

# Kingstec Campus Convocation

## June 9, 2025 @ 9:00am

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## **O Canada**

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Don Bureaux, President

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Susan Wallace, Medical Office Administration

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# School of Business and Creative Industries

## Certificate in Administrative Professional

Bourgoin, Susan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kingston, NS
Brownlee, Samantha ( <i>Honours</i> )	Chilliwack, BC
Gray, Crystal	Berwick, NS
Harvie, Taro ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Henry, Garion ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Henry, Jessica ( <i>Honours</i> )	Truro, NS
Howlett, Kira	Berwick, NS
Mclean, Flannery ( <i>Honours</i> )	Mantua, NS
Naugler, Jackie ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kingston, NS
Sonali, Sonali ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS

## Certificate in Baking and Pastry Arts

Longley, Shianne	Kentville, NS
Loughead Folks, Elliotte	Wolfville, NS
Pozzolo, Alice ( <i>Honours</i> )	Fredericton, NB
Roach, Nick	Wilmot, NS
Ware, Pamela ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kennetcook, NS

## Certificate in Medical Office Administration

Abegunrin, Ayooluwa ( <i>Honours</i> )	Lagos, Nigeria
Alimah, Maxwell ( <i>Honours</i> )	Wolfville, NS
Bekkers, Janelle ( <i>Honours</i> )	Grand Pre, NS
Boucher, Tyler ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kingston, NS
Ciganovic, Mikaylah ( <i>Honours</i> )	Mavilette, NS
Dobson, Sarah ( <i>Honours</i> )	Yellowknife, NWT
Gogan, Kenita ( <i>Honours</i> )	Somerset, NS
Gosbee, Holly ( <i>Honours</i> )	Cambridge, NS
Kumari, Kashish	Punjab, India
Myles, Madison ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Minas, NS
Ogilvie, Malinda ( <i>Honours</i> )	Thunder Bay, ON
Richard, Bryan	Windsor, NS
Sherman, Desirée ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Minas, NS
Smith, Neandra	Kentville, NS
Wallace, Susan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Berwick, NS

## **Certificate in Tourism Hospitality**

Arsenault, Myleana	Aylesford, NS
Baxter, Nova ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Chaisson, Clara ( <i>Honours</i> )	Bridgetown, NS
Dunbar, Victoria	Berwick, NS
Enasu, Antony Manjaly ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kerala, India
MacFarlane, Valerie	Kentville, NS
McLennan, Nora ( <i>Honours</i> )	Middleton, NS
Newcomb, Natalie	Wolfville, NS
Sheffield, Seth ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Walker-Nuell, Braelyn ( <i>Honours</i> )	Annapolis Royal, NS
Westergard, Lily ( <i>Honours</i> )	Yarmouth, NS

## **Diploma in Business Administration**

Araujo Leandro, Thiary ( <i>Honours</i> )	Pernambuco, Brazil
Bk, Mandip	Pokhara, Nepal
Burke, Noah	Centreville, NS
Ding, Meng	Hebei Province, China
Edwards, Sean	Kingston, NS
Fancey, Sam	Middleton, NS
Freeman, Emily	Wilmot, NS
Fuentes, Julia Diva ( <i>Honours</i> )	Canning, NS
Hao, Xiang	XinJiang, China
Hayes, Carson	Nictaux, NS
Kaur, Balpreet	Punjab, India
Kaur, Manjeet	Punjab, India
Mcmullen, Alicia	Kentville, NS
Morrison, Brody	Kentville, NS
Rand, Tamara	Canning, NS
Robins, Marion	Halifax, NS
Ruggles, Dominic	Dartmouth, NS
Hardeep, Sharma	Punjab, India
Singh, Inderjeet	Punjab, India
Singh, Kamal	Punjab, India
Smith, Leland	Kentville, NS
Veinot, Adam	New Minas, NS

## **Diploma in Business Administration - Accounting**

Cross, Tara ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Cudmore, Darcie	Coldbrook, NS
Darrah, Ceilidh	Saint John, NB
Hartt, Candice ( <i>Honours</i> )	Avonport, NS
Kabir, Kabir	Karnal, Haryana
Kafedjiev Zari, Oriel ( <i>Honours</i> )	Sofia, Bulgaria
MacDonald, Colby	Chester, NS
MacKinnon, Colin	Kentville, NS
Mayhew, Alyssa	Kingston, NS
Miles, Trishelle	Kentville, NS
Potter, Sarah ( <i>Honours</i> )	Courtice, ON
Roosje, Michele ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port George, NS
Swinamer, Brooklynn	Mount Uniacke, NS
Yade, Daisy ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS

