

MEDIA INVITE

Elmwood High School honoured to host Arctic Climate Change Youth Forum

Dec. 1, 2016 (Winnipeg, MB) – Winnipeg media are invited to join Elmwood High School students as they host an exploration of Arctic Climate Change. There will be 158 students from 32 schools from across the province attending the Arctic Climate Change Youth Forum (ACCYF), being held on **December 5, 2016** with two keynote speakers and a panel discussion. The ACCYF is a one-day event includes interactive presentations and workshops delivered by scientists and researchers introducing secondary high school students and their teachers to Arctic climate change research. In addition to science, the day will also include the northern perspective on climate change as well as political discussions on the role of science and Inuit knowledge in policy and decision-making.

ACCYF is a part of the Schools on Board outreach program of ArcticNet, based out of The Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources at the University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, Canada).

Morning Keynote (9:00 a.m.) “*Where is Arctic Science Going?*” **Dr. David Barber**, PhD, CRC, DP Canada Research Chair in Arctic System Science; Associate Dean (Research) Centre for Earth Observation Science (CEOS); Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment Earth and Resources; University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB.

Dr. Barber has extensive experience in the examination of the Arctic Marine environment as a system and the effect that climate change has on this system. He was recently inducted into The Royal Society of Canada in the Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences Division.

Afternoon Keynote (1:30 p.m.) **Andrea Brazeau** is 19 years old and was born and raised in Kangiqsualujjuaq, Nunavik which is located in the far North of Quebec. She is now living in Montreal pursuing post-secondary education. - *“I love my culture and I am proud to be Inuk.”*

Panel Discussion (2:20 p.m.) Moderator – Michelle Watts – Schools on Board

Panel: Mia Otokiak - Cambridge Bay, Nunavut
Lene Kielsen Holm - Nuuk, Greenland
Andrea Brazeau - Kangiqsualujjuaq, Nunavik
Christopher Debecki – Oceans North

“We have taken the approach that by merging art and science we can gain insights into the passion that the scientists and Northern people have for the Arctic” and that “there are two different, yet complimentary knowledge systems available to help understand how climate variability and change affect ... the Arctic.” Dr. David Barber (2009) *Two Ways of Knowing*

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