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Six Nations Polytechnic Celebrates 30 Years of Education for Everyone!

OHSWEKEN, March 31, 2023 – Six Nations Polytechnic (SNP) has had an incredible journey on its road to recognition. Since 1993, SNP has offered a range of college and university programs through agreements with public colleges and universities and more recently, has been granted accreditation to offer our own signature programs. The organization has steadfastly held its commitment to increasing access to educational programs, cultural and language revitalization and contributing to a sustainable future for all.

In celebration of this momentous occasion, SNP looks forward to welcoming students, staff, alumni, and community to 30 events celebrating 30 years. For SNP there is no better way to mark this occasion than with the many individuals, organizations, and partners that have contributed to the success and impact of the institution. Throughout the year SNP will host language and culturally themed public events including conferences, workshops, lunch and learns, open houses and more.

Throughout 30 years of growth and transition, SNP has remained committed to its efforts in Ojéeweh language revitalization and improving access to education and supports for Indigenous learners. Some key highlights from SNP's journey include:

- 1993 SNP Opens its doors to community learners.
- 1994 The University Consortium Articulation was developed and signed between SNP, McMaster University, Brock University, the University of Guelph, the University of Waterloo, and Wilfred Laurier University.
- 2003 SNP's Ojéeweh Campus facility was built.
- 2010 SNP began delivering an accredited diploma in Ojéeweh Language offered in both Cayuga and Mohawk.
- 2016 SNP was granted ministerial consent to offer a signature Bachelor of Arts in Ojéeweh - Languages (BAOL)
- 2016 SNP Brantford Campus opened its doors.
- 2017 SNP expanded formal education offerings to include secondary programming through SNP STEAM Academy.
- 2017 SNP contributed significantly to the passage of the historic Indigenous Institutes Act in Ontario that established an independent mechanism for quality assurance in Indigenous postsecondary education. With this in place, SNP can now develop and deliver programs that issue qualifications of certificates, diplomas, and degrees including masters and PhDs. SNP will continue to grow.
- 2017 SNP hosted the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education and is granted accreditation through the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium
- 2021 First SNP STEAM Academy cohort graduates amid the global COVID pandemic.
- 2023 SNP will celebrate the first graduates of SNP's Honours Bachelor of Arts in Ojéeweh Languages (HBAOL) – another first for SNP and Six Nations.



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To advance reconciliation, SNP welcomes all learners committed to learning in the culturally supportive environment that SNP provides. “With the supportive learning environment that SNP offers, our learners have a high rate of program completion and employment in their chosen field including health care, education, social work, community justice and the trades. SNP extends appreciation to all who have supported SNP programming and learners across the lifelong learning spectrum,” Rebecca Jamieson, President/CEO, Six Nations Polytechnic.

About Six Nations Polytechnic:

SNP is a unique post-secondary organization, recognized by community, government and institutions of higher learning, as a centre of excellence for Indigenous Knowledge. SNP has 30 years of postsecondary success in partnership with twenty percent of Ontario’s publicly funded universities and colleges. SNP’s mandate of Indigenous Sustainability calls for the perpetual use of Indigenous Knowledge (understood and expressed through language, values and actions) that provides capacity to live in harmony with the natural world, while restoring and maintaining a healthy existence in a nation with diverse citizenship and needs. Website: <http://www.snpolytechnic.com/>

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