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About this Tribute

The Northern Lights College Foundation has served our communities for years and continues to support our students, work with our donors, and support our institution and staff. We are excited to share our activities and accomplishments from the past 2024-25 year in this annual report.

On the Cover

Our first-ever Giving Day was a huge success! With help from generous donors, including a \$2,500 match from Surerus Pipeline Inc., we passed our \$10,000 goal and raised over \$11,000. Every dollar is going toward student wellness – supporting things like food security, mental health services, fitness programs, and emergency financial aid.

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Pillars

In 2021, the NLC Foundation established the four pillars of our strategic plan. The pillars encompass the Foundation's intent to:



Expand financial support and access for students.



Ensure sustainable internal capacity and resources.



Broaden the scope of support for teaching and learning.



Cultivate and engage donors.

Mission Statement

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.



Objectives

Formed in 1981, the Northern Lights College Foundation has four main objectives:

- To support community projects and the promotion of higher education.
- To foster community interest in promoting higher education and training.
- To act as a recipient of trust funds in the form of monies or other properties.
- To grant monies to Northern Lights College for the designated use of scholarships and bursaries to be awarded to students.



Members of our Board



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(Joined 09/2020)



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Vice-Chair
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(Joined 01/2022)



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Message from the Chair



It has been an honour to serve as Chair of the Northern Lights College Foundation during a year marked by resilience, collaboration, and a deep commitment to empowering students and communities across Northern BC. Reflecting on our achievements, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the unwavering support from our donors, partners, staff and volunteers.

As education continues to evolve rapidly, the Foundation's mission to champion access, equity, and excellence in post-secondary education has never been more important. Thanks to our generous supporters, we distributed a record number of scholarships and bursaries this year, helping students overcome financial and personal barriers to pursue their goals. Each award represents more than financial support — it reflects a shared belief in our students' potential and the future of our region.

We celebrated countless student successes, from first-generation learners to single parents and apprentices, each with a unique story that strengthens the fabric of our college and our communities. There are moments, like the one described at the inaugural Night of Gratitude, where we are reminded of the real impact behind every donation — transformed lives, fulfilled dreams, and brighter futures.

Our work is only possible through strong partnerships with local businesses, Indigenous communities, and individual donors. These relationships provide critical insight into the skills and knowledge our region needs, and are the cornerstone of our fundraising success. We continue to work closely with Northern Lights College leadership and faculty to support emerging programs and invest in infrastructure, student services, and innovative education — particularly in trades, health care, technology, and Indigenous learning.

Looking ahead, the Foundation is energized by the opportunities to grow our impact. With your continued support, we aim to deepen our reach and expand the legacy of hope, opportunity, and resilience we have built together. To our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, alumni, and supporters — thank you. Your belief in Northern Lights College and its students drives everything we do.

Together, we create bright futures.

With gratitude,

Lisa Ward

Chair, Northern Lights College Foundation



Meet our Team



Lindsey Borek

Executive Director and Director of Alumni Engagement

As the Executive Director, my role is to provide visionary leadership and strategic direction for the foundation, ensuring alignment with the institution's mission and values. This role is responsible for developing and implementing strategies that grow foundation revenues, deepen donor and community engagement, and enhance the foundation's profile and impact. The Executive Director works closely with the Foundation Board, senior institutional leaders, and external partners to advance fundraising, stewardship, and operational excellence. Key responsibilities include overseeing fundraising campaigns, managing major and transformational gifts, cultivating relationships with donors and stakeholders, ensuring sound governance practices, and leading a high-performing team.

As the Director of Alumni Engagement, I am responsible for developing and executing comprehensive strategies to foster lifelong relationships between the institution and its alumni. This role oversees alumni communications, events, volunteer programs, and engagement initiatives designed to strengthen alumni loyalty and support. The Director collaborates with the foundation, communications, and academic teams to create meaningful opportunities for alumni involvement — including mentorship, networking, and philanthropy.



Billie-Jo Crandall

Donations Coordinator

As the Donations Coordinator, I am responsible for the receiving and processing of all donations and revenue generated for the Northern Lights College Foundation. Some of my duties include maintaining the NLC Foundation's donor database and award programs; preparing annual funding reports; managing our new award application platform, Astra; and working in partnership with our valued donors. One of the most rewarding parts of my job is providing scholarships and bursaries to successful NLC award applicants, easing some of their financial responsibilities, and aiding them throughout their educational journey.



