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School of Access, Education and Language

Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

Campbell, Ryan Daniel New Waterford, NS Coolan, Cory Bedford, NS Ferguson, Curtis North Sydney, NS Francis, Jonathan Taylor Eskasoni, NS Klengenberg, Ainsley Marie Dominion, NS Lainez, Jarrot Oscar Sydney, NS MacDonald, Jessica Paige Sydney, NS MacLean, David Gerard Glace Bay, NS Marinelli. Daren Louis North Sydney, NS McLeod, Kristin Marie New Waterford, NS Glace Bay, NS Napoleon, John Thomas Paul, Felicia Alexsandra Membertou, NS Reid-Boone, Courtney Carlotta Sydney, NS Dominion, NS Simmons, Olivia Ruby Lynn

Certificate of Completion in Achieve

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Anthony, Liam	Sydney, NS
Boutilier, Cody Lewis	Glace Bay, NS
Bradley, David Joseph	Sydney, NS
Corbett, Brett Christopher	Reserve Mines, NS
Hanna, Ashleigh Rose	Howie Centre, NS
Herney, Michael Thomas	Eskasoni, NS
Howell, Jade James	Sydney, NS
Hurley, Faith Lydia Madelynn	Glace Bay, NS
Lawrence, Aaron Michael Dillion	Glace Bay, NS
MacDonald, Nathan Robert	Glace Bay, NS
MacKinnon, Kiara Ann	Glace Bay, NS
Reid, Nicholas Christopher	Sydney, NS
Saccary, Kimberly Michelle	Halifax, NS

School of Business and Creative Industries

Certificate in Medical Office Administration

Sydney, NS
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East Bay, NS
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Glace Bay, NS
Donkin, NS
Sydney Mines, NS
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Glace Bay, NS
Sydney, NS

Diploma in Business Administration

Anderson, Charles Matthew (Honours)	Balls Creek, NS
Axworthy, Hayleigh Elizabeth	Sydney, NS
Curry, Chad Thomas	Howie Centre, NS
Doucette, Yvon Peter Reid	Potlotek, NS
Fenech, Latasha Louise	Whitney Pier, NS
Hines, Jared Andrew	Sydney, NS
MacKinnon, Nolan Anthony	Sydney, NS
MacLean, Jennifer	Sydney Mines, NS
Miles, Sarah Rene	Sydney, NS
Olsen, Denise Jeannette	Belle Cote, NS
Pendergast, Rosalee	Bras d'Or, NS
Sharma, Bhavika Khanna (<i>Honours</i>)	Khanna, India
Sophocleous-Moore, Kayla	Sydney, NS
Stapleton, Marianna Estelle	Sydney, NS
Swartzack, Matthew Ryan	Glace Bay, NS

Diploma in Business Administration – Accounting

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Anthony, Kristan Kelly	Sydney, NS
Brace, Clay Christopher	Sydney, NS
Cox, Evan Hunter	Howie Centre, NS
Hogan, Mathew	New Waterford, NS
Lovell, Connor Donovan	Victoria Mines, NS
MacKinnon, Wanita Rosalie	Sydney, NS
MacNeil, Kevin	Sydney, NS
Marshall, Mackenzie Isabella	Membertou, NS
Pace Steven (Honours)	Glace Bay NS

Diploma in Culinary Management

Beaton, Jesse Alexander
Dillon, Jeffrey Donald
Donkin, NS
Huntington, Brandon Michael
Newell, Paige Elizabeth
Singh, Arshdeep Meerut
Stephen, Tony
Weir, Maria Teresa
New Waterford, NS
Donkin, NS
Sydney, NS
Sydney, NS
Meerut, India
Sydney, NS
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School of Health and Human Services

