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I came to Coady after hearing the amazing experiences of previous cohorts of the IWCL program. The timing was perfect to be chosen to attend. I hope to apply new skills and knowledge gained from my mentor, fellow cohorts, and instructors.

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I am a Dakota woman from the Sioux Valley Dakota Nation in southern Manitoba. I am an independent consultant providing research, policy analysis, program and proposal development, facilitation and liaison services, project management, program evaluations, work plan and strategic planning for a number of different organizations and First Nations. Previous to this, I was a policy analyst for 10 years with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

I moved home in the fall of 2015, to help raise grandchildren, grow my own food, learn/speak my language so I may teach my family, and to give back to my community. My goal is to empower both our young women and men into future leaders who are strong in their identity, culture and language, and ensure strong education and career paths. I plan to ensure greater internal and external resource collaboration to support these goals.

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