

eCampus Convocation

June 12th, 2025 6pm

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing

O Canada

Principal's welcome

Tricia Donovan

President's remarks

Don Bureaux, President

Presentation of credentials

Presentation of major awards

Valedictory address

Rita Harel, Adult Learning Program

Recessional

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

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

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

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

About the Mi'kmaq Honour Song

The *Mi'kmaq Honour Song* is a powerful, unifying symbol of the resilience and enduring spirit of the Mi'kmaq people. Composed by Elder George Paul of Metepenagiag, the *Mi'kmaq Honour Song* calls on L'nu people to honour who they are.

Performed through song, chanting and hand drumming during ceremonies and gatherings, it calls on ancestors for spiritual guidance and holds a strong message to help and respect one another. It encourages pride in Mi'kmaq culture and traditions - so they are preserved, shared and celebrated for generations to come.

The *Mi'kmaq Honour Song* is performed during NSCC Convocation ceremonies as an important part of the College's commitment to reconciliation, community, cultural awareness and inclusivity.

About Lift Every Voice and Sing

Often referred to as the Black National Anthem, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* is a powerful hymn of hope, resilience, and liberation. Originally written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson in 1900 and later set to music by his brother John Rosamond Johnson, the anthem has become a cornerstone of Black cultural identity and collective memory across North America.

At NSCC, including *Lift Every Voice and Sing* during Convocation holds deep cultural and historical significance. It reflects our presence on Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. It honours the legacy of the 52 historic African Nova Scotian communities whose contributions continue to shape the fabric of this province.

Sung across generations, the anthem speaks to the enduring strength, dignity, and perseverance of African descendants in the face of enslavement, racism, and systemic injustice. By incorporating *Lift Every Voice and Sing* into our ceremony, NSCC affirms its commitment to the Scarborough Charter's guiding principle of Black Flourishing and the Black Community Council's (BCC) mandate of ensuring an inclusive, anti-racist, and equitable learning environment - acknowledging the past and the harms done to African Nova Scotians are honoured and never forgotten.



Don Bureaux

Message from the NSCC President

Graduates,

Today, we recognize and celebrate your perseverance, your dedication to your studies, the commitments you've maintained, the challenges you've overcome, the connections you've made - and so much more.

Your journey as an NSCC student began the moment you chose to make a change in your life: to learn more, to grow, and to pursue something new. That powerful decision led you here - to become a student who worked hard, stayed focused and kept showing up. It wasn't always easy, but you've proven that you can do it.

While today marks the culmination of your efforts and achievements, it also marks the beginning of a new and exciting chapter - as NSCC graduates. I encourage you to trust the same determination that carried you through your studies, and to take your new skills, knowledge, and experiences forward with confidence. Whatever positive steps you take next, know that we are so proud of you.

On behalf of all of us at NSCC, **congratulations class of 2025!**

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

Don Bureaux

Convocation 2025

Honorary Diplomas

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



James Kehoe

School of Trades and Transportation

Sydney Waterfront Campus

James Kehoe's dedication to building strong communities extends far beyond his successful career in the construction industry.

Jim began his career as a carpenter before founding Joneljim Concrete Construction in 1970. Under his leadership, Joneljim has grown into one of Cape Breton's largest contractors, providing general contracting, project and construction management, and heavy civil contracting. The Joneljim Group of Companies also includes building supply operations, a millwork business and residential and commercial rental properties.

Jim is a founding member of New Dawn Enterprises and the not-for-profit, BCA Investment Cooperative. He has served on the Board of the IWK Children's Hospital, Cape Breton University's Board of Governors, Nova Scotia Business Inc., Talbot House, and the Financial Board for the Diocese of Antigonish.

Jim's contributions have been recognized through one of the Province's highest honours. In 2002, he was awarded the Order of Nova Scotia for his outstanding contributions to the province's economic well-being. In 2023, Jim was inducted into the Cape Breton Business and Philanthropy Hall of Fame, further celebrating his dedication to the region. In 2018 he received an Honorary Doctorate from Cape Breton University.