Certificate in Continuing Care

Anderson, Haley Christene	New Waterford, NS
Brown, Kaitlyn Ann	Sydney, NS
Doucette, Samantha Danielle	Eskasoni, NS
Fitzgerald, Kelsea Marina	New Waterford, NS
Garduque, Jennifer Panelo (Honours)	Glace Bay, NS
Gould, Starleen Elizabeth Anne	Eskasoni, NS
Herney, Amber Delena (Honours)	Eskasoni, NS
Hickey, Justine Stephanie (Honours)	North Sydney, NS
Ingraham, Marcella Eileen	Glace Bay, NS
Isaac, Sheila Janet	Eskasoni, NS
Jessome, Courtland Bailey	Sydney Mines, NS
MacDougall, Leah Marie (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney, NS
MacKay, David Lybison	Inverness, NS
MacNeil, Chloe Ann	Glace Bay, NS
MacNeil-Burke, Marissa Charlotte	Sydney, NS
Markey, Nicole Ruth-Anne	Glace Bay, NS
McLeod, Kristin Marie (<i>Honours</i>)	New Waterford, NS
McNeil, Cailey Sarah Olivia (Honours)	Sydney, NS
Oduwole, Oluwatosin Dolapo	Lagos, Nigeria
Oliver, Aliane (Honours)	Albert Bridge, NS
Onwuzurike, Chinonso Nkeiruka	Lagos, Nigeria
Richardson, Brandi Lynn	Gardiner Mines, NS
Shitta-Bey, Funmilayo Zainab (<i>Honours</i>)	Lagos, Nigeria
Stubbert, Autumn Elizabeth (Honours)	Marion Bridge, NS
Stubbert, Skylar Rosalie (Honours)	Westmount, NS
Toney, Karola Marie	Eskasoni, NS
White, Holly (Honours)	Stephenville, NL

Diploma in Disability Supports and Services

Bentil, Steve Joojo (Honours)

Cape Coast, Ghana
Chiasson, Kayla Elizabeth Marie

Dominion, NS

Kennedy, Jennifer Lynn	River Ryan, NS
Lillington, Macy Ann Skye (<i>Honours</i>)	Neil's Harbour, NS
Mills, Amber-Lee Veronica (Honours)	Glace Bay, NS
Morrison, Kailea Michelle Lynn (Honours)	Tarbot, NS
Ogbu, Osemeke Jethro (Honours)	New Waterford, NS
Saini, Ruhi (<i>Honours</i>)	Glace Bay, NS

School of Technology and Environment

Diploma in Information Technology Programming

Ali, Gavin O'Ryan

Bartlett, Thomas Robert Luke

Campbell, Kent Malcolm (Honours)

Moores, Anthony (Honours)

Nunes, Thales Ajeje

Patel, Jinay Naresh

Scarborough, ON

Mississauga, ON

Glace Bay, NS

Glace Bay, NS

Uberlândia, Brazil

Mumbai, India

Sheikh, Tabish Ahmed

Diploma in Information Technology Systems Management and Security

Besso, Lucius William (Honours) Sydney, NS Chew, Thomas Alexander Sydney, NS McKinley, Dale Patrick Timmins, ON Mugridge, Jack Wayne-William Sydney, NS Ohaeri. Divine Chikezirim Sydney, NS Sydney Mines, NS Penney, Liam Edward Penny, Conlan Sydney, NS Podetz, Zachary Troy North Sydney, NS Barka, Sultanate of Oman Sultana, Zinnat

School of Trades and Transportation

Certificate in Automotive Service and Repair

Adams, Jordan Eileen	Sydney, NS
Carson, Jesse Thomas	Sydney River, NS
Chiasson, Patrick Joseph	Belle Cote, NS
Downey, Cameron Daniel Allan	North Sydney, NS
Jennex, Hadley James Leonard	New Waterford, NS
Lane, Brooklyn Tyler	Westmount, NS
Ling, Dawson Riley	Glace Bay, NS
MacNeil, Sean Jonathan Thomas	Sydney, NS

Petipas, Austin (Honours)	Westville, NS
Saccary, Brandon Daniel	Glace Bay, NS
Walker, Liam Timothy (Honours)	Sydney, NS
Wilson, Noah Alexander	Glace Bay, NS
Woodberry, Destiny	Sydney, NS

Certificate in Electrical Construction and Industrial

Brunn-McNeil, Cordelia Lynne (<i>Honours</i>)	Kitchener, ON
Bury, John (Honours)	Sydney, NS
Clair, Luther Dylan	Eskasoni, NS
Cormier, Tyler	Glace Bay, NS
Davis, Ryan Carl	Sydney, NS
Ford, Tyson David Richard	Glace Bay, NS
Gillis, James Hunter	Sydney, NS
Howard, Ravyn J	Sydney, NS
Lewis, Mason Derrick	Sydney, NS
Lynk, Emma Janelle (<i>Honours</i>)	Glace Bay, NS
Lynk, Keegan Tyler	Sydney, NS
MacMullin, Ivey Elizabeth (Honours)	Sydney Mines, NS
Penney, Rebecca Claire (Honours)	New Waterford, NS
Yates, Justin Tyler	Glace Bay, NS
Yorke, Owen Hunter	Baddeck, NS

