Cumberland Campus Convocation June 3, 2024 10:00AM

Land acknowledgement

NSCC is located in Mi'kma'ki, the unceded territory and traditional homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Our relationship is based on a series of peace and friendship treaties between the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Crown, dating back to 1725.

As Treaty beneficiaries, we recognize that we are all Treaty People.

Order of proceedings

Processional

Mi'kmaq Honour Song Carl Thomas

O Canada

Principal's welcome Donald McCormack

President's remarks
Don Bureaux

Presentation of credentials

Presentation of major awards

Valedictory address Scott Mackay, Carpentry

Recessional

Please rise as you are able when the academic procession enters and remain standing until the conclusion of *O Canada*.

Please remain at your seats until the platform party and graduates have exited.

Music during the presentation of credentials is arranged and produced by NSCC Music Arts faculty Tom Easley and Bill Stevenson.

Please join us after the ceremony for a reception in honour of our graduates, presented by NSCC Alumni Relations.



Don Bureaux

Message from the NSCC President

Graduates,

Today, we celebrate you and all you have accomplished during your time as an NSCC student. We celebrate your academic achievements, hard work and perseverance, the skills you have developed and the connections you have made.

It is a pleasure and an honour to mark this important milestone with you.

As NSCC graduates, and now officially NSCC alumni, I encourage you to embrace the next chapter in your lives with the same determination, passion and willingness to learn that you demonstrated as students. I wish you every success in your future endeavours.

On behalf of the College, thank you for allowing us the privilege of being part of your incredible journey. It is truly inspiring to see what you can accomplish. We are so proud of you and we are cheering you on today, and beyond.

Congratulations, class of 2024!

Don

Class of 2024

School of Access, Education and Language

Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

Bird, Kaylee (Honours) Amherst, NS Black, Courtney (Honours) Markham, ON Burke, Carrieann Amherst, NS Cameron, Hannah Oxford, NS Carde, Avery Amherst, NS Carde, Eden (Honours) Amherst, NS Duggan, Sabrina (Honours) Amherst, NS Duguay, Joshua Sackville, NB Fillmore, Max Amherst, NS Fraser, Chloe (Honours) Amherst, NS Gogan, Michell Pugwash, NS Gould, Emma (Honours) Amherst, NS Leard, Natasha Amherst, NS Mack, Sophie Amherst, NS McArdle, Savannah (Honours) Springhill, NS Ross, Emily Grace Springhill, NS Smith-Gogan, Courteney Pugwash, NS Young, Maggie Amherst, NS

Certificate in Academic and Career Connections

Sarson, Marley (Honours) Collingwood, NS

Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Brundage, Kathleen Amherst, NS Gabriel, Montana Springhill, NS Gallant. Melissa Tidnish, NS Gamble, Bonnie Amherst, NS Gilroy, Haley Amherst, NS Hemmings, Autumn (Honours) Amherst, NS Hicks, Meghan Amherst, NS Jamieson, Shelly Ann (Honours) Pugwash, NS Lines, Ashley (Honours) Nappan, NS McCormick, Ryan (Honours) Springhill, NS Pigeau, Romana (Honours) Toronto, ON Ryan, Shelby (Honours) Springhill, NS Seymour, Sharon Amherst, NS Yin, Yu Ting (Evelyn) (Honours) Chiavi, Taiwan

School of Business and Creative Industries

Certificate in Office Administration

Arsenault, Kimberley

Dormiedy, Nellie

Amherst, NS

Hatfield, Kiedra (Honours)

Kaur, Prabhjot (Honours)

Meisner, Gracie

Richard, Adrian (Honours)

Weir, Amanda (Honours)

Amherst, NS

Amherst, NS

Amherst, NS

Amherst, NS

Diploma in Business Administration

Augustine, Kea Elsipogtog, NB Baker, Jaidvn Amherst, NS Gaudet, Carrie (Honours) Amherst, NS Harrison, Ella Parrsboro, NS LaPage, Robert Brantford, ON Lewis, Penny (Honours) Five Islands, NS McAloney, Thane Amherst, NS McMillan, Evan Springhill, NS Morey, Melanie (Honours) Lower Maccan, NS

