

My Name is Warren Vezina. I am currently an Accounting Diploma student at Northern Lights College, with an expected graduation date of 2027. I am running for the Board of Governors and Education Council because I believe students benefit when their education is closely connected to the needs of employers and the communities that Northern Lights College serves.

I have a unique perspective as both a current student and a former NLC student. In the 1990s, I graduated from the Power Engineering and Gas Processing program at Northern Lights College. That education provided me with practical skills that were directly connected to employment opportunities in Northern British Columbia. Returning to NLC decades later as an Accounting student has given me an opportunity to see the college from a different perspective.

One of the areas I would like to focus on as a student representative is strengthening the connection between NLC's programs and the current and future needs of employers. Northern British Columbia has changing workforce requirements, and I believe NLC can play an important role in identifying those needs and ensuring students are being prepared for meaningful employment and long-term careers.

I would also like to bring a practical and financially minded perspective to the Board. As an Accounting student, I am developing a stronger understanding of financial management, while my previous education and work experience have given me an appreciation for the importance of practical, employment-focused training.

If elected, I would listen to students, employers and communities and bring those perspectives to the Board. My goal would be to help ensure that Northern Lights College continues to provide relevant, accessible and practical education that benefits students, employers and the Northern B.C. communities the college serves.

I am not running because I believe I have all the answers. I am running because I believe in asking the right questions, listening to different perspectives and helping NLC prepare students for the opportunities that are actually available in our region.