

CONVOCATION

2026

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.

African Nova Scotian recognition

NSCC recognizes the African Nova Scotians as a distinct group who arrived here 400 years ago. From that time on, they have contributed to the infrastructure and economic wealth of the towns and cities they helped to build.

Let us learn more about how respective communities were shaped by the historical contributions of African Nova Scotians to Mi'kma'ki.

Order of proceedings

Processional

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

Mi'kmaq Honour Song

Lift Every Voice and Sing

O Canada

Principal's welcome

Jason Clark

President's remarks

Anna Burke, Acting NSCC President

Presentation of credentials

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

Presentation of major awards

Valedictory address

Yousef Kanan – Institute of Skilled Trades

Jarred Reinking – School of Access, Business, Creative Industries and Education

Emily Schrader – School of Health and Human Services

Recessional

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

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* performed at NSCC Convocation ceremonies is an act of Reconciliation, community, cultural revitalization and inclusivity. The song shared by singers is an invitation for the audience to participate in a powerful ceremony, which is a unifying symbol of the connection to land and enduring spirit of 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 community and connection in Mi'kmaq culture and traditions - so they are preserved, shared and celebrated for generations to come.

View lyrics to the *Mi'kmaq Honour Song* at nsc.ca/ceremony

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. By incorporating *Lift Every Voice and Sing* into our Convocation ceremonies, we affirm our 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.

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 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.

View lyrics to *Lift Every Voice and Sing* at nsc.ca/ceremony



Anna Burke

Message from the Acting NSCC President

Graduates,

Today, we come together to recognize and celebrate your perseverance, your dedication to your studies, and the commitments you've maintained throughout your journey. Every challenge you faced and connection you made along the way has shaped this significant milestone - 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 2026!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Burke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anna Burke

Major awards

Governor General's Academic Medal

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

Makayla Melanson

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.

Ida Hudson

Tourism Hospitality

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.

Taylor Linloff

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.

Jarred Reinking

Medical Office Administration

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.

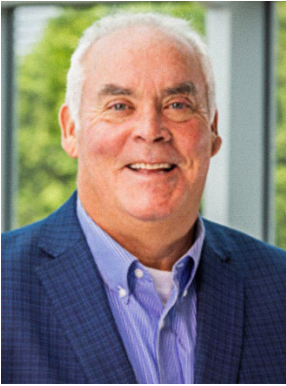
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Social Services

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Honorary Diplomas

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



David Frederick Arenburg

Burrige Campus

David Frederick Arenburg is a successful business owner, dedicated supporter and passionate advocate of NSCC. Having served on the NSCC Foundation Board of Directors for more than 10 years, he has left a lasting impact on the College and the many students he has supported – whether as an advocate, employer or mentor.

David was a key supporter of the NSCC Foundation Make Way campaign in 2018-19 and is a frequent guest speaker at NSCC's Burrige Campus – sharing insights on business models, including franchising.

For over 30 years, David and his wife, Elizabeth, owned and operated franchises in Southwest Nova Scotia, including five Tim Hortons locations and one Wendy's.

His commitment to his community and province extends beyond his businesses, with service on numerous boards, including the Yarmouth Hospital Foundation, the Nova Scotia Western Regional Enterprise Network and Nova Scotia Business Inc. David was named the Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year (2007) and received the Waste Check Environmental Service Award (2012).

His current passion is supporting the community's efforts to raise \$10 million for the \$42-million expansion of the Mariners Recreation Complex in Yarmouth.

David and Elizabeth enjoy spending time with their two daughters and their families. As an experienced sailor, he values time on the water with friends and family.

David's commitment to supporting others and strengthening his community has left a lasting impact that will continue to be felt for years to come.



Ann Brown

Institute of Technology Campus

Ann Brown has worked with Nova Scotia Power for almost 17 years. Most recently, she has been the company's Contract Management Analyst – a role she designed based on the needs of the company.

After attending Women Unlimited – a trades and technology career exploration and preparation program at NSCC – Ann went on to complete a Marine and Industrial Rigging program at the College which launched the trajectory of her career. She completed her apprenticeship as an industrial electrician at Nova Scotia Power and then worked in the plants and substations for more than a decade.

In addition to her work at Nova Scotia Power, Ann is a prominent member of its diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) community. She has served in the role of co-chair for the Black Employee Resource Group for three years and was a founding member of, and continues to serve on, their first Employee Resource Group to support women in trades (WEARE+).

Ann has spearheaded numerous events across the company to educate on and celebrate the Black experience, particularly as it relates to Nova Scotia's historic Black communities. Ann is someone who “leads from behind” and despite not being one for the spotlight, she is also regularly called upon as a speaker, panelist and participant in internal events, community events and engagements with community investment partners.

Ann has shown an outstanding commitment to supporting and advocating for women in trades. Her tireless efforts have helped break barriers, create opportunities and foster an inclusive environment for women pursuing careers in traditionally underrepresented fields.

Ann serves as a role model and mentor in many areas. After receiving support from Women Unlimited at the outset of her career search, she now gives back

by mentoring those beginning their professional journey. She advocates for systemic and policy change and is heavily involved in community engagement.

Ann has not only empowered individuals, but her efforts have strengthened the trades sector by promoting the importance of diversity and inclusion efforts. She thrives on inspiring others and continuously works to “pass along the positivity” every day.

Ann and her husband have eight wonderful children - four daughters and four sons - and seven wonderful grandchildren.



Jude Clyde

Truro Campus

Jude Clyde has dedicated his life to serving others as a coach, mentor, community leader and advocate for equity and social action. His purpose and personal experiences have fueled his passion for helping individuals navigate their own unique journeys toward personal growth, healing and fulfillment.

