



March 24 & 25, 2026  
DEERFOOT INN & CASINO



# Niihigúnaha ámódinàdló isdàgumísaàtiyí Our Start with Gunáhà Symposium

We formally invite parents of Tsúut'íná Head Start and Tsúut'íná community to join us at Deerfoot Inn & Casino for an event of reigniting Tsúut'íná Language revitalization. Come listen to the first-hand experiences of Language Revitalization Advocates, Tsúut'íná Elders, and Tsúut'íná Gunáhà Speakers and Protectors.

Let's walk with our children on their Tsúut'íná Gunáhà learning journeys!



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## Guest Speakers



### Willis Janvier

Willis Janvier is a proud Denesuline from northern Saskatchewan and is the host of Dene Yati Podcast, a platform dedicated to revitalizing the Dene language. He is a passionate Indigenous Language Advocate and has a B.A in Indigenous Social Work from the First Nations University of Canada.



### Dr. Kerri A.B. Chew

Dr. Kari A. B. Chew is a Chickasaw Nation citizen, educator, researcher, and consultant with over fifteen years of experience championing Indigenous language reclamation and education. Her focus is on pedagogies for Indigenous language learning and teaching, technology to support Indigenous languages, and reclaiming language in the home



### Sophia Smoke

Sophia Smoke is 18 years old and hails from the Dakota Plains Wahpeton Oyate, where she teaches the Dakota language to Nursery, Kindergarten, and Junior High students. She graduated last year, receiving the Governor General's Academic Medal for achieving the highest overall academic average at the end of her 11th and 12th years. She is slated to begin at the University of Manitoba this fall.