



“The old pattern of thinking that suggested that we had to give up our identity in order to acquire new skills through formal education is a myth and has no validity. In fact, those people who are seeking professional skills are the new warriors. They offer protection, growth, and development for their nations. We are not only warriors for our nations, we are exercising a right that our elders insisted on securing for us. They saw at that time, for they were visionaries, the changes that were necessary in society. Our people had a strong sense of identity. They knew what they wanted for their communities in the future.”

Harold Cardinal (Cree)