Kayla Von Barga

Development Officer

As the Development Officer, I'm proud to support the advancement of student success through meaningful donor and alumni engagement. In this new role, I get to work closely with individuals, businesses, and community partners to secure funding for student awards, program support, and special initiatives across all NLC campuses. Whether coordinating Giving Day, supporting the Fall Fair 50/50, or working on new campaigns, the goal is to create lasting impact through strong community relationships.

A key part of my role is maintaining donor relationships and expanding alumni connections. We're recognizing local alumni and businesses that employ NLC grads, and we've enhanced our digital tools to better manage outreach and engagement. From event planning to donor communications and campaign strategy, every effort is grounded in ensuring that students feel supported and that our donors know just how valued their contributions are. I'm grateful to be part of a small but passionate team working to grow the Foundation's reach and deepen its impact in the North.

Meet our Team



Sierra Shields

Projects & Partnerships Facilitator

In the Projects & Partnerships Facilitator position, I've had the opportunity to help bring exciting fundraising initiatives to life. Whether organizing events, managing logistics for our fundraisers, or everything in between, I focus on ensuring each project runs smoothly and reflects the Foundation's mission.

This year, I've worked closely with local businesses, campus teams, and volunteers to support meaningful connections across the region. Whether coordinating 50/50 draws, supporting sponsorship fulfillment, or helping share foundation success stories, my goal is to create impactful, well-executed experiences that strengthen our relationships and highlight the incredible generosity within our communities.



Diane Santos

NLC Foundation Clerk

As the Foundation Clerk, I am often the first point of contact for inquiries from donors, students, and staff reaching out to the Northern Lights College Foundation. A key part of my role is providing administrative support to the Executive Director and assisting with the daily operations that keep the Foundation organized and responsive. As the Foundation continues to grow, each day brings new opportunities to learn, contribute, and collaborate with our dedicated team to help ensure our donors feel appreciated and our students receive the support they need to succeed.



Message from the Executive Director



“As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with profound gratitude and pride for the remarkable progress our foundation has made in advancing educational opportunities for our students. Our mission — helping students embark on their lifelong journey of learning — has never been more essential, and it is your steadfast support that has enabled our achievements.

Having served in this role for five years, I am continually inspired by the transformation we have witnessed and the challenges we have overcome together. Each year brings new opportunities and obstacles, and I am deeply thankful for the unwavering dedication of our stakeholders, donors, students, board members, and exceptional staff. Your commitment — whether in times of celebration or challenge — remains the bedrock of our success at NLC and the Foundation.

This year, we were able to award over \$350,000 in funding, helping to remove financial barriers for talented and deserving students. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and partners, we also launched several new initiatives and platforms, further expanding our reach and impact.

2024–25 was truly a year of diversification and connection for the Foundation. We focused on developing robust systems, innovative staffing strategies, and a comprehensive funding model for NLC. Under our strategic pillars, we achieved the following:

Expand Financial Support and Access for Students

- Hosted ASTRA sign-up events on each campus to ensure students could access our awards, scholarships, and bursaries.
- Launched our first Giving Day, surpassing our \$10,000 goal for student support.
- Maintained a strong presence at student orientations across all campuses.

Ensure Sustainable Internal Capacity and Resources

- Completed privacy impact assessments and began implementing Almagest and RaisersEdge NXT to enhance alumni and donor data management.
- Developed a five-year staffing strategy, including securing a Canada Summer Student grant and hiring a Project & Partnership Facilitator, as well as a new Development Officer position.

Cultivate and Engage Donors

- Developed a Legacy Giving package to strengthen our engagement with legacy donors.
- Joined the Northern Opportunities Learning Council to better understand sector needs.

- Supported the NLC Fall Rodeo, showcasing our Rodeo Team and students.
- Launched the You+3 initiative across all campuses.
- Hosted our inaugural donor event — Night of Gratitude: Memorial Award Dinner — bringing together 45 attendees to celebrate student recipients and memorial award donors, with a wonderful dinner prepared by NLC culinary students.

Broaden the Scope of Support for Teaching and Learning

- Began construction on a barn build in partnership with the Dawson Creek Exhibition Association and the City of Dawson Creek.
- Developed an engagement strategy for the launch of our new NLC Speed Skating team.
- Secured funding for our Continuing Education summer camps.
- Advanced the development of a new advancement model to better support NLC's evolving funding landscape and stakeholder expectations.

