



UPINNAQTUQ AWARD
To celebrate and be proud of a person's accomplishments
Nunavut Law Foundation

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Nunavut Law Foundation Proudly Presents the 2024 Upinnaqtuq Award Winners

October 9, 2024 – The Nunavut Law Foundation is thrilled to announce the winners of the 2024 Upinnaqtuq Awards, which celebrate the extraordinary achievements and leadership of youth across Nunavut. The Upinnaqtuq Awards, established in honor of Justice Beverley Browne's enduring legacy, are a symbol of the bright future that these young individuals represent.

Each year, these awards recognize youth who not only exhibit outstanding leadership and commitment to their communities but also inspire those around them through resilience and positive change. The 2024 recipients exemplify these values, demonstrating that leadership knows no age, and that the contributions of young people are vital to the growth and strength of our communities.

The 2024 Upinnaqtuq Award recipients are:

Isaiah Manik Brown - Resolute Bay
Judy Kalluk - Arctic Bay
Makayla Kaludjak - Rankin Inlet
Meriva Joan Manebou Ayuk - Iqaluit
Naja Ejetsiak - Iqaluit
Brogen Savard - Iqaluit
Brianna Savard - Iqaluit

Mia Maurice - Iqaluit
Victoria Groves - Iqaluit
Jaimesee Onalik - Iqaluit
John Kublu - Iqaluit
Janice Oyukuluk - Iqaluit
Ashely Young - Iqaluit
Rick Aningaas - Baker Lake

Celebrating Leadership and Community Impact

The Upinnaqtuq Awards recognize a broad spectrum of contributions, from leadership in academics and sports to community service and cultural preservation. These youth have shown exceptional dedication, whether through mentoring their peers, preserving Inuit traditions, excelling in athletics, or leading community initiatives. Their stories of perseverance and achievement are an inspiration to all.

A Legacy of Inspiration

The Upinnaqtuq Awards, meaning 'pride and celebration' in Inuktitut, were created to honor the vision of Justice Beverley Browne, who believed deeply in the potential of Nunavut's youth. This year's awardees continue this legacy by embodying the spirit of service, leadership, and

community engagement that Justice Browne championed. You can learn more about the late Justice Beverley Browne's [extraordinary journey here](#).

Each recipient receives a certificate and a gift in recognition of their accomplishments. The Nunavut Law Foundation extends heartfelt congratulations to the winners and expresses deep gratitude to the families, educators, and community members who support these remarkable young leaders. The Foundation also thanks all who participated in the nomination process, helping to shine a light on the vital contributions of Nunavut's youth.

For more information about the Upinnaqtuq Awards and the Nunavut Law Foundation, please visit www.nunavutlawfoundation.ca or contact Nalini Vaddapalli at administrator@nulf.ca.

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About the Nunavut Law Foundation:

The Nunavut Law Foundation is a non-profit organization funded by the Law Society of Nunavut, representing all lawyers practicing law in the territory. Its mission is to support and promote the knowledge of law and the administration of justice in Nunavut.

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