HEALTH CARE AIDE CHALLENGE (continued)

Handa, Geetanjali
Hassen, Heaven
Ibitola, Adeniyi
Ibitola, Adeola
Illescas, Jasper James
Indiana, Kenneth Robert
Iudenko, Liudmyla
Kaur, Gagandeep
Kaur, Hardeep
Kaur, Harpreet
Kaur, Jaspreet
Kaur, Khushpreet
Kaur, Kirandeep
Kaur, Manpreet
Kaur, Manpreet
Kaur, Pawanjot
Kaur, Prabhjot
Kaur, Rajveer
Kaur, Sandeep
Kaur, Sharanjit
Kessete, Filmon
Khlyvniuk, Olga
Kiflemariam, Robel
Koieva, Svitlana
Labasin, Wemelyn
Lagos, Arlyn
Lerio, Jojo
Longe, Folasade
Lucaney, Diana Mae
Malhi, Amandeep
Manguera, Lorijoy
Mann, Manpreet
Medhn, Kidane
Megawati, Rachel
Moon, Miok
Mutsyn, Tetiana

Namatovu, Josephine
Ogunniyi, Bukunmi
Okeke, Ikechukwu
Orji, Victor
Osegi, Felix
Pandher, Manjit
Pochynok, Anna
Pomada, Hazel
Povkh, Ruslana
Prokhorenko, Nataliia
Ragudo, Mercedita
Randhawa, Mandeep
Reganit, Eden
Rocabela, Jo Ann
Safronova, Darya
Saharan, Navjot Kaur
Sarceno, Cheryl
Sesay, Aminata
Sharma, Ankita
Sharma, Deepak
Shlepak, Svitlana
Shmilyk, Oleksandra
Shokunbi, Yemisi
Soloshenko, Yuliia
Soniya, Soniya
Suleman, Rahel
Sumesh, Nihida
Tamanna, Tamanna
Torki Pour, Inna
Vaquilar, Maricar
Vasylyna, Dykonta
Vistovska, Mariana
Vlaiko, Oleksandra
Warsame, Iman
Weldegebriel, Yordanos
Weldemariam, Natsnet



HEALTH CARE AIDE BRIDGING

This 24-week Bridging Program is tailored for uncertified health care aides in Manitoba's public healthcare system who have at least 300 hours of work experience within the past two years.

Abrham, Bethel
 Arevalo, Eduardo
 Atienza, Larli-Mae
 Chine, Nnaemeka
 Dahal, Nisha
 Diones, Chelcee
 Fashasion, Samrawit
 Fayanju, Oluwole
 Fernandez, Ma.Felita
 Gill, Jaspreet
 Grata, Gebeyanesh
 Illescas, Leslie
 Imperial, Antonio III
 Jayeoba, Olatunbosun
 Kaur, Gurkirat
 Kaur, Gurpreet
 Kaur, Kawaljeet
 Kaur, Parampreet
 Khinda, Manreet

Miller, Williams
 Morrissette, Marie*
 Muzalewski, Kaylie
 Nanzala, Agnes
 Onwuekwe, Christian
 Patel, Sangita
 Pescadero, Ella Mae
 Pescadero, Tito
 Rebutoc, Richard
 Regidor, Gretchen
 Roque, Pamela Rose
 Sandhu, Randeep
 Sardal, Norinda
 Schartner, Ronald
 Tyndall, Criselda
 Ugwuoke, Leslie
 Vokey, Elizabeth*
 Yelisieiev, Daniil
 Yelisieieva, Veronika

INDIGENOUS FOCUSED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

The Indigenous Focused Early Childhood Educator Diploma Program prepares students for careers in early childhood education, integrating traditional Indigenous knowledge with modern educational practices to support young children within Indigenous communities and beyond.