Jude is a proud African Nova Scotian from a small Black community in Truro known as “The Island,” where he has lived for most of his life. His community has shaped his values, perspective and commitment to service. As a husband, father and grandfather, family remains at the centre of everything he does.

Before beginning his work with the Black Educators Association at NSCC’s Truro Campus, Jude worked with the Department of Community Services and was actively involved in community development initiatives throughout northern Nova Scotia. During this time, he helped create and support programs focused on youth development, education and cultural identity, including Afrocentric Saturday school programming, tutoring initiatives, summer camps and adult literacy programs.

For more than 25 years, Jude built a distinguished career within the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC), working with individuals and communities across both urban and rural regions. He began at Springhill Institution in Nova Scotia, later moving to the Dartmouth Parole Office as a community parole officer before relocating to the Truro Area Parole Office in 2010.

Jude worked collaboratively with the Crown in Truro and community partners to help develop the Colchester African Nova Scotian Justice Strategy – a community-based initiative aimed at addressing gaps between African Nova Scotian communities and the justice system. The strategy included the development of a justice navigator role and other culturally responsive supports

for individuals in conflict with the law. From 2022 to 2025, he served on the Board of Directors of the African Nova Scotian Justice Institute.

Jude later assumed the role of Senior Project Officer within the Anti-Racism, Diversity and Inclusion Directorate at CSC National Headquarters, where he has continued advancing initiatives focused on equity, inclusion and culturally responsive approaches within corrections.

His community leadership has extended beyond his professional career. He helped establish Community Strong – an organization focused on community support, service initiatives, youth engagement and community events. He also founded the Black Men’s Wellness Group at NSCC’s Truro Campus, creating a safe and supportive space for Black men to engage in conversations related to health, identity and mental wellness. Jude is also involved in organizing the Black Men’s Conference in Halifax and the Black Men’s Summit in Tatamagouche.

Jude currently serves as Secretary of Futureworx and President of the Truro Black Cultural Development Association.

Through his wellness coaching, facilitation and community engagement work, Jude continues to support individuals and communities in realizing their potential and creating meaningful change.

His dedication to community service and social justice has been recognized through numerous awards. These include the CSC Emerson Douyon Multiculturalism Award, the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission’s Dr. Burnley Allan “Rocky” Jones Award, the Truro Sports Heritage Society Sport and Recreation Award and being named 2016 Colchester County Volunteer of the Year.



Doug Doucet

Akerley Campus

Doug Doucet is a hands-on, strategically focused executive known for building high-performing teams, strengthening client relationships and delivering complex projects. He is President and CEO of Doucet Developments in Bedford, Nova Scotia, a front-facing entity for the Doucet Developments group of companies.

Doug's leadership spans three decades and many operating companies, including rcs construction, Mill-Right Woodworking, Tier Too Properties and PMco. He is also an active business partner in local hospitality ventures, including restaurant operations, a golf course and holds additional property interests such as hotels and multi-residential assets.

At Doucet Developments, Doug emphasizes operational discipline, scalable production capacity, and a culture built on reputation and long-term relationships. He supports execution and alignment using an Entrepreneurial Operating System, reinforcing clear priorities, accountability and measurable performance across teams. Doug champions a values-driven approach rooted in accountability, communication and teamwork, and continues to grow the organization while maintaining a family-minded, relationship-driven environment.

Doug's leadership priorities are guided by four pillars: workplace diversification, culture engagement, mental wellness and digital optimization – reflecting his belief that strong teams, modern systems and a healthy workplace culture drive consistent outcomes for clients and long-term success.

Community leadership is a meaningful part of Doug's life and work. In recent years, he has served in a range of board, trustee, advisory and chair roles. These include serving as a Trustee with the Frank H. Sobey Awards for Excellence in Business Studies, Advisory Board Member with Kwik Chef Inc.,

Chair of the Canadian Cancer Society: Think Like Cancer Committee and Board Member/Investor with Halifax Hurricanes Basketball. His past governance roles also include governance representation with Mount Saint Vincent University, the IWK Health Centre, the IWK Foundation and the Construction Association of Nova Scotia. He is particularly proud to have been part of the Great Big Dig for the IWK, helping raise over \$1 million for the IWK during his time as Chair and Innovator.



Jax Irwin

Ivany Campus

Jax Irwin is an award-winning creator, podcast host and radio and television personality from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. She is best known for her viral short-form content across digital platforms, including her East Coast Call series.

A graduate of NSCC's Radio Television Arts program (now Radio Television Journalism) in 2010, Jax began her career in broadcast media after discovering the College through an information session. She worked in media across British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia, building her career from Halifax radio to eventually co-hosting the morning show on Virgin Radio Toronto.

After stepping away from traditional broadcast in 2023, Jax began building her own digital media and production company in Toronto, creating story-driven content and social campaigns for brands including General Motors, Paramount+, BMO and Tim Hortons. In 2025, she also launched the podcast "The Adam Wylde & Jax Show" alongside her longtime friend and former co-host, Adam Wylde, continuing to grow her audience across audio, video and social platforms.

Jax enjoys creating content that makes people smile and built a large audience through her "Random East Coast Calls" series, centred around spontaneous conversations with strangers across Atlantic Canada. Living away from Nova Scotia, she found the series gave her a meaningful connection to the region and helped her stay connected to her roots while away from home. The series has resonated widely for its warmth, humour and celebration of East Coast culture and community.

Jax credits NSCC as an invaluable part of both her personal and professional journey. She often speaks about the confidence, belonging and creative direction she found at the College, and remains a proud supporter of the opportunities it creates for future storytellers and creatives.



