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## Aurora College Welcomes New President

**FORT SMITH (August 20) -- Sarah Wright Cardinal, a northern born Aboriginal educator from Fort Smith will take over as President of Aurora College on Monday. Minister of Education, Culture and Employment Jackson Lafferty and John McKee, Chair of the Board of Governors of Aurora College announced yesterday.**

“We are very pleased to welcome Ms. Wright Cardinal to such an important leadership position in our Territory,” Minister Lafferty said.

“Ms. Wright Cardinal’s education, work experience, background and intimate knowledge of the North - together with her commitment to working with a broad range of partners on adult and post-secondary education and training in the Northwest Territories – will be valuable assets as we work together to address the training and educational challenges of our future.”

Ms. Wright Cardinal, has fourteen years experience in post-secondary education and training, including work experience as an instructor, program coordinator, academic director, senior manager and consultant. She worked as the Campus Director of Yellowknife/North Slave Campus for Aurora College from December 2003 to January 2005.

“Aurora College is proud to welcome back Ms. Wright Cardinal back in her new capacity as President,” said Board Chairman John McKee. “Her previous experience with the College will be a significant asset and the Board looks forward to working with her in advancing the cause of post-secondary education in the NWT.”

Ms. Wright Cardinal has a Master of Arts in Teaching from the School for International Training and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of British Columbia. She has studied in Southern Canada, the United States and Europe and worked in Asia and Central America before returning to the Northwest Territories to apply her international experience at home.

Ms. Wright Cardinal was born in Fort Smith and is of Cree heritage. She is the granddaughter of Narcisse Cardinal and Agathe Desjarlais.

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