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## TWO GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOR INUIT EMPLOYEES OF THE NUNAVIK HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE NETWORK

**Kuujjuaq, February 28, 2024** – The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS), in partnership with Cégep Marie-Victorin, offers post-secondary training programs for Inuit workers in the Health and Social Services network.

On February 20 and 22, in Inukjuak and Puvirnituq, the two partners celebrated the remarkable academic achievements of eleven Inuit graduates who have successfully completed one of the training programs.

Eight graduates obtained an Attestation of College Studies (ACS) Communication in Helping Relationships:

Dalasia Atagotaaluk Mary Berthe Lucy Idlout Susie Kasadluak Jennifer Mina Asianajak Mary Qinuajuak Maina Qumaluk Clément Rousseau

In addition, two graduates, Ginette Novalinga and Sybila Surusilak, were recognized for completing the ACS Communication in Administration.

The NRBHSS and Cégep Marie-Victorin were also keen to highlight the academic achievement of Celine Tukalak, who became the first Inuk to graduate from the Diploma of College Studies (DCS) in Social Services.

"These achievements are sure to inspire other employees. By investing in the skills development of our workers, we are investing in the sustainable future of our region, ensuring a skilled, motivated workforce that is representative of our culture." explains Jobie Tukkiapik, NRBHSS Director of Regional Human-Resources Development (RHRD). "Everyone goes at their own pace and at the end of the program, the whole community benefits. This approach not only fosters the personal and professional growth of our workers, but also strengthens the bonds within our community."

In light of this success, the NRBHSS intends to continue developing its training programs for Inuit workers and making them more accessible.

The Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services is a public agency created in 1978 under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. It is responsible for nearly the entire Quebec territory located north of the 55<sup>th</sup> parallel in terms of the provision of health and social services for the inhabitants of the 14 communities.

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