

**Strait Area Campus Convocation**  
**June 4, 2026 - 4:00 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.

# 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**

### **Mi'kmaq Honour Song**

### **Lift Every Voice and Sing**

### **O Canada**

### **Principal's welcome**

Vivek Saxena

### **President's remarks**

Anna Burke, Acting President

### **Awarding of Honorary Diploma**

Joseph Patrick Shannon

### **Presentation of credentials**

### **Presentation of major awards**

### **Valedictory address**

Christian Haywood, Social Services

## **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 for the Processional provided by Brett Pierce. 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. Music provided by Brett Pierce, alumnus of Social Services and Behavioural Interventions.

## **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](https://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](https://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 flourish extending to the right.

**Anna Burke**

# Convocation 2026

## 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

### **Burridge 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 Burridge 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 Sponsor-a-Student 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 an

Class of 2026

# Graduates

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 approved after the print deadline.

## School of Access, Business, Creative Industries and Education

### Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma for Adults

Bowman, Anna ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
Deveau, Donovan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Clare, NS
O'brien, Brianna	St. Peter's, NS
Sutherland, Elsie	Fourchu, NS

### Certificate of Completion in Achieve

Field Gauthier, Jessica	Tracadie, NS
Godbout, Seth Leon	Troy, NS
Lipsett, Cian	Boylston, NS
Meagher, Meaghan	Mulgrave, NS
Oliver, Kyle	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Thomson, Kieran	Louisdale, NS
Vaux, Victoria	Antigonish, NS

### College Certificate in Teacher Assistant

MacPhail, Kendra ( <i>Honours</i> )	River Denys, NS
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### Diploma in Business Administration - Accounting

Blake, Alex	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Clark, Carter	Mulgrave, NS
Langdon, Colin	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Samson, Ben	Arichat, NS
Spears, Raelene	MackDale, NS
Toney, Leonard	Whycocomagh, NS
Welz, Tanja ( <i>Honours</i> )	The Points West Bay, NS

### Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Carter, Nicole ( <i>Honours</i> )	Louisdale, NS
Chisholm, Sarah ( <i>Honours</i> )	Trenton, NS

Darragh, Cathlynnne ( <i>Honours</i> )	Whycocomagh, NS
David, Destiny ( <i>Honours</i> )	Guysborough, NS
David, Gloria ( <i>Honours</i> )	Half Island Cove, NS
Fougere, Katheryn	Havre Boucher, NS
Hawley, Angela ( <i>Honours</i> )	New Glasgow, NS
Horne, Kayla ( <i>Honours</i> )	Little Dover, NS
King, Rachael	West Bay, NS
MacDonald, Kathryn ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
MacDougall, Shannon ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Hawkesbury, NS
MacIntyre, Amanda ( <i>Honours</i> )	Afton Station, NS
Maclellan, Courtney ( <i>Honours</i> )	Sherbrooke, NS
Rogers, Nathan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Samson, Angela ( <i>Honours</i> )	Pine Tree, NS
Smith, Mary-Margaret ( <i>Honours</i> )	St. Joseph, NS
Usher, Angela ( <i>Honours</i> )	Malagawatch, NS
Young, Katelyn ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Hawkesbury, NS

## School of Applied Technology and Innovation

### College Certificate in Bridge Watch Rating

Currie, Sam ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
Schrader, Cameron	Liverpool, NS
Samson, Sebastian	Kingston, ON

### Certificate in Marine Mechanical Technician

Smith, Evan	St. Nicholas, PE
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### Diploma in IT Generalist

Broome, Zander	New Ross, NS
Gould, Walker ( <i>Honours</i> )	Whycocomagh, NS
Mury, Wyatt	Isle Madame, NS

### Diploma in Marine Engineering Technology

Brown, Christopher	Fall River, NS
Hanhams, Erica	Canso, NS
Hansen, John	Halifax, NS
Julian, Michaela	Sipekne'katik First Nation, NS
Laybolt, Cassie	Pictou, NS
MacNeil, Cody	Beachmont, NS