This past year, we made significant strides in diversifying our team and enhancing the systems that support our work. We expanded our outreach, strengthened our programs, and deepened our connections with stakeholders, students, communities, and alumni. These efforts have positioned us to meet the demands of an ever-changing post-secondary landscape while remaining true to our mission.

The challenges of this year have tested our resilience and adaptability, but with the collaboration and dedication of our outstanding team, we have faced adversity with grace and determination.

As we look ahead to 2025–26, our guiding word will be Sustain. After a period of significant change and connection, sustaining our progress is essential. We are committed to embedding successful initiatives into our institutional culture, ensuring long-term viability, building resilience, and continuously improving to meet new challenges.

Thank you for believing in our vision and for investing in the leaders of tomorrow. With your continued partnership, we will create even greater opportunities for our students and our community.

Sincerely,





Lindsey Borek
Executive Director







Reflecting on 2024-25





Each year, we look forward to celebrating our students' achievements with displays across our campuses. We are grateful for our donors, whose generosity continues to make a significant impact to our students. Congratulations to all award recipients in the 2024-25 year!








Number of New Awards Created

	Total of New Awards Created	8
	New Endowments	2
	New Annual Awards	3
	New One-Time Projects	3

New Award Contribution Values

	Endowments	\$71,798
	Annual Awards	\$17,500
	One-Time Projects	\$143,500
	Total Contribution Values of New Awards	\$232,798

	Number of New Donors	6
	Number of Students Assisted	253
	Total Funds Distributed to Students	\$339,860
	Emergency Funding Distributed	\$17,930

	Applicants	1,733
	Completed	740
	Increase in Number of Applications From Previous Year	17.09%
	Capital Projects and Program Funding	\$116,005
	Student Support Funds	\$26,510
	NLC Intercollegiate Rodeo Sponsorship	\$59,250
	NLC Giving Day Campaign Fund	\$11,096

Student Stories

Fueling Futures:

The Impact of Awards at NLC

Andrea Hube

Practical Nursing

Why did you choose Northern Lights College?

I chose Northern Lights because it was in the town where I lived, so I didn't have to move my family to attend school. I had also heard good things about the instructors in this program. When I came in to ask about the program and see if I met the requirements, I met with Tammy Potratz. She was amazing! I struggle with big decisions, and she walked me through the application process, then took me directly to the registrar's office... and suddenly, I had applied. If I had met someone less helpful — or someone who had just pointed me in the right direction — I may not have registered. I truly believe she is the reason I'm currently finishing up my first year.

What awards did you receive?

- Dawson Creek and District Auxiliary Society of Local Health Care Award
- Dawson Creek Lions Club Award (Rod Roberts Memorial)

How did receiving the awards impact your learning journey?

First, receiving the awards made me feel supported by my community. Secondly, it helped ease some of the financial strain of being a full-time student.

How has receiving the awards impacted your interest in continuing your education in the future?

I feel like our community is very supportive of the students of Northern Lights. I think receiving the awards makes me feel more encouraged to continue education in the future, as well as recommend it to others.

What are your future career aspirations?

I plan on remaining in Dawson Creek for the entirety of my career. I am still undecided as to whether I will work at the hospital or possibly in long-term care. Maybe I will try both and see which one suits me best.

What message would you share with the donors who funded the awards you received?

Thank you for your generous awards. They were very helpful to me and made me feel so supported in my journey to become a nurse. Thank you for your support in helping me reach my goals! I cannot thank you enough!

Do you have any words to share with current or future NLC students?

Apply for all the awards! Apply each cycle! Every little bit helps!



Testimonials



"This kind of help has inspired me to remember that there is an entire community rooting for students to succeed"

- Libby Luk, Recipient of eight Foundation Awards during her time at NLC

"It's not just financial help — it's a reminder that there are people out there who believe in us and want to see us succeed."

- Jessica Cooper, Recipient of Credit Union Foundation of BC – Lucille Sutherland Bursary, Duncan MacRae Endowment Fund, Peace River Women's Institute Award and Fred Den Ouden Memorial Award

"Receiving the award has allowed me to see that I was on the path I was meant to be on."

