

Sydney Waterfront Campus Convocation June 6, 2025 2PM

Land Acknowledgement

NSCC is located in Mi'kma'ki, the unceded territory and traditional homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Our relationship is based on a series of peace and friendship treaties between the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Crown, dating back to 1725.

As Treaty beneficiaries, we recognize that we are all Treaty People.

Order of proceedings

Processional

Mi'kmaq Honour Song

O Canada

Principal's welcome

Carla Arsenault

President's remarks

Don Bureaux

Presentation of credentials

Presentation of major awards

Valedictory address

Alannah Busnik, Electronic Engineering Technician

Recessional

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

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

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

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

About the Mi'kmaq Honour Song

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

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

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



Don Bureaux

Message from the NSCC President

Graduates,

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

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

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

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Bureaux', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Don Bureaux

Class of 2025

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

School of Access, Education and Language

Certificate in Academic Career Connections

Aucoin, Maya

Cheticamp, NS

McLaughlin, Emily

New Waterford, NS

Diploma in Early Childhood Education

Button, Caleigh

Port Morien, NS

Davis, Natasha

Sydney, NS

DeCoste, Roseanne (*Honours*)

Glance Bay, NS

Gale, Kyla

Margaree, NS

Hulme, Rebecca

Glance Bay, NS

Leverington, April

Edmonton, AB

MacDonald, Tara

Blue Mills, NS

Marchand, Kelly

St. Georges Channel, NS

Tran, Thu

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

School of Business and Creative Industries

Certificate in Administrative Professional

Adesina, Habeeb (*Honours*)

Oyo State, Nigeria

Crocker, Jordyn

New Waterford, NS

Edwards, Christina

Sydney, NS

LeBlanc, Paige (*Honours*)

Sydney, NS

MacKinnon, Chloe

Ingonish, NS

O'Toole, Janaya

Sydney Mines, NS

Tappin, Marjorie

Newburg, NB

Certificate in Applied Media and Communication Arts

Aucoin, Jace

Glance Bay, NS

Burton, Jean Marie (*Honours*)

Barrachois, NS

Fortune, Faith

Sydney Mines, NS

Henry, Kimberly (*Honours*)

New Waterford, NS

Hudson, Abigail (*Honours*)

Dartmouth, NS

Joe-Sylliboy, Bethany

Eskasoni, NS

McNeil, Gavin

New Waterford, NS

Oliver, Alyson
Potter, Gabe (*Honours*)
Stanley, Sara

New Waterford, NS
Sydney Mines, NS
Sydney, NS

Graduate Certificate in Human Resource Management

Barrie, Stacey (*Honours*)
Parikh, Khushboo

Georges River, NS
Sydney, NS

School of Health and Human Services

Diploma in Cosmetology

Bates, Katherine (*Honours*)
Butts, Erika (*Honours*)
Campbell, Averie (*Honours*)
Dennis, Lilly (*Honours*)
Gillis, Mallory
Powers, Sofia (*Honours*)
Rowe, Morgan
Sumandeep, Sumandeep

Sydney, NS
Sydney, NS
Donkin, NS
Eskasoni, NS
Sydney, NS
Frenchvale, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Sydney, NS

Diploma in Practical Nursing

Bowles, Robyn
Caines, Emily
Campbell, Chloe
Cecchetto, Dawson
Clark, Leigh
Della Valle, Brittany
Doe, Sharon (*Honours*)
Gale, Emma
Gillis, Vanessa
Hoang, Bao Long Nguyen
Holic, Kendra
Hopkins, Madison
Howie, Katherine
Ignacio, James
Johnson, Nichelle
Kelloway, Danielle
Lloyd, Jordan
MacDonald, Breah
MacDonald, Hannah
MacIssac, Morgan
MacKinnon, Ali

Sydney, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Sydney, NS
New Waterford, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Sydney, NS
Sydney, NS
New Waterford, NS
Sydney, NS
Quang Binh, Vietnam
Little Bras d'Or, NS
Sydney, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Sydney, NS
Eskasoni, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Marion Bridge, NS
New Waterford, NS
Bay St. Lawrence, NS

