



Northern Lights College Foundation

Happy New Year from the NLC Foundation!

A Message From Our Executive Director

2022 was quite a year of evolution for the Foundation! As we look back on the year, it is important to take time to reflect on everything to help us pause amidst the chaos, and untangle and sort through our observations and experiences, and bring perspective to everything. We were able to accomplish a lot of things and drive the Foundation to greater heights in 2022! Some of the things we were able to accomplish in 2022 are as follows:

- *commenced our 3-year strategic plan*
- *attained multiple one-time project funding for the Northern Lights College from multiple donors*
- *attained a new board chair - Tony Zabinsky*
- *signed an MOU with the Dawson Creek Kodiaks and Northern Lights College*
- *launched our new online award application platform ASTRA for our students*
- *helped NLC host BC's first ever Intercollegiate Rodeo in Dawson Creek*

All of these amazing things definitely came with their challenges, but having amazing support at the staff, board, student and donor level helped us continue on the right path. We are grateful to everyone who continually helps us and we look forward to a year of transformation at the Foundation as we move into 2023.

*Cheers,
Lindsey Borek
Executive Director, Northern Lights College Foundation*



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NLC Nights with the Dawson Creek Kodiaks



The Northern Lights College Foundation has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Dawson Creek Kodiaks Junior B hockey team! \$2,500 was contributed from the Foundation to start the Kodiaks Award Fund, which will help assist with costs for NLC students on the Dawson Creek Kodiaks team.

NLC Nights games are scheduled for **January 6, January 27, and February 4, 2023**. Come support this amazing opportunity for NLC students! NLC Nights is helping future students pursue their passion for hockey while attending NLC.





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Donor Highlight - Yellowhead Helicopters Ltd.
The Nathan Smith Memorial Award

The Nathan Smith Memorial Award is available to a graduate of the Aircraft Maintenance Technician program who is interested in pursuing a career in helicopter maintenance in Northern BC.

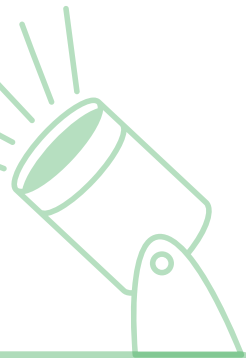




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About Yellowhead Helicopters Ltd.:

Yellowhead Helicopters is family owned and operated, offering helicopter charter services across western Canada and specializing in remote operations in Northern BC. We have a diverse fleet of 41 aircraft ranging from Bell 206 and 212 to Airbus AS350 and our newest addition, the BK117. We service multiple industries including mining, oil and gas, forestry, tourism, fire suppression, emergency services and wildlife conservation. Our maintenance facility offers many services such as aircraft painting, composite, avionics, and component overhaul, in addition to the normal day-to-day maintenance and major projects such as 12 year inspections on the AS350 series. For more information check out our website: www.yhl.ca.



Reason NLC Foundation was chosen for donation:

Yellowhead Helicopters has always had a great relationship with the Northern Lights College. The majority of our AMEs have graduated from the program offered by NLC and the college is nationally recognized as one of the best colleges to learn rotary skills. A great bonus is that Dawson Creek is in Northern BC and graduates from NLC have an idea of what it's like to live, work and play in the northern outdoors.

Wishes to award recipients of this award:

The path to becoming a licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer is rewarding but can be very expensive. We hope that this award offers some financial help to the recipients and that they consider starting their career here in Northern BC.

Words of wisdom to students:

Enjoy your schooling and listen to your instructors!



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APPLY NOW!

Applying for Foundation awards is now easier than ever!!

Look for Astra in myapps.nlc.bc.ca to get started.



The Foundation is pleased to share that we have launched our new awards application platform - **Astra (by Award Spring)**! Students at NLC are now able to apply for awards on Astra - our electronic web app that automatically matches students to the awards they are eligible to apply for!

This is a remarkable development in the application and adjudication process for awards at NLC. In addition to this, benefits of Astra include but are not limited to:

- reduced paper waste
- 24/7 application access for students
- increased visibility to all awards
- reduced time spent completing award applications for students
- financial aid staff have digital access to applications to assist students with questions

We look forward to seeing the positive impact of Astra on award applications for NLC students!

