

HaiCo 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



GYAAHLIGEE JAAD

Gyaahlige Jaad *Destiny Davidson* is from the Ts'aahl Jaanas Clan from Gaw Tlagée Old Massett.

"Every year I am in school I seem to change my goal and interest slightly. I originally wanted to be a certified psychiatrist but have changed my mind and would now like to come home and integrate cultural practices such as artwork into mental healing practice. When I graduate I will move home and I hope to work with Niislaa Naay Healing House as a in-house counsellor/support worker."

TAANGGUNAAY

Taanggunaay Grinder is from the Kaayahl Laana's Clan from HIGaagilda *Skidegate*.

"Growing up on Haida Gwaii I have learned the immense impact of storytelling and the passing down of knowledge through generations. I have always wanted to implement the process of sharing culture and creation through my chosen career path. This is why the start of my educational journey has been so impactful, I have recently completed my first year at Capilano University to work towards my bachelor's degree in Communication Studies. I plan to graduate with my degree in 2026 and work and learn in the field of broadcast media."



T'AA GIIDII



T'aa Giidii *Devan Boyko* is from the Yahgu'laanaas Clan from Gaw Tlagée Old Massett.

"As I learn about human anatomy, body functions and psychology, I am learning about human health and how to achieve my highest health goals. Passing knowledge to the next generation ensures they are prepared to be the next leaders in our community. Helping to heal our people is very important to me. Building on our communities strengths with a holistic approach can help us over come some of the intergenerational trauma we have endured throughout the last 100 plus years of colonial history residential schools

XIILLANG GIIDII

Xiillang Giidii *Cassandra Collison* is from Gaw Tlagée Old Massett.

"Although it might be tough I am going to push through because I believe in myself and one day I will prosper into an amazing chef and open my own restaurant."



KIL U'UWANS



Kil U'uwan *Kianna Richardson* is from the Naa S'dagaas XaaydaGaay Clan from HIGaagilda *Skidegate*.

"My education journey has taught me many things but it is my culture and the teachings within that will allow me to make a difference not only for my people but with my people. By becoming an Indigenous lawyer I will be able to address issues affecting the Indigenous populations from within the systems."