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

Ma-Nee Chacaby
Cree/Ojibway, Ombabika First Nation, 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 Inc.

Jody Wilson-Raybould
Descendant of the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk and Laich-Kwil-Tach Peoples, Member of the We Wai Kai Nation, Lawyer, Member 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 Ojibwe First Nation, Executive Director - First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, Professor, Advocate, Author, Public Speaker.

Josephine Mandamin

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

Laura Arrunaa’naaq
Iroquois, Activist, Artist, Scholar, Chaired Advisor, Co-Founder - Tohono Hoonah.

Alethea Arnaquq-Baril
Inuit, Nunavut, Activist, Director, Producer, Writer, Director - Unikkaat Studios Inc., Founding Member - TV Nunavut Educational Broadcast Society.

Sheila Watt-Cloutier

Meeka Kilabuk
Iñupiat, Nunavut, Teacher, Author, Educator, Ferrari, Founder, Member - Inuit Women’s Council of Nunavut, Nunavut Cultural Council for Young People.

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Tanya Tagaq Gillis
Inuk, Nunavut, Traditional Inuit Throat Singer, Activist, Recipient of Several Music Awards.

Jessie Aputi Fraser
Inuk, Nunavut, Inuit Throat Singer, Early Childhood Educator, Inuit Language and Cultural Advocate, Journalist, Youth Representative.

Christi Belcourt

Nicola I. Campbell
Métis, Author, Journalist, Social Activist, Author, Educator.

Maria Campbell
Métis, Activist, Author, Anthropologist, Educator, Speaker.

Tantoo Cardinal
Métis/Cree/Nakota, Singer, Actor, Director, Recipient of several music awards.

Hon. Senator Dr. Thelma Julia Chalifoux
Métis, Appointed to the Senate of Canada, Member of the Order of Canada, Recipient of several awards.

Marilyn Dumont
Cree, Writer, Poet, Author, Educator.

Dr. Olive Patricia Dickason
Métis, Educator, Historian, Professor, Author, Activist.