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RE: Vice-Principal of the Year - Sir Alexander MacKenzie School, Inuvik

Yellowknife, NT (February 2, 2010) – The Canadian Association of Principals (CAP) recently named Jason Dayman, of Sir Alexander MacKenzie School (SAMS) in Inuvik, this year's recipient of the **National Herff Jones CAP Vice-Principal of the Year** award. Out of 30 applicants and 8 final nominees, CAP identified Jason as "an example of what the Canadian Association of Principals considers to be an outstanding representative of the very best that our profession has to offer."

This prestigious award, honouring leadership in school administration, came to Jason as a result of the difference his work makes to the 350 Kindergarten to Grade 6 students at SAMS. His strong belief in the power of culturally relevant programming and how that translates into higher standards for student achievement and learning is the driving force behind Jason's work.

Jason's passion for what he does has resulted in a number of exciting developments for Aboriginal language and culture-based education in Inuvik. He worked to see the development of a permanent culture camp for students, partnerships with Parks Canada and the Department of Fisheries to support on-the-land programs, close connections with community Elders who share their knowledge and expertise on Aboriginal culture and traditions, and support for teachers who are interested in involving their students in these educational experiences.

"The NWT Teachers' Association is honoured to see another northern administrator recognized at the national level for the work he does to ensure NWT students receive a high quality education," states David Reid, Northwest Territories Teachers' Association President.

On April 22-24, Jason will be honoured at the 2010 CAP National Conference in Regina, Saskatchewan. More information on the Canadian Association of Principals can be found on their website (<http://www.cdnprincipals.org>).

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