

If You Have It In You To Dream, You Have

he whole world watched as Alwyn Morris held up an eagle feather from the winner's podium at the 1984 summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles. This Mohawk Indian from the Kahnawake Reserve in Québec was being honoured with a gold medal as the best in the world in the 1,000 metre two-man kayak event.

It was a scene that struck pride in the hearts of Native people, old and young alike, everywhere. The eagle feather is a symbol of honour, friendship and life. With it Alwyn Morris shared his victory with all Native people.

Alwyn is the first Canadian Indian to win gold at the Olympics. He also won a bronze medal for the 500 metre two-man kayak event.

When he was 17 years old, Alwyn discovered his special love of water and the kayak.

He found his dream — a desire to perform at the highest level. Ten years later, after much hard work, millions of people watched him achieve it.

Alwyn's successes are many. So are his dreams. He dreams that all young Native people can find their own goals, believe in themselves, and enjoy full and healthy lives.

Alwyn Morris also dreams of Seoul, South Korea, home of the next Olympic summer Games in 1988.

"Listen and learn and find your dream. When you have found it, don't give up." Alwyn Morris

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