Nurse, Brody
White, Landen (Honours)
Halifax, NS
River Hebert, NS

School of Health and Human Services

Certificate in Continuing Care

Anthony-Umeozor, Cynthia Imo, Nigeria Carmichael, Isabella Joggins, NS Donkin, Jara Springhill, NS Fulton, Shelby (Honours) Sackville, NB Gale, Natasha River Hebert, NS Iheanacho, Adanne (Honours) Abia State, Nigeria Leard. Courtney Wallace, NS Levy, Mary-Jane (Honours) Saint Leonard, NB Matthews, Sierra (Honours) Amherst, NS McLeod. Tania (Honours) Amherst, NS Onyibe, Donald Kika (Honours) Idumuje-Unor, Nigeria

Peeples, Jennifer (Honours) Parrsboro, NS Richards, Adria Amherst, NS Thibodeau, Catherine Amherst, NS

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Adetomiwa, Temilade Alhaiji, Mohammed Baxter, Ainsley *(Honours)* Boutilier, Renae

Faulkner, Bailey

Fisher, Emma (Honours)
Gallagher, Brooke

Helpard, Marcia Mattinson, Mackenzie Mattinson, Madeline Miller, Lauren (Honours)

O'Blenis, Lacey

Otterson, Jenna (Honours) Russell-Mayne, Danielle

Sealy, Megan Shearer, Madison Smith, Kassy *(Honours)* Ibadan, Nigeria Halifax, NS Amherst, NS Beaver Bank, NS Truro, NS

Beaver Bank, NS Truro, NS Brookfield, NS Springhill, NS Amherst, NS Oxford, NS Oxford, NS Truro, NS Amherst, NS Londonderry, NS Amherst, NS

Amherst, NS Great Village, NS Oxford, NS

Diploma in Social Services

Boudreau, Kelsey (Honours) Campbell, Ashleigh (Honours)

Crow, Atlas

Grant, Jesse (Honours)

Gray, Cindy Lambert, Mildred

Lowther, Kayla (Honours)
Mackay, Genevieve
McLellan, Benjamin
Moonev-Horton, Mikayla

Reid, Madison Warren, Natalie Woodworth, Emily Amherst, NS
Parrsboro, NS
Ridgecrest, USA
River Hebert, NS
Amherst, NS
Amherst, NS
Amherst, NS
Amherst, NS
Springhill, NS
Amherst, NS
Joggins, NS

Southampton, NS Oxford, NS

West Pugwash, NS

School of Trades and Transportation

Certificate in Electrical – Construction and Industrial

Bowers, Will Truro, NS

Ferdinand, Payson (Honours)

Graham, Maia Hughes, Mark Kennedy, Isaac MacGregor, Jacob

McDonah, Luke (Honours) McEachern, Tanner Truro, NS Linden, NS

Truro, NS

Truro, NS

Truro, NS

Stewiacke, NS

McKiel, Riley (Honours) Rushton. Will

Sloan, Dylan Spence, Bryan Spence, Dana

Tower, Nathan (Honours)

Certificate in Plumbing

Embree, Devin Gilbert, Gavin Harnish, Josh Houtsma, Rowan Isenor, Colin

Jamieson, Noah May, Kevin

Murdison, Austin (Honours)

Certificate in Power and Utility Line Work

Adams, Braden Berniquer, Noah Brown, Mitchell Cameron, Robie

Conlon, Brett (Honours) Forbes, Theron (Honours)

Garnett, Nolan

Jennex, Aiden (Honours) Kelly, Liam (Honours)

MacAdam, Kenzie

MacDonnell, Jayden (Honours)

MacDougall, Jeremy

MacKinnon, Cameron (Honours)

MacLean, Carter MacLean, Maddox

MacLean, Matthew (Honours)
MacMullin, Carter (Honours)

MacNeil, Brady Mason, Joseph

McHatten, Matthew (Honours)
Parris-Shea, Tyler (Honours)
Redmond, Dustin (Honours)

Roberts, Cole

Saulnier, Cameron (Honours)

Shortall, Avery Timmons, Marc

West, Jared (Honours)

Springhill, NS

Sackville, NB

Amherst, NS

Truro, NS

Debert, NS

Debert, NS

Stewiacke, NS

Parrsboro, NS Amherst, NS Bedford, NS Truro, NS

Wallace, NS Amherst, NS

Saint Albert, AB

Springhill, NS North River, NS North River, NS Westville, NS Dartmouth, NS Clifton, NS

Porter's Lake, NS Musquodoboit Hbr.NS

Halifax, NS Sydney, NS

Havre Boucher, NS Port Hood, NS Stellarton, NS New Glasgow, NS Upper Stewiacke, NS

