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FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS WIN AWARDS

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To celebrate the **rich cultural and heritage traditions of BC's aboriginal people**, FORED BC Society sponsored a poster contest with **cash prizes for aboriginal youth**. The theme was **Traditional Knowledge and Medicine**.

More than 100 entries were received from all across British Columbia as part of FORED's Aboriginal Heritage, Education and Dialogue (AHEAD) program. A \$50 prize was awarded to the following three aboriginal students (see posters at right):

*Primary Winner – Sarina, Osoyoos Indian Band
Sen Pok Chin School, Oliver*

*Intermediate Winner – Jaylynn, Hesquiaht First Nation
Hesquiaht Place of Learning, Tofino*

*Secondary Winner – Zach, Seabird Island First Nation
Agassiz Elementary Secondary School, Agassiz*

"This contest was an opportunity to showcase the valuable knowledge that is passed through storytelling from generation to generation amongst aboriginal people. And youths are able to gain a sense of pride in that unique legacy inherited from their elders," said FORED President Cheryl Ziola. "We also hope that by seeing their talented poster work and that of other aboriginal students on our website and promoted in the media, this contest might help foster a stay-in-school ethic, thereby increasing aboriginal grade 12 completion rates."



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FORED BC Society, established in 1925, provides sustainability tools, resources and consulting to communities throughout BC, including First Nations. FORED and Landscapes magazine have been privileged to win seven awards, including three international awards.

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