Over the years, Jim and his late wife Roma were involved in many philanthropic efforts here in Cape Breton and across Nova Scotia. A

proud father to two daughters, Claudette Porter and Paulette Kraitzek, and grandfather to four, Jim cherishes time spent with his family.

Through his leadership and commitment to his community, Jim's dedication to empowering others and fostering growth continues to inspire positive change across Nova Scotia.



Joel Marsman

School of Trades and Transportation

Akerley Campus

Joel Marsman's dedication to occupational health and safety, mentorship and community empowerment has left a lasting impact on Nova Scotia. His achievements, including becoming the first Black person in Canada to earn the Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) designation, have paved the way for others.

He has served as coordinator for the Black Business Initiative's Constructing the Future program, an initiative aimed at helping African Nova Scotians enter the construction trade. As Program Coordinator for the Africadian Empowerment Academy's Trades Program, he helped Black tradespeople obtain Red Seal certification and supports like training and test preparation to foster their success. He was also involved with the Pathways to Shipbuilding program, where he was part of a working group that created a dedicated training and employment pipeline for Black welders.

Joel was the Manager of Occupational Health and Safety at the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation before founding Marsman Safety Services, where he provides program development and occupational health and safety training for industry organizations and government agencies.

His contributions extend to serving on boards for various organizations including the Nova Scotia Construction Safety Association, the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Board, the Nova Scotia Labour Department Board and the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering.

In 2012, Joel was honoured by the African Heritage Month Information Network and the Province of Nova Scotia as an "Unsung Hero: Men Who Make a Difference."

Joel's unwavering commitment to the success of others exemplifies NSCC's vision: Transforming Nova Scotia one learner at a time.

Class of 2025

This program is printed in advance of Convocation ceremonies. As a result, the names of graduates recorded in the program are those who were approved to graduate at the time of printing. It is possible a graduate's name may not be recorded if a late approval (after the print deadline) has been made.

School of Access, Education and Language

Certificate of Completion in English for Academic Purposes

Zafar, Syeda Samiha

Bedford, NS

Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

Adams, Edward (<i>Honours</i>)	Upper Rawdon, NS
Amero, Shane (<i>Honours</i>)	Garlands Crossing, NS
Baker, Kelly-Ann (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
Ben Khedher, Mohamed Aziz (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Billard, Gregory	Halifax, NS
Bowes, Stephanie (<i>Honours</i>)	Bracebridge, ON
Broomfield, Sierra (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
Brown, Krista	Harrietsfield, NS
Buckland, Amy (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney, NS
Butler, Monica	Kentville, NS
Cadotte, Charle-Aime (<i>Honours</i>)	Deux-Montagnes, QC
Cardoso, Joana (<i>Honours</i>)	Azores, Portugal
Cathcart, Taylor (<i>Honours</i>)	Glace Bay, NS
Chapman, Julia (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Conley, Alyisha	East Hants, NS
Cottreau, Kendrick	Brazil Lake, NS
D'Autane, Julien (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Demont, Graysen	Dartmouth, NS
Dentremont, Jasmine	Yarmouth, NS
Deveau, Colin	Saulnierville, NS
Diggins, Joshua (<i>Honours</i>)	Greenwood, NS
Dobson, Emma	St Margarets, NB
Dufour, Dylan (<i>Honours</i>)	Truro, NS
Dugas, Susan (<i>Honours</i>)	Lake Echo, NS
Forrest, Shannon (<i>Honours</i>)	North Sydney, NS
Foster, Leann (<i>Honours</i>)	New Ross, NS
Gibbon, Sarah	Dartmouth, NS
Gorman, Brianna (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Harel, Rita (<i>Honours</i>)	Middle Sackville, NS
Henderson, Ashley	Antigonish, NS

