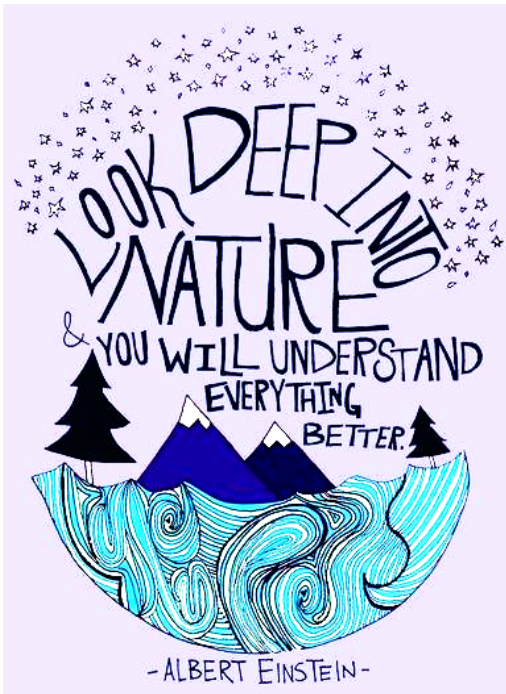


## Welcome From the HPEC President

*Elisha O'Lain*



Great things happen when great minds gather. It is with anticipation, gratitude and excitement HPEC welcomes you to the 2017 HPEC-GEOEC conference No Limits: education for everyone, everywhere.

Thank you sharing your time and choosing HPEC-GEOEC 2017 in this beautiful and majestic location. I am grateful to be a part of our welcoming, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic HPE community and am look forward to the opportunities to learn and connect HPEC-GEOEC 2017 will provide.

HPEC would like to thank the collaborative efforts and hard work of the 2017 HPEC & GEOEC organizing committee. It is through these individuals' passion and volunteerism that this conference is realized. A special thank you to the 2017 HPEC conference co-chairs Jodi Harding-Kuriger and Jonathan Mauro and the 2017 GEOEC Conference co-chairs Court Rustemeyer and Breanne Okie.

HPEC would also like to thank the Municipality and residents of Jasper for their hospitality.

May you leave this weekend inspired and rejuvenated having connected with knowledge, others and nature and may something have challenged you providing a point to ponder, encouraging reflection or expanding perspective.

“It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living”. David Attenborough