

# Kingstec Campus Convocation

## June 10, 2024 @ 9:00am

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# Class of 2024

## School of Access, Education and Language

### Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Cheung, Ching Yan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hong Kong, China
Coolen, Natasha	Hubbards, NS
Curry, Kayla ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Durno-Allen, Rachel	New Minas, NS
Greenslade, Kylee	Windsor, NS
Hawley, Breagha ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Hull, Allie	Kingston, NS
Kelly, Rebecca	Kentville, NS
Kilburn, Kimberly	Wilmot, NS
Lockett, Hailey ( <i>Honours</i> )	Lawrencetown, NS
MacKenzie, Faith ( <i>Honours</i> )	Lawrencetown, NS
Oickle, Wanda	New Ross, NS
Park, Jihye ( <i>Honours</i> )	Incheon, South Korea
Picard, Emma ( <i>Honours</i> )	Aylesford, NS
Posadas, Janbliss ( <i>Honours</i> )	Cavite, Philippines
Prince, Rachael	Centreville, NS
Sawler, Makayla	Chester, NS
Schofield, Emma	Black River Lake, NS
Silva de Souza Pereira, Viviane ( <i>Honours</i> )	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Walsh, Paula	Falmouth, NS
Wentzell, Chasity	New Ross, NS
Whiston, Rebekah	Cambridge, NS

## School of Health and Human Services

### Certificate in Continuing Care

Balkam, Jayden	Oxford, NS
Bezanson, Anita	Kentville, NS
Bezanson, Gina	Kentville, NS
Bond, Kyria ( <i>Honours</i> )	Chester, NS
Branscombe, Emily	Sandy Point, NS
Coleman, Nadine ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kingston, NS
Cosman, Calie	Annapolis Royal, NS
Crocker, Phoebe ( <i>Honours</i> )	Tiverton- Long Island, NS
Doman, Stephanie ( <i>Honours</i> )	Cold Lake, AB
Friesen, Kara ( <i>Honours</i> )	Berwick, NS
Greenslade, Emma ( <i>Honours</i> )	Union Corner, NS
Keddy, Andrew	Canning, NS

Keegan, Kaylee ( <i>Honours</i> )	North Bay, ON
King, Doreen ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
May, Emily	Kentville, NS
McDow, Hannah ( <i>Honours</i> )	Berwick, NS
Mullen, Elizabeth	Weymouth, NS
Skorka, Emily	Middleton, NS
Smith, Quinn	Windsor, NS
Stubbert, Shea ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kingston, NS
Usher, Aryn	Kentville, NS
Weir, Christa	Aylesford, NS

### **Diploma in Disability Supports and Services**

Browne, Kizzy ( <i>Honours</i> )	Morvant, Trinidad and Tobago
Campbell, Margaret	Judique, NS
Comeau, Kaylee	Poplar Grove, NS
Connell, Karli	Middleton, NS
Dorey, Wendy	Aylesford, NS
Foster, Mandy	Wolfville, NS
Hayles, Terricka ( <i>Honours</i> )	Clarendon, Jamaica
Lewis, Jake	Hantsport, NS
Perez Ramos, Debora ( <i>Honours</i> )	Viña del Mar, Chile
Slauenwhite-Powers, Emma ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Williams, NS

### **Diploma in Practical Nursing**

Bent, Deanna	Wolfville, NS
Black, Jessica	Centreville, NS
Britton, Liam	Canaan, NS
Brown, Jordyn	Truro, NS
Caldwell, Katey ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hantsport, NS
Cunningham, Keaton	Kentville, NS
Desroche, Jenna	Cambridge, NS
Harnish, Elizabeth	Windsor, NS
Hiltz, Megan	Kentville, NS
Hosking, Jessica	Mount Uniacke, NS
Kenneally, Samantha	Blackrock, NS
Little, Mckenzie	Newport, NS
Naugler, Rylan	Liverpool, NS
Newcombe, Ashley	Coldbrook, NS
Ohearon, Robyn	Windsor, NS
Parker, Emily ( <i>Honours</i> )	Mount Uniacke, NS
Ripley, Katelyn ( <i>Honours</i> )	Oxford, NS
Singer, Jessica	Windsor, NS
Strickland, Mackenzie	Canning, NS
Warford, Hailie	Aylesford, NS
Williams, Brandy	Kentville, NS

