

# Pictou Campus Convocation

## June 6, 2024

### 10am-12pm

#### **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**

Erika Sloan/Ray Stewart

### **Principal's welcome**

Maxine Mann

### **President's remarks**

Don Bureaux

### **Presentation of credentials**

### **Presentation of major awards**

### **Valedictory address**

Lolita C. Ward, Social Services

## **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 provided by Umoja Drummers, Muresia, Muriko, and Murtriko Izzard; Piper, Aaron Dunsiger; music during the presentation of credentials is arranged and produced by NSCC Music Arts faculty Tom Easley and Bill Stevenson; and music during the reception will be provided by the APC Big Band.

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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Bureaux'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the bottom of the 'u'.

Don

# Class of 2024

## School of Access, Education and Language

### Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

Fitt-Simpson, Ainslie E. ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Glasgow, NS
Laffin, Emma G. ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Glasgow, NS
Lenghel, Niurka ( <i>Honours</i> )	Trenton, NS
Maclean, Courtney M. ( <i>Honours</i> )	Westville, NS
Perak, Levona D.	New Glasgow, NS
White, Grace C. ( <i>Honours</i> )	Trenton, NS

### Certificate of Completion in Achieve

Bernier, Cameron J. R.	Central West River, NS
Campbell, Carson A.	Durham, NS
Cousineau-Walsh, Hayleigh D.	New Glasgow, NS
Halfyard, Sierra S.	New Glasgow, NS
Kearley, Jessica C.	Stellarton, NS
Kell, Jake T.	Lower South River, NS
MacKenzie, Connor T.	Lyons Brook, NS
MacLean, Cydney R.	Hopewell, NS
Moorehead, Brady M. G.	Westville, NS
Munroe, Cameron J.	Hopewell, NS
Sarty, Brooklyn M.	Stellarton, NS
Taylor-O'Brien, Morgan A.	New Glasgow, NS

### Certificate in Academic and Career Connections

Brautigam, Rachel	Merigomish, NS
Hecimovich, Emma K. ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Glasgow, NS
Rico, Lexter P.	Westville, NS

## School of Business and Creative Industries

### Certificate in Culinary Skills

Hawboldt, Isabel K.	Stellarton, NS
MacKay, Shauna L. D.	Westville, NS
Marsh, M. Sommer ( <i>Honours</i> )	Pictou, NS
Martin, Kai A. ( <i>Honours</i> )	River John, NS
McDonald, Daniel A.	Indian Brook, NS
McInnis, Austen P.	New Glasgow, NS
Murphy, Tanner R.	New Glasgow, NS
Stanton, Skyler D.	Stellarton, NS

Thomson, Joshua  
Walsh, Trevor P.

Lyons Brook, NS  
Sheet Harbour, NS

### **Certificate in Office Administration**

Aikens, Colin (*Honours*)  
Anderson, Katherine (*Honours*)  
Collier, April (*Honours*)  
Dixon, Adria M.  
Hatch, Laura A. M. (*Honours*)  
Hynes, Morgyn C. (*Honours*)  
MacLellan, Dorothy Maria E.  
Rhynold, Maggie J.  
Sharma, Isha V. (*Honours*)  
Smits, Annette (*Honours*)

Westville, NS  
Abercrombie, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
West River Station, NS  
Westville, NS  
Welsford, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Port Hawkesbury, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Pictou, NS

### **Diploma in Business Administration**

Avery, Kiefer P.  
Farrell, Adam J.  
Fraser, Adam C.  
Kennedy, Madison M. H. (*Honours*)  
Koszkulics, Rebecca M.  
MacGregor, Alicia C. A. (*eCampus*)  
MacKay, Angus K.  
Martin, Ross T.  
Miner, Kane T.  
O'Shea, Casey  
Pike, Lauren G.  
Sangster, Molly J.