Judique, NS St. Peter's, NS

Port Hawkesbury, NS

Halifax, NS Woodstock, NB Cambridge, NS New Glasgow, NS Crowes Mills, NS Hubbards, NS

Amherst, NS

Porty Hawkesbury, NS

Berwick, NS

Certificate in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning - Geothermal

Boudreau, Gino Grand-Barachois, NB

Holownia, Julian (Honours) Sackville, NB

Lloyd-Jones, Owain (Honours) Tatamagouche, NS

MacDonald, Reegan Pictou Co., NS

MacKinnon, Ewan (Honours) Vallev. NS

Marlatt, Darren (Honours) Collingwood Cr, NS Parsons, Richard Springhill, NS

Silliker, John Moncton, NB Springhill, NS Spicer, Caden

Tattrie, Chase Tatamagouche, NS

Diploma in Carpentry

Agorku, Justice (Honours) Accra, Ghana Chambers, Jill (Honours) Parrsboro, NS Halifax, NS

Henry, Julian

Mackay, Scott (Honours) Amherst, NS Rushton, Nathan Westchester, NS

Shewan, Meredith (Honours) Victoria, BC

Convocation 2024 Honorary Diplomas

NSCC is pleased to award Honorary Diplomas to these outstanding individuals who demonstrate true leadership in their field and community.



Annie Elizabeth Johnson School of Technology and Environment

Strait Area Campus

Annie E. Johnson is a leader who is committed to protecting the environment and natural resources in her home community of Eskasoni and all of Unama'ki (Cape Breton). In both her work and personal life, Annie integrates Netukulimk (Mi'kmaw traditional ways of using natural resources) with Etuaptmumk (Two-Eyed Seeing – viewing the world through the strengths of Indigenous knowledge together with conventional methods).

Passionate about culture, Mi'kmaq language and the natural world, Annie is the Director of Administration of the Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources which leads in aquatic research and stewardship, Mi'kmaq knowledge and conservation.

Dedicated to many initiatives in her community, she was a driving force behind locally held Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI) conferences, ensuring meaningful, cultural experiences for attendees from across Turtle Island.

Annie exemplifies many of NSCC's values, especially accessibility, diversity, inclusion, public accountability and sustainability. As a mentor and an employer, her ongoing support for the College and NSCC graduates has spanned almost two decades.

Annie is an avid volunteer and currently serves as a member of the board for Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Atlantic Canada.



Michael Johnston School of Technology and Environment

Institute of Technology Campus

Michael Johnston, originally from Truro, Nova Scotia, is a technology industry founder who believes in the power of investing in people and innovation together to achieve greatness.

Following an IT career in Boston, Mike returned to his roots in Atlantic Canada to establish REDspace, a technology firm that builds custom platforms, apps and services that entertain, educate and empower millions around the world. Headquartered in Halifax, REDspace has grown into a dynamic team of over 250 talented professionals renowned for their creation of award-winning web, mobile and video solutions. Notable partners include industry giants such as Paramount, Warner Bros. Discovery, Sony Pictures, IBM and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

A magna cum laude graduate of Harvard University, Mike is a recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for Service to Business/Commerce in 2023 and two Emmy awards for apps developed by REDspace. Passionate about helping the next generation of young Canadians unlock their potential, he serves as national Board Chair and interview committee chair for the prestigious Loran Scholars Foundation. Mike is also founding President of the Harvard Club of Atlantic Canada and serves as regional interview chair.

Mike's dedication to education extends to shaping the future of IT and actively supporting the next generation of technology innovators. He is a member of the NSCC IT Programming Advisory Committee, shaping

curriculum and participating in key industry events including the annual NSCC IT Job Fair and TechConnection. Recognizing the value that NSCC graduates bring to the industry in Nova Scotia and abroad, over one third of REDspace employees are NSCC alumni - a testament to Mike's commitment to hiring and nurturing local talent.

Outside of his professional pursuits, Mike finds joy in music as an avid woodwind musician, participating in various performing ensembles. A devoted father to his three children, he treasures family time and adventures around the globe. Alongside his wife Angela, Mike comanages The Johnston Family Foundation, a philanthropic endeavour dedicated to unlocking the potential in others through strategic investments in programs that foster lasting positive change, in education, literacy, the performing arts and healthcare research.



