



## **Vanessa Tait**

### **National Student Board of Director**

**Vanessa Tait was born in Thompson, Manitoba and is a member of the O-pipon-na-piwin Cree Nation, also known as the community of South Indian Lake, which is located in Northern Manitoba. Vanessa currently resides in Winnipeg, where she is completing her Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Degree, majoring in Aboriginal Business Studies at the University of Manitoba and also is working with the Aboriginal Service Branch for the City of Winnipeg and as a peer mentor and advisory committee member for Kanikanichihk Inc.**

**Vanessa has worked in various corporations, such as Manitoba Hydro, Royal Bank of Canada, Business Development Bank of Canada, The City of Winnipeg, Asper School of Business and also other community organizations.**

**Vanessa has presented and attended conferences such as World Women, and also was a participant in the Cando 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Youth Panel.**

**Vanessa recently participated and graduated from the Indigenous Women in Community Leadership program in August 2011 from the Coady International Institute at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia. In the program Vanessa had one-month of training and a three-month placement in her home community where she did a series of asset-based community development workshops, appreciative interviewing, and hands-on learning from community members.**