Hazel Glen, NS  
Westville, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Kings Head, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Telford, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Pictou, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
MacLellans Brook, NS

### **Diploma in Business Administration - Accounting**

Agnew, Isaac T. (*Honours*)  
Aikens, Emma M. (*Honours*)  
Beetar, Jessica  
Young, Cameron F. (*Honours*)

Stellarton, NS  
Trenton, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
McLellans Brook, NS

## **School of Health and Human Services**

### **Certificate in Continuing Care**

Allen, Kiara S. (*Honours*)  
Best, Sidney L.  
Cleghorn Roy, Diana L. (*Honours*)  
Cormier, Savannah  
Edelston, Alice (*Honours*)  
Enfield-MacLean, E. Skye

Westville, NS  
Bridgetville, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Truro, NS  
New Glasgow, NS

Fleet, Sophia M. N. (*Honours*)  
Jones, Mykala S. (*Honours*)  
Langley, Alana M. (*Honours*)  
Lucas, Princess Joy (*Honours*)  
MacKenzie, Tanya M. (*Honours*)  
Michaud, Emily-anne S. (*Honours*)  
Morse, Lorrie B. (*Honours*)  
Nowe, Jenna L. D.  
Plamondon, Hannah C. (*Honours*)  
Riggs, Mark O. (*Honours*)  
Sullivan, Jenna G.  
Vickery, Maya J. (*Honours*)

Ecum Secum, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Liscomb, NS  
Westville, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Pictou, NS  
Westville, NS  
Westville, NS  
Westville, NS  
Truro, NS  
Fishermans Harbour, NS

## **Diploma in Practical Nursing**

Cameron, Ariel B.  
Chisholm, Hillary A. (*Honours*)  
Cormier-Gariepy, Alexia G.  
Dean, Gracie L.  
DeCoste, Ainsley L. (*Honours*)  
Diamond, Janessa N. (*Honours*)  
Gillis, Janice M.  
Groves, LisaMarie A. (*Honours*)  
Hansford, Jennifer C. (*Honours*)  
Idris, Mercy F. (*Honours*)  
Kehoe, Jenna Marie (*Honours*)  
Latter, Melissa D. M. (*Honours*)  
Lee, Sindi A. (*Honours*)  
MacDonald, Sydney P. (*Honours*)  
MacIntosh, Kayla N.  
MacKenzie-Wright, Lisa Y. (*Honours*)  
MacKinnon, Anna M.  
MacPherson, Amber C.  
Morse, Jennifer M. M.  
Ramsay, Faith E. (*Honours*)  
Rico, Cathy P.  
Scanlan, Maddie E. (*Honours*)  
Simpson, Brianna D.  
Smith, Paige V. (*Honours*)  
Williams, Pamela D. (*Honours*)  
Young, Jessica M. (*Honours*)  
Young, Maddie N.

Seafoam, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Little Harbour, NS  
Telford, NS  
Hopewell, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Durham, NS  
Oyo State, NIGERIA  
Westville, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Pictou, NS  
River John, NS  
Mount William, NS  
Trenton, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Truro NS  
Westville, NS  
Pictou, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Monastery, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Westville, NS  
Westville, NS

## **Diploma in Social Services**

Ahilaka, Nduka G.	Abia State, NIGERIA
Ayoub, Marina M. ( <i>Honours</i> )	Curitiba, BRAZIL
Campbell, Chelsea E.	Trenton, NS
Feltmate, Jordan M.	New Glasgow, NS
Frosst, Gabrielle G. M. X.	Sundridge, NS
Grant, Emma L. L.	Truro, NS
Hillier, Christian T. S.	New Glasgow, NS
Langille, Katie E.	Trenton, NS
MacDonald, Sara E. ( <i>Honours</i> )	McPhersons Mills, NS
MacNeil, Darrell P. ( <i>Honours</i> )	Plymouth, NS
MacQuarrie, Kelsey L. J.	Stellarton, NS
Morrison, Katelyn R.	Westville, NS
Ross, Denise A.	New Glasgow, NS
Stewart, Bridget A. M. ( <i>Honours</i> )	Stellarton, NS
Wallace, Sarah M.	Antigonish, NS
Ward, Lolita C. ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hopewell, NS
Westaway, Bree L.	New Glasgow, NS
White, Kerri A.	New Glasgow, NS

