



Connecting Culture, Land and Wellness to Indigenous Youth Webinar

Guest Speaker Bio



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I am a 28 year old Ojibway from Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Territory on Manitoulin Island, Ontario. I am married with one daughter. I am an educator who specializes in plant-based medicine. I have been learning all my life but, intensively for the past 7 years and educating for the past 4 years. My information has reached 40 countries and is translated in over 25 different languages and has changed the way everyone from mothers to doctors and researchers to teachers think about and even practice medicine.

I am the Founder & Director of Creators Garden, a 365 days-a-year, indigenous outdoor-education based business. I focus on plant identification, sustainable harvesting, and teaching every one of their linguistic, historical, cultural, edible, ecological and medicinal significance through experience. I have introduced to academia the legitimization of an ancient interpretive technique called "The Doctrine of Signatures" which is a focus of all teachings I deliver, and the premise of my upcoming book. I have developed curriculum and am continuously lecturing in 20 Universities and 12 colleges in Canada and the United States.

My lecture series and intensive transformative programming is easily adaptable to make appropriate and successfully delivered to a great cross section of organizations. Some include health centers, symposiums, treatment centers, homes, conferences, chief and councils, public schools, immersion schools, environmental assessment teams, Universities and Colleges, and various committees across Canada.

I am currently a Masters Student in the MES program at York University, but have learned from hundreds of traditional knowledge holders over the past 7 years gleaning everything and uniquely blending it with western knowledge. I am a community recognized plant-based knowledge holder. Exhaustively self-studied in a vast array of health sciences including but not limited to; anatomy and physiology, endocrinology, oncology, epidemiology and biology.