Debbie Johnson-Powell

Ivany Campus

Debbie Johnson-Powell has served as a community interpreter in Nova Scotia for more than four decades. A Child of Deaf Adults (CODA), Debbie's life and career have been shaped by an unwavering commitment to accessibility, equity and social inclusion.

Debbie began interpreting for her parents and her brother, who is also Deaf, at a very young age. Over time, she became widely known across Nova Scotia as the person Deaf community members turned to for support in whatever situations arose. What began simply as an act of care and responsibility eventually evolved into a deeply respected interpreting career.

In addition to mentoring countless American Sign Language/English Interpreting Program (AEIP) students across generations, Debbie has provided interpreting services for the College on numerous occasions. In doing so, she has helped ensure access for Deaf employees, students and community members – reinforcing the College's commitment to accessibility.

Through her decades of sustained engagement with AEIP students, faculty, Deaf community members and provincial partners, Debbie's interpreting work and mentorship have fostered important relationships beyond the classroom, strengthening social infrastructure and equitable participation across Nova Scotia.

Debbie's leadership in the field was publicly recognized during the COVID-19 pandemic. She interpreted every provincial update, alongside the Premier and Chief Medical Examiner, to support the timely and equitable access to critical public health information for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Nova Scotians. This tireless work, alongside team member Richard Martell, received the gratitude of the Nova Scotia Government.

Debbie's work was also honoured through an award from the Halifax Association for the Deaf (1994) and by the Canadian Association of Sign Language Interpreters with the Phyllis Joynt Mentorship Award (2016).

Her work embodies the very heart of interpreting as a profession rooted in relationship, responsibility and service to Deaf communities in Nova Scotia.

Debbie and her husband, Ron, have one son.



Stuart MacLeod

Sydney Waterfront Campus

Stuart MacLeod is the founder of MacLeod Lorway Insurance, headquartered in Sydney with offices across Nova Scotia.

In 1965, after gaining early career experience in Calgary, Montreal and New Glasgow, Stuart returned to Sydney to join his father's insurance business. He later assumed full ownership of Stuart MacLeod Limited and began expanding the family enterprise. Through the merger with C.R. Lorway and Son, MacLeod Lorway Insurance was formed and grew into one of the province's leading brokerages.

Beyond his business achievements, Stuart has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to community leadership. He has served as President of the Insurance Brokers Association of Nova Scotia and has been actively involved with many local organizations. Stuart is a strong supporter of Cape Breton University, Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation and Nova Scotia Community College - Sydney Waterfront Campus. He has also played a significant role in local hockey, serving as President of the Glace Bay-Sydney Metro Bees and the Sydney Millionaires, and as a founding member and long-time Chair of the Cape Breton Eagles.

His contributions have been widely recognized, including being inducted into the Cape Breton Business Hall of Fame (2006) and the Cape Breton Philanthropy Hall of Fame (2022), as well as being awarded an honorary degree from Cape Breton University. This year, the Cape Breton Regional Municipality recognized his 60 years in business and lasting impact on the community by declaring January 7, 2026 as Stuart MacLeod Day.

A resident of Northside East Bay, Stuart exemplifies dedication, leadership and community service. He and his wife, Nonie, recently celebrated 60 years of marriage and are proud parents of four children, ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



Joseph Patrick Shannon

Strait Area Campus

Joseph Patrick Shannon, who grew up in Sydney and now calls Port Hawkesbury home, began his career as a truck driver. He is now president of Atlantic Corporation Limited (holding company for his group of companies that include Shannex, Seaboard Transport Group and Metro Self Storage). His corporate interests also extend to the IT, real estate and construction sectors.

Joseph's acumen and energy grew the corporation from a small-town business to a giant in North America. His efforts have been instrumental in modernizing Cape Breton's economy through the restructuring of several major Crown corporations, as well as his commitment to mentoring young business leaders.

Joseph has extended his success in business to generous support for organizations including the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation, the QEII Health Science Centre, the Gaelic College and the Port Hawkesbury Community Centre, among many others. His extensive support of Cape Breton University includes helping to develop its Purdy Crawford Chair in Aboriginal Business Studies and Aboriginal Youth Mentorship Program at the Shannon School of Business. Most recently, major donations were made to a group of Atlantic universities to advance research in health care, AI and workforce development.

Joseph has been a valued and trusted partner of NSCC for over 25 years, especially through Shannex and its various service lines, including long term care and transitional health services. During this time, he has built a legacy of philanthropy and a deep commitment to education and the evolving needs of the healthcare sector. Through initiatives such as SponsoraStudent and bursaries for Practical Nursing students, the Shannon family and Shannex continue to demonstrate their belief in the College's work by reducing financial barriers and empowering students to pursue meaningful careers in healthcare.

Most recently, Shannex provided a transformative gift that will have a lasting impact on students, the College, and Unama'ki–Cape Breton's healthcare workforce. The new Shannex Continuing Care and Nursing Labs provide students with a modernized learning environment equipped with the latest technology. Joseph was connected to this project from the very beginning – including dropping into an evening class to greet Continuing Care and Practical Nursing students with his two sons. The College is deeply grateful for his leadership and vision which have strengthened support for health-related programs at NSCC campuses across the province.

His extensive achievements have been recognized nationally – as a laureate of the Canadian Business Hall of Fame and as a member of the Order of Canada; and provincially – as a laureate in the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame and as a member of the Order of Nova Scotia. Locally, Joseph was the first person to be inducted into the Cape Breton Philanthropy Hall of Fame.