## **School of Technology and Environment**

### **Diploma in Electro Mechanical Technician**

Baird, Jake A.	Pictou, NS
Briand, Ty S.	Pictou, NS
Collicutt, Parker L.	Westville, NS
Elms, Ethan C.	Trenton, NS
Fraser, Matheson J. A. ( <i>Co-op</i> )	Mt. Thom, NS
Fulton, Chase A.	New Glasgow, NS
Jay, Samuel H.	New Glasgow, NS
Lander-Pinard, Michael J.	Middleton, NS
Luo, Yuyang	Zhuhai, CHINA
MacKenzie, James R. ( <i>Honours</i> )	Westville, NS
Mathias, Ethan G. ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Glasgow, NS
McMullen, Luke E.	Trenton, NS
Steele, Tanner R.	New Glasgow, NS
Stewart, Donovan C. ( <i>Honours / Co-op</i> )	Eureka, NS
Turnbull, Kirk A.	Trenton, NS

### **Diploma in Electronic Engineering Technician**

Baillie, Mack T.	Trenton, NS
Bell, Alex W.	Truro, NS
Bird, Dawson M. ( <i>Honours</i> )	Truro, NS
Chaisson, Mackenzie A. Q.	Pictou, NS

Ferris, Katelyn M.  
Fortune, Aaron E.  
Hecimovich, Emma K. (*Honours*)  
Nickerson, Jordan L.  
Williams, Danielle E.

New Glasgow, NS  
Trenton, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
New Harbour, NS  
Stellarton, NS

## School of Trades and Transportation

### Certificate in Automotive Service and Repair

Cook, Tyler E.  
Fawcett, Joshua J. (*Honours*)  
Francis, Harley R. E. (*Honours*)  
Freeman, Victoria P. (*Honours*)  
Gillis, Evan S.  
Gouthro, Luke J.  
Heighton, Dominic J. P.  
Hutton, Bryden J.  
Kirwan, Anthony J.  
Kopf, Lindsay M. (*Honours*)  
Martin, Brady F.  
Mason, Dawson G. C.  
Smith, Courtney O.  
Sullivan, James M.  
VanLarken, Alicia L. D.  
Watson, Kalen

New Glasgow, NS  
Toronto, ON  
Truro, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Scotsville, NS  
Trenton, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Linacy, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Truro, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Debert, NS

### Certificate in Cabinetmaking

Banks, Ryan W. (*Honours*)  
Lawrence, Jamie (*Honours*)  
Livingstone, Alex G.  
Livingstone, Gord  
Nichol, Spencer A.  
O'Brien-Fisher, Ava C. (*Honours*)  
Perrin, Jeffery M.

Moncton, NB  
Kemptown, NS  
Middle Sackville, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Pictou, NS  
Truro, NS  
Canaan, NS

### Certificate in Plumbing

Brown, Kyle S.  
Casey, Luke A.  
Cock, Jessica R. (*Honours*)  
Farrell, Riley C.  
Glode, Zach T.  
Irving, Fox B. P.  
Kontuk, William J. B. (*Honours*)  
MacBeth, A. Alex

Truro, NS  
Hopewell, NS  
Scotsburn, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Canso, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Alma, NS  
Stellarton, NS



MacEachern, Doug C.  
MacLaren, Ethan A.  
MacLean, Liam S.  
Malloy, Cole A.  
Ndizihwe, Ranthom  
Singer, Dominic L. J.  
Stevens, Evan J. (*Honours*)  
Wilson, Connor J.

Judique, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Pictou, NS  
Westville, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Upper Brookside, NS  
Elmfield, NS  
Greehnull, NS

### **Diploma in Carpentry**

Benoit, Brandon J. (*Honours*)  
Cha, Gyurag (*Honours*)  
Fraser, Morgan M. (*Certificate*)  
MacCallum, Richard R. (*Honours*)  
MacCara, James T.  
Mediavilla, Alejandro A.  
Redmond, Matthew B.  
Rehill, Brian J. (*Honours*)  
Venedam, Jonathan C. (*Honours*)

Plymouth, NS  
Stellarton, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Durham, NS  
Trenton, NS  
Scotsburn, NS  
Truro, NS  
Kings Head, NS  
New Glasgow, NS

### **Diploma in Truck and Transport Repair**

Boyd, Brett C.  
Campbell, Cole D. S.  
Chisholm, Ryan A. B.  
Donovan, Jabari R.  
Flynn, Parker W. G.  
Gariepy, Thomas J.  
Graham, Lukas J. L.  
Hahn, Aidan J.  
Himmelman, Riley N.  
Mehran, Ali  
Newcombe, Owen G.  
O'Brien, Keaton M.