## **Diploma in Social Services**

Andersen, Dakota ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Bowmer, Adrienne	Berwick, NS
Brigley, Faith	Blandford, NS
Burgess, Sivanah ( <i>Honours</i> )	Windsor, NS
Carson, Breanna ( <i>Honours</i> )	Woodstock, ON
Cogswell, Jaydia	Centreville, NS
Davis, Emma	Kingston, NS
Fitzgerald, Rebecca	New Minas, NS
Isenor, Shaylyn	Stewiacke, NS
Lee-Nelson, Candice ( <i>Honours</i> )	Greenwood, NS
Long, Rosslyn	Bear River, NS
McKeen, Khylena ( <i>Honours</i> )	Coldbrook, NS
Muise, Herizon	Berwick, NS
O'Hara, Meghan	Kentville, NS
Papineau, Emily ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Pye, Lauren	Kingston, NS
Schofield, Kristin	Windsor, NS
Sweeney, Douglas	Greenwich, NS
Tomlinson, Liam	Halifax, NS
Trider, Michael ( <i>Honours</i> )	Windsor, NS
Whynot, Camryn	Liverpool, NS
Young, Kristen	Greenwood, NS

## **Graduate Certificate in Addictions Community Outreach**

Johnson, Kelsey	Antigonish, NS
Lawanson, Segun	Brandenburg, Germany
Thomas, Kimberly	Avonport, NS
Verburg, Kerenza	Mahone Bay, NS

# Major awards

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## Kizzy Browne

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

#### **Disability Supports and Services**

Hailing from Trinidad and Tobago, Kizzy became a student at Kingstec Campus after dedicating years to helping others. Before her time at NSCC, Kizzy completed a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She also volunteered at a foundation for children with disabilities, worked as a legal secretary and served as a loans officer.

Attracted by the inclusive nature of the program and hands-on approach, Kizzy found her niche in the Disability Support and Services program. With the guidance of faculty and the unwavering support of her friends, Kizzy thrived in the encouraging atmosphere. She completed assignments with confidence and embraced the friendly and fun environment fostered by all on-campus. Kizzy was an active campus ambassador, leading as a wellness champion, a PALS provider and as a volunteer within the community.

After graduation, Kizzy plans to use her knowledge to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people with disabilities. She aims to work in the field, contributing to research that promotes universal design and community integration for individuals with disabilities.

Reflecting on her journey, Kizzy shares a poignant message: "Be weary of nothing! You have the ability to achieve, inspire and conquer all that is ahead of you. Look back only to smile at where you came from. Keep running when you have to, jog if you must - take a stroll even! The finish line is waiting for us all."

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### Certificate in Cool Climate Wine and Viticulture

Alibo, Angelita ( <i>Honours</i> )	Davao City, Philippines
Jardine, Claire ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Williams, NS
Pagtakhan, Trish ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS

### Diploma in Electrical Technician

Allen, Jesse	Hammonds Plains, NS
Anderson, Bailey	Dartmouth, NS
Coneybeare, Allan	Hantsport, NS
King, Declan	Halifax, NS
MacEwan, Zachary	Brookvale, NS
McFadzen, Robert ( <i>Honours</i> )	Guelph, ON
Nauss, Zackery	Hammonds Plains, NS
O'Reilly, Garrett ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
Rector, Ryan	Aylesford, NS
Rhyno, Logan	Halifax, NS
Roloson, Jordan	Ashdale, NS
Simpson, Benjamin	Halifax, NS
Tong, Wah Leung ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hong Kong, China

### Diploma in Electronic Engineering Technician

DeEll, Kyle ( <i>Honours</i> )	Aylesford, NS
Lacson, Miguel	Kentville, NS
Legere, Evan	Amherst, NS
O'Connor, Timothy	Kentville, NS
Ward, Carson ( <i>Honours</i> )	North Alton, NS

### Diploma in Horticulture and Landscape Technology – Landscape

Alexander, Jody	Aylesford, NS
Baker, Indigo ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
Baker, Jacques	Round Hill, NS
Drew, Gage ( <i>Honours</i> )	Nicholsville, NS
Gallivan, Paige ( <i>Honours</i> )	Moose Jaw, SK
Grantwell, Spencer	Kentville, NS
Norris, William	Lakeville, NS
Salsman, Gregory ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Yorke, Kory ( <i>Honours</i> )	Windsor, NS

