

### **Chairman Dupuis awarded the Outstanding Tribal Leader award**

We're thrilled to announce that Chairman Kevin R. Dupuis Sr. has been awarded the Outstanding Tribal Leader award at the 39th Annual Minnesota Indian Education Association (MIEA) Conference! Despite being unable to accept the award in person due to official responsibilities at the Reservation Board Committee's Monthly Open Meeting, Chairman Dupuis's presence was felt as Kami Diver, Executive Assistant to Chairman Dupuis, and Caleb Dunlap, Communications Director for the Fond du Lac Band, accepted the award on his behalf. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa couldn't be prouder to see our Chairman recognized for his leadership and dedication to educational and cultural enrichment within our community and across tribal communities in Minnesota.

Chairman Dupuis was one of many Fond du Lac tribal community members who participated in the annual conference. Our community also made waves in the Ojibwe Quiz Bowl, with teams representing the Cloquet School District and Fond du Lac Ojibwe School taking first and third place, respectively. Additionally, Caleb Dunlap, Fond du Lac Communications Director and Valerie Tanner, Fond du Lac Ojibwe School Principal, shared insights on a panel, further showcasing our tribal community's commitment to education and collaboration.

A little about the Minnesota Indian Education Association: The organization will celebrate its 40th year in 2024, growing alongside changes in education, particularly for American Indian students. MIEA's primary goal is to foster quality education and unity among American Indians through robust communication networks. They're dedicated to addressing the unique educational and cultural needs of American Indian students, enriching communities across the state.

Congratulations again to Chairman Dupuis and all Fond du Lac tribal community members who participated in the MIEA Conference from April 16th to April 19th, 2024. Here's to continued collaboration and growth in education and cultural awareness.