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Remembering Elizabeth

The Epitome of an Educator

Elizabeth Leigh Schachter was many things to many people. Daughter, athlete, coach, even folk singer. But to most, she was an educator whose greatest satisfaction was seeing her students succeed.

Elizabeth was a Science teacher at Maples Collegiate, and saw the potential in every student that came through her classroom door. She also saw the impact a student's circumstances had on their ability to pursue that potential.

Elizabeth and her family spoke often about the issue of equality or, perhaps more significantly, of substantive inequality. She believed that an equal chance was not necessarily enough. She would use the example of two mountain climbers – one on a ledge 12 feet from the top, and the other is on a ledge 20 feet from the top – and how

if you throw a thirteen foot rope to both, it ultimately only helps one of them. Elizabeth instead believed in providing a longer rope... more substantive resources to help lift people up. And the biggest of these was education.

After her early death in 2018 at the age of 26, \$50,000 was donated to the Seven Oaks Education Foundation in her name, with the intent to produce two larger scholarships. To her family, it keeps her spirit alive through the recipients whose lives will be forever changed in the way that Elizabeth herself always strove to do for her students.

In that way, Elizabeth will also be something else: eternal.

A CELEBRATION OF GRADUATION

It's that time of year: graduation time! And no one does it quite like the Seven Oaks School Division Adult Education Centre!

Here are just a few photos from the 2023 Graduation Pow-Wow event where graduation of incorporates Indigenous culture into the event for a memory that will last a lifetime!