Jacquard, Raymond (<i>Honours</i>)	Yarmouth, NS
Karsch, Christopher (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
Leedham, Jenna (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Lyons, Mackenzie	Dartmouth, NS
MacLaughlin, Lindsay	Dartmouth, NS
MacGillivray, William	Trenton, NS
MacMullin, Gilbert (<i>Honours</i>)	Whitney Pier, NS
McPhee, Ethan	New Waterford, NS
Meldrum, Haylee (<i>Honours</i>)	Three Mile Plains, NS
Nash, Carly (<i>Honours</i>)	Merigomish, NS
Nauffts, Justin (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
O'Brien, Katarina (<i>Honours</i>)	Amherst, NS
Obob, Nykuro (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Ogden, Tamera	Halifax, NS
Pittman, Jessica (<i>Honours</i>)	Elmsdale, NS
Robertson, Emma (<i>Honours</i>)	Meiklefield, NS
Stevens, Kira (<i>Honours</i>)	Yarmouth, NS
Szaramajluk, Alexandria (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney, NS
Wells-Valad, Hunter (<i>Honours</i>)	Lantz, NS
Williams, Josie (<i>Honours</i>)	Hammonds Plains, NS
Williams, Shyla (<i>Honours</i>)	Eastern Passage, NS
Yorke, Coral	Shubenacadie, NS

Certificate in Academic and Career Connections

Chung, Shannon Nickole (<i>Honours</i>)	Gardiner Mines, NS
Ezumezu, Olaoma (<i>Honours</i>)	Lagos, Nigeria
Ferguson, Tamara	Truro Heights, NS
Haines, Darrien (<i>Honours</i>)	Little Dover, NS
Haroon, Samir (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Horne, Lisa (<i>Honours</i>)	Hammonds Plains, NS
Jack, Dolly	Riverview, NB
Kaur, Rashmeet (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Mhlahliwana, Tinashe (<i>Honours</i>)	Harare, Zimbabwe
Smith, Alysia (<i>Honours</i>)	Beaver Bank, NS
Weihers, Courtney	Woodville, NS
Zien Majeed, Zainab (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS

Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Adams, Ashley	Halifax, NS
Anderson, Amber	Braeshore, NS
Anderson, Jana	East Lawrencetown, NS
Andrews, April	Marshalltown, NS
Arseneau, Melanie (<i>Honours</i>)	Lower Sackville, NS
Atwell, Sandi	New Glasgow, NS
Barr, Annette	Danvers, NS
Benoit, Aimee	Pomquet, NS

Berrigan, Stephanie	Halifax, NS
Boggs, Karen	Halifax, NS
Bona, Molly	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Bowes, Noah (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
Carson, Anna (<i>Honours</i>)	Bridgewater, NS
Chace, Sabrina	Enfield, NS
Choi, Hyunkyung	Halifax, NS
Christensen, Jessica	Judique, NS
Cox, Samantha (<i>Honours</i>)	North Sydney, NS
Dahlbeck, Nadia	Markham, ON
Davidson, Alexandria	East Lake Ainslie, NS
Demings, Sheri	Shelburne, NS
Deveaux, Morgan	Lower Sackville, NS
Dowell-Hunt, Amy (<i>Honours</i>)	Coldbrook, NS
Duchemin, Brooke	Westville, NS
Dunford, Kristina	Enfield, NS
Effah, Pamela	Halifax, NS
Ettinger Benoit, Beverly (<i>Honours</i>)	Nine Mile River, NS
Fanning, Lindsay	Trenton, NS
Fraser, Caitlin	Trenton, NS
Griffin, Laura	Dartmouth, NS
Hopewell, Leah	Elmsdale, NS
Hudder, Brittany	Wyses Corner, NS
Jacquard, Alicia (<i>Honours</i>)	Arcadia, NS
MacAlpine, Chelsea	Upper Clements, NS
MacFarlane, Jasmin	Upper Sackville, NS
MacIntyre, Jenna (<i>Honours</i>)	Nine Mile River, NS
MacIsaac, Rhonda	Greenfield, NS
Martell, Melissa	Dartmouth, NS
McCarthy, Sarah	Conquerall Mills, NS
McDow, Amanda	Lake Loon, NS
McLeod, Jasmine	Trenton, NS
Meagher, Kathleen	Port Hood, NS
Meldrum, Emma	Bedford, NS
Murphy, Danielle	Sable River, NS
Murray, Graicen	Meadowville, NS
Nima, Jayden	Nine Mile River, NS
Penney, Trena	Cambridge, NS
Peters, Sarah	Sydney, NS
Pryde, Daniel	Dartmouth, NS
Rashid, Shatha	Bedford, NS
Rhynold, Courtney	Canso, NS
Rowe, Felicity	Cambridge, NS
Saunders-Mills, Hayley	Dartmouth, NS
Shippien, Perri	Halifax, NS
Slaunwhite, Cheyanna	Terence Bay, NS

