



# NIKANUS

RED DRESS LEADERSHIP AWARD

## ***Allison Martin***

Allison is a dancer and beader from Millbrook First Nation. She has danced alongside Sarah Prosper and other Indigenous dancers in the stage production, Samqwan (water), and participated in other notable performances such as the Canada's Winter Games held in PEI. Dance has shaped Allison's life, teaching her self-discipline and self-confidence and allowing her to connect with other Indigenous dancers.

“Being a First Nation artist and a minority, it is important to be a role model to other young First Nation youth. I feel that I am a role model to the other youth in my community and by exposing them to shows such as Samqwan and seeing that it was created and performed by first nation people will give other kids hope, and to prove to them that if you dream it, you can achieve it.”

