



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.

Record-Breaking 50/50 Sales at Dawson Creek Exhibition and Stampede

The Northern Lights College Foundation returned to the Dawson Creek Exhibition and Stampede for the third consecutive year with its popular 50/50 draw and Mega Lottery, and the community once again showed incredible support.

This year's combined jackpot reached an impressive **\$174,425**, with half going to the lucky winners and the other half supporting the Northern Lights College Foundation. Saturday's 50/50 draw awarded a **\$26,280** prize, while Sunday's Mega Lottery winner took home **\$22,145**.

"This was our strongest year yet, with record sales and our biggest jackpots to date," said Kayla Von Barga, Development Officer for the NLC Foundation. "We're so fortunate to be part of the Greatest Show in the Peace and to have the opportunity to connect with our community throughout the week. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, shared our draw, and helped make this year such a success."

Beyond the excitement of the draws, every ticket purchased helps support NLC students and programs through the Foundation's work. The Foundation is grateful to everyone who purchased a ticket, volunteered their time, or helped make the weekend a success.

We extend our sincere thanks to the **Dawson Creek Exhibition**

Association for welcoming the Foundation back to the Fall Fair, and to the volunteers who supported ticket sales throughout the weekend. The continued generosity and enthusiasm of our community make these fundraising efforts possible and help us continue investing in NLC students and their success.



Where Community Meets Impact

Race Against Hunger

The NLC Foundation's "Scrubs & Scholarships" team secured bronze in Ovintiv's Race Against Hunger, hosted by Dawson Creek Co-op. The team included Executive Director Lindsey Borek, Foundation Board Chair Lisa Ward, and board members Aaron Powell and Kathleen Connolly, with support from Ovintiv, Dawson Creek Co-op, and Longhorn Oilfield Services.

Through the event, the Foundation donated food and \$500 each to Networks Ministries, St. Mark's, and the Pouce Coupe Food Bank, helping support families and students across the region. "These initiatives demonstrate what we can accomplish when organizations work together," said Lindsey Borek.



Brown's Charity Scramble

The NLC Foundation was proud to once again take part in the 28th Annual Brown's Charity Scramble Golf Tournament, raising an incredible \$10,430 through the Foundation's Ball Drop and Pick-A-Tee games. Every dollar raised will go directly toward supporting NLC students.

The Foundation extends its thanks to Bannister Automotive Dawson Creek and Bannister Ford for hosting the tournament, as well as the local businesses that donated prizes and the golfers and community members who supported the Foundation throughout the day. We are grateful for the continued community partnerships that make opportunities like this possible.



A New Chapter at the Exhibition Grounds

On August 6, the Dawson Creek Exhibition Association celebrated the grand opening of a new barn — a project that brought together Northern Lights College, the NLC Foundation, the City of Dawson Creek, and the Dawson Creek Exhibition Association.

The barn is a testament to the skills of NLC students, who played a hands-on role in bringing the project to life. The Foundation was proud to be part of this collaborative effort and to celebrate the students and community partners who helped turn the vision into reality.



More Than Fundraising

Eclipse LLP Cornhole Tournament

On July 10, NLC Foundation staff joined the Eclipse LLP Cornhole Tournament to lend a hand as volunteer scorekeepers. It was a fun way to support a local event while connecting with members of the community.

We are especially grateful to Eclipse LLP for their generous \$2,050 donation to the NLC Foundation in recognition of our participation. Support like this helps the Foundation continue creating opportunities and providing resources for NLC students.



Tim Hortons Camp Day

On July 15, the NLC Foundation team was happy to support Tim Hortons Camp Day, helping with drive-thru sales and joining in on the in-store activities. It was a fun morning spent connecting with community members while supporting the Tim Hortons Foundation Camps at one of Dawson Creek's locations.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by and helped make Camp Day a success. We were proud to lend a hand to this important community initiative.



Co-op Contractor Expo

On September 10, the NLC Foundation was pleased to once again lend a hand – and fire up the grill – at the annual Co-op Contractor Expo. Foundation staff and board members braved the stormy weather, serving more than 250 burgers and hot dogs to contractors and community members throughout the event.

We are grateful to Dawson Creek Co-op for the opportunity to be part of this annual gathering and for the continued partnership that keeps the Foundation connected with the community we serve.



Fall 2026 Student Orientation



With more than 450 students attending NLC's General Orientation on September 8 at both our Fort St. John and Dawson Creek campuses, the NLC Foundation helped welcome students with new information cards designed to make navigating Astra a little easier. The cards outline the award cycle schedule, provide a step-by-step guide to applying for awards, and include the Foundation's contact information for students who have questions.

Astra offers NLC students access to a variety of awards and funding opportunities throughout the year. The new resources are designed to help students understand the process and know when to check back for newly posted opportunities.

Investing in the Future of Trades

The NLC Foundation was pleased to welcome Enerflex Ltd. to the Fort St. John campus and spend time connecting with a valued industry partner. We are grateful for Enerflex's continued investment in NLC students and its commitment to supporting the next generation of skilled trades professionals.

Through the Enerflex Ltd. Entrance Award, two \$2,500 awards are available annually to students in Heavy Mechanical Trades or Millwright programs. Beyond financial support, recipients have opportunities for mentorship, professional guidance, and real-world insights from Enerflex experts. We sincerely thank Enerflex for helping reduce barriers to education and creating meaningful connections between

NLC students and industry. Visits like this are a wonderful reminder of the people and partnerships behind the support our students receive.



NLC Fall Rodeo



The NLC Rodeo returned to Dawson Creek on September 26 and 27, bringing athletes, spectators, volunteers, and supporters together for another exciting weekend of intercollegiate rodeo action.

The NLC Foundation was proud to support the weekend by hosting the 50/50 draw. NLC staff volunteered their time to sell tickets, raising \$3,560 over the weekend in support of NLC student athletes. The generosity continued beyond the draw itself, as Saturday's winner, Mason McLeod from Longhorn Oilfield Services donated his winnings back to the NLC Foundation, doubling the amount raised from Saturday's 50/50 in support of NLC athletics. We're grateful for this generous contribution.

The Foundation extends its thanks to the athletes, volunteers, sponsors, spectators, and community members who helped make the weekend a success.

Upcoming Events



Tread for Trades

October 15–December 15

For the fourth year, the NLC Foundation has teamed up with Bannister Automotive for Tread for Trades. During the event, \$5 from every tire purchased is donated to the NLC Foundation, helping support NLC students. Get your vehicle ready for winter while helping students along the way!



Your Co-op, Your Cause

November 1–November 30

The NLC Foundation is grateful to be one of the featured organizations in Dawson Co-op's Your Co-op, Your Cause program this November. Dawson Co-op members who spend \$25 or more at the Food Store receive a voting token to support one of the featured local organizations, with \$1,000 awarded to the organization receiving the most votes and \$500 to second place. We encourage Co-op members to shop, vote, and help direct community support toward NLC students! Funds raised through the program will support the Foundation's Giving Day initiative, helping provide resources and opportunities for NLC students.



Giving Day

December 1, 2026

This year, NLC's Giving Day will focus on raising critical funds and awareness for healthcare programs that serve our region. For the third consecutive year, the NLC Foundation will be hosting a 50/50 raffle and several engaging activities for students and community members. Stay tuned-in to our website and social media for updates!

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.

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.

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

If you are interested in becoming a donor, please contact the NLC Foundation today at foundation@nlc.bc.ca