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NSCC Alumni



Don Bureaux

Message from the NSCC President

Congratulations Class of 2023! You have reached an important milestone in your academic journey and I am so pleased to celebrate this with you today. You have worked hard, persevered through challenges, and made personal sacrifices to reach this day - a true testament to your dedication and commitment.

As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, I encourage you to embrace the unique opportunities that lie ahead. Whether you enter the workforce, pursue further education, or take some time to travel and explore, remember that your experiences at NSCC have prepared you well for the road ahead.

You have grown so much from your time at NSCC - from the friendships you have formed, to the skills you have developed and the knowledge you have acquired.

On behalf of all of us at NSCC, I want to thank you for allowing us to be a part of your incredible journey. May your next steps be instilled with the confidence that has only grown through your experience. We are all cheering you on today and in your future.

All the best,

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 end of the name.

Don

Fall 2023 Convocation

October 5, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

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Processional

Mi'kmaq Honour Song

O Canada

Principal's welcome

Tricia Donovan, Principal, eCampus

President's remarks

Don Bureaux, President

Presentation of credentials

Valedictory address

Sonia Harvey, Continuing Care

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Class of 2023

School of Access, Education and Language

Nova Scotia High School Diploma for Adults

Davidson, Louis Pictou, NS
MacDonald, Shannon Halifax, NS

Diploma in American Sign Language/English Interpretation

Naccarato, Alessandra Dartmouth, NS

Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Bonnanfant, Kara (*Honours*) Halifax, NS
Boutilier, Holli Head of Jeddore, NS
Buchanan, Patricia Hubley, NS
Buck, Emily (*Honours*) South Brookfield, NS
Dent, Jennifer Porters Lake, NS
Deyoung, Mary Monastery, NS
Faulkner, Sheri Dartmouth, NS
Ferguson, Courtney (*Honours*) Iron Mines, NS
Fraser, Sarah Sydney, NS
Gannon, Amie Lower Sackville, NS
Gunter, Gebeth May New Ross, NS
Herbert, Tasha Jordan Falls, NS
Hunter, Tracy Hammonds Plains, NS
Kimemenihian, Annabel (*Honours*) Dartmouth, NS
Laing, Jennifer Dartmouth, NS
Lewis-Falle, Deanna Porters Lake, NS
Morrison, Shawna (*Honours*) Shelburne, NS
Murphy, Megan Sandy Point, NS
Pinch, Charlene Kentville, NS
Quirong, Rochelle Dartmouth, NS
Robie, Arlene Whycomocmagh, NS
Slauenwhite, Karen Lapland, NS
Talbot, Jennifer Sydney, NS
Wadden, Seana Westville, NS
Wilcox, Olivia-Jo Orangedale, NS

School of Business and Creative Industries

Certificate in Culinary Skills

McCarthy, Tara

Halifax, NS

Ross, Floyd

Mulgrave, NS

Certificate in Office Administration

Fiander, Candace (*Honours*)

Waverley, NS

Gagnon, Sonya

Middle Sackville, NS

Jamieson, Sara (*Honours*)

Wallace, NS

Kelly, Annette (*Honours*)

Westville, NS

Mann, Paula

Eastern Passage, NS

Reimer, Maryrose (*Honours*)

Lakeville, NS

Simoneau, Sylvie

Saint-Tharcisius, QC

Certificate in Tourism Hospitality

Gaetz, Alicia (*Honours*)

Porters Lake, NS

Diploma in Business Administration

Boivin, Jenna

Glace Bay, NS

Greenham, Jacqueline

Mineville, NS

Joseph, Hailie

Porters Lake, NS

Kaur, Amanpreet

Dartmouth, NS

MacLeod, Shannon

Halifax, NS

Ogon, Opolovie

Halifax, NS

Oickle, Cameron

Kentville, NS

Zwicker, Mallory (*Honours*)

Lower Branch, NS

Diploma in Business Administration-Accounting

Carter, Jessica

Beaver Bank, NS

Keefe, Nolan

Timberlea, NS

Rutte, Hannah

Dartmouth, NS

Diploma in Library and Information Technology

Nanistova, Erika (*Honours*)

