

## INTEGRATIVE SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH – TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF SEASHELLS

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- 2008
  - Integrative Science student research participation in SURF (Student Undergraduate Research Forum) at Cape Breton University
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Alaina Jeddore, a 4<sup>th</sup> year student from Eskasoni First Nation in the Integrative Science academic program at Cape Breton University, completed a research project in 2008 as part of her MSIT 403 course with Integrative Science Assistant Professor Rod Beresford. She worked with Mi'kmaw Elders to learn the Mi'kmaw names for various species of seashells found in Unama'ki – Cape Breton. Her work was challenged by the fact that many of these names have not been used for many, many years and also by the fact that the “libraries of knowledge” that Elders represent are shrinking each year with the passing of more and more Elders throughout Mi'kma'ki. Rod encouraged Alaina to participate in Cape Breton University's annual SURF (Student Undergraduate Research Forum) and thus, Alaina prepared a poster to portray her research findings. The picture above of Alaina and her poster was taken at the SURF 2008.