



The Pounamu Taonga Award for 2015 was awarded to Corbin Greening at the First Nations Graduation on May 30th. Corbin is a member of the Gitga'at Nation (Hartley Bay). He was raised in Burns Lake, BC. He completed his MA in First Nations Studies in September of 2014. His thesis was titled, "Understanding Conceptions of Land Tenure in the Lake Babine Nation".

Corbin was recognized for his academic achievement as well as his service to the Department of First Nations Studies and UNBC as a whole. He was the Graduate Student Representative to the Department of First Nations Studies for four years and was an active member of SAGE (Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement). He also served as the student member of the FNST Academic Selection Committee from 2012 to 2014. Corbin represented the student body on the UNBC Senate when he sat as a student Senator for two terms.

During his time at UNBC, Corbin worked as a Teaching Assistant in First Nations Studies as well as a Research Assistant for the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health. His community work includes consulting for the Lake Babine Nation Treaty Office and the Hartley Bay Band.