



# Creating Futures

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## News Release

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## Awards Given to Exemplary Educators

*The SSDEC names the 2015 winners of the Excellence in Education Award*

Hay River, NT – On September 1<sup>st</sup> the South Slave Divisional Education Council announced the 2015 winners of the *Excellence in Education Award*.

The 2015 ***Program Staff Award*** winner is Mrs. **Lynne Beck** of Diamond Jenness Secondary School. As the Vice Principal and Guidance Counsellor Lynne has implemented and supported numerous programs and initiatives that have helped to keep students in school and guided them towards successful graduation. Lynne has helped to usher in new approaches and programs to improve student behaviour and social responsibility and reduce suspensions. It is clear that Lynne cares about the students and does her utmost to ensure their success. Lynne's nominators cited her compassion, patience and diligence as an educator and a leader.

The ***Partner in Education Award*** is presented to K'atlodeeche elder Mr. **Joe Tambour** for his unwavering commitment to his culture, language and the traditions of the Dene and for his willingness to share this rich culture with our students and staff. Through his sustained efforts and active involvement in multiple South Slave schools—story-telling and teaching Dene values through hand-games and drumming—he has helped strengthen our schools and enrich the lives of students throughout our region.

“The purpose of the Excellence in Education Awards is to publicly recognize the sustained commitments and outstanding contributions made by staff, parents and community members in helping to create the best possible futures for South Slave students,” explained Superintendent Dr. Curtis Brown.

The *SSDEC Excellence in Education Award* is awarded annually to a recipient(s) nominated by their peers and selected from the following two categories:

- *Program Staff* – includes teachers, administrators, consultants and education assistants service South Slave schools
- *Partners in Education* – includes support staff (eg. secretaries and custodians), parents, students, volunteers and other community members, groups, or organizations that work in support of student learning

**2015 SSDEC Excellence in Education Awards Recipient Backgrounders attached**

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