

Literacy Champion Award 2021

Nomination for Barbara Macnutt

I have known Barb for 14 years. What I have learned about her is that she is known and loved by many. Barb is a storyteller, educator, advocate, and mentor to many.

Barb has won four other awards over the years for her work in the literacy field. Most recently, in 2019 she was presented the esteemed eagle feather by Chief Brian Francis in recognition of "years of commitment, service and belief "in his Band members by initiating, supporting, and establishing learning opportunities for adult Band members who had not completed grade 12 in their early years. Her work resulted in increased band employment, business opportunities, self-esteem, and a brighter future for young and old alike.

Barb has long embraced learning and thus became a literacy expert. She has a list of accreditations including a Bachelor of Education Degree and a Master of Education in Literacy. She has worked as a grade 7 teacher, an adult ed instructor, and a lecturer. For 20 years she worked with the PEI Department of Education and Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning as Manager, Literacy Secretariat and Adult Education Advisor, Administrator of Private Training Schools and Chief Examiner for GED Testing.

Barb has retired and now does her literacy work through active volunteering on boards and committees.

Barb is a literacy champion with an unwavering belief in its power to transform lives.