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

Amoda, Mariam	Lagos, Nigeria
Atkinson, Autumn ( <i>Honours</i> )	Yarmouth, NS
Bent, Mark ( <i>Honours</i> )	Waterville, NS
d'Eon, Carson ( <i>Honours</i> )	West Pubnico, NS
Egbewole, Akinwumi	Kentville, NS
Fakoya, Basit	Halifax, NS
Fletcher, Christian ( <i>Honours</i> )	Windsor, NS
Hassan, Olugbenga	Kentville, NS
Jain, Apoorv ( <i>Honours</i> )	Ludhiana, India
Kaur, Sharanpreet	Punjab, India
McCready, Johnathan	Coldbrook, NS
Monye, Samuel	Delta State, Nigeria
Oluyemi, Damilola	Ido-Ekiti, Nigeria
Panday, Bishwash ( <i>Honours</i> )	India
Sarty, Ethan	Aylesford, NS

## **Diploma in Culinary Management**

Campeau, Luka (*Honours/CO-OP*)

Chen, Liwei (*Honours/CO-OP*)

Cross, Claudia (*Honours/CO-OP*)

Mukoro, Victoria (*CO-OP*)

Pang, Shengwen (*CO-OP*)

Skinner-Taylor, Riley (*CO-OP*)

Tobin, Jasper (*CO-OP*)

Brooklyn, NS

Changsha, China

Big Tancook Island, NS

Delta State, Nigeria

China

Kentville, NS

Berwick, 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.

Jessica West  
*Social Services*

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

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

Tyler Boucher  
*Medical 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.

Selena Harbers  
*Social 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.

Pamela Ware  
*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.

Heartwill Elewosi  
*Disability Supports and Services*

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## Susan Wallace

### School of Business and Creative Industries

#### Medical Office Administration

For over a decade, Susan worked in Jamaica's Ministry of Education and Youth starting as an office assistant before becoming a front desk receptionist, a role she held until immigrating to Canada in 2023. With a desire to make a meaningful contribution to the health industry, Susan enrolled in the Medical Office Administration program at NSCC Kingstec Campus.

In the program, Susan embraced hands-on learning and enjoyed working and learning alongside her classmates. Their support helped create a strong sense of community, one that motivated her throughout her studies. She also credits program faculty for being approachable, supportive and invested in student's well-being. Beyond the classroom, Susan was inspired by the supportive learning environment on campus. One of the most valuable skills Susan learned was about the importance of paying attention to details, an essential skill in healthcare.

Following graduation, Susan plans to enter the workforce and secure a job that uses her skills and training as a medical office administrator. Her goal is to achieve financial stability, provide for her and her family and to contribute to the community through her profession.

Susan shares this advice with the class of 2025: "The relationships we have built here at NSCC are invaluable. Nurture those connections and continue to support one another as you navigate your future careers. Trust in your abilities, believe in yourself and know that you have the power to achieve your dreams."



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# School of Access, Education and Language

## Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

Bennett, Brianne ( <i>Honours</i> )	Coldbrook, NS
Eisnor, Emma ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Friesen, Gerald ( <i>Honours</i> )	Berwick, NS
Friesen, Kara ( <i>Honours</i> )	Berwick, NS

## Certificate in Academic and Career Connections

Charlie, Andrice	Hantsport, NS
Connors, Mallory	Falmouth, NS

## Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Crowe, Ava	Kingston, NS
Crowe, Kennedy	Mahone Bay, NS
Delima, Jephony ( <i>Honours</i> )	Negros, Philippines
Ellis, Mackenzie ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kingston, NS
Emino, Amber	Kentville, NS
Fancey, Rose	Middleton, NS
Keddy, Jacqueline ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Ross, NS
Keddy-Sabean, Abigail	Canning, NS
Key, Nox	Meadowvale, NS
Lane, Sydney	Kentville, NS
Lewis, Jayden ( <i>Honours</i> )	Digby, NS
Meisner, Isabella ( <i>Honours</i> )	Bridgewater, NS
Ottens, Sophie	Lunenburg, NS
Purchase, Brooke	Kentville, NS
Rafuse, Paige	Kentville, NS
Robar, Abigail	Cambridge, NS
Sheffield, Paige	Hantsport, NS
Spence, Jessica	Centre Burlington, NS
White, Abigail ( <i>Honours</i> )	Greenwich, NS
Wood, Isabella ( <i>Honours</i> )	Mcgee Lake, NS