Carrier, Nicole*
 Macleod, Brianna*

Smith, Shania*
 Traverse, Stefani

* Denotes Red River Métis



MEET THE TEAM



Louis Riel College Administration and Faculty

∞ Minister of Education - **Minister JoAnne Remillard**

∞ Associate Minister of Education - **Associate Minister Joan Ledoux**

∞ Senior Director - **Sharon Varga**

∞ Director - **Les Varga**

∞ Senior Academic Officer - **Wayne Palendat**

∞ Faculty Head; I.F.E.C.E - **Cheryl Erickson**

∞ I.F.E.C.E Instructor - **Sheila Argue**

∞ I.F.E.C.E Instructor - **Wyanita Chartrand**

∞ Faculty Head; Health - **Jason Gonzales**

∞ HCA Instructor - **Divine Genuino**

∞ HCA Instructor - **Czar Genuino**

∞ Instructor/Corporate Training - **Herman Salud**

∞ Corporate & Community Trainer - **Gerry Desjardins**

Administrative Team

∞ **Karen Flett**

∞ **Rebecca Hebert**

∞ **Jake Wang**

∞ **Elizabeth Erickson**

∞ **Kayden Ducharme**

∞ **Babette Allarie**



President David N. Chartrand, LL.D. (HON), O.M.

Manitoba Métis Federation

President David Chartrand has been at the forefront of Métis political leadership for over 35 years and President of the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) for more than 25 years. President Chartrand is the longest serving President in the Federation's history, currently serving an unprecedented eighth term. A renowned national and international Ambassador and published author, President Chartrand has built the most comprehensive Indigenous Government in Western Canada and has helped the Métis Nation win several critical court cases, including the 2013 Supreme Court decision on the Manitoba Métis land claims.

He was born in 1960 and raised in the Métis village of Duck Bay, Manitoba. The fourth of eight children, President Chartrand attributes his strong sense of identity and integrity to his mother Martha, who taught him that his name was the most important thing he owned, and that he must always protect it by acting with honour and respect.

Under President Chartrand's leadership, the MMF and the Red River Métis people have reemerged as economic leaders as a government and across a variety of sectors.

MMF's revenues have significantly increased to over \$100 million in 2021, with capital holdings in cash, investments and real property of over \$250 million.

Through its economic development arm, the MMF owns and operates several companies that includes a resort and golf club, a pharmacy, procurement, construction, retail division and real estate.

When asked what his greatest accomplishment as President has been, he said: "Giving back to my people and protecting the future for our youth. Never forget where you come from."



Minister JoAnne Remillard

Minister of Education

Manitoba Métis Federation

With over 40 years of volunteer experience, and 30 years within the Métis community. JoAnne is no stranger to Métis Politics, she is the first Red River Métis Woman to be elected on two Métis Governing bodies.

In 2018, JoAnne was elected to Winnipeg Region of the Manitoba Métis Federation as the Regional Executive Director, she was first appointed as the Associate Minister to the Métis Child and Family Services portfolio, by President Chartrand. With every meeting that she attends, JoAnne always had the best interest of our Red River Métis children in heart and mind.

In 2022, JoAnne was acclaimed as Regional Director. She was appointed as Minister to the Environment and Climate change portfolio by President Chartrand. JoAnne, attended international conferences and spoke with government officials and educating those on who the Red River Métis are and how we are The Stewards of Our Métis Homeland.

In September 2025, JoAnne was appointed to the Education portfolio by President Chartrand. Since her appointment she has been meeting with Provincial Education Ministers as well as promoting Louis Riel Institute - Cultural Programming and Adult Learning Centre for those who are missing credits to obtain their Mature Grade 12 diploma. Louis Riel College serves our Métis citizens with Diploma and Certificate Programs - Health Care Aid, Indigenous-Focused Early Childhood Educator and Medical Office Assistant just to name a few. Post-Secondary Education Support Program offers Red River Métis citizens up to \$5,000 per fiscal year for full-time studies.

JoAnne has two sons living in Ottawa, Ontario – Mike (Krystal) and Cameron (Sishira) and two grandchildren Kyler and Quinn. Her ancestral family ties comes from St. Boniface, Winnipeg and St. Pierre-Joly, rural Municipality of Tache.

JoAnne is also a successful entrepreneur with a home-based business, as well as a member of the Women's Catholic League (CWL) at Christ the King church. She also has Business Management Diploma (Honours) and Natural Health Sciences Diploma. Elected twice to sit as Secretary for the MMF – Local Advisory Committee - (LAC).



Associate Minister Joan Ledoux

Associate Minister of Education

Joan Ledoux is a cabinet member of The Pas Region for the Manitoba Métis Federation and has many responsibilities in that role. She is the Associate Minister of Education, Co-Minister responsible for the ISET agreement. As the Associate Minister of Education, she is also serves on the Louis Riel Institute (LRI) Board. LRI is the culture and education authority for the MMF.