McCarthy, Sean  
Shields, Gregory

Halifax, NS  
Antigonish, NS

### **Diploma in Marine Navigation Technology**

Syliboy, Bryson  
Tanner, Arthur

Sipekne'katik First Nation, NS  
Halifax, NS

### **Diploma in Natural Resources Environmental Technology**

Detcheverry, Cailyn  
Falls, David  
Haskett, Andrew  
Hutchison, Cameron  
Johnson, Sean  
MacIsaac, Alexander  
MacNeil, Bauer  
Molloy, Chase  
Morrison, Alexandra (*Honours*)  
Nicholas, Brooklyn  
O'Donnell, Molly (*Honours*)  
Prosser, Marley  
Samson, Faith (*Honours*)  
Thibodeau, Mitchell

Greenwood, NS  
Yarmouth, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Louisbourg, NS  
Potlotek, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Arichat, NS  
North Sydney, NS  
Pictou Landing First Nation, NS  
Port Hawkesbury, NS  
Mill Creek, NS  
D'Escousse, NS  
Troy, NS

### **Advanced Diploma in Marine Engineering Management Technology**

Ghosh, Pallab (*Honours*)

Laxmanda, India

### **Advanced Diploma in Marine Navigation Management Technology**

Ferguson, Olivia (*Honours*)

Port Hawkesbury, NS

## **School of Health and Human Services**

### **Certificate in Continuing Care**

Benoit, Patricia  
Bernard, Darian  
Briones, Clishey Klein  
Chettiyakunnel Tom, Alen (*Honours*)  
Copley, Olivia  
Cremo, Aurora

Guysborough, NS  
We'koqma'q First Nation, NS  
Tangle Mexico, Pampanga, Philippines  
Antigonish, NS  
Inverness, NS  
We'koqma'q First Nation, NS

Fitzpatrick, Miranda  
Flores, Jediah Charmaine  
Green, Lindsay  
Holmes, Chelsey  
Jeffrey, Vanessa (*Honours*)  
Kendrick, Ashley  
MacKinnon, Brooklyn  
MacLellan, Dorothy  
Michael, Craig  
Morrison, Jasmine (*Honours*)  
Poulette, Jenna  
Reddick, Shayla  
Tutal, Irem (*Honours*)  
Welsh, Sheryl

Mulgrave, NS  
Port Hawkesbury, NS  
Monastery, NS  
Mulgrave, NS  
Louisdale, NS  
D'Escousse, NS  
Mabou Harbour, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Whycocomagh, NS  
Framboise, NS  
We'koqma'q First Nation, NS  
Guysborough, NS  
Türkiye  
Port Hawkesbury, NS

## **Diploma in Practical Nursing**

Benoit, Bailey  
Dominey, Jennifer  
Fougere, Tiffany (*Honours*)  
Fraser, Gillian  
Heudes, Andr  e  
Hudson, Josie  
Ingrahamphillips, Brielle  
Kaur, Simran  
Lelacheur, David (*Honours*)  
MacDonald, Denica  
MacDonald, Mackenzie  
MacDonald, Maria (*Honours*)  
MacDonald, Tessa (*Honours*)  
MacDougall, Alexis  
MacKay, Meaghan  
MacKinnon, Angel  
MacLean, Rachel  
MacPherson, Hannah (*Honours*)  
McGean, Mark (*Honours*)  
Melong, Hailey  
O'Neil, Shantel  
Selig, Kayla  
Stewart, Sophie  
Thomas, Melissa (*Honours*)

Merland, NS  
Baddeck, NS  
Arichat, NS  
Inverness, NS  
Pomquet, NS  
Country Harbour, NS  
Margaree, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
St. Peter's, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Port Hood, NS  
St. Peter's, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Havre Boucher, NS  
Baddeck, NS  
Havre Boucher, NS  
Guysborough Intervale, NS  
Greenfield, NS  
Inverness, NS  
Judique, NS

## **Diploma in Social Services**

Aryan	Gagsina, Haryana
Adekoya, Monilola ( <i>Honours</i> )	Lagos, Nigeria
Benoit, Saylor ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
Chaisson, Brianna	Whycomomagh, NS
Crouse, Betty	Crescent Beach, NS
Day, Kyle ( <i>Honours</i> )	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Dunn, Maeve	Port Hood, NS
Griffin, Hannah	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Harpell, Alexis	Sherbrooke, NS
Haywood, Christian	Mabou, NS
Julian, Kaitlyn	Sipekne'katik First Nation, NS
McNamara, Leah	Port Hawkesbury, NS
McNeil, Emily ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
Nicholas, Zophia	Potlotek, NS
Samson, Regan	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Willis, Ariel	Sipekne'katik First Nation, NS
Zwicker, Vanessa ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS

