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Graduate Students' Association Awards

Mr. Forbes: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on March 7th, I along with the Minister of Education had the pleasure to attend the third annual University of Saskatchewan Graduate Students' Association Graduate Awards Gala.

The awards recipients not only demonstrated the remarkable depth and quality of research taking place at the graduate level at the University of Saskatchewan, but they also reflect the wide diversity of our student university campus and of our province as a whole, with Indigenous award winners as well as other student winners from around the world.

Engineering student Ahmed Abdel-Salam was the recipient of the Research Excellence in Sciences Award. Belinda Daniels from Sturgeon Lake First Nation was awarded the Excellence in Aboriginal Research Award. Keshini Madara Marasinghe was the recipient of the Professional Excellence Award. Zohreh Izadifar was recognized for her work with the Interdisciplinary Research Excellence Award. Professor Alexander Moewes was awarded the Advising Excellence Award. Annie Battiste was recognized with Exceptional Academic Counsellor for her years of service to graduate students, and Omeasoo Butt, the first Aboriginal president of the GSA [Graduate Students' Association], was awarded with Outstanding Past GSA Executive Award.

I ask all members to join me in congratulating the award recipients and wish them well as they continue in their research and the pursuit of knowledge here in Saskatchewan. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.