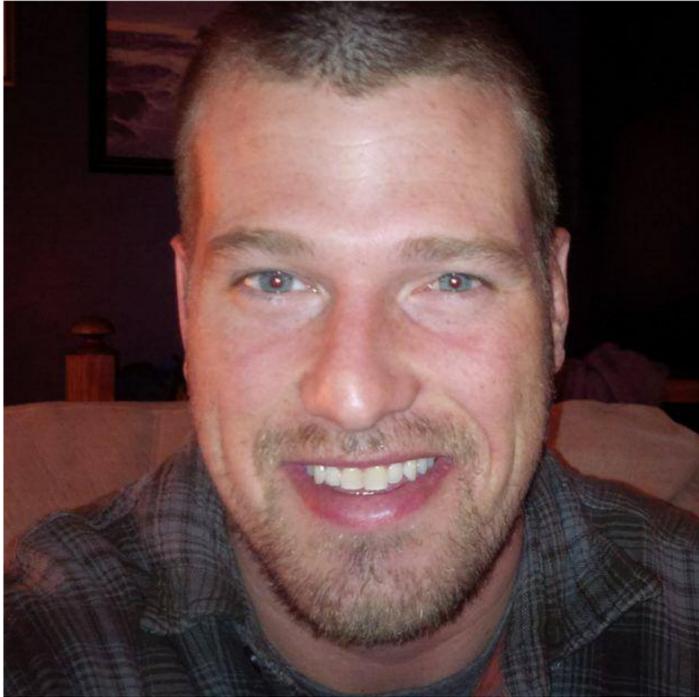


Matthew MacDonald



Convocation Ceremony:

Friday, June 8th
2pm

Program:

Consecutive B.ED Program

Activities Participated In During Time At Nipissing:

- Intramural's(Football , Basketball)
 - NU Reads
- Floor Rep for Chancellors House
 - Athletic Council
 - Open Mic Coffee House
 - Guitar Club
- Division Rep for OCT meeting
- Conducted auditions for talent show at local school
 - Jr. Boys Basketball Coach Worsley Elementary
 - Junior Band (String Instruments) Worsley Elementary
- Wigs for Kids guest speaker performed a reading of my Children's book "Pat Get's Sick" to 500+ student and staff member's
- Assisted in Cross country running events, Art club, Guitar/Bass lessons for students

Why Should You Be Valedictorian?

"I have always been involved in this program since the very first day I arrived in North Bay. I try my best to make sure all of the people in our program felt welcomed and included in not only the educational experience of school but the social aspects. I was involved in many different events and prided myself on being punctual, passionate and empathetic to my fellow teachers. In the two years in North Bay I did not miss 1 class and had perfect attendance in all my placements including my C.L.E. I was fully engaged in my classes and I believe my marks reflected that with an average of over 92% over the two years. Although I was in the P/J division I made it my goal to know and communicate with all members of the program regardless of their divisional background. I think that the wide range of people from all divisions that are supporting me for Valedictorian is clear evidence of my diversity within the program. I always participated in class and regardless of if I was right or wrong I was respectful and committed to the process of learning. I tried my best on a daily basis and I believe my peers and professors would say the same about me. I would hope that if people spoke of me it would be in a positive light and that is a direct reflection of the connections I made with all people in the program including teachers and administration. Since leaving Nipissing University and returning home I have actively been seeking jobs and completed over 4 interviews via Skype and face to face. I became a teacher to teach so wherever I need to go to teach I am willing to make the sacrifice and become the best teacher I can be. I am proud to be a Nipissing graduate and feel my comments and voice would reflect that at graduation. I feel as the Valedictorian I will represent my class in a positive light as a whole and touch on elements that all teachers can relate to regardless of their division. Good bad or indifferent. I value and appreciate intelligence, organizations and most of all humour this would be reflected in my speech. In order to be an adequate Valedictorian I think it is important to embrace and embody everything that makes up a good well rounded student. I believe that I fit that profile and through my commitment and immersion into this program I have created many positive lifelong relationships with peers and faculty.

Why Should You Be Valedictorian? (cont'd)

I incorporated music into many of my classroom assignments and these were met with great enjoyment and praise from my peers. This was an element I thought would be very interesting to look at for Valedictorian. I can guarantee this would not be a traditional boring speech if I was chosen. I think it is important to incorporate intelligence, comedy and a strong sense of uplifting emotionally driven passion when making remarks to a graduate class. I truly feel I would do this for my class. In closing I believe my background in Theatre makes me an ideal candidate for speaking on the behalf of my fellow classmates. I loved being at Nipissing and it would be exceptional to speak on behalf of my class. I hope this explanation describes in detail why I think I would be a great Valedictorian.

I thank you for your time and consideration on the process."