

“Project Beyshick has been an important step in promoting business skills among the NAN youth who’ve taken part, but it doesn’t end there. The youth who’ve taken part in the job-shadowing program in the past two years are the best examples of the program and its benefits.” said NAN Deputy Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler. “The recognition of Darcy’s business plan and the option for other candidates to pursue other support to develop their business plans, are perfect examples of how this experience can open up realistic opportunities for success at the community level.”

“Project Beyshick serves as a platform for success in that it helps to enhance leaders with the training and financial backing to succeed,” said POA Chairman Aditya Jha. “This inaugural award brings us closer to our vision of a social venture fund for First Nation people.”

Nishnawbe Aski Nation is an Aboriginal political organization representing 49 First Nation communities within James Bay Treaty 9 and Ontario First Nations part of Treaty 5 – an area spanning two-thirds of Ontario with a total approximate population of 45,000 members on and off reserve.

POA Educational Foundation is a charitable foundation aiming to provide support for educational and entrepreneurial initiatives that target regions with specific challenges and pressing needs.

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