Lunenburg Campus Convocation June 4, 2025, 12:00 pm

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 Elder Peggie Wentzell

O Canada Jane Chiasson

Principal's welcome Craig Collins

President's remarks Don Bureaux

Presentation of credentials

Presentation of major awards

Valedictory address Mia Fournier White

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.



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!

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-forprofit, 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 Honourary 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

Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

Fox, Candace (Honours)

Hennigar, Colin

Riding, Lauren (Honours)

Smith, Kristen (Honours)

Stacey, Carissa (Honours)

Summerfield, Natashja (Honours)

Bridgewater, NS

Grandgewater, NS

Bridgewater, NS

Liverpool, NS

Stacey, Carissa (Honours)

Bridgewater, NS

Liverpool, NS

Bridgewater, NS

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Bridgewater, NS

Liverpool, NS

Bridgewater, NS

Certificate of Completion in Achieve

Fisher, Ryan Port Mouton, NS
Himmelman, Kalika Bridgewater, NS
Hume, Nicholas East Chester, NS
Kenney, Jordan Lunenburg, NS
McDow-Reeves, Devin Chester Basin, NS
Owens, Xander Crescent Beach, NS
Ricketts, Zacharee Wileville, NS

School of Business and Creative Industries

Certificate in Medical Office Administration

Bush, Ruth (Honours) Oshawa, ON Coulstring, Logan (Honours) Mill Cove. NS Lunenburg, NS Crouse, Kelsey Dykstra, Pamela Hemford, NS Fortin, Makayla Pleasantville, NS Gaudet, Lesley (Honours) Chelsea, NS Hynick, Megan Lunenbura, NS Kaur, Kuldip Bathinda, India McGrath, Maria (Honours) Lunenbura, NS Oyeniyi, Oluwabori (Honours) Lagos, Nigeria Panchal, Hardik Bridgewater, NS

Accra, Ghana
New Germany, NS
Bridgewater, NS
Chelsea, NS

Diploma in Business Administration

Agbo, Kelechukwu	Wileville, NS
Billing, Gurdeep Singh	Bridgewater, NS
Burgoyne, Carlie-Lynn	Bridgewater, NS
DeLong, Emma	New Germany, NS
Dolimount, Benjamin	Mahone Bay, NS
Faaur, Abdo Ahmad	Bridgewater, NS
Glover, Jacob	Lunenburg, NS
Goguen, Gerald (Honours)	West Clifford, NS
Griffiths, Owain	Lunenburg, NS

Diploma in Library and Information Technology

Rhodenizer, Lindsay (Honours) Lunenburg, NS

School of Health and Human Services

Certificate in Continuing Care

Aduku-Aidoo, Eugene (Honours)	Accra, Ghana
Dickens, Mackenzie	Springfield, NS
Flemming, Amanda	Bridgewater, NS
Goodfellow, Jonathan (Honours)	Mahone Bay, NS
Hamm, Mackenzie	Mill Village, NS
Hartlen, Riley	Liverpool, NS
Hull, Madison (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Nauss, Jade (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Oickle, Kylin	Bridgewater, NS
Oickle, Stephanie	Liverpool, NS
Richardson, David	Bridgewater, NS
Slauenwhite, Megan (Honours)	Springfield, NS
Whynot, Emma	Bridgewater, NS
Whynot, Sianna	Bridgewater, NS
Zwicker, Madison	Lunenburg, NS

Diploma in Disability Supports & Services

Bennett, Amy (Honours)	Mahone Bay, NS
Brunt, Rylee (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Collicutt, Jaime	Western Shore, NS

Fournier White, Mia (Honours)	Halifax, NS
Frittenburg, Brendan	Wileville, NS
Leblanc, Bailey	Newcombville, NS
Singh, Manveer (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Starratt, Amber	Hantsport, NS
Vaughan-LaPierre, Paige	Halifax, NS

