

Candice-Rose Gagnon stands at one of the paintings in Loyalist College's Aboriginal Resource centre. "As an aboriginal woman, I feel we are not equal to men in Canada and in our society. The reason being, we have over a thousand missing and murdered aboriginal women across this country and nobody seems to be doing anything about it."

## Honouring women's achievements



Daji Krishna poses for a photo in Belleville. Krishna married a Canadian and moved to Canada two years ago. She believes that women in Canada are more independent than women in her native India.



Lisa Morris is pictured in the CORE gallery in downtown Belleville. Morris is a local artist that makes her living entirely off of her work. Here, she is pictured with a piece that she put together with the work from women and children at Three Oaks Shelter, where she volunteers her time running art workshops for the women there. The piece will be featured in the International Women's Day art show running until March 8.



Bonny Maracle who works with the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte administration feels that the growing equality for women in today's society gives her the ability to dream.

This year the theme for IWD is "Make It Happen." Loyalist students from the photojournalism program were asked to take portraits of women from all walks of life, through photography and video, while asking the question: Do you feel women in Canadian society have achieved equality with men? If so, how, and if not, what needs to change? For a multimedia version of this story, please go to: <a href="http://www.gnetnews.ca/?p=51189">http://www.gnetnews.ca/?p=51189</a>



Isabella Rapino, 17, of Belleville, prepares for a few hours of contemporary ballet practice. Rapino has been dancing since the age of 4 and is a recent recipient of the Jacque Foesier Youth Dance Award for her contributions to promoting dance in the community and for the dedication to her craft.