

Mamawhitowin 2021: Honoring and Celebrating Indigenous Ways of Knowing



PRESENTED BY

Dr. Kevin wâsakâyâsiw Lewis, Jason Bigcharles, Emma Anso, Audrey Anderson & Sumangala Desaiigoudar



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Program

Join us for the annual Mamawhitowin, "Coming Together" conference where we will gather Virtually to Honor and Celebrate Indigenous Ways of Knowing through the land. Dr. Kevin Lewis will lead the day with a keynote presentation on Land Based Learning, followed by presentations from several instructional specialists of the Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council Education Authority (KTCEA). Jason Big Charles, Emma Anso, Audrey Anderson and Sumangala Desaiigoudar will address land based learning through the KTCEA common consistent curriculum across various subject areas.

Presenters

Dr. Kevin wâsakâyâsiw Lewis

Dr. Kevin wâsakâyâsiw Lewis is a nêhiyaw (Plains Cree) is an instructor, researcher and writer.

Dr. Lewis has worked with higher learning institutions within the Prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta in the areas of Cree Language Development and Instructional methodologies. His research interests include language and policy development, second language teaching methodologies, teacher education programming, and

environmental education.

For the past 15 years, Dr. Lewis has been working with community schools in promoting land and language-based education and is founder of [kâniyâsihk Culture Camps](#) a non-profit organization focused on holistic community well-being and co-developer of Land-Based Cree Immersion School kâ-nêyâsihk mîkiwâhpa. Dr. Lewis is from Ministikwan Lake Cree Nation in Treaty 6 Territory.

Jason Bigcharles

Jason Bigcharles is a father of 7 and grandfather of 14. His traditional Cree name is Wapustim (White Horse). He is Metis' from the Metis' settlement of East Prairie. He has lived on the East Prairie Metis' Settlement his whole life. He has been a teacher for 20+ years.

Although he is Metis', his family is deeply rooted in Cree cultural practices and spiritualism. They continue to maintain a very high subsistence lifestyle, carrying on those traditions. Currently he is an Independent Education Consultant specializing in FNMI content and curriculum. He has specialized experience in administering Culture-Based-Learning Camps and cultural teachings to students of all ages which focus on traditional Land-Based teachings of the Woodland Cree Peoples both traditional and contemporary while infusing curriculum into lessons.

He is a powwow dancer, storyteller, hunter, trapper and medicinal plant gatherer. The majority of his time away from work is spent on the land hunting, trapping, gathering medicinal plants, instructing his children and visiting elders. Along with being dedicated to his traditions and spiritualism, he is also dedicated to lifelong learning and the belief that learning never stops.

Emma Anso

Emma Anso was born and raised in the Toronto area. She graduated from the University of Guelph, and Canterbury University in New Zealand. She has taught in New Zealand, Ontario, Nunavut and is currently the Literacy Specialist for KTCEA in Northern Alberta. She was a classroom teacher, literacy coordinator and inclusive education teacher. She is a single mother to a 6 year old with a passion for literacy and indigenous education. She enjoys working with teachers on engaging students in effective and engaging learning opportunities through Land Based Learning and tying into the classroom through literacy.

Audrey Anderson

Audrey Anderson is a Cree Language Specialist with KTCEA

Sumangala Desaigoudar

Sumangala Desaigoudar is a Numeracy & Science Specialist with KTCEA