

...Wikwemikong High School honours grad class of 2019

...continued from page 22 beginning since I started high school, I was able to be captain of the volleyball team. I would like to give a shoutout to my teammates and coaches who encouraged us to do our best!
 “Even though some of the teachers are coaches,



Apryl Pangowish accepts her Ontario Secondary School Diploma and shows off her custom-made grad cap.

they were like our family members who taught us what we needed to know throughout our high school

career. Sandra started it off, as being our Nokomis of the school, and to some a moojiinhs. She always encouraged us to attend class regularly because she wanted us out of here! Mr. Mara, you're like the cool uncle the school needed; always the helping hand. You cracked some Einstein jokes and laughed, but some of us didn't even get the joke. Even with all the robotics you did, you still managed to help us out in our studies. Thibault, you're like our adopted cousin who could take a joke and try very hard to dish out a comeback. But most times it backfired. You always know the inside joke between Noah, Carlos and I. Just to let you know, you will see our business coming soon to a town near you. We will not oink around. Samantha Cooper, the godmother of our school, even though I only had you for one class, in your first semester here, I will always remember the incident between Mr. G and Noah about mumbling. That felt like the breaking point of having a good relationship with us students. For the track and field team, you will always be the biggest supporter in showing up to all our events. Balen, our

mother-like figure, thanks for being our English teacher and always keeping at us for completing our work and to do our very best. Which brings me to my next point in regards to writing; not to follow my sister's shoes, but Balen always brought up my sister in most of our conversations in classes.

“I'd like to thank my family and friends for always being there and encouraging me to continue on with my studies, and working towards post-secondary. Miigwech to my grandmas, my aunts and uncles, and yes, especially you auntie Michelle! Noah Manitowabi, miigwech for being the greatest best friend and an even better study buddy! Elijah Bell, thanks for being the best teammate you could be, and the friend to always laugh and joke around with. Shoutout to the 2018-2019 basketball squad for your great team sportsmanship on and off the court! But most importantly, a huge shoutout to my mom and dad for always pushing me to do my very best in my studies and sports. And no, mom, you are not moving in with me. Like I mentioned, it is about keeping a balance between academics and extracurric-

ulars.

“With all the sports that I have been talking about, my post-secondary journey will be starting at Laurentian University in the upcoming school year, where I was accepted in the sports administration program! Even though I said I wasn't going to follow my sister's footsteps, here I go following right behind her.

“I just want to mention to my fellow graduating class of 2019. Let's make our dreams come true, because you got this, I got this, we got this!
 “Miigwech!”



Cole Baibomcowai bowed as he came up to the stage to accept the Nicholas Wemigwans Memorial Award from Myrna and Tristan Wemigwans.



Dancing in the ring

Grade 3 students Destiny Plume and Summer Wemigwans dabble in hoop dancing at the Wikwemikong Junior School powwow, held recently. There was hardly a cloud in the sky on this warm, sunny Friday that gave the community an opportunity to gather and cheer on their youth.

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