# School of Health and Human Services

## Certificate in Continuing Care

Agius, Ella ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Dunyo, Aurora	Dagbamatey, Ghana
Grant, Chloe ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Herritt, Cayden	Falmouth, NS
Hughes, Abby	Hantsport, NS
Jeddry, Zoe ( <i>Honours</i> )	Meteghan, NS
Jules, Anika ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
Kaur, Mehakpreet ( <i>Honours</i> )	Punjab, India
Kendrick, Jordan	Cambridge, NS
Lim, Jiyeon ( <i>Honours</i> )	Seoul, South Korea
MacNeil, Raine	New Minas, NS
Ranson, Kayla	New Minas, NS
Richards, Brooklynn	Kentville, NS
Sears, Halle ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Shaji, Albin ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kerala, India
Swimm, Meagan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Aylesford, NS
Varghese, Alen	Kerala, India
Walker, Leah ( <i>Honours</i> )	Windsor, NS
Yu, Tuo	Changsha, China

## Diploma in Disability Supports and Services

Aji, Abhijith	Ernakulam, India
Allen, Kaitlyn	Kentville, NS
Antonio, Gideon ( <i>Honours</i> )	Accra, Ghana
Ashley, Lyrica ( <i>Honours</i> )	Dutch Settlement, NS
Chima, Ruth ( <i>Honours</i> )	Imo State, Nigeria
Ekeruche, Joy ( <i>Honours</i> )	Delta, Nigeria
Elewosi, Heartwill ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kpando, Ghana
Eshun, Emma ( <i>Honours</i> )	Accra, Ghana
Ezeagu, Ogechukwu	Lagos, Nigeria
John, Peace ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Harcourt, Nigeria
Pemberton, Em ( <i>Honours</i> )	Windsor, NS
Ward, Hailey	Grand Pre, NS
Wilson, Mackenzie	Lower Burlington, NS

## Diploma in Social Services

Barkhouse, Justin	Waterville, NS
Best, Karlea ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kingston, NS
Cottenden-Fuller, Anna ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Gibson, Elizabeth	Windsor, NS
Gould, Jessica	Port Williams, NS
Harbers, Selena ( <i>Honours</i> )	Avonport, NS
Moore, Breena	Coldbrook, NS
Olszowiec, Hannah ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Williams, NS
Sampson, Malachi	Three Mile Plains, NS
Sherman, Mallory	Kentville, NS
Smiley, Adrianna ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Minas, NS
Strickland, Zachary ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Supple-States, Zahara	Kentville, NS
Todd, Quinn	Bridgetown, NS
Wenham-Clarke, Kierra	Kentville, NS
West, Jessica ( <i>Honours</i> )	St. Croix, NS
Whynot, Sarah	Chester Basin, NS

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### School of Health and Human Services

#### Disability Supports and Services

Dzolalian Heartwill Elewosi came to Nova Scotia from Ghana, where she worked as a Registered Clinical Health Psychologist in Accra. With a commitment to supporting marginalized communities, she sought out the Disability Supports and Services program at NSCC Kingstec Campus. She chose the program because it built on her experience and offered new skills to better support those who need it most - while also pushing herself to grow.

At NSCC, Heartwill found a community that embraced her values. Through practicums, partnership projects and guidance from program faculty, she developed the skills and confidence needed to be provide inclusive support that makes a lasting impact on people's lives. For Heartwill, it was important to be involved in the campus community. While she was a student, she served as Wellness Champion, participated in several key committees, worked as an International Student Ambassador and volunteered as a student tour guide for two years. She is also a full-time YouTube mental health content creator and also currently works with Open Arms and New Visions Care Homes.

As she prepares to graduate, Heartwill is focused on continuing her work in mental health and disability support while completing her registration as a Psychologist in Canada. She hopes to contribute meaningfully to organizations that serve and positively impact vulnerable individuals.

To everyone graduating in 2025, Heartwill shares this advice: "No matter what challenges life presents, never give up. Always stand up and try again, reminding yourself, 'I can do it.' These powerful words activate your brain, helping you achieve your goal."



