**Twenty-one Inspirational First Nations, Métis and Inuit Women in Canada**

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The Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario recognizes and celebrates the contributions of twenty-one inspirational First Nations, Métis and Inuit women in Canada.

# First Nations

* Ma-Nee Chacaby

Cree/Ojibway, Ombabika First Nation, Two-Spirit, Elder, Storyteller, Visual Artist, Activist, Actor, Author.

* Jeannette Corbiere Lavell

Anishinaabe, Activist, Author, Founding Member - Ontario Native Women’s Association, Indigenous Women of the Americas, and Anduhyaun Inc.

* Jody Wilson-Raybould

Descendant of the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk and Laich-Kwil-Tach Peoples, Member of the We Wai Kai Nation, Lawyer, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

* Carey-Leigh Thomas

Haudenosaunee, Six Nations, Athlete - Women’s National Softball Team, Teacher.

* Dr. Cindy Blackstock

Member of the Gitksan First Nation, Executive Director - First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, Professor, Advocate, Author, Public Speaker.

* Josephine Mandamin

Anishinaabe, Wikwemikong Unceded Territory, Environmentalist, “The Water Walker,” 2015 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award Recipient.

* Dr. Pamela Doris Palmater

Mi’kmaq, Eel River Bar First Nation, Lawyer, Professor, Author, Public Speaker, Activist, Holds 4 University Degrees, Spokesperson/Educator - Idle No More.

# Métis

## Christi Belcourt

* Michif (Métis), Visual Artist, Activist, Author, Founding Member - Walking With Our Sisters, 2015 Art Gallery of Ontario “People’s Choice” Recipient.

## Nicola I. Campbell

* Métis/Nle7kepmx/Nsilx, Award-Winning Author, Scholar.

## Maria Campbell

* Métis, Author, Activist, Playwright, Filmmaker, Teacher.

## Tantoo Cardinal

* Métis/Cree/Nakota, Actor, Writer, Public Speaker, Order of Canada Award Recipient.

## Hon. Senator Dr. Thelma Julia Chalifoux

* Métis, Appointed to the Senate of Canada, Honourary Doctorate Recipient, Public Speaker, Lecturer, Founding Member - Michif Cultural and Resource Institute.

## Marilyn Dumont

* Cree/Métis, Writer, Poet, Author, Instructor.

**Dr. Olive Patricia Dickason**

* Métis, Journalist, Historian, Professor, Writer, Activist.

# Inuit

## Laura Arngna'naaq

* Inuk of the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut, Activist, Artist, Scholar, Chartered Accountant, Co-Founder - Torontomiutaujugut.

## Alethea Arnaquq-Baril

* Inuk, Iqaluit, Nunavut, Activist, Filmmaker, Producer, Director, Owner - Unikkaat Studios Inc., Founding Member - TV Nunavut Educational Broadcast Society.

## Sheila Watt-Cloutier

* Inuk, Kuujjuaq, Nunavik, Author, Public Speaker, Environmentalist, Cultural/Human Rights Advocate, Pioneer of Linking Climate Change to Human Rights.

## Meeka Kilabuk

* Inuk, Pangnirtung, Nunavut, Teacher, Fashion Designer, 2012 Queen Elizabeth II’s Diamond Jubilee Medal Recipient, Founding Member - Nunavut Council of People with Disabilities.

**Mary J. May Simon**

* Inuk, Kangirsualuujuaq, Nunavik, President - Inuit Circumpolar Council, Canadian Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs (Foreign Affairs), President - Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami.

**Tanya Tagaq Gillis**

* Inuk, Nunavut, Traditional Inuit Throat Singer, Artist, Recipient of Several Music Awards.

**Jessie Aputi Fraser**

* Inuk, Sanikiluaq, Nunavut, Inuit Throat Singer, Early Childhood Educator, Inuit Language and Cultural Advocate, Journalist, Youth Representative.