## **Diploma in Horticulture and Landscape Technology - Operations**

Baillie, Justin	New Glasgow, NS
Comeau, Alexis	Saulnierville Station, NS
Edwards, Eve	Grand Bank, NL
Fletcher, Jasmine ( <i>Honours</i> )	Mount Stewart, PE
Hume, Mia	Canning, NS
Mott, Isabel	New Minas, NS
Yeung, Kam Chu	Hong Kong, China

## **School of Trades and Transportation**

### **Certificate in Automotive Service and Repair**

Arenburg, Jackson	Kingston, NS
Brackett, Austin	Cambridge, NS
Cropley, Colton	Waterville, NS
Gallant, Noah	Aylesford, NS
Gavel, Carson	Waterville, NS
Gee, Kaiden	Woodville, NS
Harraq, Mouad	Nictaux, NS
Parr, Owen	Cambridge, NS
Pinch, Grace	Grand Pre, NS
Rogers, Samuel	Weston, NS
Thomas, Emma	Melvorn Square, NS
Titus, Levis	Annapolis Royal, NS
Walker, Noah ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hantsport, NS

### **Certificate in Carpentry**

Asbury, Trinity	Wilmot, NS
Fisher, John ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS

### **Certificate in Electrical Construction and Industrial**

Angermann, Zackary	Centreville, NS
Bullock, Carter	Windsor, NS
Coates, Georgie-Isabella	Annapolis Royal, NS
Doucette, Taylor	Kentville, NS
Hancock, Seth	Halifax, NS
Hirtle, Jacob	Cambridge, NS
Hogue, Jasper	Halifax, NS
Langille, Nathan	Cambridge Station, NS
MacKeen, Connor	Coldbrook, NS
Marchand, Aiden ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
Martin, Nate ( <i>Honours</i> )	Middle Sackville, NS
Pearl, Kyle	Halifax, NS
Spears, Riley	Halifax, NS

Steadman-Griffiths, Hannah  
Voica, Alexander (*Honours*)  
Webber, Cory (*Honours*)  
Wells, Hayden (*Honours*)

Canaan, NS  
Middle Musquodoboit, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Mount Denson, NS

### **Certificate in Plumbing**

Bennett, Hunter (*Honours*)  
Bourque, Josh  
Escott, Ethan  
Josey, Mitchell (*Honours*)  
Lee, Sang Jun (*Honours*)  
Mullen, Kade  
Newcombe, Braedan  
Ritcey, Joseph  
Rogers, Orin  
Schofield, Aidan  
Weir, Evan (*Honours*)  
White, Connor

Bridgetown, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Centreville, NS  
Chester, NS  
Wolfville, NS  
Windsor, NS  
Coldbrook, NS  
Riverport, NS  
Waterville, NS  
White Rock, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Coldbrook, NS

### **Certificate in Precision Machining**

Campbell, Mollie (*Honours*)  
Johnson, Kale  
Lohnes, Nolan  
Neish, James (*Honours*)  
Perrin, Ryan (*Honours*)  
Reid, Chase  
Stone, Taylor (*Honours*)  
VanOostrum, Sean

Berwick, NS  
Milton, NS  
Bridgewater, NS  
South Brookfield, NS  
Windsor, NS  
Aylesford, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Grafton, NS

### **Diploma in Carpentry**

Hines, Cameron  
Hunter, Lee-Anne  
Lowe, Sydney  
Lyghtle, Alex  
MacEachern, Alex (*Honours*)  
Saunders, Luke  
Trask, Giovanni (*Honours*)  
Zeng, Jiacheng

Windsor, NS  
New Germany, NS  
Windsor, NS  
Windsor, NS  
Berwick, NS  
Wolfville, NS  
New Minas, NS  
Shenzhen, China

### **Diploma in CNC Machining**

Blake, Dylan (*Honours*)  
Lee, Jayden  
Lewis, Richard (*Honours*)  
Pierrynowski, Noah (*Honours*)  
Stover, Cory (*Honours*)  
Therault, Blake (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS  
Middle Sackville, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Meteghan Station, NS