The tireless efforts, generosity and entrepreneurial contributions of Joseph Patrick Shannon have enriched the lives of community members and organizations throughout the province and beyond.

Kingstec Convocation

2026

**School of Applied Technology and Innovation &
Institute of Skilled Trades**

June 8, 2026 at 9:00 am

School of Applied Technology and Innovation

Diploma in Electronic Systems Technician

Feener, Josh	Kingston, NS
Grant, William	New Minas, NS
Haggerty, Riley	Berwick, NS
Leblanc, Cody	New Glasgow, NS
McCoy, Rowan	Ogilvie, NS
Newell, Dexter (<i>Honours</i>)	Meadowvale, NS
Olmstead, Logan	Halifax, NS
Rubino, Jules Matthew	Kentville, NS
Schofield, Alexavier	Kentville, NS
Theriault, Keaton	Bridgetown, NS
Vincent, Jaren	Kingston, NS

Institute of Skilled Trades

Certificate in Automotive Service and Repair

Bradley, Nicholas (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Clattenburg, Wayne	Dartmouth, NS
Gibbon, Cole (<i>Honours</i>)	Hillsvale, NS
Hunter, Ryland	Canning, NS
McGuire, Michelle (<i>Honours</i>)	Kingston, NS
Melanson, Cameron (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Moody, Hayden	Kingston, NS
Pinch, Cooper	Wolfville, NS
Sabeau, Tyler (<i>Honours</i>)	Avonport, NS
Webster, Gabe	Tiverton, NS

Certificate in Carpentry

Banks, Brycen	West Brooklyn, NS
Crawford, Darius	Cape Breton, NS
Crawford, John	Greenwood, NS
Dixon, Caleb (<i>Honours</i>)	Wolfville, NS
Faddoul, Zakary (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Gao, Yuan (<i>Honours</i>)	Qingdao, Shandong
Hill, Adam (<i>Honours</i>)	Port Elgin, NB
Hutt, David	Waterville, NS

Certificate in Electrical Construction and Industrial

Arnold, Joshua	Kentville, NS
Barkhouse, Logan	Kentville, NS
Bedard, Donald (<i>Honours</i>)	Cambridge NS
Butler, Samuel	Cambridge, NS
Cere, Aiden (<i>Honours</i>)	New Minas, NS
Gloade, Aiden	Millbrook First Nation, NS
Harvie, Victor	East Hants, NS
Hill, Wyatt	Weymouth, NS
Huntley, Ethan	Lake Paul, NS
Macdonald, Lucus	Wittenburg, NS
MacLean, Aidan (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Morrow, Matthew (<i>Honours</i>)	New Ross, NS
Redmond, Spencer	Wittenburg, NS
Renaud, Ryder	Bedford, NS
Sabeau, Ezra	Weymouth, NS
Sullivan, Nicole	Windsor, NS
Van Dyk, Chandler (<i>Honours</i>)	Caledonia, NS

Certificate in Plumbing

Abhishek, Abhishek	Port Williams, NS
Benini, Brandon	Halifax, NS
Best, Cohen	Beaverbank, NS
Choi, Kingston	Kentville, NS
Cooper, Ethan	Halifax, NS
Espinosa, Joaquin (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS
Flynn, Jack	Falmouth, NS
Friesen, Gerald (<i>Honours</i>)	Berwick, NS
Goreham, Garrin (<i>Honours</i>)	Woods Harbour, NS
Hart, Logan	Windsor, NS
Kozlowski, Ashton	New Minas, NS
Lickers, Levi	Hantsport, NS
Lilly, Isaiah	Fall River, NS
MacEachern-Phillips, Jacob	Inverness, NS
Matthews, Madi	Centreville, NS
Mercer, Andrew	Kentville, NS
Metcalfe, Levi (<i>Honours</i>)	Gypsum Mines, NS
Murray, Jack (<i>Honours</i>)	Dartmouth, NS

Nickerson, Fletcher	Pubnico, NS
Patey, Keegan	Halifax, NS
Reeves, Keefe	Berwick, NS
Roddick, Jayden	Cambridge, NS
Ryan, Stephen	Trenton, ON
Singh, Jobanpreet (<i>Honours</i>)	Punjab, India
Singh, Varinderbir	Punjab, India
Skinner, Cohen	Berwick, NS
Southall, Matthew (<i>Honours</i>)	Port Williams, NS
Spinney, Julien (<i>Honours</i>)	Windsor, NS
Sustiguer, Pol (<i>Honours</i>)	New Minas, NS
Woolley, Kaeleb	Kentville, NS

Posthumous Certificate in Plumbing

Cheverie, Brian	Kentville, NS
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Certificate in Precision Machining

Alberts, Thomas	Caledonia, NS
Armstrong, Michael (<i>Honours</i>)	Falmouth, NS
Baker, Cameron	Falmouth, NS
Brown, Colten (<i>Honours</i>)	Windsor, NS
Embree, Isac	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Legere, Samuel (<i>Honours</i>)	Glen Haven, NS
Smith, Leland	Kentville, NS
Whitehead, Lucas (<i>Honours</i>)	Falmouth, NS

Diploma in Carpentry

Archibald, Bowen	Sunken Lake, NS
Basaham, Adnan (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Benson, Deen (<i>Honours</i>)	Wolfville, NS
Dunbar, Ryan	Brooklyn, NS
Germain, Skylar	Kingston, NS
Higdon, Cole	New Albany, NS
Lander-Pinard, Matthew	Middleton, NS
Mckee-Patterson, Rhonyn	Berwick, NS
Mckee-Patterson, Shayne	Berwick, NS
McClean, Trevor	Cambridge, NS
Sawler, Brennon	Port Williams, NS