This is Joan's third term on the MMF Cabinet. Prior to being elected, she served on numerous boards within the MMF, including 15 years as Chairperson for the Flin Flon Local, Chairperson for the Local Management Board - The Pas Region, and Chair of the Provincial Management Board. Joan was also Chair of the Flin Flon Indian & Métis Friendship Centre.

Born in Winnipegosis, but having grown up in Camperville, Joan is the youngest of 12 children and has been married to her husband Jim for over 40 years. They were blessed with three children, Diane, Melanie and Marty, one son-in-law and one daughter-in-law along with four granddaughters Meagan, Alexis, Parker and Cooper.

Joan graduated from Brandon University with a Bachelor of Education, helping her find employment with the Federal and Provincial Government for the past 26 years. Joan retired from Manitoba Hydro and dedicates all her time working for the Métis Government.

Joan's goal is to serve and be accountable to the Métis people - She is a proud and passionate Métis woman who loves to walk, read and dance. For over ten years, Joan has been writing bits and pieces of her memoir which she plans to dedicate to her children and family. She will continue to use the opportunities given to her to showcase her Métis Culture & History and work towards the vision of the Métis Nation.



Minister Frances Chartrand

Minister of Health and Wellness

Minister of Early Learning and Child Care

Executive Committee of Cabinet

Frances Chartrand, a remarkable Red River Métis woman from Duck Bay, Manitoba, is a source of pride for her community. She is a loving wife, caring mother, doting grandmother, and a dedicated Vice-President of the Northwest Métis Council Inc. Frances is an outstanding cultural ambassador for Red River Métis, nationally and internationally. She holds two influential portfolios, including those of the Minister of Health and Early Learning and Child Care for the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) National Government of the Red River Métis.

Frances has earned a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Social Work and is currently pursuing a Master of Social Work from the University of Manitoba, showing her passion for lifelong learning. She began her career in the child care field, assisting the management team at Blue Quills, in St. Paul, Alberta. She would take the next step in her career with the MMF, where she worked with the Métis Community Liaison Department and developed social programming and community support to assist Red River Métis Elders, families, and communities.

Frances's expertise and experience in child and family services led her to play a pivotal role in devolving Métis Child and Family Services in Manitoba. She was appointed to the Manitoba Legislative Review Committee in 2017, where she provided a review and recommendations on child welfare legislation in Manitoba. Frances was also a National Reference Group on Indigenous Child & Family Services Reform member. Her contributions have been remarkable, and she is a vital asset to the Red River Métis community.

Frances is an active member of the Aboriginal Head Start Program in Swan River, serving on various committees, including the Elbert Chartrand Aboriginal Head Start Committee, Manitoba West Regional Aboriginal Head Start Committee, Provincial Aboriginal Head Start Committee, the National Aboriginal Head Start Committee, and the National Aboriginal Head Start Council. She advocates for affordable, accessible, quality child care and culturally relevant programming. Frances has presented Red River Métis-specific knowledge provincially, federally, and internationally, making her a respected figure in the community.

In her leisure time, Frances cherishes spending quality time with her loved ones, including her husband, Charles, children, and grandchildren. Her warm personality, coupled with her impressive achievements, make her an inspiration to many. Frances's sincerity, thoughtfulness, confidence, and positivity shine through in everything she does, and her contributions to the community have been invaluable.



Minister Anita Campbell

Minister of Finance
Minister of Human Resources
Executive Committee of Cabinet
Provincial HRD Committee
Louis Riel Capital Corporation

Anita Campbell, a proud Red River Métis woman from Duck Bay, Manitoba, is currently the Spokeswoman, and CEO, of Infinity Women Secretariat (IWS). Her dedication and passion as Spokeswoman since the incorporation of IWS in 2013, having grown substantially since it began, IWS now provides many programs, services, and supports, and resources to over 2,400+ members.

Anita Campbell was first elected in 2003 as a Caucus and Cabinet Member of the National Government of the Red River Métis – the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF); she has held many Ministerial appointments including MMF Minister of Finance and Human Resources since 2012, and MMF Minister of Information Technology since 2018, along with many appointments to multiple Boards and Committees. In addition, she holds the position of Chief Administrative Officer, as of September 1, 2016.

