

# Joselynnne (Josie) Gatis



## Convocation Ceremony:

Friday, June 8th  
2pm

## Program:

Education

## Activities Participated In During Time At Nipissing:

- Student volunteer in a co-op class with Near North DSB
  - NNDSB ESL tutor for adults
  - Eddie Band member
  - Learning Together Conference Facilitator
  - Eddie intramural volleyball
- STEM professional development at Science North.

## Why Should You Be Valedictorian?

"Although Nipissing University has only been my home for two years, the professors and classmates have made a lasting impact on me. The education program and the people I have encountered along the way have inspired me to be an inclusive, dynamic, and well-rounded educator. Like many of my peers who entered the Bachelor of Education program after completing our undergraduate degree at a different institution, I instantly felt a strong sense of community with the small class sizes and passionate future leaders of education. I wanted to be an active member of this community both inside and outside of the classroom. While completing my Bachelor of Education, I volunteered in a co-operative Education class at Widdifield Secondary School to participate in an experiential learning opportunity to connect theory to practice. Pursuing a variety of educational experiences was—and continues to be—a goal of mine to better facilitate learning for my intermediate and senior learners. A few of the organizations I volunteered with during my time in North Bay are listed below: English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutor for Adults NNDSB, NU Education band member, North Bay SPCA dog walker, and Facilitator for the Learning Together Interactive Early Learning and Healthy Living Family Conference centre. In addition to these extra-curricular activities, I have spent countless hours completing assignments to the best of my ability. I believe that the more effort I put into my studies, the more I will learn and bring with me as I start this next chapter of my teaching journey. I know many of my classmates feel the same way. We have worked diligently over the past two years and spent countless hours growing and honing our skills both individually and collectively. I would be honoured to be able to speak on behalf of my classmates—many of whom now feel more like family—to help highlight our successes and help us commemorate our hard work and future success. It would be a privilege to be valedictorian for our phenomenal 2018 cohort of future educators."