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St. John's High School Graduation 2021

John Loxley – Pollock's Hardware Co-op Scholarship

Award Amount: \$1000

A history of the origin of the award and/or the person for whom this award was named:

The John Loxley-Pollock's Hardware Co-op Scholarship was started in 2013 and is awarded every year to an Indigenous student graduating from St. John's High School, looking to pursue post-secondary education. The award was started in honour of John Loxley, who sadly passed away last summer. John was a professor of Economics at the University of Manitoba and spent much of his career focusing on community economic development. John was an active community member who brought people together around exciting projects in the North End.

In 2008 John helped co-found Pollock's Hardware as a cooperative and was the first Chair of the Board, serving for 10 years. Pollock's has been a staple in the North End of Winnipeg since 1922, and when the previous owners wanted to retire, the community purchased the business and started a cooperative in its place. Pollock's Hardware Co-op now has over 3700 members and is more than just a hardware store. Pollock's provides services for the neighbourhood, hosts events and hires people from the community, including students and alumni of St. John's High School. The Cooperative actively works to support Indigenous businesses and organizations, especially those working in the North End. We would encourage students, family members and graduation attendees to visit and support the store and become a member of the Cooperative.

John looked forward to giving out this award each year. He believed that financial means should not be a barrier to education and worked hard to support students any way he could. He would be so pleased to see this award go to such a deserving recipient this year. On behalf of his family and the entire Pollock's Board and membership, congratulations to this year's winner, Alexis Abraham.