- Shelagh Peterson, Recipient of Peace River North Retired Teachers' Bursary

At Northern Lights College, awards are more than a moment of relief — they are an investment in a student's future. These contributions help students stay in school, reduce financial stress, and make bold steps forward in their education and careers. Together, we are fueling futures and building stronger communities, one student at a time.

Michelle Rhead

Valedictorian – Fort Nelson
Applied Business Technology

Why did you choose Northern Lights College?

It is the local community college, and I was wanting to further my education. The staff, they are inspiring and very welcoming. They made the choice to pursue the opportunities exciting and less stressful.

What awards did you receive?

• Nikki Macdonald Memorial Award

How did receiving the award impact your learning journey?

Receiving the award made me feel proud and motivated. It has shown me that my hard work is paying off and has inspired me to keep trying my best. It also has given me more confidence in myself and makes me excited to keep learning and improving.

How has receiving the award impacted your interest in continuing your education in the future?

Receiving the awards made me excited to learn more. It gave me confidence and has made me want to further my education and set higher goals.

What are your future career aspirations?

I am considering further education in the fall. My career path is still evolving.

What message would you share with the donors who funded the awards you received?

Thank you so much for your generosity. Receiving the award has made a difference in my education and has inspired me to keep working hard. Your support means a lot, and I am truly grateful for being selected. I will continue to pursue my goals and make the most of my education journey.

Do you have any words to share with current or future NLC students?

Believe in yourself and don't be afraid to ask for help. Take every opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with others. Your hard work will pay off! Keep an open mind and enjoy the journey. You got this!



Testimonials



"Receiving an award was a great impact. It was able to take a financial load off of my shoulders for a while and get a textbook I just wasn't going to be able to."

- Noah Strand, Recipient of the Robbie Stevenson Award

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"Being given this award has boosted my motivation to continue my education and develop my skills further. It has inspired me to explore new opportunities and expand my knowledge in my field."

- Gursheet Kaur, Recipient of the Swanberg Family Applied Business Technology Award

"I have realized that my ability to continue education in the future is a lot more achievable and is not impossible."

- James McCabe, Recipient of Cassie Wigton Memorial Award, Harley Lindley Memorial Scholarship and the Vermilion Energy Bursary.

Student Stories

Fueling Futures: The Impact of Awards at NLC

Gracie Robinson

4th Class Power Engineering

Why did you choose Northern Lights College?

I chose Northern Lights College because it has a good Power Engineering program that helps students get ready for what they'll need to know to work in the field.

The hands-on training and having fewer people in a class help me get real-world experience and get more direct help from the teacher. Studying close to home not only keeps me part of my local community, but also helps me set up a good start for a career in Power Engineering.

What awards did you receive?

- Canfor Award
- Dominion Energy Canada Ltd. Award
- Energy Foundation Award
- Shell Canada Student Award

How did receiving the awards impact your learning journey?

Receiving the award had a significant impact on my learning journey by easing the financial pressure of school and allowing me to focus more on my studies. It motivated me to keep working hard, knowing that my efforts were recognized and supported. The award also boosted my confidence and gave me a greater sense of purpose in pursuing my Power Engineering career.

How has receiving the awards impacted your interest in continuing your education in the future?

Receiving the award has strengthened my interest in continuing my education by showing me that my hard work is valued and supported. It gave me the confidence and motivation to keep pursuing higher levels of certification in Power Engineering. Knowing that there are people and organizations invested in my success makes me even more committed to furthering my education and

What are your future career aspirations?

My future career goal is to become a certified Power Engineer and work in the energy industry, ideally in a role that supports sustainable and efficient power generation. I plan to continue gaining hands-on experience and advancing through the Power Engineering certification levels. Eventually, I hope to take on leadership responsibilities in the field and contribute to innovative energy solutions in northern communities.

What message would you share with the donors who funded the awards you received?

I would like to sincerely thank the donors for their generosity and support. Receiving this award made a meaningful difference in my education by reducing financial stress and allowing me to focus more fully on my studies. Your contribution not only helped me practically but also encouraged me to keep striving toward my goals. I'm truly grateful for your investment in my future.

Do you have any words to share with current or future NLC students?

To current and future NLC students: take full advantage of the resources and support available to you. Don't be afraid to ask questions, get involved, and build connections with your instructors and classmates. Stay focused on your goals, even when things get challenging — every step forward is progress. NLC is a great place to grow, learn, and set the foundation for a strong future.