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Porter, Zoe

Samra, Asees

Alli, Eniola	Bridgewater, NS
Archibald, Bridget	Deep Cove, NS
Bada, Ibironke	Lagos, Nigeria
Baker, Leah	Liverpool, NS
Banting, Anna Warlea (Honours)	Philippines
Bennett, Katherine (Honours)	Hubbards, NS
Bolaji, Daniel	Ondo, Nigeria
Broome, Erin	Chester Basin, NS
Brownlee, Sydney	Upper Sackville, NS
Clark, Brooklyn	Bridgewater, NS
Cruz, Jennifer	Caledon, ON
De La Cruz Hernandez, Jabeidy (Honours)	Dominican Republic
Dupuis, Clara	Halifax, NS
Frail, Samantha (Honours)	Liverpool, NS
Green, Jessica	Halifax, NS
Gregory, Amala (Honours)	Kerala, India
Hiltz, Ashley	Lockeport, NS
Hughes, Stephanie (Honours)	Mahone Bay, NS
Jackson, Melanie	Upper Branch, NS
Kaur, Rupinder <i>(Honours)</i>	Punjab, India
Kaur, Taranjit <i>(Honours)</i>	Punjab, India
Langley, Makayla	Liverpool, NS
MacLean, Teresa (Honours)	Hubbards, NS
Moors, Hayley	Bridgewater, NS
Mosher, Brittany	Bridgewater, NS
Mosher, Emma	Lunenburg, NS
Mosher, Jonathan	Western Shore, NS
Munroe, Mya	Shelburne, NS
Murray, Savannah	Halifax, NS
Myra, Haley <i>(Honours)</i>	New Germany, NS
Nwachukwu, Uju <i>(Honours)</i>	Bridgewater, NS
Nwatu, Juliet	Enugu State, Nigeria
O'Brien, Loughlin	Lakeside, NS

Windsor, NS

Halifax, NS

Uhlman, Makayla
Veinotte, Claire
Verge, Chantelle
Wagner, Savannah (Honours)
Walters, Brookelynn
Wilms, Danielle
Annapolis Royal, NS
Pinehurst, NS
Bridgewater, NS
Pleasantville, NS
Bridgewater, NS
Bridgewater, NS
Barrington, NS

School of Technology and Environment

Diploma in Information Technology Programming

Davidson, Emily Pine Grove, NS Herbert, Maxwell (Honours) Bridgewater, NS Hiltz, Jack (Honours) Blockhouse, NS Johnson, Miranda (Honours) Brooklyn, NS Langille, Elijah Conquerall Mills, NS Liu. Youfena Ammon, NB Santamaria, Jaly Bogotá DC, Colombia Wagner, Quinn Upper Branch, NS

Diploma in Natural Resources Environmental Technology

Abbott, Jared Yarmouth, NS Budden, Talitha (Honours) Sop's Arm. NL Crawshaw, Reilly Lower Sackville, NS Faulkner. Lisa (Honours) Dartmouth, NS Hardiman, Alyssa (Honours) Hatchet Lake, NS Harris, Brandon Lower Sackville, NS Harvie, Victor Noel, NS Hennigar, Briana Falmouth, NS King, Reilly (Honours) Timberlea, NS MacDonald, Keenan Noel, NS Martin, Jude Bridgewater, NS Oyediji, Mercy Lagos, Nigeria Rivard. Katie Cambridge, NS Sackville, NS Smith, Julie (Honours) Thomas, Grace Bridgetown, NS Tobin. Thalia Berwick, NS Uhlman, Tamara Liverpool, NS Velez, Gerardo Ecuador Villeneuve, Simon (Honours) Windsor, NS

School of Trades and Transportation

Certificate in Automotive Service and Repair

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Chamberlin, Heather (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Corkum, Seth	Dartmouth, NS
Drew, Abigail (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Fraser, Corbin	Riverport, NS
James, Devon	Halifax, NS
Knickle, Jake	Wileville, NS
Penney, Ethan	Upper Northfield, NS
Sajeev, Akshay (Honours)	Halifax, NS
Silver, Jessica	Bridgewater, NS
Singh, Karnveer	Punjab, India
Slauenwhite, Tyson	Liverpool, NS
Weagle, Ashton	Wileville, NS
Wentzell, Darren	Bridgewater, NS

Lunenburg, NS

Bridgewater, NS Liverpool, NS

Bridgewater, NS

Certificate in Carpentry Alexander, Fraser (Honours)

Silver, Madison (Honours)

Wilson, Jamie (Honours)