Shi, Youming (*Honours*)

Nanjing, China

Theriault, Nickolas

Berwick, NS

Diploma in Electrical Technician

Baillie, Terran

Mount Uniacke, NS

Hilchie, Matthew (*Honours*)

Truro, NS

Kanan, Yousef

Halifax, NS

Labelle, Liam

Bayport, NS

MacLeod, Avery

Ottawa, ON

McCulley, David

Kentville, NS

Ogilvie, Kyle

Greenwood, NS

Schnare, Jasmine

Kentville, NS

Vidito, Zane

Waterville, NS

Webb, Darcy (*Honours*)

New Minas, NS

Diploma in Horticulture and Landscape Technology - Operations

Coldwell, Jessie (*Honours*)

Wolfville Ridge, NS

Ferguson, Mercedes

Wolfville, NS

Hayes, Tatijana (*Honours*)

Oshawa, ON

Jewell, Krystal (*Honours*)

Timberlea, NS

Roach, Reanna

Middleton, NS

Steen, Emily (*Honours*)

Halifax, NS

Wallace, Kieran

Kentville, NS

Diploma in Truck and Transport Repair

Armstrong, Jeremy

Windsor, NS

Esponilla, Zander

Kentville, NS

Jackson, Tanner

Lawrencetown, NS

Jesso, Casey (*Honours*)

Steam Mill, NS

Johnson, Brian

Kentville, NS

Kwame, Samuel (*Honours*)

Greater Accra, Ghana

Lambert, Alexander

Kingston, NS

Mahajan, Dhruv

Jammu, India

Mansfield, Cody (*Honours*)

Kingston, NS

Nickerson, Ryan

Kingston, NS

Owusu, Kenneth

Kumasi, Ghana

Singh, Pankaj

Haryana, India

Veinotte, Avery (*Honours*)

Bridgewater, NS

Valedictorian

Institute of Skilled Trades

NSCC is proud to introduce Yousef Kanan, chosen by their campuses, to represent the achievements and experiences of the Class of 2026.



Yousef Kanan

Institute of Skilled Trades

Electrical Technician

Yousef spent a gap year working after graduating from high school while waiting to enter his chosen program due to a waitlist. He knew he was drawn to a career that would keep him active, challenged and engaged through hands-on problem solving and practical learning.

Yousef found that path in the Electrical Technician program at Kingstec Campus. From the moment he began, the learning environment stood out to him. The program's strong focus on lab work, real-world application and clear instruction gave him exactly what he needed to grow with confidence. Faculty set high expectations and consistently encouraged students to rise to them, turning challenges into motivation and pride. Yousef credits his faculty, especially Laurie and Taylor, and his classmates for creating a space where learning was collaborative and support was always within reach. He also values the culture of openness across campus, where trade shops worked together and help was never more than an ask away. Through his time at NSCC, Yousef learned patience, resilience and the importance of stepping back from a difficult problem and returning with a fresh perspective.

After graduation, Yousef plans to work toward his Red Seal certification, with longterm goals of opening his own business and exploring opportunities within the trade. He shares these words with his fellow classmates: "No matter how hard or complicated life gets, never stop moving forward."

Kingstec Convocation

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**School of Access, Business, Creative Industries
and Education & Institute of Skilled Trades**

June 8, 2026 at 12:00 pm

School of Access, Business, Creative Industries and Education

Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

Bezanson, Sabrina (<i>Honours</i>)	Berwick, NS
Lake, Lev (<i>Honours</i>)	New Minas, NS
Shay, Tate	Hantsport, NS

Certificate in Administrative Professional

Ripley-Duggan, Allison	Kentville, NS
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Certificate in Medical Office Administration

Alexander, Natache (<i>Honours</i>)	Kingston, NS
Atwell, Chloe	Kentville, NS
Baker, Taylor (<i>Honours</i>)	Lawrencetown, NS
Baltzer, Michaela	Centreville, NS
Berry, Dakota	Kentville, NS
Brounstein, Rebekah	Windsor, NS
Collier, Heidi	Ardoise, NS
Cooper, Evie (<i>Honours</i>)	Lawrencetown, NS
Deal, Jared	Wilmot, NS
Dodwell, Ashley (<i>Honours</i>)	Canning, NS
Foley, Ryann	Digby, NS
Lohnes, Kristin	Wolfville, NS
Macbride, Sharron	Hants Border, NS
MacNeill, Shikina (<i>Honours</i>)	Bridgewater, NS
Rabothata, Khutso	Johannesburg, South Africa
Reinking, Jarred (<i>Honours</i>)	
Roosje, Shaylene	Bridgetown, NS
Thurber, Sierra	Lawrencetown, NS

Certificate in Tourism Hospitality

Baillie, Ainsleigh	Cherry Hill, NS
Gibson, Emily (<i>Honours</i>)	Greenwood, NS
Heffernan, Connor	St. John's, NL
Hudson, Ida (<i>Honours</i>)	Gaspereau, NS
Rawding, Esmae (<i>Honours</i>)	Margaretsville, NS
Young, Zack (<i>Honours</i>)	Wolfville, NS

Diploma in Business Administration

Barkhouse, Kaylyn	Hantsport, NS
Benjamin, Tracey	Berwick, NS
Bhardwaj, Anshuman	Himachal Pradesh, India
Fitch, Jasper	Canning, NS
Lockhart, Kassadi	Windsor, NS
Mosher, Abby	Dartmouth, NS
Patel, Meetkumar Maheshbhai	Gujarat, India
Russell, Jennifer	Middleton, NS
Sharma, Abhinav	Chandigarh, India
Sheppard, Nathan	Greenwood, NS
Smajli, Teuta	Wolfville, NS
Tucker, Aiden	Truro, NS