Anita Campbell has received multiple awards for her work and commitments; most recently, she received the Provincial Council of Women of Manitoba Award in November 2022 as well as the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal in June 2023.



Minister Andrew Carrier, BA, RPT, CHRP

Vice-President, Winnipeg Region
Manitoba Métis Federation

Andrew Carrier is a prominent Métis leader based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. First elected in 2000 with the National Government of the Red River Métis, the Manitoba Métis Federation - MMF as the Regional Director and in 2018 to present, as the Vice-President for the Winnipeg Region. Andrew is on the MMF Cabinet and is the Minister responsible for: Red River Métis Community Resource Department, Michif Language, French Language Services, Riel House, Métis Residential, Day School Survivors, Associate Minister of Economic Development, Associate Minister for the Métis Heritage Trust Fund, Former Chairperson for the MCFS Authority Board, and Co-founder of the Conseil Elzéar Goulet Local.

Andrew Carrier has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political & Social Sciences from the University of Manitoba and holds a Bilingual Business Administration Diploma from the St. Boniface Technical College. He is a Registered Professional Trainer, a Certified Human Resource Practitioner and is fluent in French, English and Spanish.

In 2017, Andrew Carrier completed 30 years of service with the Province of Manitoba in the fields of Social Work and Human Resources and is currently serving his eighth term in office with the Manitoba Métis Federation.

In 1982, Master Sailor Andrew Carrier, served seven years as a Ships Diver for the Canadian Armed Forces and was honourably discharged from military service.

Additionally, since 2010 to present, Andrew Carrier is the Chairperson for The Indigenous Leadership Development Institute, overseeing the World Indigenous Business Forum and is the Métis representative at The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation – Governing Circle.



Minister David Beaudin

*Minister of Métis Employment and Training
Associate Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Chair, MMF Human Resources Development Committee*

David Beaudin is a Manitoba-born Métis leader, devoted husband, and proud father of four adult children. He has been a citizen of the Manitoba Métis Federation (MMF) for more than 35 years. Originally joining the Heritage Proud Local in 1990, David later initiated the creation of the New Horizons Local in 2004, where he served as chairperson for 14 consecutive years. Under his leadership, the local was among the first to adopt technology for meetings, even hosting a virtual meeting using ICQ Messenger during a -28°C winter day in December 2006.

David also served three successive terms on the Local Advisory Committee (LAC), an MMF education committee, where he later became chair and regional representative on the MMF Provincial Management Board. His dedication to serving citizens in the Winnipeg Region led him to run for MMF Cabinet in 2010 and ultimately to a successful election in 2018 as one of two Winnipeg Regional Directors.

He has since held several cabinet roles, including Associate Minister of Provincial Education, Minister of Agriculture in 2021, and Associate Minister of Environment and Climate Change in 2025. In 2026, he was appointed Minister of Métis Employment and Training and Chair of the MMF Human Resources Development Committee.

David retired from Red River College Polytechnic in 2022 after 22 years as an instructor, program coordinator, and union representative. He continues to contribute as a small business owner and lifelong educator.



Elder Shirley Langan

*Elder
Manitoba Métis Federation*

Shirley Langan, a respected Red River Métis Elder. She is a Manitoba Métis Federation, Seven Oaks Métis Council member and Red River Métis citizen who was raised in the traditional Métis lifestyle. She is a widow, mother and Grandmother (Kookum) and had an extraordinary 40-year career in health care working at the Health Sciences Centre where she retired in 2017. She is a recipient of the 2025 King Charles III Coronation Medal award. She has dedicated 37 years, volunteering in numerous Board positions and community events. As an elder, she takes time providing prayers for multiple events. She assisted with the fire evacuees; a role filled with caring and compassion. As a designated Elder for MMF “Rapid Services (Transitional Housing), she devotes her time, ensuring that our relatives there are being cared for in that capacity. Elder Shirley was given the great honor of being selected as Elder, Councilor and Advisor for an upcoming movie “Ancestral Beasts”, helping to navigate some of the real-world issues addressed in the film, a story relating to a Red River Métis family in Manitoba.



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