



*I learn from a First Nation perspective how to strengthen my own community from the teachings of other strong Indigenous Women who have proven to be awesome leaders in their own communities. I also get to meet other community leaders from all over the world. This is all provided in a beautiful setting in one of the most prestigious universities in Canada.*

## Fawn Pettifer

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I came to Coady Institute to learn the tools that can help me make positive change within my community. I knew that the Coady Institute would provide an environment that would include great programming and fabulous Indigenous women from all over Canada. It is through this diversity of learning that I will discover and learn from the many other ways that women from across Canada contribute and strengthen their own communities.

I am an accomplished educator with experience teaching in the northern community of Fort Albany, Ontario (James Bay region) and New Zealand. Currently, I sit on the Governance Committee with Wahnapiatae First Nation and I am a member of the Lions Club International. I work with Angelis Consulting, which has contracts with various First Nations to facilitate workshops in governance, economic development and team building. The work that I complete for my community garden project will lay the foundation for my master's thesis in environmental studies at Queen's University that is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2014.