Diploma in Business Administration - Accounting

Balch, Logan (<i>Honours</i>)	Aylesford, NS
Hayman, Dylan	Hantsport, NS
Hicks, Zachary	New Minas, NS
Hood, Asa (<i>Honours</i>)	Port Williams, NS
Hynes, Griffin	Hamilton, ON
Kaur, Jatinder	Wolfville, NS
Kumari, Naina	Haryana, India
MacLeod, Liam	Kentville, NS
Mckenna, Peyton	Cole Harbour, NS
Patterson, Jesse	Scot's Bay, NS
Spinney, Matthew	Port Williams, NS
Steffens, Cody	Yarmouth, NS
Van Hattem, Jenna	Weston, NS

Diploma in Business Administration – Financial Services

Bajaj, Tamanna	Punjab, India
Hawley, Myah	Kentville, NS
Leslie, Jacob	Middle Musquodoboit, NS
Rajgor, Vaibhav	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Rogers Parmar, Drake	Kentville, NS
Vashisht, Sumit	Kentville, NS

Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Blenus, Mia	Wolfville, NS
Bolivar, Jessie	Bridgewater, NS
Cameron, Kate	Kentville, NS
Carey, Hanna	Coldbrook, NS
Chillman, John	Middleton, NS
Cook, Janna (<i>Honours</i>)	Woodville, NS
Deviller, Chyenne (<i>Honours</i>)	Kingston, NS
Eisnor, Alya (<i>Honours</i>)	Windsor, NS
Hilchie, Allison (<i>Honours</i>)	New Harbour, NS
Hull, Nikki	Kingston, NS
Keating, Teah (<i>Honours</i>)	Liverpool, NS
Mailman, Hayley	Kentville, NS
Margeson, Misty-Lynn	Hantsport, NS
Olmstead, Keirla (<i>Honours</i>)	Coldbrook, NS
Pennell, Lacey	Chester Basin, NS
Samson-Graves, Marcie (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Taylor, Samantha (<i>Honours</i>)	New Minas, NS
White, Sandra (<i>Honours</i>)	Greenwich, NS
Wiles, Chanelle (<i>Honours</i>)	Annapolis Royal, NS

Institute of Skilled Trades

Certificate in Baking and Pastry Arts

Angidlik, Danielle	Kentville, NS
Bohol, James Clark	Stellarton, NS
Fraser, Katie	Kentville, NS
Friolet Albert, Camille (<i>Honours</i>)	Caraquet, NB
Harding, Camryn	Shelburne, NS
Leighton, Zoe	Poplar Grove, NS
MacNeil, Bethany	Amherst, NS
Moulaison, Jessica	Windsor, NS
Park, Junghyun (<i>Honours</i>)	Seoul, South Korea
Squires, Geneviève	Ogilvie, NS

Certificate in Culinary Skills

Olszowiec, Spencer

Perrin, Jeffery (Honours)

Purdy, Alexa

Thibeault, Jacob

Port Williams, NS

Alliston, ON

Windsor, NS

Aylesford, NS

Diploma in Culinary Management

Bourguignon, Caleb (*CO-OP*)

Charlebois, William (*Honours | CO-OP*)

Ettinger, Holly (*CO-OP*)

Fraser, Miranda (*CO-OP*)

Gillis, Kenny (*CO-OP*)

Lawrence, Zoe (*CO-OP*)

Rehberg, Peyton (*CO-OP*)

Reid, Isaiah (*CO-OP*)

Welton, Abby (*CO-OP*)

Zhang, Huiran (*Honours | CO-OP*)

Antigonish, NS

Cambridge, NS

Kentville, NS

Glenmont, NS

Mabou, NS

Windsor, NS

Windsor, NS

Belleville, ON

Antigonish, NS

Jining, China

Valedictorian

School of Access, Business, Creative Industries and
Education

NSCC is proud to introduce Jarred Reinking, chosen by their campuses, to represent the achievements and experiences of the Class of 2026.



Jarred Reinking

School of Access, Business, Creative Industries and Education

Medical Office Administration

Before coming to NSCC, Jarred had recently relocated from Arizona to Nova Scotia. In Arizona, he spent 2 years working in Environmental Services at a hospital, gaining firsthand experience in the healthcare industry. After settling into Kentville, Jarred reflected on his longterm goals, checking out NSCC programs in search of a path that aligned with his passion for healthcare and personal growth.

Jarred chose the Medical Office Administration program at Kingstec Campus because he wanted to advance his career through more technical skills and a deeper understanding of the human body. NSCC was close to home and with encouragement from his wife and family, Jarred found an environment where learning felt both achievable and supported. During his studies, he valued the strong sense of community among classmates and instructors, discovering that collaboration elevated everyone's success. He learned that soft, interpersonal skills are just as important as technical knowledge, creating opportunities to connect, reflect and succeed together.

