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# 2014 Joint Conference

LEADS ✦ SSBA ✦ SASBO

# Making waves

NAVIGATING OUR FUTURE ...  
... SHARING THE VISION

### *Our Joint Conference Goal ...*

*Provide leadership and focus on shared priorities in a team environment supporting student success.*

## Gary Merasty: Wednesday Keynote

Gary Merasty is President and Chief Operating Officer at Des Nedhe Developments LP and former Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility at Cameco Corporation. He grew up in a small reserve community in northern Saskatchewan.

Gary is a former Member of Parliament and also former Grand Chief of the Prince Albert Grand Council.

He is well known in the province for his community support, advocating better public policies for First Nations and Metis issues, education, infrastructure and

northern development. Mr. Merasty has been recognized for his many years of commitment to public service and business.

In 2005, he received the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal and in 2006, the University of Saskatchewan named Mr. Merasty as one of the Top 100 Alumni of Influence and received an Honorary Diploma for Business from the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences.

He holds a Master Degree in Education and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Saskatchewan.



**Gary honed his leadership skills during two terms as Grand Chief of the Prince Albert Grand Council and as a Member of Parliament.**





## President Justin Arendt: Sask Association of School Business Officials

*A professional organization which is dedicated to providing leadership that results in high standards of school business management.*

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Association of School Business Officials (SASBO), I want to say how thrilled we are to play a role in educating the students of our amazing province.

The Joint Conference will allow us the opportunity to not only share that excitement with other like-minded professionals but will provide all of us the opportunity for face-to-face

networking away from the busy office environment.

As an organization, we respect and value our strong working relationship with the SSBA and LEADS.

We are constantly learning from one another and growing together to make decisions in the best interest of student achievement.

This opportunity will allow us to get a better understanding of each other's roles and how we

can work together for the common overarching goal - the best education and environment possible for the students of Saskatchewan.

Just as the Ministry, through the Student First initiative has stated we need to ensure that every student has the tools they need to succeed, we need to take ownership of the fact that each of us contributes to that toolbox in our own unique way. By working together, we can truly make a difference.

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**TOOLS FOR  
SUCCESS:  
Have  
Courage**



Every idea counts.

Have the courage to speak up and share creative ideas. New pathways to success are increasingly important in a changing society.

The courage to stand together as one team will be an integral part of conference discussions.



## Our Student Panel: Meet Eve

My name is Eve Ulmer. I am seventeen years old and attend Kenaston School. My school is in a small rural town with about 100 kids attending grades K-12. My class consists of seven girls and one boy, which makes for a unique experience. However, it's not your average small-town school, as we are the head of distance learning in Sunwest School Division. This opportunity has enabled me to take two extra classes during the school year and one over last summer; I maintained an A+ average throughout high school.

Although school and homework take up a large part of my life, I am actively involved in most of the sports teams my school offers, as well as other club teams. Volleyball, badminton, track, curling, and football (next year will be the first year for that) are all teams I participate in. Playing sports has taught me to never give up and has definitely helped me to become both a leader and a team player.

I am the Youth Consult Representative for my school. It involves meeting with other reps around the division and talking to the kids in my school about the issues we have chosen to discuss. We then report that information back to our Board of Directors, so they can hear from students and try to address any issues or suggestions. This can mean missing some school and having homework, but it's worth it.

School, sports and other commitments have me on the go almost all the time. However, I neglected to inform you of one of the most important parts of my life, I live on a small family grain and cattle farm, half an hour from Kenaston. The farm means a lot of extra work, and that other things may get put on hold, but it's worth it in the end; it has helped me to learn to manage and prioritize all of what I have going on, to work hard, to learn from my mistakes, and to adjust to unseen circumstances that may arise.

This conference provides a huge opportunity to better myself, and also contribute to helping improve education.



# LET'S GROW TOGETHER!

As information becomes available, it will be posted to the Joint Committee websites at:

<http://sasbo.com>

<http://saskleads.ca>

<http://www.saskschoolboards.ca>