Dartmouth, NS

Diploma in Paralegal Services

Comeau, David

Eastern Passage, NS

Diploma in Radio Television Journalism – Television Production

Kaba-Anderson, Charles

Halifax, NS

Graduate Certificate in Finance

Hu, Na

Halifax, NS

Oludare, Oluyemi

Halifax, NS

Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management

Freire, Thiago

Halifax, NS

School of Health and Human Services

Certificate in Continuing Care

Harvey, Sonia

Meadowvale, NS

Diploma in Child and Youth Care

McCracken, Kelsey (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS

Diploma in Social Services

Moore, Jill

New Glasgow, NS

Murphy, Emily

Middle Sackville, NS

School of Technology and Environment

Diploma in Architectural Engineering Technician

Irvine, Williston

Halifax, NS

Tucker, Jade

Cole Harbour, NS

Diploma in Drafting – Architectural

Alsaeed, Saad

Halifax, NS

Diploma in Natural Resources Environmental Technology

Albuquerque, Debora

Dartmouth, NS

Graduate Certificate in Oceans Technology

Albuquerque, Debora (*Honours*)

Dartmouth, NS

Batson, Shae (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS

Brown, Joseph

Trenton, NS

Clarke, Julia

Halifax, NS

Fox, Brandon

Halifax, NS

Houdeib, Nour (*Honours*)

Dartmouth, NS

Potter, Sean (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS

Quinn, Meghan (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS

Rowland, William (*Honours*)

Toronto, ON

Tanner, Madeline (*Honours*)

Waverley, NS

School of Trades and Transportation

Diploma in Electrical – Construction and Industrial

Huston-England, Olivia (*Honours*)

Lanark, NS

Diploma in Electronic Engineering Technician

Doucette, Colin

New Edinburgh, NS

Moscovich, Bar

Bedford, NS

Diploma in Industrial Mechanical

Patel, Maitrik (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS

Diploma in Marine Engineering Technology

Francis, John

West Arichat, NS

NSCC Employee Learning Programs

College Certificate in Adult Education Foundations – Teaching and Learning

MacDonald, Shannon (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS

Qureshi, Zoh (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS

Saadi, Muna (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS

College Certificate Operational Excellence

Perrin, Karley

Cole Harbour, NS

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Sonia Harvey

Health and Human Services

Continuing Care

Before joining NSCC, Sonia served as a supervisor at Tim Hortons. However, she felt a calling for a different path—one that would make a profound difference in people's lives. She says that NSCC's welcoming atmosphere, helpful staff and convenient locations made it the perfect place for her to embark on a new journey.

Sonia's career direction took shape during her time as a safety sitter for a security company. While working with individuals in nursing homes, she discovered a talent for connecting with the elderly residents there. It was during that time she received encouragement to consider a career as a Continuing Care Assistant (CCA).

After graduation, Sonia plans to work in a nursing home, where her compassionate nature and dedication will allow her to bring comfort and companionship to its residents.

Sonia's journey at NSCC has been marked by the inspiration provided by her instructors, classmates, and faculty. She is particularly grateful that her daughter, Dariyn, was on the journey to becoming a CCA with her. "She was with me through a lot of things in life and has been a reminder that I should never give up," Sonia says. Their time as classmates strengthened their mother-daughter bond into a deep friendship.

Sonia's classmates and instructors have become her second family, sharing moments of laughter, struggle, and everything in between. Their collective experience over the past year will be cherished for a lifetime.

As Sonia takes the stage at convocation, she will reflect on the dreams of childhood, the twists and turns of life's journey, and the unwavering determination that has brought her to this moment. Her message is clear: never give up, no matter how many times life pushes you back.

Sonia's advice to the Class of 2023:

As one door closes, another will open. Embrace the future with pride, holding your head high. Let your accomplishments be the wind beneath your wings as you step through the door that leads to your future, ready to conquer whatever challenges come your way.

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School of Health and Human Services

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Ali, Aimen (<i>Honours</i>)	Lower Sackville, NS
Atwell, Emma	Hantsport, NS
Barnhill, Charlotte	Halifax, NS
Bhutia, Tshering	Halifax, NS
Burridge, Jessica	Truro, NS
Carter, Cynthia	Upper Rawdon, NS
Carter, Logan	Dartmouth, NS
Charlong, Nicole	Dartmouth, NS
Cochrane, Jennifer (<i>Honours</i>)	Three Mile Plains, NS
Collin, Sharon (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
Conrad, Kayla	Truro, NS
Corkum, Heather	Eastern Passage, NS
Covin, Emily	West Arichat, NS
Crawford, Kristen	Brookside, NS
Crocker, Ryane	Black Rock, NS
Dempster, Amber (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Dill, Heather	Summersville, NS
Duguay, Erika	Dartmouth, NS
Dwyer, Brianna (<i>Honours</i>)	Hatchet Lake, NS
Ebube-Orji	Halifax, NS
Fancey, Melissa	Middle Sackville, NS
Farrell, Danielle	Halifax, NS
Frank, Jacey-Lee	Halifax, NS
Hawboldt, Nikki	Upper Berlington, NS
Hayden, Isobel	Dartmouth, NS
Hillier, Donald (<i>Honours</i>)	Eastern Passage, NS
Hobson, Nita	Enfield, NS
Holman, Shannon (<i>Honours</i>)	Lower Sackville, NS
Howells, Victoria	Eastern Passage, NS
Ikem, Vivian (<i>Honours</i>)	Bedford, NS
Kounkes, Alexander	Hammonds Plains, NS
Larade, Alaura	Lower Sackville, NS
Lavalette, Ceilidh	Truro, NS
Lillington, Kiara	Shearwater, NS
Lynds, Julia	Brookfield, NS
MacDonald, Kirsten	Truro, NS
MacKinnon, Laura	Halifax, NS
Maina, Jacqueline (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
McDonald, Elizabeth	Sipekne'katik, NS
McInnis, Jordyn	Brookside, NS