After graduation, Jarred plans to seek employment as a medical office administrator within a local hospital. He hopes to build a strong network over the next few years before continuing his education in radiology or pathology. Jarred leaves NSCC guided by a belief that shaped his journey: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

Kingstec Convocation

2026

School of Health and Human Services &
NSCC Employee Learning Programs

June 8, 2026 at 3:00 pm

School of Health and Human Services

Certificate in Continuing Care

Brown-Hartt, Chantel	New Minas, NS
Chaplain, Grace (<i>Honours</i>)	Victoria, BC
Chen, Liwei (<i>Honours</i>)	China
Greencorn, Rebecca	Port Williams, NS
Hogeterp, Abby (<i>Honours</i>)	Centreville, NS
Kaur, Arshdeep (<i>Honours</i>)	New Minas, NS
Kerr, Emily	Hantsport, NS
Largesse, Emily (<i>Honours</i>)	Brooklyn, NS
Legere, Ceilidh (<i>Honours</i>)	Coldbrook, NS
Locke, Megan (<i>Honours</i>)	Windsor, NS
MacDonald, Mackenzie	Wilmot, NS
Major, Julie (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Mittal, Muskan (<i>Honours</i>)	New Minas, NS
Newton, Abigail	Comox, BC
Ogilvie, Kayla (<i>Honours</i>)	Greenwood, NS
Patacsil, Maria (<i>Honours</i>)	Victoria, BC
Pick, Pamala	Canning, NS
Schrader, Emily (<i>Honours</i>)	Barrie, ON
Soji, Jeswin (<i>Honours</i>)	Kerala, India
Stevens, Julianne	Wolfville, NS
Tanner, Jenna	Kentville, NS
Taylor, Cassieus (<i>Honours</i>)	Middle Musquodoboit, NS
Tracey, Ginny (<i>Honours</i>)	Mount Denson, NS
Vanhattem , Julicia	Aylesford, NS
Veley, Rachel	Kentville, NS

Certificate in Disability Support Professional

Beck, Katelynn	Bridgetown, NS
Cataford, Serenity	Halifax, NS
Comeau, Judy (<i>Honours</i>)	Waterville, NS
Emmett, Jordan	Lawrencetown, NS
Gallagher, Layla	Nictaux, NS
Mosher, Benjamin (<i>Honours</i>)	Scotch Village, NS
Schofield, Roscoe (<i>Honours</i>)	Port Dufferin, NS
Veinot, Raina	Annapolis Royal, NS
Williams, Jaleigh	Windsor, NS

Diploma in Disability Supports and Services

Barkhouse, Priscilla	Canning, NS
Brittain, Isabelle	Middleton, NS
Eisenhauer, Jadian	Falmouth, NS
Leedham, Micaela	Middle Stewiacke, NS
Lightfoot, J'lyn (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Melanson, Makayla (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Nellis, Mackenzie	
Nugent, Peres (<i>Honours</i>)	Accra, Ghana
Patel, Deeya	Gujarat, India

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Armstrong, Trinitee	Halifax, NS
Atkinson, Jade (<i>Honours</i>)	Bedford, NS
Beamish, Megan (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Bertrand, Robyn (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Bouchie, Shannon (<i>Honours</i>)	Windsor, NS
Clements, Ashlyn	West Hants, NS
Dagdag, Rhoda Joy	New Minas, NS
Dill, Keisha	West Hants, NS
Drover, Casandra (<i>Honours</i>)	Labrador City, NL
Drummond, Shianne (<i>Honours</i>)	Windsor, NS
Floris, Carly	Middleton, NS
Grandy, Will	Martock, NS
Gregoire, Kayla	Toronto, ON
Gregory, Madison (<i>Honours</i>)	Wolfville, NS
Hennigar, Morgan	Windsor, NS
Kaur, Manmeet (<i>Honours</i>)	Middle Sackville, NS
Keating, Erin	Canaan, NS
Kennedy, Brittany (<i>Honours</i>)	Wolfville, NS
Klietzke, Crystal (<i>Honours</i>)	Prince George, BC
Leopold, Abigail	St. Croix, NS
Leopold, Gabrielle	St. Croix, NS
Leopold, Makayla	Windsor, NS
MacLennan, Cate	Halifax, NS
Macumber, Shawna (<i>Honours</i>)	Summerville, NS
McDonald, Brennan (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS

McDonald, Kyle	Port Williams, NS
Morgan, Cailie (<i>Honours</i>)	Chipman Brook, NS
Mullen, Andrew	Halifax, NS
Nearing, Haylee (<i>Honours</i>)	Beaver Bank, NS
Porter, Abigail (<i>Honours</i>)	Kingsport, NS
Pushie, Sidney	Kentville, NS
Richards, Cody (<i>Honours</i>)	Mount Uniacke, NS
Rockwell, Andrea (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Rooseboom, Tamara	Cambridge, NS
Ross, Makayla (<i>Honours</i>)	Cambridge, NS
Schofield, Alexa	Cambridge, NS
Schumacher, Rachel	Mount Denson, NS
Smith, Emma (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Vincent, Ajay (<i>Honours</i>)	Thodupuzha, Kerala, India
Walsh, Ella	Wolfville, NS

Diploma in Social Services

Baker, Odessa (<i>Honours</i>)	Middleton, NS
Butler-Hunt, Orlando	Kentville, NS
Dunham, Sydney (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Gillis, Cheyenne (<i>Honours</i>)	Annapolis Royal, NS
Graves, Taylor (<i>Honours</i>)	Windsor, NS
Hurshman, Wyatt	Liverpool, NS
Innes, Aaron	Kentville NS
Jewers, Jaydon (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville, NS
Leonard, Lindsey	Lawrencetown, NS
Linloff, Taylor (<i>Honours</i>)	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Locke, Patrick	Hubbards, NS
Macumber, Brandi	Newport, NS
Parnell, Finch	White Rock, NS
Pick, Trinity	New Minas, NS
Saunders, Juliann (<i>Honours</i>)	Kentville NS
Steeves, Violet	Windsor, NS
Thomas, Kendra	Canning, NS

NSCC Employee Learning Programs

College Certificate in Leadership Essentials

Rochester, Mike

Windsor, NS

Valedictorian

School of Health and Human Services

NSCC is proud to introduce Emily Schrader, chosen by their campuses, to represent the achievements and experiences of the Class of 2026.



