



*MEDIA ADVISORY*

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## **KIIKENOMAGA KIKENJIGEWEN EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING SERVICES (KKETS) HOST 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**THUNDER BAY, ON:** Kiikenomaga Kikenjigewen Employment & Training Services (KKETS) will host a 6<sup>th</sup> graduation ceremony this week at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium in the traditional territory of Fort William First Nation.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, Hon. Patty Hajdu – Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour along with representatives from the Matawa First Nations Management, KKETS Board of Directors, Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities (Indigenous Education Branch), and the Lakehead Adult Education Centre will join in recognizing students successfully completing the 2018/2019 Aboriginal Skills Advancement Program (ASAP) and obtaining their Ontario Secondary School Diplomas with many completing their post-secondary entrance requirements. Chiefs from many of the Matawa First Nations will also attend.

Pink Baxter from Marten Falls First Nation will provide valedictory remarks. Seventy-four (74) graduates, the highest of all ASAP cohorts, will be graduating. Over the past 6 years ASAP has been funded by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities graduating 398 people in Matawa over this time. KKETS continues to await a provincial government decision on future funding.

Members of the media are cordially invited to attend the graduation (program attached).

**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 2019  
**Location:** Thunder Bay Community Auditorium, 1 Paul Shaffer Dr., Thunder Bay, Ontario  
**Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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