

Taanishi nitotem nitanis!

Hello my relatives, I am Octavia Laliberte, but most people call me Tavia. I am honored to serve as the CEO of Rupertsland Institute (RLI), where I am committed to advancing our mission of empowering the Métis community through education, training, and research.

With over 20 years of experience in educational and organizational leadership I have dedicated my career to fostering transformative initiatives in various educational settings. My professional journey has been driven by a passion for promoting lifelong learning, labor market self-sufficiency, and the well-being of communities through quality education and training—values aligning perfectly with the core principles of RLI.

Before joining RLI, I held several senior leadership roles, including President & CEO of North West College and Vice-President Academic at the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies. My work at these institutions focused on strategic partnerships, innovative program development, and supporting the educational aspirations of Indigenous peoples. I also served Saskatchewan's Métis peoples for over 13 years at the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) of Native Studies and Applied Research including roles at the Dumont Technical Institute and GDI Training & Employment.

I hold a Master of Business Administration and I am currently pursuing a Doctorate of Business Administration. My academic background, combined with my extensive professional experience, equips me with the skills necessary to lead RLI effectively.

As CEO, my focus is on strengthening our operations, transforming our service delivery model, and enhancing our brand to ensure we maximize our impact. I am committed to working collaboratively with our team in continuing the excellent work RLI is known for and exploring new opportunities for growth and success.

I look forward to building on the strong foundation of RLI and contributing to our collective goal of a skilled, knowledgeable, and self-reliant Métis Nation.

Tavia Laliberte