Wannamaker, Eli

Barrington, David	Bridgewater, NS
Bona, Ashley	Hemford, NS
Cameron, Nathanael	Hubley, NS
Comstock, Ky (Honours)	Lunenburg, NS
Conway, Mary (Honours)	Caledonia, NS
Corkum, Olivia (Honours)	Chester Basin, NS
Craig, Chad	Upper Northfield, NS
Daniels, Rylan	Bridgewater, NS
Dixon, Kyle	Liverpool, NS
Fauvelle, Andrew	Stillwater Lake, NS
Goldsmith, Timothy (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Greer, Robbie	Liverpool, NS
Guimond, Raphael (Honours)	Dartmouth, NS
Hatt, Mason	Indian Path, NS
Ivany, Alison	Greenwood, NS
Leonard, Dylan	Aylesford, NS
Lumby, Molly	Goderich, ON
McIsaac, Jacob	Bridgewater, NS
Munroe, Noah	Liverpool, NS
Myra, Madden <i>(Honours)</i>	Western Shore, NS
Perry, Cohen	Chester, NS

Certificate in Diesel Repair - Industrial and Marine

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Boutcher, Ashton	Bridgewater, NS
Burke, Cole (Honours)	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Cook, Spencer	Liverpool, NS
Davison, Jeremy (Honours)	Falmouth, NS
Finck, Felix	Brooklyn, NS
Jacquard, Dominic (Honours)	Wedgeport, NS
MacDonald, Nigel (Honours)	Souris, PE
Mackay, Oshua	Shelburne, NS
Mansfield, Avery	Caledonia, NS
Nickerson, Wyatt	Pubnico, NS
Oickle, Kayden (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Richard, Helene (Honours)	Dartmouth, NS
Roy, Conner	Liverpool, NS
Veinotte, Elijah	Lunenburg, NS

Certificate in Electrical Construction and Industrial

Chris, Chance	Greenfield, NS
Fashan, Rayne	Dartmouth, NS
Hiltz, Benjamin	Blockhouse, NS
Hopkins, Kyle	Conquerall Bank, NS
Jakeman, Samantha	Black Point, NS
Joudrey, Keaton	Martins Point, NS
Klim, Anthony	Upper Tantallon, NS
Leblanc, Dallas	South Brookfield, NS
McAuley, Tyson	Western Shore, NS
McNutt, Shane (Honours)	Hubbards, NS
Melanson, Luc	Halifax, NS
Naas, Lydia	Lunenburg, NS
Parker, Gabriel	Bridgewater, NS
Pearson, Ross	Bridgewater, NS
Pulsifer, Kaleb	Fauxburg, NS
Pyke, Christopher (Honours)	Pleasantville, NS
Sleep, Jordan (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Sutherland, Lucas	Oakhill, NS

Certificate in Motorcycle and Power Products Repair

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Balcom, Andrew (Honours)	Musquodoboit Harbour, NS
Beeler, Izaiah (Honours)	New Germany, NS
Chambers, Carl	Bridgewater, NS
Conrad, Trystin (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
Cox, Nathan (Honours)	Mabou, NS
de Vries, Austin	Cardigan, PE
Hebb, Darren (Honours)	Halifax, NS

Macpherson, Amanda (Honours)	Kingston, NS
Meisner, Cayden	Bridgewater, NS
Noseworthy, Shane (Honours)	Prospect, NS
O'Leary, Ryan (Honours)	Bridgewater, NS
O'Leary, Shaun (Honours)	Labelle, NS
Sears, Gil (Honours)	Barrington, NS
Singh, Yuvraj	Bridgewater, NS
Swaminarayan, Kuldeep	Ahmedabad, India
Whynot, Brittany	Liverpool, NS

Certificate in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning

Kentville, NS Bent, Tanner Brown, Liam Coldbrook, NS Buch, Jacob (Honours) Halifax, NS Casey, Leland Lower Sackville, NS Cotter, Cole (Honours) Lockeport, NS Fancey, Camryn Bridgewater, NS Haltom, Logan Bridgewater, NS Kumpan, George Toronto, ON Lacey, Jordan Bridgewater, NS Laws. Matthew Brooklyn, NS McNutt, Owen Tatamagouche, NS Mohamed, Mohamed Cairo, Egypt Renouf, Joshua Bridgewater, NS Thomas, Cole Prospect, NS Whitford, Zachery Halifax, NS

NSCC Employee Learning Programs

College Certificate in Leadership Development

Lipsett, Blair (Honours)

Bridgewater, NS

Convocation 2025 Valedictorian

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



Mia Fournier White School of Health and Human Services

Disability Supports & Services

Mia's path to NSCC began with an unexpected detour – leaving university after one semester, caused by a sense of uncertainty in the direction she was heading. Feeling lost, she took on various roles within the disability field, rediscovering her passion for advocacy and support – something that had been with her since she began volunteering at nine years old. That passion, combined with a personal autism diagnosis, deepened her drive to become a first-person advocate and led her to pursue the Disability Supports and Services program.

