



Northern Lights
College Foundation

July 2026 Newsletter

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.

New Staff Member — Galateya Medcalfe

The NLC Foundation was pleased to welcome Galateya Medcalfe to the team this summer as our Projects and Partnerships Facilitator. Galateya joined the Foundation with enthusiasm, ambition, and fresh ideas, and we are excited to have her supporting our initiatives and contributing to the work we do for students and communities.



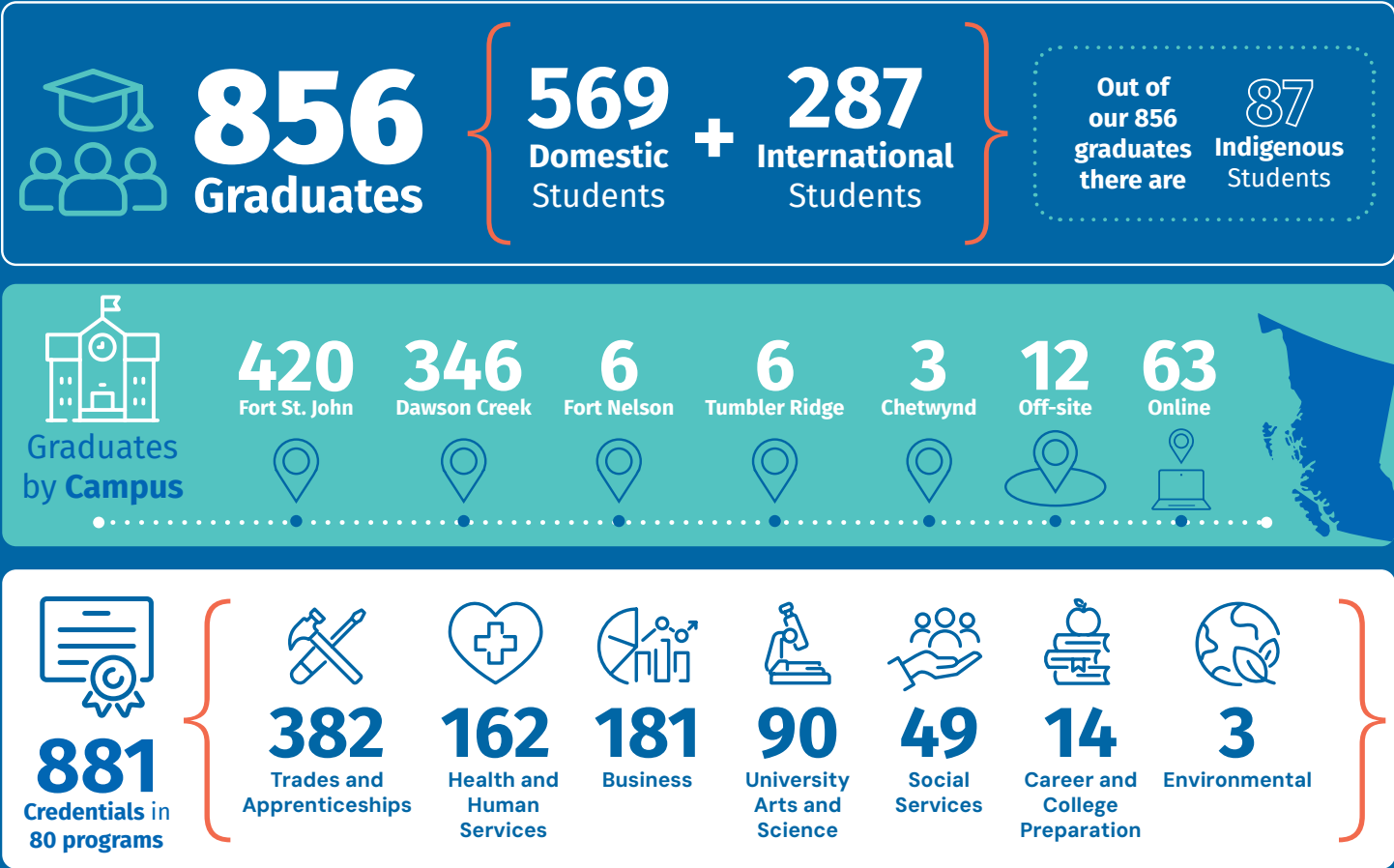
2026 Convocation Ceremonies



Northern Lights College honoured the Class of 2026 with convocation ceremonies held in our campus communities this spring. Graduates crossed the stage in Dawson Creek on May 28, Fort St. John on June 4, and Fort Nelson on June 17. The atmosphere was filled with contagious excitement at each ceremony as students received well-deserved recognition for their committed efforts. Families, friends, faculty and community members shared heartfelt moments in celebration. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



