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Biography of Glen Anaquod

Glen Anaquod was a proud member of Muscowpetung First Nation and descendent of the Young Dog Society. Following the loss of his parents at a young age, Anaquod was raised by his aunt and uncle. He attended the Lebreton Indian Residential School over the course of the 1950s and 1960s, leaving after Grade 11 to complete high school in Fort Qu'Appelle.

Over the course of his adult life, Anaquod became an alcohol addictions counsellor for his First Nation and, through pride and passion for his heritage, began to share the traditional, cultural and spiritual teachings of his people. He was often asked to share as an Elder representing the File Hills Qu'Appelle Tribal Council and Treaty 4 region, and participated in events such as the Annual North Central Smudge Walk. Upon joining the Aboriginal Student Center as the resident Elder, Anaquod was instrumental in providing guidance and promoting pride for First Nations history, culture, traditions and spirituality. The Aboriginal Student Centre still carries on those activities and traditions, including the Annual Glen Anaquod Memorial Tipi Raising Contest.

On June 11, 2008, when Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a Statement of Apology to former residential school students, Anaquod was asked to represent survivors at an event held in Fort Qu'Appelle. In an interview following the apology, he stated "When you dwell in the past, you can't move on. It's good to look back to learn what has happened, but we need to move on to become better." He went on to share his experience through the National Film Board documentary *We Were Children*, which highlights the experiences of First Nations children in the Canadian residential school system. In doing so, he hoped to share the truth and help others heal and move on in peace.