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RHEANNA SAND

Director

Year on YWCA Edmonton Board - Second

Rheanna Sand is a third-year PhD. student in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Alberta, and plans to pursue a career in academic or commercial toxin research. She was born and raised in Edmonton as part of a traditional extended Métis family, and considers herself a true "urban Métis."

In spring of 2008 Rheanna was awarded an Alberta Aboriginal Youth Achievement Award in the senior category for Academics, and was also awarded a major national science scholarship. She is also the Biological Sciences Department Councilor on the Graduate Student Association Council, and sits on the U of A General Faculties Council as well. Rheanna enjoys playing hockey and strumming her guitar when she has the time.

Being the daughter of former YWCA Board Member Debbie Coulter, the granddaughter of the first female Métis Senator, Thelma Chalifoux, and with actress Tantoo Cardinal as her godmother, Rheanna has been instilled with a sense of cultural and feminist pride that she continues to bring to the YWCA Board.