Krista Lee Langille School of Trades and Transportation

Akerley Campus

Krista Lee Langille is an NSCC Women Unlimited graduate who has found success as a Red Seal welder at Halifax Shipyard with Irving Shipbuilding and is an advocate for women pursuing careers in skilled trades.

Krista has made significant contributions to her community and NSCC. From graduating with honours to her continued involvement empowering young women, she is a true ambassador of the College's vision helping to transform the province one learner at a time.

Krista's journey to NSCC was not an easy one, having overcome many hardships in her life. She dropped out of school in grade 10 and moved to Toronto at age 16. She eventually returned to Nova Scotia as a mother of two, earned her GED and found work at a call centre. While in search of something more, a worker at the employment insurance office told her about NSCC's Women Unlimited program to explore careers in trades and technology, which inspired her to embark on a new path as a student.

In 2012, Krista began her journey with Women Unlimited which led to her love for welding. In the program, Krista made new and lasting friendships, discovered skills she had within herself and learned about trades in shop visits at NSCC. She chose to pursue welding and worked hard at school and at home.

Through perseverance and resilience, Krista graduated with a Welding diploma from Akerley Campus in 2014. In 2016, she achieved her Red Seal certification - the first Women Unlimited participant to receive a Red Seal in welding.

Since then, she has worked steadily as a welder and spent a year teaching trades at the high school level and running an after-school trades program for teen girls.

Krista loves to inspire and be inspired. She was hired by Irving Shipbuilding in January 2021 where she continues to mentor welding apprentices and "pass along the positivity" every day. Aside from empowering young women interested in the trades, she says building ships for the Royal Canadian Navy is the most rewarding job she has ever had.

Dedicated to giving back, she often returns to Women Unlimited as a guest speaker and mentor, offering words of wisdom and a look at the welding trade as a skilled and passionate alum.



Sandra Anne McKenzie School of Access, Education and Language

Ivany Campus

Sandra Anne McKenzie is a champion for Nova Scotia ingenuity and is known for leading transformational strategies in workforce development, adult education, economic development, policy development and strategic planning.

Sandra's career is inextricably linked to the success of NSCC. Twenty-six years ago, she played a pivotal role as a member of the provincial government team supporting the creation of the College. Since the beginning, she's stood behind NSCC as a catalyst for community and individual prosperity.

As one of the founders of the Nova Scotia School for Adult Learning (NSSAL) Sandra advocated for accessible, high quality post-secondary education. Other legacy initiatives include the foundations for province-wide career and employment counselling through Nova Scotia Works, the Workplace Education Program, the Read to Me Program with Dr. Richard Goldbloom, the Halifax Youth Foundation and the IWK, and the Family Literacy Initiative Endowment Fund.

Her extensive government experience led her to serve Nova Scotia as Deputy Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, Deputy Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, and Acting Deputy Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. Sandra also chaired the Ships Start Here partnership which brought government, businesses and leaders together to support the bid for the federal shipbuilding contract.

Following her time in the government, she has launched a successful consulting business, McKenzie Consulting, and is co-founder of the Forge Institute, a thinker space dedicated to thought leadership for social innovation. She was also the inaugural chair of the Forestry Innovation Transition Trust. An active member of her community, Sandra chairs the Alderney Landing Board, Get Everyone Online (GEO) and is vice-chair of the Halifax Youth Foundation. She also is a board member of the Provincial Government Employees Credit Union.

Outside of professional life, Sandra enjoys spending time with family, friends and many pets.

Sandra's dedication and unwavering commitment to community and individual prosperity is truly reflective of the College's values regarding education and the importance of fostering community.



Virginia 'Ginny' Smith School of Health and Human Services

Burridge Campus

A community leader for over 50 years, Virginia 'Ginny' Smith has impacted lives and contributed to the quality of life and education of people across the province and nationwide.

Originally from Denver, Colorado, Ginny, alongside her husband Andy, made Nova Scotia their home in the 1970s. She worked at Southend Renewal and became a volunteer coach for the YMCA Yarmouth Whitecaps Swim Team and continued in this role for over 45 years.

Ginny holds a master's degree in education and a bachelor of arts in education with a concentration in child psychology. She also holds a bachelor of arts in psychology. For over 27 years, she worked with the Yarmouth District School Board, holding various roles such as administrator, teacher and special education specialist.