## **Graduate Certificate in Behavioural Interventions**

Keats Hall, Cheryl	Glace Bay, NS
MacDonald, Claralynn	Sydney, NS
Meagher, Nicole ( <i>Honours</i> )	Brook Village, NS
Rose, Brittany	Sydney, NS
Serrao, Daniella ( <i>Honours</i> )	Heatherton, NS

## **Institute of Skilled Trades**

### **College Certificate in Heavy Equipment Operator**

Dixon, Adrian	D'Escousse, NS
Goreham, Keaton	Port Clyde, NS
Isaac, Dawn	Potlotek First Nation, NS
MacKinnon, Wild	Cape North, NS
Marshall, Nathan	Chapel Island, NS
Marshall, Xander	Chapel Island, NS
Oickle, Justin	New Germany, NS
Pelley, Linden	Guysborough, NS
Pettipas, Landon	Hadleyville, NS
Proctor, Aiden	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Surette, Chloe	Guysborough, NS

## **Certificate in Carpentry**

Glazer, Mya	Sydney, NS
Gould, David	Whycomcomagh, NS
Kumar, Pawan	Banwala Hanwanta, Punjab, India
Varner, Jack Dawson	Cambridge, NS
Woodill, Brooklyn	Sydney, NS

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

Arsenault, Ryan	Sydney, NS
Bernard, Dustin ( <i>Honours</i> )	Wagmatcook, NS
Bond, Noah	Guysborough, NS
Bond, Shannon	West Bay Road, NS
Boyd, Breton	Glendale, NS
Burke, Robert Hayden	Antigonish, NS
Burns, Jesse	Antigonish, NS
Campbell, Cole	South West Mabou, NS
Chisholm, Callum	Port Hood, NS
Clarke, Ben ( <i>Honours</i> )	Amherst, NS
Cremona, Brylen	Waycobah, NS
Cremona, Michael	Eskasoni, NS
Currie, Johnathon	Sydney, NS
DeYoung, Brandon ( <i>Honours</i> )	James River, NS
Fraser, Cameron	Antigonish, NS
Googoo, Donovan	Waycobah, NS
Hanratty, Rhys	Coxheath, NS
Howell, Kyler ( <i>Honours</i> )	Sydney, NS
Jennings, Reece	Stellarton, NS
Kelly, Zachery ( <i>Honours</i> )	Glace Bay, NS
Kennedy, Kason	Pictou, NS
Kinslow, Bretton	Halifax, NS
Landry, Kayl	Louisdale, NS
MacArthur, Aaron	Sydney, NS
MacEachern, Daniel ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
Maclsaac, Evan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
Maclsaac, Joseph	Antigonish, NS
Maclellan, Danny	Port Hawkesbury, NS
MacNeil, Nolan	Troy, NS
MacNeil, Ryan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Howie Center, NS
Malay, Liam	West Arichat, NS
Marchand, Riley	Port Hawkesbury, NS

Moses-Fitzgerald, Caleb	Dingwall, NS
Murphy, Karter	St. Peter's, NS
Newman, James ( <i>Honours</i> )	Chaswood, NS
Nicholson, Ryan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Halifax, NS
Parland, Andrew ( <i>Honours</i> )	Glace Bay, NS
Pegelo, Wesley ( <i>Honours</i> )	Hannover, ON
Phee, Jordan	Antigonish, NS
Rock, Finn	Halifax, NS
Rondelet, Thomas ( <i>Honours</i> )	Pictou County, NS
Ross, Callum ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
Salamone, Ryan	Antigonish, NS
Sartoris, Cole	Thorburn, NS
Sharma, Divesh ( <i>Honours</i> )	Dartmouth, NS
Wettlaufer, Quinn ( <i>Honours</i> )	Waterloo, ON
Williams-Baker, Morgan	Truro, NS
Wood, Rhylan	Port Hawkesbury, NS

