

Andrew Blair

Known affectionately by his friends and coworkers as “MacGyver”, Andrew Blair was always interested in designing, building, and repairing machines and complicated systems. He dreamed of attending college to become a Power Engineer, where he could use his problem-solving skills in a practical setting.

A member of the Sayisi Dene First Nation, he applied to become a sponsored student. He worked hard to prove his commitment to excelling in college, upgrading his high school math through Assiniboine’s adult learning program. He was absolutely thrilled when his acceptance letter arrived. He was now a full-time college student!

Andrew completed his Power Engineering Certificate in 2017 and graduated with honours. After completing his course of study, he went on to pass his provincial Power Engineering exams with high marks. While Andrew was studying at Assiniboine, he got a part time job as a casual labourer with the City of Brandon. He loved working directly in the community of Brandon, meeting new people every day, and contributing to the overall betterment of the city. Almost immediately after graduation, he was offered employment as a facility operator at the Brandon Sportsplex. Three years later, he was offered a position as a Boiler Operator for the city. Andrew thrived in his new position, earning his level 3 certification in Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection in less than three years.

Andrew’s contribution to the community and exceptional achievements to his profession have not gone unnoticed. In 2022, he was awarded the “Rookie of the Year” award at the annual award banquet for the Manitoba Water and Wastewater Association. He continues to enjoy serving the community and representing the alumni of Assiniboine Community College. He firmly believes that his time at Assiniboine prepared him with the skills, experience, and connections necessary to flourish as an outstanding citizen of the city of Brandon.