Tanner, Julie
Thibeau, Taylor
Wile, Gabrielle
Williamson, Kourtne

Truro, NS
Yarmouth, NS
Bible Hill, NS
Lantz, NS

Diploma in Poqji-kina'masulti'kw tel-kina'mujik mijua'ji'jk (Mi'kmaw Early Childhood Education)

Cleveland, Jaiden
Denny, Aimee
Doucette, Rita (*Honours*)
Francis, Kalista
Googoo, Leanne
Googoo, Stacey
Julian, Charity
LeBlanc, Sophie
Macaulay, Lillie
MacAulay, Tara
Martell, Crystal
Purdy, Stacey
Redden, Natalie
Sylliboy, Kerrigan
Thomas, Cheyenne

New Minas, NS
Eskasoni, NS
Potlotek First Nation, NS
Halifax, NS
Whycocomagh, NS
Whycocomagh, NS
Sipekne'katik, NS
East Lahave, NS
French Cove, NS
St. Peter's, NS
Chapel Island, NS
Yarmouth, NS
Sheet Harbour, NS
Eskasoni, NS
New Glasgow, NS

School of Business and Creative Industries

Certificate in Administrative Professional

Carey-Heon, Cheyenne (*Honours*)
Chetwynd, Meaghan (*Honours*)
Chetwynd, Sydney (*Honours*)
Cooper, Tracy (*Honours*)
Lawrence, Krista
Phillips, Caitlyn (*Honours*)
Spence, Jacklyn (*Honours*)
Whynot, Haley
Yun, NamYi (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS
Lunenburg, NS
Lunenburg, NS
Meadowvale, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Amherst, NS
Port Maitland, NS
Halifax, NS

Certificate in Office Administration

Ahn, Sunwook (*Honours*)
Ash, Tara
Bickford, Elisabeth
Brine, Courtney
Brunt, Lauren
Butler, Trudy-Ann
Clelland, Kelly (*Honours*)
Gendre, Desirae

Edmonton, AB
Cole Harbour, NS
Middleton, NS
Parrsboro, NS
Halifax, NS
St. Catherine, Jamaica
Dartmouth, NS
Lower Sackville, NS

Kempster, Mullen	Halifax, NS
Ley, Colby	Ingramport, NS
Liao, Xiaoxing	Halifax, NS
McDonald, Mackenzie	Halifax, NS
Mckay, Holly	Dartmouth, NS
Meikle, Jennifer (<i>Honours</i>)	Burlington, NS
Nahid, Tazneen	Halifax, NS
Nikodim, Lyssa (<i>Honours</i>)	Ottawa, ON
Ryall, Allison	Halifax, NS
Scott, Emily	Amherst, NS
Siteman, Cody	Ship Harbour, NS
Stoddard, Tasha (<i>Honours</i>)	Bridgewater, NS
Syms, Cheryl	Lower Sackville, NS