### **Diploma in Carpentry**

Burns, Kelly	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Desmond, Ryan	Halifax, NS
Glover, Colman ( <i>Honours</i> )	Glendale, NS
Heinrichs, Enya-Morgan ( <i>Honours</i> )	Malagawatch, NS
Layden, Michael ( <i>Honours</i> )	Mulgrave, NS
MacIsaac, Connor ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
MacPherson, Luke	Antigonish, NS
MacPherson, Trey	Assinaboia, SK
Mombourquette, Gavin	L'Ardoise, NS
Sampson, Jake ( <i>Honours</i> )	St. Peter's, NS
Teasdale, Addison	Antigonish, NS
Williams, Cole ( <i>Honours</i> )	Guysborough, NS

### **Diploma in Electrical – Industrial Maintenance and Controls**

Avery, Matthew ( <i>Honours</i> )	Larry's River, NS
Babin, Joel	Arichat, NS
Floyd, Jenna ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
MacNeil, Ryder ( <i>Honours</i> )	Antigonish, NS
Phinney, Leo	Antigonish, NS

### **Diploma in Power Engineering**

Boudreau, Dylan	Port Hawkesbury, NS
MacNeil, Drew	Inverness, NS

MacPhee, Grant  
Sceles, Nolan  
Stone, Darius  
Whyte, Phillip

Antigonish, NS  
Port Shoreham, NS  
Margaree Center, NS  
Barrachois, NS

### **Diploma in Welding**

Batherson, Kenzie  
Chisholm, Aaron  
Ehler, Alissa  
Gurney, Emma (*Honours*)  
Johnson, Amaya (*Honours*)  
MacDonald, Barrett  
MacDonald, Marcus  
MacDonald, Russell  
Miller, Madeleine  
Richards, Fallon  
Short, Byron  
Vanzutphen, Rory  
Warren, John (*Honours*)

Port Hood, NS  
Long Point, NS  
Port Hastings, NS  
Canso, NS  
Potlotek, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Judique, NS  
Evanston, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Cape Breton, NS  
Antigonish, NS  
Monastery, NS

# Convocation 2026

## Valedictorian

NSCC is proud to introduce the outstanding student(s), chosen by their campuses to represent the achievements and experiences of the Class of 2026.



## Christian Haywood

### School of Health and Human Services

#### Social Services Diploma

After graduating high school, Christian began to recognize a deeper calling – to support others and be someone people could be comfortable around. This desire to make a meaningful difference led him to pursue NSCC’s Social Services program where he could develop the skills needed to turn that passion into a career.

As a student at Strait Area Campus, Christian found a community that matched his goals, leaning into the opportunity to connect with faculty and receive one-on-one support. Throughout his 2 years, he built strong friendships and developed practical skills that will guide his future, while enjoying the vibrant campus life and weekly activities. Christian credits much of his success to the encouragement from his faculty, Mary Elizabeth and Raylene, whose positivity and dedication made a lasting impression. One of the most important lessons he learned was the value of setting small, achievable goals – “taking baby steps towards something greater.”

After graduation, Christian plans to continue his education at Mount Saint Vincent University, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. As he reflects on his journey, he shares, “Always believe in yourself. Take small steps and you’ll get where you want to go.”

# Major Awards

## **Governor General's Academic Medal**

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

Molly O'Donnell  
Natural Resources Environmental Technology

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

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

Meaghan Ernst  
Behavioural Interventions

## **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.

Faith Samson  
Natural Resources Environmental Technology

## **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.

Bretton Kinslow  
Electrical Construction and Industrial

## **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.

Andrew Parland  
Electrical Construction and Industrial

# Employees

Ahmed, Imran  
Ahmed, Shaik  
Allen, Jennifer  
Allen, Meghan  
Arora, Ajay  
Baxter, Steven  
Beaton, David  
Beaton, Garrett  
Beaton, Robin  
Bernard, Charlene  
Bhatnagar, Arun  
Boudreau, Davis  
Boyd, Kristen  
Boyd, Lawrence

