



Dear Portfolio Student,

The Retired Teachers' Association of Manitoba (RTAM) is pleased to provide you with this Student Success Portfolio. It comes as a result of an application submitted by one of your family members who is a retired teacher. They recognize the value of an education and the difference their education has made in their lives. They also recognize the current costs of attending a post-secondary institution to pursue your educational dreams for your future.

This Student Success Portfolio Project was a result of the Student Awards Committee wanting to support students in developing winning award applications during their Graduation year. We are passionate about the significant role which portfolios can play in your selection of your activities meeting the criteria outlined in our RTAM Student Award as well as many different scholarships and bursaries which support your future educational directions.

We are encouraging you to draw upon the knowledge, skills and expertise of your family member through frequent conversations as you move through your high school journey. Above and beyond the bursaries, scholarships and awards you may strive to achieve, we believe the relationship you build and strengthen with your family member will be a lifelong reward of participating in this project.

We applaud your participation in this project and believe you will learn a lot about your own knowledge, skills and expertise as you collect and reflect on your entries over time. Have some fun with your Portfolio and be creative! We hope you will find this portfolio will encourage you to take the time to discover your successes and your contributions you have made to your family and community during your high school years.

Congratulations and all the best in your portfolio journey with your family member's support to mentor you along the way!

Sincerely,

**The Student Success Portfolio Ad Hoc Committee**

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