Diploma in Business Administration

Adams, Colby	Elmsdale, NS
Al Ajlouni, Mohamad	Halifax, NS
August, Jayvanna	Freeport, NS
Badour, Yarob	Halifax, NS
Bardsley, Amanda	Lower Sackville, NS
Beck, Levon (<i>Honours</i>)	Truro, NS
Bellefontaine, Cassidy	Eastern Passage, NS
Benson, Brooke	Sydney, NS
Bolivar, Courtney	Dartmouth, NS
Bouchie, Amanda	Halifax, NS
Breland, Tyson (<i>Honours</i>)	Swan River, MB
Brinson, Abby	Halifax, NS
Buchanan, Carolyn	Eastern Passage, NS
Connolly, Crystal (<i>Honours</i>)	Port Shoreham, NS
Coughlin, Jade	Kensington, PE
Dempsey, James (<i>Honours</i>)	Berwick, NS
Dort, Abigail	Kingston, NS
Duncan, Nicole	Dartmouth, NS
Ellis, Colten	River Denys, NS
Etheridge-Toope, Brady (<i>Honours</i>)	Mineville, NS
Fowler, Mason	Dartmouth, NS
Gronvigh, Brittany (<i>Honours</i>)	Hammonds Plains, NS
Harris, Sarah	Halifax, NS
Harvey, Sadie (<i>Honours</i>)	Manotick, ON
Hawkins, Zackary	Middle Musquodoboit, NS
Hickling, Andrew (<i>Honours</i>)	North Alton, NS
Higgins, Durlin	Middle Sackville, NS
Hurshman, Emma (<i>Honours</i>)	Upper Tantallon, NS
Kasem, Mohammad	Halifax, NS
Ktit, Mhd Zaher (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Logan, Jacob	Mill Cove, NS

MacBurnie, Chelsey
 MacDonald, Grayson
 MacDougall, David
 MacGregor, Michael
 MacIsaac, Shana
 MacNally, Rachel
 McKay, Jessi
 Murray, Dalton
 Nevin, Mikhayla
 Pittman, Jasmine
 Preeper, Julie
 Russell, Mindy
 Rutayomba, Kevin
 Stewart, Emily (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS
 New Glasgow, NS
 Edmonton, AB
 Cole Harbour, NS
 Troy, NS
 Halifax, NS
 Millbrook, NS
 Antigonish, NS
 Sipekne'katik, NS
 Dartmouth, NS
 Lake Echo, NS
 Upper Kennetcook, NS
 Calgary, AB
 Union Centre, NS

Diploma in Business Administration-Accounting

Abbott, Sydney
 Black, Jaclyn
 Brown, Nana (*Honours*)
 Brown-Rhyno, Kathleen
 Caines, Ashley (*Honours*)
 Collins, Matthew
 de Putter, Naomi (*Honours*)
 Deuville, Bobbi
 Eisazadeh, Saeid (*Honours*)
 Gauvin, Brandon
 Hayne, Tina
 Jessome, Brian
 Joudrey, Dakota (*Honours*)
 Kelly, Nick (*Honours*)
 Landry, Cordelia
 LeBlanc, Marsha (*Honours*)
 Legere, Lacey (*Honours*)
 Llewellyn, Rachel
 Martin, Emily (*Honours*)
 McMillin, Evie (*Honours*)
 Mekawy, Ali (*Honours*)
 Menard, Rudy (*Honours*)
 Miller-Falls, Rhonda (*Honours*)
 Morris, Madeleine
 Rankin, Marion (*Honours*)
 Redmond, Hannah
 Reyno, Hayley
 Rice, Christopher (*Honours*)
 Shanahan, Madeline
 Snow, Philip

