

Wells honored with the Greater Minnesota Development's "2022 Lifter Award"

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Andy Wells, an enrolled member of the Red Lake Nation, has recently received recognition as an inventor, entrepreneur, businessman, and humanitarian. He has been honored with the Greater Minnesota Development's "2022 Lifter Award" during the April "Minnesota Entrepreneur Kickoff" event in Minneapolis.

Andy has built a high-tech manufacturing business, Wells Technology, in Northern Minnesota. He has also founded and operates an innovative technology training school, Wells Academy, which provides manufacturing education and jobs on the Red Lake Reservation at the Oshkiimaajitahdah Center in Redby.

The "Lifter Award" was presented to Andy for his work in "lifting" education on reservations through manufacturing skills development and also "lifting" employment to Native American people who desire better economic stability.

Lois Josefson, from Greater Minnesota Development, said "Andy Wells has helped solve long-standing problems in economically challenged communities through investment in career training and employment. He has a history of overcoming challenges and a passion to help other Native Americans rise to their full potential."