

Bursary Recipients 2013

Congratulations to our two bursary recipients, Tina Pero from Lloydminster, and Jodi Allen from Melfort! If you are extending your education and are currently a member of ECEC, please consider applying for a bursary! Here are their bios:

My name is Tina Pero and I graduated from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Bachelor of Education degree. There I worked for several years teaching Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 3.

In 2008, my family and I relocated to Lashburn, SK. I got a job teaching Grade 1 at Rendell Park School in Lloydminster, AB and have been there ever since.

In January 2013, I decided to pursue a Masters in Curriculum Studies through the University of Saskatchewan. Although I am not sure as to where this new endeavor will take me professionally, I am thoroughly enjoying the new learning and professional conversations and reading I get to do.

I am also the mother of 4 children: three boys ages 14, 9 and 5 and one girl age 7. Their busy schedules keep me running most of the year!

Thank you for this wonderful award. This assistance makes furthering my education easier. Congratulations on a wonderful ECEC Conference 2013. I look forward to continuing my involvement with ECEC!

My name is Jodi Allen and I have been an early childhood educator in Saskatchewan for 17 years. I was born and raised in Saskatoon, and received my undergraduate degree in education from the University of Saskatchewan. I began my career teaching Grade one at the Chamakese Education Center on the Pelican Lake First Nation in northwestern Saskatchewan. In 2000 I moved to the community of Melfort, where I currently reside. I have been privileged to teach primarily at the grade 1 level, with additional experiences in Grades 2,3 & 5 as well. In 2010 I began my Masters program in Educational Administration, convocating in the fall of 2013. During my graduate program I was fortunate to focus my elective experiences around my passion for Early Childhood Education. I am currently the Vice Principal of an elementary school in Melfort, and enjoy the challenge of many roles, and the opportunity to work with my colleagues, students, and school community. Most importantly, I am a mom to a little girl who is almost 10 years old and is in grade 4. My daughter and I enjoy travelling, music, playing games, and time with extended family.