Antigonish, NS  
Mabou, NS  
Port Hood, NS  
Bridgetown, BARBADOS  
St. Andrews, NS  
Little Harbour, NS  
Scotsburn, NS  
Pictou, NS  
Pictou, NS  
Punjab, PAKISTAN  
New Glasgow, NS  
Durham, NS

### **Diploma in Welding**

Burke, Thomas D.  
Cadegan-MacLellan, Cameron D.  
DeWolfe, Hillary F.  
Fraser, Austin C.  
Mercer, Madeline E. R.  
White, Carter W.

Antigonish, NS  
Truro, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
West River Station, NS  
Truro, NS  
New Glasgow, NS

# 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'kmaq traditional ways of using natural resources) with Etuaptmunk (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 co-manages 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, chosen by their campus, to represent the achievements and experiences of the Class of 2024.



## Lolita C. Ward

### School of Health and Human Services

#### Social Services

Before Lolita found her way to NSCC, she balanced many responsibilities – two jobs, raising her oldest granddaughter and navigating the complexities of everyday life. Amidst it all, she wanted a career that fulfilled her desire to help others, which brought her to the Adult Learning Program in 2019.

In the ALP program, Lolita embarked on a journey tested her resilience as she strived toward her grade 12 diploma. Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, she persisted, determined to defy the odds stacked against her. After three years of dedication and unwavering commitment, Lolita emerged with a renewed sense of purpose.

Following her passion to make a difference in the lives of others, particularly youth, Lolita returned to NSCC to pursue Social Services. Lolita navigated new challenges, as she grieved the recent loss of her son. Guided by compassionate instructors and family whose support helped her navigate this new chapter, she embraced the opportunity to create a future where she could support those in need. Lolita credits those who showed her empathy and support throughout her five-year journey. The impact of this support, she says, will create ripples of positivity to anyone she encounters for the rest of her life.

Lolita hopes to develop a mentoring program for youth and show them the importance of striving towards your dreams and how attainable this can be.

**Lolita's message to the Class of 2024:**

“Never give up. Embrace your values and morals as guiding stars through uncertainty. Greatness awaits you.”

# Major awards

## **Governor General's Academic Medal**

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

Lolita C. Ward  
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.

Colin Aikens  
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.

Melissa D. M. Latter  
Practical Nursing

## **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.

Rachel Brautigam  
Academic & Career Connections

## **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.

Emma K. Hecimovich  
Academic & Career Connections, Electronic Engineering Technician

# Staff

Adey, Tony	Manager of Student Services
Atwater, John	Faculty, Social Services
Barrett, Stephen	Faculty, Related Subjects
Baxter, Glenn	Equipment Technician
Bishop, Darin	Faculty, School of Access
Bourque, Victoria	Facilities Support Assistant
Brooks, Charlotte	Student Services Advisor, Mi'kmaw Practical Nursing
Brown, Ben	Faculty, Truck and Transport Repair
Bryden, Elaine	Faculty, Welding
Burns, Angela	Faculty, Cosmetology
Byrne, Mike	Faculty, Related Subjects
Cameron, Jill	Faculty, Practical Nursing
Camman, Shannon	Faculty, Practical Nursing
Coleman, Glen	Faculty, Electronic Engineering Technician
Connolly, Janice	Faculty, Related Subjects
Cormier, Dan	Building Services Assistant
Curtis-Airey, Meaghan	Adult Learning Program Counsellor
David, Sebastian	Student Services Advisor
Deagle, Karley	Faculty, Practical Nursing
Delaney, Mary	Faculty, Continuing Care
DeLorey, Denise	Administrative Assistant, Business Office
Dobson, Mark	Faculty, Electro Mechanical Technician
Fagan, Gina	Faculty, E-campus
Fairway, Theresa	Administrative Assistant, Business Office
Faulkner, James	Faculty, School of Access
Fraser, June	Food Service Assistant
Fulmer, Gwen	Administrative Assistant, Business Office
Gadi, Srividya	Faculty, Electronic Engineering Technician
Gerrior, Peter	Building Services Lead
Gibson, Hilary	Student Accessibility Specialist
Glenen, Andrea	Employee Services Advisor
Godin, Gilles	Faculty, Culinary Skills
Hall, Don	Facilities Support Assistant
Hayward, Greg	Campus Librarian
Heighton, Cher	Administrative Assistant, Academic Services
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