

# Indspire Board Chair, David Tuccaro, to Receive BCIT Honourary Doctorate

OHSWEKEN, ONTARIO, CANADA, October 17, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [David Gabriel Tuccaro](#), the President, CEO and Founder of Tuccaro Inc., Canada's leading private Indigenous group of companies, will receive an Honourary Doctorate in Technology from BCIT at tonight's 15th annual [BCIT Distinguished Awards](#), being held in Vancouver.

Paying tribute to his roots, David says his early days as an entrepreneur are all thanks to equipment he borrowed from his father, as a fur trapper. The many times acclaimed businessman grew up in the oldest community in Alberta, Fort Chipewyan, a remote northern community that can only be reached by ice road or plane.

"I remember my dad was a trapper and he had a dog team, had eight dogs and a sled that took him from Fort Chip to the trapline," David recalls. "But when he came home on weekends I used to hitch up a couple of his dogs and put a barrel on the back and haul water to my neighbors and charge them a dollar for a barrel of water. That was the makings I guess, the start of me making a little bit of money for myself."

David has been breaking trail—both literally and figuratively—ever since, becoming a widely-respected leader along the way. For over 30 years, Tuccaro Inc. has been a leader in providing essential services for oil sands operators. As an Indigenous entrepreneur and supporter of community, education, and Indigenous development, David's personal commitment and the purpose of Tuccaro Inc. companies is to create opportunities for Indigenous people at every level of education and employment.

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commitment to advancing Indigenous youth through education," said [Roberta Jamieson](#), President



and CEO, Indspire. "David is an outstanding and very generous humanitarian who has changed the lives of thousands of First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. David has become a significant role model for so many."

David is also the founder of the Northeastern Aboriginal Business Association, which features over 100 member companies with combined revenues of over \$1 billion. A member of the National Task Force on Oil Sands Strategies and the National Aboriginal Financing Task Force, David also served as Chair of the Aboriginal Business Canada Market Expansion Group. He has sat on the Board of the Regional Health Authority as well as the Alberta Chamber of Resources.

#### About Indspire

Indspire is an Indigenous-led charity that invests in the education of Indigenous people for the long-term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada. With the support of its funding partners, Indspire disburses financial awards, delivers programs, and shares resources with the goal of closing the gap in Indigenous education. In 2016-2017, Indspire awarded \$11.6 million through 3,764 bursaries and scholarships to First Nations, Inuit and Métis students across Canada. For more information about the 2017 National Gathering for Indigenous Education, visit [indspire.ca](http://indspire.ca).

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