Melanson, Robyn (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
Mombourquette, Kayla	Porters Lake, NS
Murphy, Jocelyn	Eastern Passage, NS
Nyorha, Kerene	Halifax, NS
Ojeleye, Adenike	Dartmouth, NS
O'Leary, Haley	Martock, NS
Padilla Collette, Catherine	Bedford, NS
Parker, Hayley	Trenton, NS
Peddle, Courtnee (<i>Honours</i>)	Enfield, NS
Reid, Leslie (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Rhoddy, Samantha	Nine Mile River, NS
Richards-Hingley, Bonnie	Truro, NS
Robinson, Kahleel	Lake Echo, NS
Sandell, Helena	Bedford, NS
Scott, Shana	Dartmouth, NS
Shiers, Krista (<i>Honours</i>)	Bedford, NS
Smith, Desiree	Lower Sackville, NS
Smith, Hailey	Eastern Passage, NS
Smith, Julia	Woods Harbour, NS
Sutherland, Alishia	Centreville, NS
Taylor, Emma	Walton, NS
Teffer, Mickayla	Dartmouth, NS
Turner, Daniel	Dartmouth, NS
Vaughan, Josie	Eastern Passage, NS
Velasco, Jan (<i>Honours</i>)	Lower Sackville, NS
Waterfield, Roisin	Fall River, NS
Weihers, Vanessa (<i>Honours</i>)	Aylesford, NS
Westhaver, Hayley	Tangier, NS
Wheeler, Brandi	Halifax, NS
Young, Emily	Cow Bay, NS

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Sharon "Betsy" Collin

Health and Human Services

Practical Nursing

Before her NSCC journey, Betsy devoted herself to raising her two young children and worked in medical administrative roles. While she always dreamed of becoming a nurse, she patiently waited for the right moment when her children entered school. She credits her children with teaching her patience and compassion, which she seamlessly integrated into her nursing practice. NSCC proved to be the ideal choice for Betsy, thanks to its accessible location, tuition, practical curriculum, and smaller class sizes, which provided the supportive environment she felt she needed as an adult learner.

Her lifelong interest in science and medicine found its perfect outlet in nursing. For Betsy, nursing is not just a profession but a personal identity, a manifestation of wearing her heart on her sleeve.

Throughout her NSCC journey, Betsy was greatly influenced by faculty members Maria Gillan, Jaime Edwards, Vicki Paddick, and Terri-Lynn Lane. She also expresses deep gratitude to Student Services staff Susanne MacIsaac and Lorraine Mosey for their unwavering support.

The challenges faced during the pandemic, with the sudden transition to online learning and lab work in full PPE, seemed, at times, insurmountable. However, Betsy and her classmates persevered, forging a bond that went beyond the curriculum. They learned not only about nursing but also about caring for themselves and each other.

Currently, Betsy is already making a difference as a nurse at Dartmouth General Hospital. Her future aspirations include earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) with the goal of becoming a cardiac nurse.

Betsy's advice to the Class of 2023:

"Graduation isn't the end of a tough journey. It is the beginning of a beautiful one. It has been a privilege to share this experience with you all. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for all of us."

NSCC

NSCC is committed to building Nova Scotia's economy and quality of life through education and innovation, transforming Nova Scotia one learner at a time. NSCC offers more than 140 career-oriented programs throughout the province at our 14 campuses, including our online eCampus. Programs are offered through five academic schools – Access, Education and Language; Business and Creative Industries; Health and Human Services, Technology and Environment; Trades and Transportation – and reflect the labour market needs and opportunities in Nova Scotia. NSCC's primary goal: student success. An annual survey of College graduates shows that 83% are employed one year after graduation, most in their field of study, with 94% of those employed living and working in Nova Scotia.

This program is printed in advance of the publication of the official list of graduates. As a result, the list included here identifies prospective graduates only, and is not an official record of achievement.

Join the celebration:

  #NSCCGrad