2026 Convocation Statistics



Award Recipient Boards

To showcase the incredible achievements of the 2025-26 Award Recipients, beautiful displays were presented on the Dawson Creek and Fort St. John campuses through the months of May and June.

Each award reflects the hard work and determination of students who have earned this recognition. We wish a heartfelt thank you to our donors whose generosity supports students every step of the way and helps students thrive throughout their educational journey at NLC.



Awards



Bannister Automotive Bursary

This spring, Carter Heal celebrated an important milestone by crossing the stage in Dawson Creek with his Level 1 Automotive Service Technician certificate. Originally from Fort Nelson, Carter made the move to Dawson Creek as a dual credit student, showing remarkable determination and independence at just 16 years old. Carter was also honoured as a recipient of the Bannister Automotive Bursary, recognizing his hard work and commitment as he continues his journey in the trades.



Dawson Creek and District Auxiliary Society of Local Health Care Award

On May 28, the Dawson Creek and District Auxiliary Society joined us at the Healthcare Cap and Pin Ceremony in Dawson Creek to present awards to three deserving students from our Practical Nursing program. Congratulations to Andrea Huber, Kayla Jensen and Tristan Lefebvre on this well-earned recognition and on reaching an important milestone in their nursing journey.



Nathan Smith Memorial Award

Congratulations to Liam Bertlett-Ermel, recipient of the Nathan Smith Memorial Award. This award recognizes outstanding academic achievement and honours the memory of Nathan Smith, whose passion for hands-on work and skilled trades led him to a career as an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer specializing in helicopter maintenance.



NLC Student Recruitment Entrance Awards

On June 16, Lindsey Borek, Executive Director of the NLC Foundation, and Lisa Ward, Chair of the NLC Foundation Board, proudly attended the South Peace Student Awards Ceremony to present NLC Student Recruitment Entrance Awards to two outstanding students. In addition, five students at North Peace Secondary School were recognized with these prestigious awards. Valued at \$2,000 each, these scholarships provide meaningful financial support, empowering local students to pursue post-secondary education with greater confidence and easing their transition to Northern Lights College.

Dawson Creek and District Trade Show



The NLC Foundation enjoyed being part of the Dawson Creek and District Trade Show on April 17 and 18, where we had the opportunity to connect with community members, local businesses, and support student success. Our daily 50/50 raffle raised \$3,770 in sales over the two days. One lucky winner was selected each day, with proceeds shared between the winners and the Foundation. We are grateful to everyone who purchased tickets and stopped by to visit us, and we thank the Ovintiv Events Centre for hosting this community event and welcoming us as participants.

Chetwynd Chainsaw Carving Championship



Spirits were high despite the changing weather from June 11 through 14 at the 20th Annual Chetwynd International Chainsaw Carving Championship, where NLC Foundation team members held a 50/50 raffle. NLC Foundation staff and Board Chair Lisa Ward were on site to connect with community members and international visitors while they cheered on the carving champions. Raffle sales skyrocketed through the weekend, climbing past \$10,000 to be split between the Foundation and a lucky winner. The NLC Foundation is grateful for the opportunity to support the community of Chetwynd, and for their partnership with the Chetwynd Chainsaw Carving Society.



Upcoming Events



50/50 Raffle

August 5–9



MEGA LOTTERY

August 1–9



Nightly draw 8–10pm. Buy tickets on-site or scan the QR code.

Mark your calendars for August 5–9, 2026, and visit the NLC Foundation at the Dawson Creek Exhibition as we return for our third consecutive year with the 50/50 raffle and Mega Lottery. It's a fun way to take part in one of the community's largest summer events, while also supporting Northern Lights

College students and programs. Stop by our booth to say hello and grab your tickets or visit the QR code to buy them online. Every ticket purchased helps create opportunities for learners across our region. We hope to see you there!

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 at foundation@nlc.bc.ca

