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Christy Bressette is an Anishinabe parent, student, teacher, and community member of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. She was given the spirit name “Neta Noo-Ke Kwe” (Hard-Working-Woman) from her grandfather, the late Elder Dave Bressette. On June 23, 2008, Christy successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, *Understanding Success in Community First Nation Education Through Anishinabe Meno-Bimaadziwin Action Research*, making her the first Aboriginal student at The University of Western Ontario to earn a Ph.D. in Educational Studies.

Christy is an educator within provincial public schools, First Nation schools, and within several Canadian universities. She is an active supporter of educational programs designed to empower Aboriginal youth and increase parental engagement. At present, she is the Aboriginal Education Coordinator at the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC). More locally, Christy is the Chair of the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation Education Committee and member of the Board of Directors of the Indigenous Education Coalition.