At NSCC, Mia found a life-changing community. Surrounded by supportive peers and faculty, she learned the value of new perspectives and the power of lived experience. Her instructors and campus supporters inspired her to embrace her voice, challenge her limits and grow beyond what she thought was possible.

Mia loved how open her campus community was and says it gave her a place to belong, grow and lead – as both a student and President of the Student Association for two years.

Following graduation, Mia will be heading to Toronto Metropolitan University to complete a degree in Disability Studies while working in this field in the city.

She leaves the Class of 2025 with these words: "You make a difference in the community with each little thing you do each day. Using your skills and teachings, you can change lives."

Major awards

Governor General's Academic Medal

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

Rylee Brunt
Disability Supports & Services

Nova Scotia Community College Gold Medal

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

Cody Whynot Carpentry

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.

Uju Nwachukwu Practical Nursing

President's Award

Awarded to a graduating student of a College Certificate Program who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and contributed to campus and/or community activities.

Shaun O'Leary Motorcycle & Power Products Repair

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.

Jaime Collicutt
Disability Supports & Services

Staff

Angove, Rob	Manager, Student Services
Baker, Kristen	Faculty
Beaudet, Ellen	Facilities Support Assistant
Berry, Greg	Faculty
Bonnell, Brandon	Faculty
Burgess, Anne	Faculty
Burris, Shirley	Faculty
Chapman, Melanie	Administrative Assistant
Chisholm, Jackie-Lee	Faculty
Church, Jacklyn	Faculty
Cluney, Mark	Faculty
Collins, Craig	Principal
Conrad, Dawn	Cook
Christie, Krista	Employment Specialist
Croft, Barrie	Faculty
Cullen, Scott	Facilities Support Lead
Curtis, Naomi	Faculty
Dagley, Wayne	Lead Facilities Technician
Davis, Erin	Employee Services Advisor
d'Entremont, Marcel	Faculty
Deering, Tanya	Administrative Assistant
DeGruchy, Hanah	Faculty
Delaney, Connor	Facilities Support Assistant
Doucette, Marisa	Faculty
Evans, Brian	Achieve Program Coordinator
Fitzgerald, Cody	Faculty
Foster, Loranne	Faculty
Frail, Dan	Electrician
Gavel, Jennifer (Retired)	Assistant Registrar
Ghofrani, Danial	Faculty
Gillis, Hope	Faculty
Haley, Jennifer	Faculty
Hill, Daniel	Administrative Assistant
Irving, Nathalie	Faculty
Jeffrey, Donnie	Student Services Counsellor,
-	Personal & Career
Keddy, Marie	Faculty
Keeley, Lesley	Assistant Registrar
Laffin, Calvin	Program Assistant
Lee, Donna	Faculty
LePage, Adam	Facilities Manager
Leslie, Brandon	Facilities Support Assistant
Lipsett, Blair	Academic Chair

Longmire, Terri MacAdam, Andrew Manning, lan NcCallum	Faculty Faculty Faculty Faculty
McLaughlin, Jennifer Meisner, Shelley	Academic Chair Library Technician
Mills, Glenna	Faculty
Mosher, Kait	Food Services Assistant
Muise, Jeff	Faculty
Ngoh, Clarence	Faculty
O'Brien, Minga	Faculty
Orr, Nathan	Administrative Assistant Student Accessibility Specialist/
Pittman, Mary Jane	Student Services Advisor
Porter, Jeremy	Student Services Advisor
Printz, Denise	Administrative Assistant
Purdue, Alyson	Faculty
Rhodenizer, Aaron	Faculty
Richard, Tony	Facilities Support Assistant
Ritcey-Conrad, Anne Louise	Food Services Assistant
Roy, Bill	Faculty Administrative Assistant
Sarzuelo, Kae Saxby, James	Faculty
Scafutto, Marco	Digital Technology Analyst
Sena, Joesen	Facilities Support Assistant
Sheehy, Chris	LCA / Test Centre
Silver, Roger	Facilities Support Assistant
Simpkins-Gibbs, Sheena	Faculty
Slauenwhite, Jennifer	Faculty
Smith, Jake Surette, Leanne	Manager Administrative Services Administrative Assistant, Academic Schools
Symonds, Jamie	Faculty
Thibodeau, Doug	Faculty
Tynes, Haiti	Program Assistant
Wilson, Kevin	Achieve Program Assistant