Diploma in Carpentry

Batstone, Janet Lynn (Honours)	Glace Bay, NS
Beyer, Jeremy Thomas Louis (Honours)	Sydney, NS
Denny, Jacob	Eskasoni, NS
Denny-Julian, Kiara Elizabeth Faith	Eskasoni, NS
Johnson, Devon Wapsku	Eskasoni, NS
MacKinnon, Cameron James	Sydney, NS
Martell-MacInnis, Brandon Joseph	Sydney, NS
McNeil, Derrick Brody	Sydney, NS
Nickituk, Ethan Lewis	Glace Bay, NS
O'Neil, Madison Shaun	Sydney, NS
Scott, Samuel Duncan Alexander	Ingonish, NS
Struthers, Jarrad (Honours)	Glace Bay, NS
Tanchak, Daniel Michael	Glace Bay, NS
Thibodeau, Anthony Ryan	Glace Bay, NS
Zaat, Marla Bess	New Waterford, NS

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Starleen Gould

School of Health and Human Services

Continuing Care

A proud mother of three, Starleen was on a journey to become a greater version of herself when she chose to attend NSCC Marconi Campus. Envisioning a brighter future where she could provide a good life for her family and fulfil her true calling as a caregiver, Starleen enrolled in the Continuing Care program.

During her studies, Starleen found comfort in being able to focus on her love for helping people and her fascination with human nature. Reflecting on her time at NSCC, Starleen expresses gratitude to her faculty for their support and inspiration, cherishing the memorable experiences and friendships made. Notably, she recalls making her very first ribbon skirt as an experience she will never forget.

Starleen is eagerly anticipating the opportunity to contribute to the healthcare system with the knowledge and skills she acquired in her program. She plans to continue her education and enrol in Practical Nursing – Mi'kmaw and Indigenous Offering and aims to work at the new long-term care facility in Eskasoni.

Starleen offers these words of advice to her fellow graduates: "Do not be afraid to ask for help in any circumstances. Always believe you can. Good wishes for your journey. I hope you enjoy your flight and have a trip of a lifetime!"

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School of Access, Education and Language

Certificate in Academic and Career Connections

Clarke, Kayla Noel Elizabeth (Honours) North Sydney, NS Ellsworth, Brayden Richard Dominion, NS Jov. Miranda Paige Glace Bay, NS Maan, Simran Kaur (Honours) Delhi MacIsaac, Cody Nolan (Honours) Sydney, NS Meade, Rayna Falon (Honours) Glace Bay, NS McNeil, Kaley Nicole (Honours) New Waterford, NS Nugent, Emma Marie May Dominion, NS White, Jordan (Honours) Sydney, NS

Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Ardelli, Bianca Marie Sydney, NS Ardelli, Sophia Mary Sydney, NS Boutilier, Stephanie (Honours) Reserve Mines, NS Brann, Kristen Michelle Donkin, NS Brymer, Katie Alison Caroline Rose Halifax, NS Buchanan, Mackenzie Patrica Ann Bay St. Lawerence, NS Burke, Lynaya Sarah Dolores Louisbourg, NS Cloake, Shae-Lynn Glace Bay, NS Sydney, NS Ellison, Angela Edna Fraser, Lindsay Nicole (Honours) New Waterford, NS Gaigneur, Kara Ethel Marcella Port Morien, NS Guo, Xiaoxu (Honours) Beijing, China Haakman, Shawntal Sydney Mines, NS Iannetti, Taylor Bernadette Sydney Mines, NS Jenkins, Makayla Alexa Margaree, NS Johnson, Tekakwitha Madeline Eskasoni, NS MacLeod. Emma Lea Fourchu, NS McLellan, Courtney Faith North Sydney, NS Strickland, Haley Alison (Honours) Glace Bay, NS Williams, Avery Cameron Sydney, NS

School of Business and Creative Industries

Certificate in Applied Media and Communication Arts

Ferguson, Abby Mara Beth	Albert Bridge, NS
Gibson, Kai Leigh	Glace Bay, NS
Lane, Zoe Rachael	Westmount, NS
Marshall-Pierro, Autumn Sharon	Wagmatcook, NS
Nicholson, Ryan Michael (Honours)	Sydney Mines, NS
Penny, Emmy Anna Cindy (Honours)	Big Bras d'Or, NS
Rogers, Amy Louise	Membertou, NS
Serroul, Aiden	North Sydney, NS
Simms, Shawn Reid	Sydney, NS
Snow, Kiana Lee	North Sydney, NS
Sulaiman, Abdulrazaq Ayinla Olumide	Lagos, Nigeria

Certificate in Office Administration

Dakai, Julie Stephanie (Honours)	Sydney, NS
Dwyer, Brigit Kate (Honours)	Sydney, NS
MacDonald, Lindsay Marie (Honours)	Sydney, NS
McKinnon, Lisa Michelle	Glace Bay, NS
Musgrave, Kelly Marie (Honours)	North Sydney, NS
Parsons, Kendra Marie (Honours)	Sydney Mines, NS

Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management

Goodwin, Felicitas (*Honours*)

MacDonald, Victoria Kristen Ann (*Honours*)

New Waterford, NS

New Waterford, NS

School of Health and Human Services

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Campbell, Robyn	Sydney, NS
Cann, Sheila Marie (Honours)	Sydney, NS
Clamp, Robert Albert	Glace Bay, NS
Ferris, Morgan Katherine	Sydney, NS
Forrest, Emma Danielle (Honours)	North Sydney, NS
Gardiner, Bryden Thomas	Sydney Mines, NS
Gear, Kayleigh Cassandra	Florence, NS
Grezel, Krystle Dawn	River Ryan, NS
Hennessey, Jasmine Jercia Lee	Reserve Mines, NS

Jennings, Jennifer Mae (Honours) Sydney, NS Lahey, Alyssa Mackenzie Albert Bridge, NS MacDonald, Janelle Aline New Waterford, NS MacDonald, Lauren Chantal Dominion, NS MacKeigan, Jordan Edward Glace Bay, NS Sydney, NS Martin, Alicia Marie Glace Bay, NS McGillivary, Allita Breanna McMullin, Candace Elizabet Glace Bay, NS McNeill, Meaghan Sydney Forks, NS North Sydney, NS Morrison, Christina Leanne Morrison, Nicole Leann Little Bras d'Or, NS Sydney Mines, NS Mulholland, Paige Vivian Audrey Odo, Maggie Marie New Waterford, NS Poduthas, Tanya Kerala, India Prosper, Brandy Elizabeth We'kogma'g, NS Reashore, Amy Victoria Florence, NS Routledge, Ashley Marie Glace Bay, NS Saccary, Brianna Amber New Waterford, NS Tang, Wenyi Dominion, NS Tighe, Brandi Sydney, NS Wadden, Madisyn Sydney, NS White, Matthew Gary North Sydney, NS

Diploma in Social Services

Ellis, Carter Murray Hall, Hannah Eileen Diane (Honours) Harrison, Laceyi Catherine Headley, Kiara Lynn (Honours) Hickey, Brooklyn Lillian (Honours) Hillman, Jessie (Honours) James, Sarah Faye Ann (Honours) Lee, Lisa Kendra (Honours) MacDonald, Becka Louise (Honours) MacDonald, Gracie Lynn MacIsaac, Jasmine Anastasia (Honours) MacKinnon, Emma Kate MacPherson, Josh Vincent Clinton Maracle, Clare Ainslee (Honours) Matthews, Phalyn Martina Marie McPhee, Natalie Nicole (Honours) Rendell, Morganne Catherine Sampson, Whitney Marie Vassallo, Morgan Bernadette (Honours) Young, Sarah Alexandra (Honours)

River Ryan, NS Catalone, NS Sydney, NS Glace Bay, NS North Sydney, NS New Waterford, NS Sydney, NS Sydney, NS Cheticamp, NS North Sydney, NS New Waterford, NS North Sydney, NS New Waterford, NS Cambridge, ON North Sydney, NS Sydney Forks, NS Bras d'Or, NS New Waterford, NS Dingwall, NS Sydney, NS

School of Technology and Environment

Diploma in Cyber Security

Archer, Emmanuel Accra, Ghana
Aslam, Adil Ajman, United Arab Emirates
Baggs, Brian William Glace Bay, NS
McKenna, Ryan Micheal East Hants, NS
Smith, Matthew Alexander Sherbrooke, NS

Diploma in Electronic Engineering Technician

Cromwell, Ryan Nathaniel (Honours) Sydney, NS Etuk, Ubon Inyang Uyo, Nigeria Northside East Bay, NS Fortune, Declan Reine Harvey, Jarod Lawrencetown, NS Matheson, Liam Allister Stanley Sydney, NS Matheson, William George Ross (Honours) Bras d'Or, NS Omoru. Elliot Osahon Orogun, Nigeria Rallison, Alex Lee (Honours) Marion Bridge, NS Zhao, Zihua Urumai, China

Diploma in Industrial Instrumentation

Carr, Marvin Livingston (*Honours*) St. Catherine, Jamaica Cranton, Matthew Isaac (Honours) Margaree Centre, NS Doucet. Nathan Alexander Glace Bay, NS Georges River, NS Hood, Drew Rose Johnson, Glazeth Antroy (Honours) St. Catherine, Jamaica MacDonald, John Collier Howie Centre, NS Marchand, Javier Edward (Honours) Louisdale, NS Glace Bay, NS McIntyre, Andrew Gerard Onyekachukwu, Nkemchor Joseph Agbor, Nigeria Peach, Anthony James Glace Bay, NS White. Khoner Glace Bav. NS

