



# The Philanthropic Times

Keeping you up-to-date with NLC Foundation news, events, and more!

The Northern Lights College Foundation is an organization dedicated to helping our students embark on their lifelong journey of learning. We create and build relationships with our donors — which in turn, creates unique opportunities for our students, college, and community.



## NLC Foundation Gallops Ahead with 50/50 Success at Dawson Creek Fall Fair

For the second year, the Northern Lights College Foundation hosted its popular 50/50 draw and Mega Lottery at the Dawson Creek Exhibition and Stampede. The results were truly impressive. This year's total jackpot reached \$134,095, to be split evenly between the Foundation and the lucky winners.

The largest 50/50 prize was awarded on Saturday, with one fortunate ticket holder walking

away with \$19,165. The Mega Lottery winner on Sunday won \$20,997.

Kayla Von Bargen, Development Officer for the NLC Foundation, expressed her excitement about the event's success.

"We're truly grateful to DCEA for having us back again and for the incredible community spirit we experienced at the Fall Fair! Every ticket we sold helps our students,

college, and campus communities, and seeing so many people come together to support the NLC Foundation reminds us why this work matters."

The Foundation extended its heartfelt thanks to the Dawson Creek Exhibition Association for hosting them, as well as the volunteer groups who provided essential support with ticket sales.

# Partnerships in Action

## OVINTIV'S RACE AGAINST HUNGER

At Dawson Creek Co-op, the Foundation's Sizzle Squad won first place in Ovintiv's Race Against Hunger. This year's squad included Executive Director Lindsey Borek and board members Aaron Powell, Kathleen Connolly, and Chante Patterson-Elden.

All food and funds raised went to Networks Ministries, St. Mark's, and the Pouce Coupe Food Bank. These groups help families, students, and community members who need support. This year, NLC and the NLC Foundation were proud to contribute \$1,000 in cash to help these food banks continue their important work.



## CO-OP CONTRACTOR EXPO BBQ

On September 18, the NLC Foundation was honoured to volunteer their time and grilling expertise at the annual Co-op Contractor Expo. Serving up more than 250 burgers and hot dogs to contractors and community members, the Foundation was proudly represented by staff and board members. We are grateful for our strong partnership with Co-op and look forward to continuing this valued community connection.



## BROWN'S CHARITY SCRAMBLE

Back for a second year, the Foundation was thrilled to once again take part in the Annual Brown's Charity Scramble Golf Tournament. With the help of generous participants and sponsors, the Foundation raised an impressive \$8,915 through a combination of activities including the always popular Ball Drop and the Pick-A-Tee game. On-site to support the event were Foundation Board Chair Lisa Ward, Executive Director Lindsey Borek, Development Officer Kayla Von Bargen, and Projects & Partnerships Facilitator Sierra Shields. Their presence helped shine a spotlight on the Foundation's mission and the importance of community partnerships. The Foundation extends its sincere thanks to Bannister for once again welcoming us to the Cash Scramble. We are truly grateful for the many ways you continue to include and support us.



# DCEA Barn Construction Project



In December of 2024, NLC Trades students began lending their skills to a project that will serve Dawson Creek for generations: building new horse barns for the DC Exhibition Association. Rod Cork, Dean of Trades and Apprenticeship Programs, shared: “Building these

barns will create a legacy visible for years. They’ll be used for rodeo and community events and provide emergency shelter for animals during evacuations. Our students can take pride knowing they’ve given back to the community.”

## Fall 2025 Student Orientation



On September 2, NLC welcomed over 500 students back to campus. The Foundation team was on-site to discuss our Astra Awards platform and connect with students about available supports.



# Intercollegiate Rodeo



September 27 and 28 marked the fourth Annual Intercollegiate Rodeo in Dawson Creek. The weekend was a grand success thanks to our sponsors, athletes, and volunteers. The NLC Foundation hosted the 50/50 draw for the weekend, with NLC staff volunteering their time to sell tickets. The total jackpot for Saturday was \$2,275 with Sunday reaching \$1,320.

# Birchcliff Donation



Northern Lights College has upgraded our boiler lab thanks to Birchcliff Energy's donation of a steam separator and valve for our Fort St. John Campus, a project worth \$8,500.

This valve not only needed replacement, it is also integral as a teaching aid for our Field Operator Specialist-Hydrocarbon Resources (FOS-HR) and Power Engineering programs.

This contribution enabled us to replace and upgrade some key components of our steam turbine system, including piping, valves, and steam separation equipment.

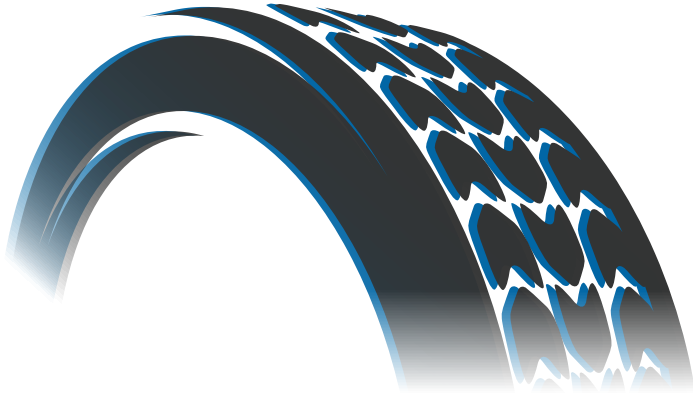
These improvements will significantly strengthen the quality of hands-on learning available to our students which will improve learning outcomes.

Josh Klassen explained the impact of donations like this for our students and programming.

"Contributions like yours are essential to the continued success and growth of our trades and apprenticeship programs! Birchcliff's generosity makes a meaningful difference, and we thank them for helping us inspire and equip the next generation of skilled professionals." Birchcliff will also be providing a scholarship opportunity for a prospective student that plans to register in the Fall FOS-HR program.



# Upcoming Events



## TREAD FOR TRADES

October 15–December 15

NLC Foundation and Bannister are preparing for their third year of Tread for Trades – the fundraiser where \$5 from every tire purchased during the event is donated to the Foundation. Roll into winter prepared – and help NLC students along the way.



## GIVING DAY

December 2, 2025

The Northern Lights College Foundation is excited to continue our annual Giving Day campaign for the second year in a row. This year Giving Day is dedicated to supporting and strengthening our Trades programs. Keep an eye on our website for more details!

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## Thinking of Becoming a Donor?



Philanthropic support plays a vital role in individuals having access to and success in higher education. By donating to the Northern Lights College Foundation, you are creating opportunities for aspiring students who might otherwise be unable to afford tuition fees, books, or living expenses.

Investing in higher education through donations not only benefits individual students, but also

serves the collective good. By supporting post-secondary institutions, donors fuel the development of future leaders, thinkers, and innovators. Becoming a donor is not just an act of generosity; it is an investment in a brighter, more equitable future for generations to come.

If you are interested in becoming a donor, **please contact the NLC Foundation today.**