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Donor Stories

HD Hyundai Electric donates \$100,000 to energy education and training at NLC



NLC has long been the home of oil and gas training in the region, thanks in part to the creation of the Centre of Training Excellence in Oil and Gas (CTEOG). With the development of clean energy technologies, carbon capture and storage, and the application of AI to the energy sector, the natural progression is to bring other energies under the CTEOG umbrella, including hydro, wind, solar, and geothermal.

With the rise of new technologies and the need for well-trained workers in the energy industry, Northern Lights College is working to expand educational opportunities in that sector. These changes provide an opportunity to relaunch the CTEOG with a new mandate, expanded capacity and redefined curriculum to meet the energy industry's needs in the short term and years to come.

To help further this development, HD Hyundai Electric from South Korea has made a substantial donation of \$100,000 through the Northern Lights College Foundation. This will become a dynamic hub of innovation, research, and education, positioning NLC as an ongoing leading provider of energy-related training.

"Responsive programming at NLC isn't about sticking to the status quo; it's about adapting to the ever-changing needs of our students, our communities, and our industries," said Todd Bondaroff, President and CEO of Northern Lights College. "From cutting-edge technology to hands-on experiential learning opportunities, we equip our students with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in today's dynamic world, and this funding will help us take it even further."

HD Hyundai Electric was made aware of NLC's work through BC Hydro, who employed many NLC trades graduates for work on the Site C hydro project.

"HD Hyundai Electric's deep commitment to community support and educational advancement is the driving force behind the donation to Northern Lights College



Foundation," said Youngki Kim, Senior Executive Vice President & COO, HD Hyundai Electric.

"Recognizing the importance of education in shaping the future, we aim to empower the next generation through meaningful contributions that foster learning and development. This initiative is further supported by BC Hydro's recommendation, highlighting the crucial role Northern Lights College plays in regional trades training, especially through their collaboration on the Site C project."

"We are so grateful for the partnership with Hyundai and their investment into Northern Lights College, to support the development of the Energy Institute," said Lindsey Borek, Executive Director of the Northern Lights College Foundation. "Their support enables us to help our students embark on their lifelong journey of learning and create unique opportunities for our students, college, and community. HD Hyundai Electric's contribution to the communities in which they have worked will leave a lasting impact for years to come and we look forward to continuing this partnership."

A Night of Gratitude: Memorial Award Dinner

On February 25, 2025, the NLC Foundation brought together families, students, and staff for a heartfelt evening of remembrance and gratitude at its first-ever Memorial Awards Dinner. Hosted on the Dawson Creek Campus, the event not only celebrated the lives of those memorialized through student awards but also recognized the generosity of the families who turned loss into opportunities for NLC students.

Guests enjoyed a four-course meal prepared by NLC's cook training students, setting the stage for an evening of appreciation and reflection. The Foundation expressed its gratitude to the families who have chosen to honour their loved ones by creating financial awards that support student success.

Among the new awards recognized were the Dr. Bryn Kulmatycki Recognition Endowment Fund, named after NLC's late president and CEO, and the Cleo Baker Memorial Endowment Fund, dedicated to a beloved staff member who passed away last year.

Bonnie Lehmann shared the story behind the Erich W. Lehmann Memorial Award, created in memory of her son, whose dreams of working with helicopters were tragically cut short. Karen Simpson also spoke about the Bryce Simpson Memorial Award, honouring her son's legacy.

A particularly moving moment came when Aircraft Maintenance Technician student Tully Swan spoke about the impact of the Duane Sunderman Memorial Award on his education.

In attendance was Billie-Jo Crandall, a Foundation employee who was Duane's wife at the time of his passing. Billie-Jo was visibly moved as she heard firsthand how her late husband's legacy continues to support students in the AMT program.

The Duane Sunderman Memorial Award was established by contributions received from Duane's family, friends, and organizations and the endowment continues to receive annual contributions to this day.

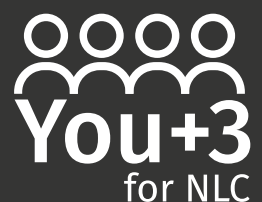
Tully's speech explained how much these awards matter to the students who receive them. He explained that receiving this award meant he could prioritize his studies over working part time — meaning more focus on school and ultimately better grades.



