



OUR SHARED FUTURE: THE STORY OF ANNE CALLADINE

Orano Northern Scholarship Recipient

At Orano, we are honoured to have the ability to better our communities. We live to create our best tomorrow by uniting people to act as one – to meet the challenges of today and build our best tomorrow. This is why, in 1979, Orano Canada established a scholarship program to help northerners pursue post-secondary education and build capacity in the North. Over the last 40 years, Orano has awarded scholarships to 320 recipients for a total value of \$1.8M. We are delighted to give you a glimpse into the life of Anne Calladine – a proud recipient of Orano's Northern Scholarship from 2003 to 2006 – who was positively affected by this Scholarship.

Anne excels as a mother, community member and entrepreneur. She is a 42-year-old mother of two who resides in Air Ronge. In addition to being a member of the Montreal Lake First Nation, she is also a majority owner of NorthWinds Bus Lines in La Ronge. Anne's path to success was a steep one. She left home at 14 years of age and dropped out of school at 17. She was a teen mom and had a high-risk lifestyle. "I was a rotten kid growing up. I made some poor choices and it was not an easy start in life," she says.

By the time Anne was 22, she had two daughters and decided to leave the party life behind to make a healthy future for her children. She obtained her GED and took an accounting clerk program at Northlands College. This program led her to find a job at Northlands, where she worked for five years learning the ropes of business administration and discovering her potential. "I knew I was capable, and I knew I was smart. When I chose to apply myself I always did really well," says Anne.

At 26, Anne was looking for a better life for her family and was thirsty for a challenge. She has always had a passion for helping others, and this passion led her to go back to school. With support from Northlands, Anne began an education program at NORTEP. After a strong academic performance in her first year she applied for a scholarship from Orano Canada (Cogema Resources at the time) and obtained her Bachelor of Education Degree in 2006.

In 2008, Anne's hard work and dedication enabled her to purchase a company that provided bus services to a number of schools within the Northern Lights School Division #113. Over the last decade, she has grown the business, creating jobs and providing a livelihood for a dozen people. Moreover, when Anne initially took over, this business did not hire any indigenous employees – and now, half of the company's workers are of Aboriginal descent. This is a major accomplishment for Anne and her family and is something she is very proud of as an Aboriginal entrepreneur.

In 2016, Anne's great work in business and the community was recognized with a National award when she was named Indigenous Female Entrepreneur of the Year by the National Aboriginal Capital Corporations Association.

Anne and Orano share many similar values, one being the importance placed on building fruitful relationships, helping communities rise and unite. Anne has a strong commitment to her community and dedicates her time to regularly volunteer with the La Ronge Food Bank.

When asked about the impact of the Orano Northern Scholarship had on her life, Anne indicates that it allowed her to pursue her studies while meeting her responsibilities as a mother: "It really made a difference for me. Without it, I wouldn't have been able to continue with my studies."

Anne says her biggest achievement is her daughters Kiara and Alayna, now 23 and 20 years old. Kiara is in her final year of a statistics degree at the University of Saskatchewan and Alayna operates a successful business from her home in Air Ronge. While her kids were growing up, Anne was a great role model as a mother and entrepreneur – and made it a point to always be open and honest with her family: "I often told them there's the easy way of doing things and then there's your Mom's way. I think that's why my daughters were so much smarter in their choices."

Orano Canada has made an everyday commitment to impact the lives of Northern Saskatchewan residents, changing lives for the better today and in the future. We are proud to have played a hand in enabling Anne to get her University degree and we can't wait to continue playing a hand in creating a better tomorrow.

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