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NTI Announces 2015 Jose Amaujaq Kusugak Scholarship Recipients

(July 9, 2015 – Iqaluit, Nunavut) Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. President Cathy Towtongie today announced the recipients of the Jose Amaujaq Kusugak Scholarship for 2015. Caroline Ipeelie-Qiatsuk of Iqaluit and Mavis Ell of Coral Harbour will each receive \$5,000 toward their studies. Ipeelie-Qiatsuk is pursuing a degree in the Nunavut Teachers' Education Program and Ell is pursuing her nursing degree. Both students are enrolled at Nunavut Arctic College.

"Congratulations to Caroline and Mavis on receiving the Jose Amaujaq Kusugak Scholarship. This valuable program ensures that Jose's commitment to education and Inuit language remains strong in students pursuing post-secondary education. It is always a difficult task to jury the applications, but the students who were selected this year both wrote excellent essays about Jose's legacy and how they plan to promote the use of Inuktitut after graduating and entering the Nunavut workforce, one as a teacher and one as a nurse," said Towtongie.

The jury reviewed 14 applications in total. Nellie Kusugak, Jose's wife, participated in the jury this year prior to her appointment as Nunavut Commissioner. The Kusugak family has played a guiding role in the scholarship since its inception in 2011. "In his personal and professional life, Jose always stressed the critical importance of Inuit language and culture and instilling this in our Inuit identity. His commitment to education was very strong, and I am pleased to see his beliefs and work carry on," said Kusugak.

The next deadline for applications for the Jose Amaujaq Kusugak Scholarship is July 9, 2016. Application packages will be available on NTI's website. Inuit students who are enrolled under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and pursuing post-secondary studies are eligible for the scholarship.

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