**Posthumous Certificate in Heavy Duty Equipment/Truck and Transport Repair**

Prall, Chandler

Aylesford, NS

**Posthumous Diploma in Truck and Transport Repair**

Jackson, Taylor

Middleton, NS

**Diploma in Truck and Transport Repair**

Durling, Jordan

Tremont, NS

Garland, Ben

Windsor, NS

Keddy, Jamison

Cambridge, NS

MacEachern, Tyler

Antigonish, NS

McCabe, Daniel

Bridgetown, NS

Melanson, Cody

Berwick, NS

Milner, Ethan

Clementsport, NS

Park, Shawn (*Honours*)

Cambridge, NS

Pearce, Joet (*Honours*)

New Minas, NS

Powell, Jared

Bridgewater, NS



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### **School of Trades and Transportation**

#### **Automotive Service and Repair**

Noah had taken some time away from school and was completing his grade 12 when he made the decision to attend NSCC. Noah's familial connection - his mother is also an NSCC alum - and a desire for hands-on learning steered him towards the Automotive Service and Repair program at Kingstec Campus.

During his time at NSCC, Noah found inspiration and support from his instructor and classmates, who helped him build his confidence and determination. He immersed himself in the campus community, participating in activities like tug-of-war, bingo, plant sales and pop-up cafes. He found lasting friendships and connections which added a layer of richness to his experience.

Looking ahead, Noah plans to enter the workforce and explore potential career paths. He is open to returning to NSCC to continue his education in a different program to expand his skill set.

Reflecting on his journey, Noah shares these words to his fellow graduates, "Thank you for a wonderful year and may you find enjoyment in your work. Always be ready for change because it's usually a good thing. Be proud of the work you do and remember to be true to yourself."

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Cormier, Charles ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Cormier, David ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
Diminutto-Hamilton, Maria ( <i>Honours</i> )	Windsor, NS
Edwards-Johnson, Kemoya ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Johnstone, Shelby ( <i>Honours</i> )	Cambridge, NS
Lake, Brooklyn	Kentville, NS
Rich, Tyson ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Minas, NS
Ripley, Cassie ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Sheffield, Caitlin	Aylesford, NS
Venus, Ayden ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS

### Certificate in Academic and Career Connections

Pushie, Sidney	Kentville, NS
Schofield, Alexa	Cambridge, NS

## School of Business and Creative Industries

### Certificate in Baking and Pastry Arts

Adams, Holly	Windsor, NS
Coates, Elizabeth	Granville Centre, NS
Diaz, Andrea	Wolfville, NS
Merk, Emily ( <i>Honours</i> )	Regina, SK
Morris-Clark, Megan	Tatamagouche, NS
Rand, Denise	South Scots Bay, NS
Striker, Kristen	Kingston, NS
Taylor, Theodore	Port Williams, NS
Vidito, Zachary	Melvorn Square, NS

### Certificate in Culinary Skills

Charlebois, William	Cambridge, NS
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### Certificate in Medical Office Administration

Cousins, Amber	Berwick, NS
Jodrey, Emma	Kentville, NS
Lockhart, Kassadi	Windsor, NS

Ofomah, Ezinne Jane  
Russell, Maya (*Honours*)  
Schofield, Megan (*Honours*)  
Westcott, Alyssa  
Wilson, Kyle

Abuja, Nigeria  
Kentville, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Digby, NS  
Kentville, NS

### **Certificate in Office Administration**

Cote, Brittany (*Honours*)  
Jones, Sara  
Kennedy, Shannon (*Honours*)  
Mclean, Leah (*Honours*)  
Osburn, Meagan (*Honours*)  
Usher, Leah (*Honours*)  
Williams, Bailey

Trenton, ON  
Kentville, NS  
Falmouth, NS  
Coldbrook, NS  
Berwick, NS  
Canning, NS  
Port Williams, NS

### **Certificate in Tourism Hospitality**

Anoje, Franklyn Odinaka (*Honours*)  
Davison, Benjamin  
Gosson, Summer

Lagos, Nigeria  
Avonport, NS  
Bridgetown, NS

### **Diploma in Business Administration**

Akamoh, Aderonke  
Boudreau, Caleb  
Devries, Josh  
Diaz, Candis  
Ekienabor, Alicia (*Honours*)  
Harris, Evan  
Hill, Adam (*Honours*)  
Lillford-Brighton, Harry  
Mcmahon, Oliver  
Moir, Emma  
Olszowiec, Spencer  
Riley-Halliday, Gracie  
Stewart, Parker  
Sweet, David  
VanderHeide, Amy  
Vautour, Tessa (*Honours*)  
Ward, Topanga  
Williams-Boulter, Cain  
Wright, Damaine  
Young, Aaron (*Honours*)

