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Friesen receives McDowell Foundation award

SASKATOON - Regardless of which of the many hats he's wearing, the fit is tailor-made as far as David Friesen and the Dr. Stirling McDowell Foundation for Research into Teaching are concerned.

So when it came to presenting this year's McDowell Foundation Award, one would have been hard pressed to find a more appropriate choice than the Associate Dean at the University of Regina.

Friesen, who describes himself as "a teacher first" can look back on a highly decorated and diverse 35-year career that has its origins as a science teacher, and later a guidance counsellor, in La Ronge.

Friesen moved to the University of Regina in 1987 as the Coordinator for Professional Development and Field Experiences in the Faculty of Education. His other roles have included being chair of Educational Professional Studies, chair of the secondary program, and Director of the Saskatchewan Instructional Development and Research Unit.

While being heavily involved in the internship program for teachers in training, he developed a graduate course in action research and provided consultation on field experiences to several universities. He also acted as special consultant to the province's ground-breaking study on the *Role of the School*.

He received the Saskatchewan Middle Years Association President's Award for his leadership to the Middle Years component of the elementary program. He has also produced scholarly research and publications related to Aboriginal education, teacher education, instructional communications technology, and action research projects.

After the McDowell Foundation was created in 1991, that proved yet another avenue through which Friesen could pursue his educational interests. He has personally been involved in two research projects that the Foundation has funded in its 12-year history.

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