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Cheryl Cardinal graduated from the University of British Columbia, earning a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Political Science and History. She completed Building a High Performing Business, an MBE program, at Dartmouth College's Tuck School of Business. She is an entrepreneur who has focused on fostering mutually beneficial relationships with Indigenous Communities and the energy and mining sectors. Currently the President and CEO of the Indigenous Center of Energy (ICE), Cheryl continues to cooperatively work with Indigenous representatives from the United States, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, focusing on specific key risk areas, including climate change, sustainability, renewable energy, mining, international trade, oil and gas.

In conjunction with the Global Petroleum Show in Calgary, Canada, Cheryl launched the Indigenous Conference on Energy and Mining in partnership with dmG events in June 2016 to ensure Indigenous voices were included in energy discussions. In two years, this event has featured speakers from Mexico, United States, Bolivia, Argentina, Namibia, South Africa, New Zealand and Canada who are energy leaders (renewable energy, mining, oil and gas), indigenous leaders with foreign and domestic governments. As an Advisory Committee member for Our Energy Future project, Cheryl worked with the Public Policy Forum to recruit, choose and mentor 16 youth from across Canada to engage in energy discussions and create recommendations that will go forward to Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr in the winter of 2018.

The Indigenous Center of Energy has created an alliance with WaVv to create an accelerated business climate with Energy, Aerospace, Defence, Security and First Nations. The opportunities between First Nations and these industries provides for innovation, job creation and investment. She is a member of the Indigenous Advisory Committee for the Alberta Women in Science Network's Power to Choose program. Cheryl sits on the Board of Directors for Environmental Refuelling Systems (ERS), a world class petroleum product supplier and distribution company. She also sits on the Board of Directors for the Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary which provides programs and services to urban Indigenous populations and the YWCA in Calgary which focuses on programming for women and their families.

In 2015, Cheryl was recognised for her work with the Indigenous peoples by the United States Department of State. Through the International Visitor Leadership program, Cheryl travelled to five cities in three weeks, meeting with progressive Native American Tribes and emerging leaders in the United States.

Cheryl Cardinal is Cree & Coast Salish and is a citizen of the Sucker Creek Cree Nation in Alberta.