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Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Program (SCYAP)

Mr. Forbes: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, today I wish to rise and recognize the accomplishments of the Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Program, or SCYAP, as they celebrated the end of their urban canvas project and saw another talented group of artists graduate. I, along with my colleagues from Saskatoon Sutherland, Fairview, and Northwest, helped mark this important occasion at the Snelgrove Gallery at the University of Saskatchewan this past May 20th.

SCYAP was founded in June 2001 by Darrell Lechman to create an art and culture-based environment where youth could gain employment while working on personal development and build skill sets, artistic as well as life skills, that would allow them to strive in our community and help them to live happy, healthy, and productive lives. Through initiatives such as the recently completed eight-month-long urban canvas project, SCYAP allows its participants to explore their own personal experiences and life struggles through the means of artistic expression. The student art show was recently on display at the Gordon Snelgrove Art Gallery.

SCYAP is proud that over 70 per cent of the program participants are of Aboriginal ancestry, and many grow to become strong contributors in the indigenous art community. Mr. Speaker, I call on all members to join me in recognizing the talented participants from the Saskatoon Community Youth Arts Program as well as Darrell Lechman, the staff and volunteers at SCYAP.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.