New Minas, NS  
Yarmouth, NS  
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Middleton, NS  
Port Elgin, NB  
Bridgetown, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Port Williams, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Porters Lake, NS  
Coldbrook, NS  
Coldbrook, NS  
Miramichi, NB  
Wolfville, NS  
Centreville, NS  
New Minas, NS  
North Alton, NS



## **Diploma in Business Administration – Accounting**

Arora, Kartik	Punjab, India
Bower, Robert ( <i>Honours</i> )	Middleton, NS
Halliday, Kelsea ( <i>Honours</i> )	Annapolis Royal, NS
Keddy, Olivia	White Rock, NS
Madden, Crystal	Meteghan River, NS
Nash, Nasheana	Kentville, NS
Scott, Kaitlin ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
Sproule, Summer ( <i>Honours</i> )	Canning, NS
Tibbetts, Josh ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Minas, NS
Xue Ong'Iro, Joe ( <i>Honours &amp; CO-OP</i> )	Kingston, NS
Yefymova, Viktoriia ( <i>Honours</i> )	Alchevsk, Ukraine

## **Diploma in Business Administration – Financial Services**

Bond, Jackson ( <i>Honours</i> )	Chester, NS
Bower, Daniel	Middleton, NS
Fatimilehin, Olayinka	Ilare Ijesha, Nigeria
Harris, Adam	Centerville, NS
Huble, Austin	Yarmouth, NS
Hussey, Danaka	Amherst, NS
Johnson, Zachary ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Madukwe, Emeka ( <i>Honours</i> )	Enugu State, Nigeria
Moore, Liam ( <i>Honours</i> )	Coldbrook, NS
Muir, Kyla ( <i>Honours</i> )	Moose Jaw, SK
Nkwitcheu, Marc Sidoine	Yaounde, Cameroon
Spriggs, Doug ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hantsport, NS

## **Diploma in Culinary Management**

Carson, Kieran ( <i>CO-OP</i> )	Greenwood, NS
Cole, Nicholas ( <i>CO-OP</i> )	Middle Sackville, NS
Muise, Anthony ( <i>CO-OP</i> )	New Minas, NS
Parsons, Ashton ( <i>CO-OP</i> )	Lawrencetown, NS

# Major awards

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

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

Emma Slauenwhite-Powers  
Disability Supports and Services

## **Nova Scotia Community College Gold Medal**

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

Meagan Osburn  
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.

Emma Slauenwhite-Powers  
Disability Supports and Services

## **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.

Denise Rand  
Baking and Pastry Arts

## **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.

Kyla Muir  
Business Administration - Financial Services

# 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.



## Alicia Ekienabor

### **School of Business and Creative Industries**

#### **Business Administration**

After working as a Training Coordinator/Manager with Riella Group Ltd. in Lagos, Nigeria, Alicia decided to further her education in the Business Administration program at Kingstec Campus which aligned perfectly with Alicia's career ambitions of becoming a Project Manager in a multinational corporation. What drew Alicia to NSCC was its vibrant and diverse community, coupled with the promise of personalized attention in smaller class sizes.

During her time at NSCC, Alicia was deeply inspired by mentors whose passion for teaching fueled her own career aspirations. Joining the International Student Ambassadors program was a highlight and affirmed her desire to be part of a supportive academic environment. Reflecting on her NSCC experience, she acknowledges the invaluable lessons in patience, resilience, and inclusivity, shaping her into a more rounded professional. She learned the importance of asking questions, speaking up and embracing the beauty in differences.

After graduation, Alicia plans to continue working at the Bank of Montreal while pursuing industry-specific certifications to advance her career goals.

In her own words, Alicia advises her fellow graduates: "As we start this new phase of our lives, there will be challenges along the way. Let us embrace the unknown, confronting the challenges head-on and never losing sight of our aspirations, no matter how daunting the journey may seem."

# 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 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 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.

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