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# School of Technology and Environment

## Diploma in Electrical Technician

Carey, Rylan	Hammonds Plains, NS
Chipman, Jack	Wolfville, NS
Flynn, Cameron	Millwood, NS
Fraser, Nicholas	Dartmouth, NS
Fulton, Easton ( <i>Honours</i> )	Aylesford, NS
Gaulton, Garrett	Kingston, NS
Gould, Zachary	Nicholsville, NS
Hillier, Maxwell	Kentville, NS
Lewis, Jessie	Mosher Corner, NS
Malloy, Aaron	Halifax, NS
Mongeon, Marc	Halifax, NS
Wu, Yang ( <i>Honours</i> )	Huai'an, China

## Diploma in Electronic Engineering Technician

Cann, Damyan	Kentville, NS
Clark, Hal ( <i>Honours</i> )	Whites Creek, Tennessee
Hogeterp, Thomas	Centreville, NS
Newell, Keisha	Wilmot, NS
Tracy, Simon ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Williams, NS
Trevors, Nathaniel	Kentville, NS
Whynot, Alexander	Chester, NS

## Diploma in Horticulture and Landscape Technology - Landscape

Barker, Gus	Ellershouse, NS
Churchill, Robert ( <i>Honours</i> )	Yarmouth, NS
Drost, Brett ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hartland, NB
Grey, Evelyn ( <i>Honours</i> )	Medford, NS
Keizer, Jared	Centreville, NS
O'Brien, Abigail ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hantsport, NS
Power, Summer ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hammonds Plains, NS
Robertson, Aidan	Halifax, NS
Salami, Augustine	Nigeria
Upshall, Michael	Hammonds Plains, NS

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

Bond-Kelley, Maria ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Ehler, Emilie ( <i>Honours</i> )	Salt Springs, NS
Fedoruk, Kate	Steveston, BC
Fox, Victoria	Dartmouth, NS
Greer, Grace	Newport, NS
Parsons, Alison ( <i>Honours</i> )	Sydney, NS
Titus, Anand	Kerala, India
Wells, Nicole	Halifax, NS

## **School of Trades and Transportation**

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

Huntley, Kameron ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Jodrey, Brock	Wolfville, NS
Joudrey, Darcy ( <i>Honours</i> )	North Alton, NS
Kasprzak, George ( <i>Honours</i> )	Windsor, NS
Keizer, Ashton	Kingston, NS
Labrador, Xavier	New Minas, NS
Paris, Marques	Lockhartville, NS
Penny, Vanessa	Hantsport, NS
Phillips-Singer, Connor	Windsor, NS
Pineo, Benjamin	Kentville, NS
Riley, Mateo	Windsor, NS
Shand, Ian ( <i>Honours</i> )	Dartmouth, NS
Thorpe, Liam ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Toney, Julian ( <i>Honours</i> )	Kentville, NS
Wile, Nathaniel	Woodville, NS

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

Cormier, Charles	Kentville, NS
Delaney, Kaitlyn	Forest Glade, NS
Dill Minard, Logan	Kentville, NS
Driscoll, River ( <i>Honours</i> )	Nictaux, NS
Faith, Noah	Hammonds Plains, NS
Greeno, Rylan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Falmouth, NS

Hanlon-Brown, Mackenzie (*Honours*)  
Hudson, Benedict (*Honours*)  
Keefe, Shay  
MacLellan, Lily  
MacMullin, Brayden  
Maw, Sydney (*Honours*)  
Medicraft, Hunter  
Okum-Mitchell, Caleb (*Honours*)  
Roberts, Christian  
Singer, Christopher (*Honours*)  
Smith, Adrien (*Honours*)  
Squires, Mackenzie (*Honours*)  
Therrien, Hayden (*Honours*)

Bedford, NS  
Gaspereau, NS  
Beaver Bank, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
Wolfville, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Bridgetown, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Kingston, NS  
Shubenacadie, NS  
Clare, NS  
Falmouth, NS  
Hantsport, NS

### **Certificate in Plumbing**

Caldwell, Jacob  
Collins, Jack  
Crowe, Quinn  
Edgson, Nicole (*Honours*)  
Graham, Jamar  
Holleman, Rebecca  
Leefe, Van  
Parker, Jake (*Honours*)  
Robichaud, Nicolas (*Honours*)  
Waterman, Brennan (*Honours*)  
White, Timothy (*Honours*)

Hantsport, NS  
Port Williams, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Cheverie, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Berwick, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Three Mile Plains, NS  
Berwick, NS  
Bridgewater, NS  
Oromocto, NB