To learn more about the NLC Foundation
and how it supports our students,
go to nlc.bc.ca/nlc-foundation/

You+3 for NLC

This fall we launched our **You+3 for NLC** initiative. At Northern Lights College, we believe great opportunities are worth sharing! That's why we created You+3 for NLC — a simple way to spread the word. The idea of You+3 is when you learn something exciting about NLC, from programs and scholarships to events and support services, share it with three people you know. Whether it's a friend, coworker, or family member — by passing it on, you help build awareness and showcase all the great things happening at NLC!



Giving Day

The spirit of generosity was alive and well on our campuses on December 3 when the NLC Foundation surpassed their \$10,000 goal for Giving Day. Together, we raised more than \$11,000, all of which will go to student supports at NLC.

The Giving Day campaign began on November 1 and was truly an act of community from the get go. Community partners agreed to promote Giving Day in their businesses, and Surerus Pipeline Inc. agreed to match donations up to \$2,500.

This is an important campaign because the increasing costs of living affect our students and can have an impact on their education. According to the Food Hub at UBC, 30–40% of all students face food insecurity and it can have detrimental effects on their physical and mental health as well as their general wellbeing and grades.

Every dollar donated to Giving Day went directly to our students in the form of student supports. For food security, the Dawson Creek Hospital Auxiliary donated \$1,000 to be used as \$10 vouchers for the cafeteria.

Food security isn't the only support the campaign will fund. It will also go towards financial aid for students facing emergencies, physical wellness in the form of discounted gym passes or fitness classes, or even towards social events that support student well-being.

Lorelee Mathias, Director of Student Services, spoke to what these donations mean to our students.

"In my daily work I see firsthand how Giving Day transforms lives. The donations directly support student wellness — promoting mental health, physical fitness, and well-being — ensuring our students have the resources to thrive both in and out of the classroom. These supports truly make a lasting impact!"

This was the first major campaign for Kayla Von Barga, Development Officer, and she was thrilled that it was such a success.

"We are so happy with the success of NLC's First Annual Giving Day," said Kayla. "Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we surpassed our goal which will really help the students here at NLC. It's inspiring to see so many people come together to give back and make a difference. A big thank you to

Every dollar donated to Giving Day went directly to our students.



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all of our donors and volunteers! We look forward to seeing the lasting positive effects of this amazing day and continuing to grow this event year after year!"

Speaking of giving, it was NLC staff and students who created the Giving Day boxes for sale during the campaign. The cook training students and Chefs Michael French and Regan King were responsible for making over 1,000 gingerbread people as well as the fudge boxes. Carpentry Instructor Stephen Janssen contributed all of the wooden ornaments on the goodie boxes as well.

Annual Highlights

Co-op Contractor BBQ

It was the perfect day for a cookout on September 12, 2024, when the NLC Trades department and NLC foundation joined the Dawson Co-op at their annual Co-op Contractor Expo.

The NLC Foundation staff were joined by several members of their board and served more than 250 burgers and hot dogs to hungry contractors and community members.

It was hot and smoky work, but the Foundation were happy to take part.

The Dawson Co-op is a great supporter of NLC, and the Foundation staff were eager to volunteer their time and barbequing skills.

Almost \$150,000 Raised at the Fair!

What a success! Last year, for the first time ever, the Northern Lights College Foundation held a 50/50 draw and a lottery at the Dawson Creek Exhibition and Stampede. They raised an impressive total jackpot of \$147,305, to be split between the Foundation and the winners. The largest prize was on Saturday where a lucky winner walked away with \$25,530.

Kayla Von Barga, Development Officer, was grateful their hard work paid off. "The weekend was hot and busy, but this was such a success. With these funds, we (the Foundation) can assist more students on their lifelong journey of learning. We are so grateful to everyone who purchased tickets and supported us and the students this weekend."

The Foundation expressed their gratitude to the DC Exhibition for hosting them at the fair. They also extended a heartfelt thanks to the many non-profit organizations that volunteered their time to support the Foundation during the event.

More than 250 burgers and hot dogs served!



50/50
Raffle

Annual Highlights

Tread for Trades

This was the Foundation's second year partnering with Bannister Automotive, where \$5 from every tire purchased during this event was donated to the NLC Foundation. This year's total raised was \$8,500. Thank you so much to Bannister for your continuous support!