Dedicated to her community, Ginny's involvement in numerous initiatives created lasting impacts that go beyond the classroom. She played a pivotal role in co-founding the Yarmouth Literacy Council and was instrumental in starting the Yarmouth Adult Literacy program, empowering individuals to complete their GED. She is also the founder of the Southwest Paddlers Association and the Yarmouth Association for Community Residential Options (YACRO).

Ginny's advocacy also extends to environmental causes. She has contributed her efforts to the Yarmouth Environmental Think Tank (YETT) and the Tusket River Environmental Protection Association. She

is an active advocate for environmental conservation through initiatives like the Coastal Protection Act.

Ginny's many accolades are a true reflection of contributions to her community. She was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame in 2001, has coached Nova Scotia Canada Games teams and earned recognitions including the Swim Nova Scotia Sovereign's Medal and the Swimming Canada Volunteer Contribution Award. She was also the first female in Atlantic Canada to achieve a level 4 National Coaching Certification.

From shaping young minds to nurturing swimming talents, Ginny has touched the lives of countless individuals, fostering a culture of excellence and embodying the spirit of lifelong learning.

Convocation 2024 Valedictorian

NSCC is proud to introduce the outstanding student(s), chosen by their campuses to represent the achievements and experiences of the Class of 2024.



Scott Mackay

School of Trades and Technology

Carpentry

Scott made the decision to study at NSCC following his 25-year service as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces. His varied roles, from Marine Electrician to Intelligence Operator, set the stage for his journey to NSCC, where he could learn close to home and be involved in the community.

The Carpentry program appealed to Scott because it was hands-on and he was excited about transforming raw materials like wood into functional items like chairs, garden sheds, or even houses. While in the program, he engaged in community projects, including building a memorial shelter and fixing baseball field structures.

Scott encountered numerous significant moments during his time at NSCC but the ones that truly stand out are the friendships he made, particularly with the younger generation. He enjoyed the diversity of conversations and debates he engaged in with his classmates and says he found himself learning a lot about the evolving world from his younger peers.

What makes his NSCC experience even more special is that his daughter was also an NSCC student alongside him, serving as his inspiration and biggest supporter throughout their shared educational journey.

Following graduation, Scott aims to find fulfilling work or start his own repair and contracting business.

Scott's parting advice to the Class of 2024 is to keep learning and to stay open-minded, noting that when you do this, you'll always be ready to tackle whatever life throws your way and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way.

Major awards

Governor General's Academic Medal

Awarded to a graduating student of a College Diploma Program who has achieved the highest academic standing.

Kelsey Boudreau Social Services

Nova Scotia Community College Gold Medal

Awarded to a graduating student of a College Certificate Program who has achieved the highest academic standing.

Amanda Weir
Office Administration

Board of Governors' Award

Awarded to a graduating student of a College Diploma Program who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and contributed to campus and/or community activities.

Meredith Shewan Carpentry

President's Award

Awarded to a graduating student of a College Certificate Program who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and contributed to campus and/or community activities.

Tania McLeod Continuing Care

NSCC Alumni Award

Awarded to a graduating student of a College Program (Diploma or Certificate) who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and whose service and leadership has made a difference in the lives of others.

Marcia Helpard Practical Nursing

Staff

Arnold, Laura Atwater, Margaret Burt. Quinn Callahan, Nicole Cameron, Christina Chapman, Chloe Deegan, Lisa Dickinson, Jennifer Donovan, Wallace Duffy McNairn, Erin Elliott. Jennifer Embree, Darrin Estabrooks, Travis Findlay, Amanda Fraser, Katrina Fraser, Matthew Gower, Lisa Gray, Meredith Greenwood, Rebecca Hardy, Tiffany Hepburn, Jordi Ingersoll, Gregg

Kontuk, Hugh Laureijs, Apollonia LeBlanc, Cody LeBlanc, Kristen LeDrew, Jacob Letcher, Nancy Lewis. Erin Lewis, Glenda Lowe, Nancy MacDonald, Angela MacLean, Roddie Martin, Megan Mathieson, Amie McCarthy, Brent McCormack, Donald Minocha, Supriya Mitchell, Angela Moore, Linda Murphy, Sean Nichols, Tricia

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Shay, Amanda Simons, Tena Simpson, Rhonda Smith, Deirdre Smith, Krista Spence, Dan

Steele, James Stone, Karen Tuttle-Comeau, Tanya Wheaton, Glenn Wood, Jackie Woods, Caleb

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Early Childhood Educator

Facilities Support Assistant

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