School of Trades and Transportation

Certificate in Heavy Duty Equipment/Truck and Transport Repair

Adams, Donovan Andrew (*Honours*)

Beyer, Nicolas Benjamin (*Honours*)

Boulet, Logan Jamie

Halifax, NS

Sydney, NS

Grande Greve, NS

Campbell, Tori Jenelle (Honours)	Sydney, NS
Cao, Shuo (Honours)	Beijing, China
Curry, Bradley Francis	Howie Centre, NS
Gillis, Lloyd John Douglas Martin (<i>Honours</i>)	New Waterford, NS
Hannigan, Donald James (Honours)	Inverness, NS
McPherson, Carolyn Frances	Glace Bay, NS
Murphy, Benjamin Peter Graham (Honours)	Belfast, Ireland
Sprake, Darrien Courage	Birch Grove, NS
Tobin, Randy Michael	Glace Bay, NS

Certificate in Plumbing

Carter, David Ryan (Honours) Halifax, NS Flemington, Jed (Honours) Broughton, NS Gracie, Aiden Michael Liam Florence, NS MacNeil, Denver Kerry Sydney, NS Murray, Cameron Steven River Ryan, NS Sydney, NS Oakley, Dylan James Howie Centre, NS Oakley, Jeff Howard Reid, Brady John Sydney, NS

Certificate in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning

Anderson, Frasier James (Honours)	Glace Bay, NS
Bresowar, Logan James (Honours)	New Waterford, NS
Brown, Lawrence Roderick (Honours)	Sydney Mines, NS
Butler, Brandon Ronald (<i>Honours</i>)	Glace Bay, NS
Colson, Logan (Honours)	Glace Bay, NS
Davidson, Christy Anne	Bathurst, NB
Fraser, Jeffery Wesley	Sydney Mines, NS
Horton, lain Christopher (Honours)	New Glasgow, NS
MacLean, Joel Kennedy	Pictou, NS
Munroe, Joshua Ernest	Marion Bridge, NS
Nyuysony, Ravil Tambu	Damas, Yaounde
Sampson, Avery Cole	Sydney, NS
Stanwick, Ethan James	Howie Centre, NS

Diploma in Metal Fabrication

Anderson, Hunter	Glace Bay, NS
Boutilier, Kye Michael	Sydney Mines, NS
Briand, Hallie Elizabeth (Honours)	Cape North, NS
Collins, Brayden Todd (Honours)	Mill Creek, NS
Domoslai, Liam Connor	Coxheath, NS
Donovan, River Marcus	Cape North, NS
Feaver, Mason Campbell	Glace Bay, NS
Greenfield, Kevin Hunter	Georges River, NS

Hall, Jarrett Thomas
Hurley, Seamus Lawrence
McCormick, Emma Jade
Penney, James William

Bras d'Or, NS North Sydney, NS Sydney, NS North Sydney, NS

Diploma in Welding

Calder-MacDonald, Brandon Chettle, James Matthew Curnew, Sofia Marie Halliday, Hailey Jean Hawco, Dustin (*Honours*) Hooper, Emily Elena MacKinnon, Harrison (Honours) Peck, Duncan James Joseph Thornton, Conner Jeffrey Sydney, NS
Marion Bridge, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Whitney Pier, NS
Sydney, NS
Reserve Mines, NS
Albert Bridge, NS
Wagmatcook, NS
Sydney, NS

NSCC Employee Learning Programs

Operational Excellence

Caudle, Mary Ardell

New Waterford, NS

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Adil Aslim School of Technology and Environment

Cyber Security

Originally from Dubai, Adil completed his bachelor's degree before enrolling in the Cyber Security program at NSCC's Marconi Campus. Drawn to a practical approach to education and its emphasis on workforce preparation, Adil chose his program to follow his passion for technology and desire to safeguard digital systems from cyber threats.

During his time at NSCC, Adil found support and inspiration from his instructors and classmates, who played a key role in his success. He reflects on the resilience, and strong sense of community fostered at NSCC and describes his experience as transformative, helping him grow personally and professionally.

After graduation, Adil aims to secure employment in cyber security while continuing his studies to further his expertise in the field.

To the Class of 2024, Adil offers these words of advice: "Embrace change, keep learning and stay passionate about your path. Congratulations."

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. 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.

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