Saint John, NB
 Upper Sackville, NS
 Dartmouth, NS
 Kennetcook, NS
 Port Saunders, NL
 East River, NS
 Wolfville, NS
 Greenfield, NS
 Bridgewater, NS
 Beaver Bank, NS
 Goshen, NS
 Georges River, NS
 Bridgewater, NS
 Beaver Bank, NS
 Pictou, NS
 Halifax, NS
 Lower Sackville, NS
 Montague, PE
 Bridgewater, NS
 Halifax, NS
 Stellarton, NS
 Halifax, NS
 Yarmouth, NS
 Halifax, NS
 Scotsville, NS
 Lunenburg, NS
 Halifax, NS
 Bridgetown, NS
 Westville, NS
 Ottawa, ON

Tufts, Angalic
Wannamaker, Sarah (*Honours*)
Williams, Nadine

Tantallon, NS
Goderich, ON
Dartmouth, NS

Diploma in Library and Information Technology

Bellussi, Stephanie (*Honours*)
Butler, Rebecca
Calhoun, Meghan
Corry, Natalie (*Honours*)
Hubley, Jacqueline
Ibsen, Janet (*Honours*)
Jones, Mary (*Honours*)
Lanthier, David
Lawrence, Donna (*Honours*)
Polat, Ozgur
Power, Karri (*Honours*)
Rhodenizer, Lindsay (*Honours*)
Ryall, Mandy
Salman, Farah

Lower Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS
Keswick Ridge, NB
Bedford, NS
Eastern Passage, NS
Halifax, NS
Berwick, NS
Charlottetown, PE
Bible Hill, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Lakelands, NS
Lunenburg, NS
Halifax, NS
Saskatoon, SK

Graduate Certificate in Digital Marketing

Barish, Hailey (*Honours*)
Beals, Jaimara
Bourque, Hannah (*Honours*)
Clowater, Brianna (*Honours*)
Cox, Amanda (*Honours*)
Dugas, Jennifer
Duvar, Kathryn (*Honours*)
Foley, Johnny
Haddad, Angela (*Honours*)
Harris, Sarah
Hudson, Drew (*Honours*)
Hunka, Rebecca (*Honours*)
Ketler, Jennifer
MacDonald, Madison (*Honours*)
Magee, Dawn (*Honours*)
McEachern Pineo, Tracey
Merchant, Juliet
Oakes, Erin (*Honours*)
Ogunbosi, Ayokunle
Taylor, James
Thomas, Bronwen (*Honours*)

Oakville, ON
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Moncton, NB
Baie Verte, NL
Fall River, NS
New Glasgow, NS
Hammonds Plains, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Fredericton, NB
Princeport, NS
Montreal, QC
Lake Loon, NS
Halifax, NS
Waterville, NS
Halifax, NS
New Germany, NS
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Bridgewater, NS

Graduate Certificate in Food Service and Nutrition Management

Hickman, Iris	Burin, NL
Kodiyattil, Smijin (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
McCleave, Melinda (<i>Honours</i>)	Digby, NS
Mcinnis, Mary	Halifax, NS
Tannahill, Scott (<i>Honours</i>)	Canning, NS
Tanner, Stephanie (<i>Honours</i>)	Mahone Bay, NS

Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership

Jones, Ashley	Ottawa, ON
Morrow, Erica	Middle Sackville, NS
Stone, Sharelyn (<i>Honours</i>)	Queensland, NS
Swain, Ann (<i>Honours</i>)	Truro, NS