Emily Schrader

School of Health and Human Services

Continuing Care

Before coming to NSCC, Emily worked at Out of the Cold, a café that supports at-risk individuals and helps them build tools for longterm independence. That work, paired with the experience of watching her mother receive in-home nursing care, left a lasting impression. Seeing the compassion and patience provided during a vulnerable time inspired Emily to pursue a future in healthcare herself.

Emily chose the Continuing Care program at Kingstec Campus because it removed barriers. The free tuition, close proximity and accelerated pace made returning to school feel possible while the balance between classroom learning and hands-on placement made it meaningful. Emily thrived in the skills labs where repeated practice with real equipment helped ease the transition into clinical settings.

What stood out most to Emily was the sense of community. Her classmates encouraged one another to succeed, shared laughter during long days and collectively carried hope after personal hardship. Faculty members April and Aine played a transformative role by investing deeply in students as people, not just learners. Their encouragement motivated Emily to always bring her best.

Today, Emily is working as a Continuing Care Assistant in a longterm care facility, with plans to pursue Registered Nursing in the years ahead. She grounds her journey in faith and perseverance, living by these words: “Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people (Colossians 3:23 (NLT)).”

Staff

Ackerman, Sue	Faculty
Almarghani, Baset	Faculty
Balsor, Jason	Faculty
Barclay, Michael	Administrative Assistant
Barter, Brianna	Administrative Assistant
Beattie, Martin	Faculty
Bennett, Todd	Program Assistant
Bent, Julie	Administrative Assistant
Boudreau, Ashley	Administrative Assistant
Boutilier, Ryan	Faculty
Brown, Stephen	Counsellor, Personal & Career
Bruce, Alexander	Faculty
Buist, Mike	Electrician
Campbell, Robert	Material Control Assistant
Campbell, Leah	Campus Librarian
Campbell, Scott	Faculty
Cann, Karen	Digital Technology Analyst
Capern, Pamela	Faculty
Capern, Trevor	Faculty
Casey, Aine	Faculty
Clark, Jason	Principal
Connors, Stephen	Facilities Support Assistant
Cooper, Donald	Building Services Lead
Cooper, Mark	Facilities Support Lead
Corporon, Christine	Program Assistant
Da Silva, Noel	Faculty
Daniels, Courtney	Faculty
Dauphinee, Laurie	Faculty
Delaney, Raya	Auxiliary Faculty
Dewar, Peter	Faculty
Dieterman, Jolene	Administrative Assistant
Dolan, Kelly	Faculty
Fadeiye, Solomon	African Nova Scotian & Black Student Advisor
Farris, Kris	Faculty
Fifield, Timothy	Faculty
Forster, Cathy	Assistant Registrar

Fraser, Bernadette	ALP Counsellor
Gagnon, Jennifer	Faculty
Garber, Tracey	Student Care Navigator
Harvie, Glenn	Faculty
Hemmings, Robert	Equipment Technician
Herd, Brad	Academic Chair
Hodder, Kristy	Administrative Assistant
Holleman, Kelly	Faculty
Kamara, Abu	Manager, Student Services
Kelley, Pat	Digital Technology Lead
Kelley, JoAnne	Learning Commons Assistant/Test Center Administrator
Kovacs, Jill	Student Accessibility Specialist
Laceby, Tara	Faculty
LePage, Adam	Facilities Manager
Levy, Bonnie	Program Assistant
Lockhart, April	Faculty
Logie, Kara	Student Advisor
Lowe, Jamie	Auxiliary Faculty
Lunn, Ryan	Facilities Support Assistant
MacBride, Megan	Faculty
Mack, Robin	Administrative Assistant
Mack, Philip	Faculty
MacKay, Paula	Student Advisor & Career Practitioner
MacKinnon, Daniel	Faculty
MacLennan, Ferne	Faculty
MacLeod, Dwayne	Manager, Industry Partnerships
McCarthy, Peter	Facilities Support Assistant
Mckay, Taylor	Faculty
Meldrum, Shelley	Faculty
Millett, Lana	Faculty
Morash, Katie	Facilities Support Assistant
Muis, Michelle	Faculty
Mulli, Henry	Faculty
Myre, Dave	Faculty
Nanthan, Alicia	Administrative Assistant
Newcombe, Keith	Building Services Lead
Nickerson, Lise	Manager Administrative Services
Olszowiec, Scott	L'nu Indigenous Student Advisor

Osellame, Steve	Faculty
Park, Lynn	Faculty
Patterson, Scott	Faculty
Porter, Samantha	Faculty
Raghu, Neha	Faculty
Rideout, Brian	Faculty
Riggs, Robb	Faculty
Robinson, Michelle	Faculty
Robinson, Nicole	Faculty
Rochester, Mike	Academic Chair
Saltzman, Jason	Faculty
Savoury, Amy	Faculty
Schofield, Carol	Facilities Support Assistant
Scigliano, Annaleisa	Faculty
Shepherd, Patti	Academic Chair
Sherry, Michelle	Administrative Assistant
Smith, Mike	Sr. Technology Lead
Smith, Maria	Administrative Assistant
Spidle, Andrew	Faculty
Stevens, Jackie	Faculty
Sulis, Terry	Faculty
Sullivan, Eric	Faculty
Thimot, Paul	Faculty
VanHattem, David	Faculty
Wallace, Tessa	Campus Library Technician
Ward, Bruce	Faculty
Wood, Nate	Faculty

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