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2019 Canadian Superintendent of the Year

Oakville Ontario, October 10, 2019 - The Canadian Association of School System Administrators (CASSA) awarded its prestigious EXL Award to Shannon Barnett-Aikman as the 2019 Canadian Superintendent of the Year at this year's CASSA Annual Conference in British Columbia. Xerox Canada has sponsored the award since 2002. Pictured with Shannon is Ken Bain, CASSA Executive Director (R) and Kevin Murnaghan, XEROX Canada.





The recipient, Ms. Shannon Barnett-Aikman has served thousands of students in her 17 years of NWT educational leadership. Her current position, since April 2018, has been as Chief Executive Officer for the Tłıchǫ Community Services Agency (TCSA). Previously she served students in the following roles:

Director of Education, TCSA –2012-2018

- K-12 Phys. Ed., Health, Wellness, Nutrition Coordinator, GNWT Dept. of ECE –2011-2012
- Principal –Mackenzie Mountain School, Sahtu Divisional Education Council–2005-2011
- Teacher–Mackenzie Mountain School, Sahtu Divisional Education Council –2002-2005
- Teacher –Morpeth Secondary School, London, England –2000-2002

During this time, she has also held a number of leadership roles for NWT school boards, NWTSA and the Government of the NWT, including:

- NWTSA's representative on the Northwest Territories Teachers Association (NWTTA) and Department of Education's (ECE's) joint NWT Strengthening Teacher Instructional Practice Committee
- NWTSA's representative on the Department of Education's (ECE's) Supporting Northern Professionals working group
- Member of ECE's NWT Curriculum Implementation Committee (NWTIC)
- Member of ECE's Student Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Committee (SAER)
- Department of Education's representative on the Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health (JCSH)
- Department of Education / school board's representative in the recruitment of teachers for NWT schools
- Group Leader for NWT Principal Certification Course

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