School of Health and Human Services

Certificate in Funeral Arranging and Directing

Scammell, Nicholas	Embree, NL
Tupper, Taylor (<i>Honours</i>)	Little Harbour, NS

Diploma in Funeral and Allied Health Services

Billo, Jennifer (<i>Honours</i>)	Bedford, NS
Bowden-Welsh, Kaleigh (<i>Honours</i>)	Parrsboro, NS
Carter, Kamden	Miramichi, NB
Dairou, Lynn (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney, NS
Gray, Naomi	Halifax, NS
Hambrook, Chloe (<i>Honours</i>)	Renous, NB
Keil, Morgan	Middle Sackville, NS
Lefrancois, John (<i>Honours</i>)	Riverside-Albert, NB
MacDonald, Ashley	New Glasgow, NS
MacDonald, Christopher	Linacy, NS
McGarrigle, Sarah (<i>Honours</i>)	St George, NB
Morris, Kristin (<i>Honours</i>)	Springhill, NS
Nicholson, Stefanie (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
O'Neill, Patrick (<i>Honours</i>)	Dominion, NS
Raiche, Marie-Helene (<i>Honours</i>)	Moncton, NB
Waight, Gage	Truro, NS
Wallace, Mark (<i>Honours</i>)	Saint John, NB

School of Technology and Environment

Diploma in IT Programming

Callaghan, Patrick	Florence, NS
Murphy-Brady, Cullen (<i>Honours</i>)	River Hebert, NS

Pomeroy, Gregory	Porters Lake, NS
Richardson, Nicholas (<i>Honours</i>)	Wolfville, NS
Scott, Jared	Hammonds Plains, NS
Scoville, Rose	Halifax, NS
Sekiguchi, Alicia (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Vaughan, Peter (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Whitenect, Jeremy (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS

NSCC Employee Learning Programs

College Certificate in Leadership Development

McDonald, Wanda (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
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College Certificate in Leadership Essentials

Kelly, Jaclynn (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Lantz, Jo-anne	Windsor Junction, NS
Mailman, Elaine (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
McKellar, Caitlin (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS

College Certificate in Operational Excellence

Hart, Leanne (<i>Honours</i>)	Timberlea, NS
Kelly, Jaclynn (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
LePage, Mike (<i>Honours</i>)	Chester, NS
McCullough, Patricia (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Meister, David	New Ross, NS
Simpson, Winnifred (<i>Honours</i>)	Manchester, Jamaica

Convocation 2025

Valedictorian

NSCC is proud to introduce the outstanding student, chosen by their campuses to represent the achievements and experiences of the Class of 2025.



Rita Harel

School of Access, Education and Language

Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

Before enrolling at NSCC, Rita was raising her young family after building a 15-year career in sales, marketing and customer service. Returning to school represented more than a career shift, it was a personal commitment to finish something she had started nearly two decades earlier. NSCC's flexible, online learning options and its supportive approach to adult learners offered Rita the second chance she had been waiting for.

As a student in the Adult Learning Program, Rita found strength in her determination and in the encouragement of her instructors. Studying online never meant studying alone as she discovered a vibrant, connected community that offered workshops, events and personalized support. Her instructors helped her realize that learning is not one-size-fits-all. Identifying herself as a visual learner was a breakthrough moment that reshaped her approach to education. No matter which subject she was learning, Rita embraced each new skill with curiosity and purpose.

Rita recently celebrated the opening of a family-run restaurant where she manages marketing, customer experience and bakes fresh sourdough.

This fall, she will return to NSCC to study in the Practical Nursing program, continuing a long-held dream to work in healthcare.

“To me, the biggest lesson is learning to own our stories. What matters is being open to growth, to trying, even when we’re unsure of the outcome.”

Major awards

Governor General's Academic Medal

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

Jeremy Whitenect
IT Programming

Nova Scotia Community College Gold Medal

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

Scott Tannahill
Food Service and Nutrition Management

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.

Stephanie Tanner
Food Service and Nutrition Management

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.

Zainab Zien Majeed
Academic and 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.

Amanda Cox
Digital Marketing

Staff

Atkinson, Thea	Faculty
Backman Taylor, Nicki	Manager, Student Services
Baird, Laurie	Counsellor, Personal & Career
Bennett, Janice	Manager, Administrative Services
Best, Di	Faculty
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