



# Northern Lights College Foundation



## BC's First Ever Intercollegiate Rodeo - Hosted by NLC

The NLC Foundation (in partnership with Engaged Sport North and the Northern Lights College) hosted **BC's first intercollegiate rodeo on October 8 & 9, 2022!** 124 registered athletes from 7 Canadian college rodeo teams competed in the rodeo at the Lakota Centre in Dawson Creek! Champion competitors were awarded 11 prize saddles (3 of which were achieved by NLC rodeo team athletes)! Over 1000 spectators attended the weekend competition in pole bending, goat tying, breakaway, tie-down and team roping, barrel racing, bareback, steer wrestling, saddle bronc, and bull riding. This inaugural event was a huge success!



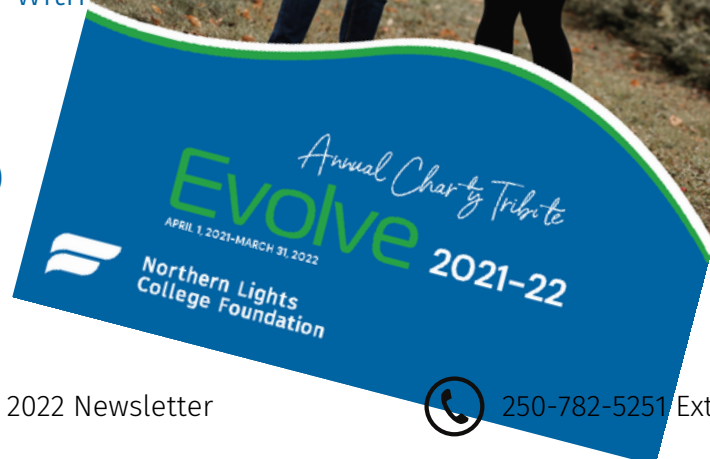
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## NLC Foundation's 41st Annual General Meeting



The NLC Foundation held the 41st Annual General Meeting on September 13, 2022 at CCET in Dawson Creek! Kicking off the AGM was the election of board members Tony Zabinsky as Chair, and Lou Surerus as Vice-Chair! Both have served on the board for some time, bringing (combined) 20 years of NLC Foundation knowledge! The AGM was also the unveiling of the Foundation's first ever annual report! We are looking forward to this year with excitement!

NLC Foundation board meeting details (including schedule, agenda, and minutes) are available upon request!





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**What do you hope to bring to the NLC Foundation in your new role?**

"What I wish to continue as Chair is to further support and find innovative ways that the board with staff can remove roadblocks and insure the students at Northern Lights College have funding models available to them so they can attain a higher education and their training requirements."



**Tony Zabinsky**  
NLC Foundation Chair

**What do you look forward to in your new role?**

"What I am committed to is that the board and staff of Northern Lights College Foundation continues to build the relationships with our donors, to show the value of NLC and that investing today is for future prosperity and growth of our students & area we support."



**Lou Surerus**  
NLC Foundation Vice-Chair

**What do you hope to bring to the NLC Foundation in your new role?**

"As Vice-Chair of the Foundation, I feel it will be my duty to assist Tony in his new position as Chair."

**What do you look forward to in your new role?**

"With the membership and staff we have now, I feel confident that the future will bring more recognition to our foundation, resulting in more aid to more students. That's what we're here for."



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## Community Fair Fun!

The NLC Foundation participated in the 2022 Community Fair at the Dawson Creek campus in September! New students perused tables of information shared from local groups, clubs, services, and organizations. We made several connections with students and held our first giveaway!

*Pictured: Richelle Mendoza (2022-23 Esthetics and Spa Therapy student)*



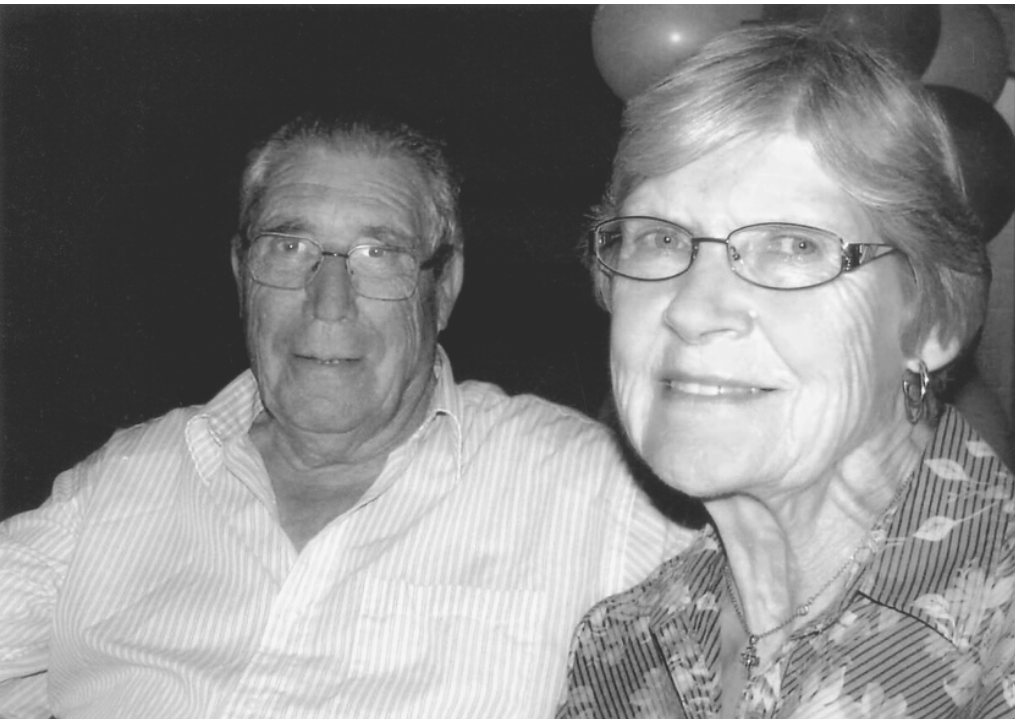


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## Donor Highlight:

### Swanberg Family Applied Business Technology Award, Swanberg Family Commercial Transport Award

The Swanberg Family Applied Business Technology Award and Swanberg Family Commercial Transport Award were created by Sylvan and Dorothy Swanberg in 1994. Sylvan Swanberg started driving truck at a very young age for his dad, who emigrated from Norway in 1927. Then over time, Sylvan bought his own trucks and founded several companies. These companies included trucking companies, road construction, gravel pits, freightliner dealerships, airline and fishing lodge. These businesses were located in various locations throughout British Columbia and Alberta. Dorothy was a supportive, hardworking, loving wife and mother. Dorothy and Sylvan were married for over 50 years and raised 5 children.



Sylvan and Dorothy chose to support the Northern Lights College Foundation as they both saw the value and importance of education. They felt that everyone can improve their lives through education, dedication, and hard work. Support for people to achieve their dreams of a better life for themselves and future generations meant a lot to Sylvan and Dorothy.

Sylvan passed away in 2011 and Dorothy in 2012. Their legacy to education will live on through the Northern Lights College Foundation Swanberg Family Awards.



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We are proud to share the background of awards and donors of the Northern Lights College Foundation! If you are interested in sharing your story with the Northern Lights College Foundation community, contact us at [foundation@nlc.bc.ca](mailto:foundation@nlc.bc.ca) to request our "Donor Q & A" form!