Cash Scramble

On July 27 and 28, 2024, The NLC Foundation participated in Browns' Annual Cash Scramble. Board Member, Lisa Ward, Executive Director, Lindsey Borek, and Foundation Staff Member, Kayla Von Bargaen, were on site all weekend hosting a ball drop and raffle. In total, the weekend raised \$7,590. The NLC Foundation has been graciously invited back for next year and we look forward to raising more money for students

Husky MOU

Northern Lights College (NLC) is pleased to announce we have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Fort St. John Huskies Junior B hockey team.

This partnership aims to increase enrolment at NLC and financially support the athletes with scholarships and bursaries.

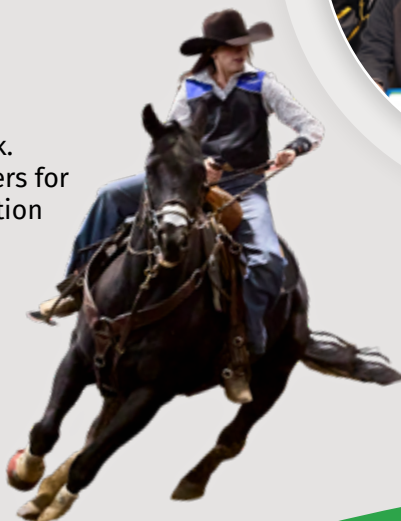
As part of the MOU, the Northern Lights College Foundation is allocating a one-time financial contribution of \$2,500 to start the Huskies Award Fund for future Huskies players that become NLC students.

One of the key goals of the Foundation is to enhance student access and opportunities, and collaborations like this help us guide our students on their educational journeys.

Rodeo

On September 28 and 29, 2024, NLC hosted the 3rd Annual Intercollegiate Rodeo in Dawson Creek. Thank you to our sponsors, athletes and volunteers for making it another great success! The NLC Foundation hosted a 50/50 for the weekend and the Dawson Creek Kodiaks helped out by selling tickets. The total jackpot was \$2,045.

This year's total raised was \$8,500!



Giving Back

Cleo Baker Memorial Award

April 2024 marked a tremendous loss for Northern Lights College, with the passing of Cleo Baker, a former International Education and Student Support person.

For over 10 years, Cleo was an important member of the NLC International Education team and an advocate for international students. Her passion and commitment to student success was a force to be reckoned with.

Scott Clerk, Associate Vice President of Educational Services, and Tony Mei, Director of International Education, captured Cleo's impact.

"We had never met anyone who used 'bulldog' as their favourite verb until we worked with Cleo. She was a fierce champion of international students, and for the record, she remains the NLC staff person with the most-viewed video on the NLC YouTube channel," they said in a message to staff.

In recognition of Cleo's contribution to NLC, the International Education team created the Cleo Baker Memorial Fund with the NLC Foundation. This fund will provide scholarships to international students who make exceptional contributions to our local communities.

The college community was grateful to be able to tell her about this plan to honour her before she passed.



You can donate to the Cleo Baker Memorial Fund at www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/99628
Your donation will help leave a lasting legacy at NLC in Cleo's honour for years to come.

Ways to Donate to the Foundation

The NLC Foundation values donations that promote the success of students and the College. We have many opportunities for donors in a variety of different donation types. Our donors can contribute by way of One-Time Awards, Annual Awards, Endowment Awards, Legacy Gifts, and Gifts-In-Kind.

One-Time Award

(Minimum contribution of \$100) — A one-time donor's contribution would be awarded once.

Annual Award

(Minimum contribution of \$100) — Annual donors make a contribution once a year in support of a specific interest at Northern Lights College.

Endowment Award

(Minimum contribution of \$2,500) — Endowment donors make a gift of capital, which is held in trust, and the return rate (currently 4%*) from the capital donation affords an annual award in perpetuity.

Legacy Gift

You can make a difference for future generations of students with a gift in your will to Northern Lights College Foundation. Your legacy will have a powerful impact — increasing access to education, enhancing teaching and learning, and helping students succeed in our communities.

Gifts-in-Kind

Donors contribute equipment, materials, and services to any program at Northern Lights College.

**Rate subject to change. Please contact the NLC Foundation to discuss current applicable rate of return on Endowment donations.*





Thank you to our Donors

The Northern Lights College Foundation would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous donors for their continuous support. Your contributions play a crucial role in enhancing educational opportunities and fostering student success at NLC.

We look forward to continuing to work together to assist students on their lifelong journey of learning!

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