Butler, Tyler  
Butts, William  
Cameron, Mary Elizabeth  
Campbell, Dale  
Campbell, Pat  
Campbell, Vincent  
Case, Karen  
Chiavari, Amber-Lee  
Chisholm, Cathy  
Chisholm, Raylene  
David, Jarrod  
Decoste, Cynthia  
Decoste, Tracy  
DeGruchy, Monica  
Delaney, Cameron  
Devadoss, Rajasekar  
DeYoung, Helen  
Digou, Megan  
Dorton, Jean  
Dorton, Paul  
Dorton, Sharon  
Ellingbo, Judy  
Farrell, Alma  
Farrell, Carolee  
Fougere, Kaleb  
Goree, Sarah

Grace, Justine  
Graham, Leona  
Greencorn-Bouchie, Wilma  
Hardiman, Thomas  
Harrison, Bruce  
Hart, Brooks  
Hawley, Erin  
Janega, Joseph  
Jennex, Phillip  
Johnson-Snook, Diane  
Jolly, Jithin

Faculty, Marine Emergency Duties  
Faculty, Marine Navigation  
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Faculty, Practical Nursing  
Faculty, Marine Engineering  
Faculty, Marine Navigation  
Faculty, IT Generalist  
Facilities Manager, Maintenance  
Faculty, Practical Nursing  
Casual Employment Specialist, Marine  
Faculty, Marine Navigation  
Faculty, IT Generalist  
Auxiliary Faculty, Social Services  
Academic Chair, Applied Technology  
and Innovation and Institute of Skilled  
Trades  
Faculty, Power Engineering  
Program Assistant, Marine Engineering  
Faculty, Social Services  
Faculty, Welding  
Digital Technology Analyst, DI&T  
Electrician, Maintenance  
Faculty, Related Subjects Health  
Casual Employment Specialist, Achieve  
Student Accessibility Specialist  
Faculty, Social Services  
Auxiliary Faculty, Bridge Watch Rating  
Facilities Support Assistant, Maintenance  
Casual Administrative Support, CORAH  
Administrative Assistant, CORAH  
Administrative Assistant, Business Office  
Faculty, Marine Engineering  
Auxiliary Faculty, Practical Nursing  
Coordinator, Campus Housing  
Facilities Support Assistant  
Facilities Operator, Maintenance  
Administrative Assistant, Business Office  
Administrative Assistant, Business Office  
Faculty, Practical Nursing  
Facilities Support Assistant  
Faculty, Electrical  
Advisor & African Canadian Support,  
Student Services  
Auxiliary Faculty, Practical Nursing  
Casual Administrative Assistant, CORAH  
Administrative Assistant, Student Services  
Faculty, Power Engineering  
Building Services Assistant, Maintenance  
Student Services Advisor  
Faculty, Practical Nursing  
Program Assistant, Natural Resources  
Auxiliary Faculty, Marine Emergency Duties  
Program Coordinator, Achieve  
Faculty, Marine Engineering

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Probert, Charles  
Richard, Jim  
Richer, Michel  
Rodgers, Mark  
Roossinck, Bryan  
Rooyakkers, Donald  
Ryan, Elizabeth  
Ryan, Henry  
Sachin  
Salmon, Nancy

Sampson, April  
Sampson, Dean  
Sampson, Melanie  
Sampson, Shannon  
Saxena, Vivek  
Scott, Tracy  
Selvaraj, John Suresh  
Shah, Naushad  
Shepherd, Arran  
Situ, Ron  
Smith, Kyle  
Snair, Jared  
Stockley, Janet  
Summers, Jonathan  
Toney, Pamela

Walsh, Diane  
Wells, Sasha  
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Academic Chair, Access, Business,  
Creative Industries and Education and  
Health & Human Services  
Campus Librarian, Library Services  
Casual Facilities, Maintenance  
Faculty, Business  
Administrative Assistant, Business Office  
Principal  
Faculty, Trades  
Academic Chair, Nautical Institute  
Faculty, Marine Navigation  
Faculty, Marine Emergency Duties  
Faculty Trades  
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Faculty, Carpentry  
Facilities Support Assistant, Maintenance  
Faculty, Wind Turbine  
Student Services Advisor & Indigenous  
Support, Student Services  
Faculty, ALP  
Campus and Events Coordinator  
Faculty, Marine Engineering  
Placement Coordinator, Nautical