MacLean, Amanda
 MacLellan, AnnaLee
 MacMullin, Sarah
 MacPherson, Nicole
 MacSween, Lauren
 March, Katelynn
 McGillivray, Emily
 Muir, Kailegh
 Newell, Hanna
 Paige, Brittainy
 Parnell, Jessica
 Robinson, Avery
 Spencer, Ann (*Honours*)
 Vasallo, Samantha
 White, Connor
 Withrow, Parker
 Zhang, Ying
 Zuo, Yang

Glace Bay, NS
 Sydney, NS
 Sandfield, NS
 North Sydney, NS
 New Waterford, NS
 Sydney, NS
 Balls Creek, NS
 New Waterford, NS
 Florence, NS
 Northside East Bay, NS
 Sydney, NS
 Reserve Mines, NS
 Bras d'Or, NS
 Glace Bay, NS
 New Waterford, NS
 New Waterford, NS
 South Bar, NS
 Heilongjiang, China

Diploma in Social Services

Boutilier, Billy Joe
 Cameron, Shakira (*Honours*)
 Campbell, James (*Honours*)
 Christie, Madeline (*Honours*)
 Crewe, KT (*Honours*)
 Gray, Rylen
 Harker, Jasmine (*Honours*)
 Ibekwe, Kenechukwu Victor (*Honours*)
 James, Aerial (*Honours*)
 Jewells, Tyler
 Johnston, Asher
 MacKinnon, Candace (*Honours*)
 MacLean, Bonnie Jean (*Honours*)
 McMullin, Erin (*Honours*)
 Melski, Madison (*Honours*)
 O'Keefe, Cassie (*Honours*)
 Pasher-Guirado, Olivia
 Percival, Zion (*Honours*)
 Slade, Catherine (*Honours*)
 Stubbett, Mary (*Honours*)
 Walker, Paige (*Honours*)
 Wrathall, Jasmine

Glace Bay, NS
 Glace Bay, NS
 Glace Bay, NS
 Englishtown, NS
 Sydney, NS
 Sydney, NS
 New Waterford, NS
 Sydney, NS
 New Waterford, NS
 New Waterford, NS
 Sydney, NS
 Sydney, NS
 Island View, NS
 New Waterford, NS
 Sydney, NS
 Dartmouth, NS
 Sydney River, NS
 Pickering, ON
 Glace Bay, NS
 Sydney, NS
 Sydney, NS
 Glace Bay, NS

Diploma in Therapeutic Recreation

Campbell, Tess (<i>Honours</i>)	Whycocomagh, NS
Debison, Andrea (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney, NS
Dickson, Mak	Sydney, NS
Lu, Chang (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
MacDonald, Axel-Lee	Scotch Lake, NS
MacInnis, Autumn (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney, NS
MacKinnon, Holly (<i>Honours</i>)	New Waterford, NS
MacLean, Ewan (<i>Honours</i>)	Antigonish, NS
MacLean-De Stecher, Sara	Pictou County, NS
MacLennan, Logan	Boularderie, NS
MacPherson, Kevin	Sydney, NS
McInnis, Paige (<i>Honours</i>)	North Sydney, NS
Park, Arin	Estevan, SK
Peckham, Emma (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney, NS
Rideout, Emily	Sydney Mines NS
Rowe, Brooke	Halifax, NS
Shepard, Max (<i>Honours</i>)	Glace Bay, NS
Townsend, Andrew	North Sydney, NS
Vassallo, Rachael (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney, NS

School of Technology and Environment

Diploma in Electronic Engineering Technician

Bushnik, Alannah (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney, NS
Del Mundo, Jay Ruben	Sydney, NS
Eisses, Taylor	Halifax, NS
MacLellan, Ryan	Sydney, NS
Morrison, Ceramic	Sydney, NS
Niznansky, Mathew (<i>Honours</i>)	Port Colbourne, NS
Ogden, Peter (<i>Honours</i>)	New Glasgow, NS
Reyes, Adrian Luis (<i>Honours</i>)	Bulacan, Philippines
Riles, Kyle	Florence, NS
Wilton, Brady	New Waterford, NS

Diploma in Industrial Instrumentation

Clark, Nathan	Glace Bay, NS
Fennell, Breton	Truro, NS
Gamble, Brett (<i>Honours</i>)	Halifax, NS
Hood, Ryan	Georges River, NS
Leblanc, Matt	Coxheath, NS
Lush, Riley (<i>Honours</i>)	Sydney Mines, NS
MacDonald, Aiden	Sydney Mines, NS
McCarthy, Keigan	Glace Bay, NS

