

Linsay Willier

Linsay is a member of the Sucker Creek First Nation located in Alberta. At the age of eighteen Linsay had to move to Edmonton, Alberta, in order to complete her post secondary education. In 2009, with only one semester remaining to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Child and Youth Care at the Grant MacEwan University, Linsay decided to audition for a popular American television series titled "Canada's Next Top Model". Linsay was selected from a group of 14,000 hopefuls to compete, along with 10 other young women, for a high profile modelling contract. Yet, she knew she had to finish her final semester in order to complete her degree. Linsay did complete her degree at an incredible time speed and hard work and finished in two weeks prior to filming the series across Canada and the United States.

Viewers watched each week as contestants got cut every episode, yet Linsay preserved and remained in this intense competition to the end. Linsay earned the coveted runner up spot in the final episode. This standing in the competition propelled Linsay Willier to become one of Canada's Finest First Nation models and today she is widely recognized across Canada.



Once Linsay finished filming the series, she teamed up with the like-minded and equally talented James Jones. James Jones also had experience with reality television and had been one of the finalists from a popular Canadian reality show: "So You Think You Can Dance". Together, Linsay and James created *Dreams in Motion Inc.*, a full service youth empowerment vehicle designed to empower Aboriginal Youth across the country.

Their workshops are high energy, interactive and informative, combining personal experience with relevant tools and resources that can help youth take the steps to achieving their own goals and dreams.

James Jones

Originally from Tall Cree First Nation, James moved to the fast paced city of Edmonton, Alberta, with his father at the influenciable age of 9. James soon found himself hanging out with the wrong crowd that eventually led him to join an inner city gang. With every passing year James' gang experiences became more dangerous and life threatening. One day, James looked into the mirror and did not like what he saw looking back. He then made a promise to himself to live a healthy and positive life. This revelation led him to discover his passion: the art of dance. From then on James focused all his energy to mastering his craft. Along with leaving the street lifestyle, he also walked away from drugs and alcohol. James is proud to be drug and alcohol free for over ten years.

James is now a hip hop and cultural dancer who has taught and performed all across North America, Europe, and Australia. James has been blessed to dance and represent the aboriginal peoples of Canada at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics in front of 2.3 billion viewers. He danced for such artists as Genuine, In

Essence, Maestro Fresh Wes, and Snoop Dogg. He was also featured on "So You Think You Can Dance Canada" and made history as the first Aboriginal street dancer to go straight through to the finals.

For more information on Lindsay and James' project: www.thedreamsproject.com