### **Certificate in Precision Machining**

Adegbite, Adedapo (*Honours*)  
Crowell, Michael  
Gillis-Mailman, Kale  
Harvey, Trevor  
Léveillé, Maxime  
Mullen, Maxim  
Smith, Abigail  
Winger, Robert (*Honours*)

Oyo State, Nigeria  
Halifax, NS  
Meadowvale, NS  
Kentville, NS  
Greenwood, NS  
Weymouth, NS  
New Minas, NS  
Middleton, NS

## Diploma in Carpentry

Andrews, Michael ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
Ansems, Caelin ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Williams, NS
Auclair, Bonnie ( <i>Honours</i> )	Welsford, NS
Beaudin, Nevin	Coldbrook, NS
Buckler, Keelan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Aylesford, NS
Corkum, Mark	Kentville, NS
Dempsey, Aaron ( <i>Honours</i> )	Berwick, NS
Dewaai, Corbin	Canning, NS
Hillier, Adam	Windsor, NS
Kennedy, Tristan	Timberlea, NS
Quinton, Caitlin ( <i>Honours</i> )	Billtown, NS
Rector, Brynley	Grand Pre, NS
Richard, Carly	Falmouth, NS
Roode, Liam	Valley, NS
Sabean, Xander	Cannings, NS

## Diploma in CNC Machining

Neish, James ( <i>Honours</i> )	South Brookfield, NS
Perrin, Ryan ( <i>Honours</i> )	
Singleton, Jackson ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hantsport, NS
Stone, Taylor ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
VanOostrum, Sean ( <i>Honours</i> )	Grafton, NS

## Diploma in Truck and Transport Repair

Bent, Kyle	Kentville, NS
Blinn, Mathieu	Clare, NS
Carr, Evan	Amherst, NS
Crockett, Kearra	Aylesford, NS
Ells, Ryan	Canning, NS
Fleming, Kieran	Edmonton, AB
Mailman, Elijah	Aylesford, NS
Titus, Zacchaeus	Victoria Beach, 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.

Jessica West  
*Social Services*

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

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

Tyler Boucher  
*Medical 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.

Selena Harbers  
*Social 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.

Pamela Ware  
*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.

Heartwill Elewosi  
*Disability Supports and Services*

# 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.





## Caelin Ansems

### School of Trades and Transportation

#### Carpentry

Caelin worked at a bookstore before attending NSCC Kingstec Campus. After enjoying shop class in high school and helping out with carpentry projects on the family farm, they figured the Carpentry Diploma program would be a good fit - and it was.

Throughout the program, Caelin built more than just carpentry skills. They found a supportive community in their classmates and faculty and felt lucky to have been part of a class that really got along - something that made all the difference in their experience. Caelin also enjoyed the variety of skills taught in the program, especially in the second year and appreciated how hands-on the learning was. One of the most valuable lessons Caelin learned in the program was that it's okay to make mistakes and it's normal not to be perfect at things right away. Support from their family played a major role in their success in the program. Caelin's parents were a constant source of encouragement, always ready to listen, talk things through and offer advice.

After graduation, Caelin plans to pursue their Red Seal certification and hopes to one day become a wilderness camping instructor and sail tall ships around the world.

To the class of 2025, Caelin offers this advice: "Be yourself, be kind and ask stupid questions because those are better than stupid mistakes."



# 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.

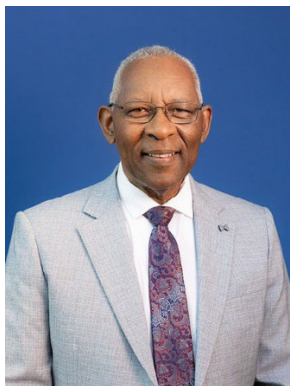
Jim began his career as a carpenter before founding Joneljim Concrete Construction in 1970. Under his leadership, Joneljim has grown into one of Cape Breton's largest contractors, providing general contracting, project and construction management, and heavy civil contracting. The Joneljim Group of Companies 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 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.

# Staff

Ackerman, Sue	Faculty
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Capern, Trevor	Faculty
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Gagnon, Jennifer	Faculty

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Mack, Robin	Administrative Assistant
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Pulsifer, Mellisa	Faculty
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Smith, Maria	Administrative Assistant
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Sulis, Terry	Faculty
Sullivan, Eric	Faculty
Thimot, Paul	Faculty
VanHattem, David	Faculty
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Ward, Bruce	Faculty
Wood, Nate	Faculty



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