McSween, Parker
Ogbu, Henry
Sweeney, Christopher (*Honours*)

Florence, NS
Imo State, Nigeria
Sydney, NS

School of Trades and Transportation

Certificate in Heavy Duty Equipment/Truck and Transport Repair

Arsenault, Jon
Crocker, Jorden
Halliday, Hailey (*Honours*)
MacKeigan, Shamus
MacNeil, Brandyn
Mascoll-McPhee, Tre
Pandher, Jaspreet (*Honours*)
Reid, Brian
Sidhu, Hardeep (*Honours*)
West, Stephen (*Honours*)
Woods, Raymond (*Honours*)

Sydney, NS
Halifax, NS
Sydney, NS
Albert Bridge, NS
Sydney, NS
Sydney, NS
Punjab, India
Glance Bay, NS
Sydney, NS
Glendale, NS
New Waterford, NS

Certificate in Plumbing

Bonnar-Williams, Jace
Fitzgerald, Nathan (*Honours*)
Gallant, Gabriel
Lahey, Shamus
Sharkey, Kyan
Stepko, Morgan

Sydney, NS
Ingonish, NS
New Waterford, NS
Catalone, NS
River Bourgeois, NS
Sydney, NS

Certificate in Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

Kumar, Raj (*Honours*)
MacDonald, Jenna
MacDonald, Lauren
MacIsaac, Rhett
McNeil, Kale
McPhee, Jade
Trask, Logan
Wallace, Liam
Wang, Jianxi (*Honours*)

Punjab, India
Sydney, NS
Sydney, NS
Country Harbour, NS
Glance Bay, NS
Sydney, NS
Sydney, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Sydney, NS

Diploma in Metal Fabrication

Andrews, Riley
Bonar, Brittney (*Honours*)
Burke, Nicholas

Sydney, NS
Little Bras d'Or, NS
New Waterford, NS

MacKenzie, Sunni
Richard, Brennan

Glace Bay, NS
Sydney, NS

Diploma in Welding

Druggett, Noah
Greaves, Adam
Hill, Donald (*Honours*)
Macaulay, Owen
MacDonald, Lillian
Macintosh-Moore, Dawsyn
MacPhee, Keegan

Sydney, NS
Sydney, NS
Sydney, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Glace Bay, NS
Edmonton, AB

NSCC Employee Learning Programs

Leadership Essentials

Power, Adam

Bras d'Or, NS

Convocation 2025

Valedictorian

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



Alannah Bushnik

School of Technology and Environment

Electronic Engineering Technician

Being no stranger to hard work, Alannah found her way to Sydney Waterfront Campus after spending many years balancing full-time jobs – even while finishing her high school diploma. She was ready for a change that aligned more with her goals and passions.

Choosing the Electronic Engineering Technician program was, in her words, “a shot in the dark,” but it quickly proved to be the perfect mix of creativity, technical skill and problem-solving. NSCC’s hands-on learning, smaller class sizes and supportive environment offered her a more accessible and personal alternative to university - making it the right fit.

Alannah's program aligned with her hobbies like music and photography which made her learning deeply engaging. Her involvement in groups like Enactus, Skills Nova Scotia competitions and tutoring were among her most memorable and valuable experiences.

Throughout her studies, Alannah found inspiration in both her peers and faculty. Her classmates became a close-knit community and her instructors played a key role in building her confidence. She also credits the Student Services team for their support and helping to point her in the right direction.

Following graduation, Alannah will spend the summer as a camp coordinator for Skills Nova Scotia, helping lead trades and technical campus for youth. She also plans to become a medical equipment technician to support local hospitals.

Alannah shares this advice for the Class of 2025: “Keep an open mind, say yes to things that push you, and trust that you’re moving forward - even when it feels sideways.”

Major awards

Governor General's Academic Medal

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

Chang Lu
Therapeutic Recreation

Nova Scotia Community College Gold Medal

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

Courtney Hall
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.

Kate Fraser
Early Childhood Education

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.

Raj Kumar
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

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.

Nichelle Johnson
Practical Nursing

Staff

Addicott, Sherry	Faculty
Andrew, Darren	Faculty
Arsenault, Carla	Principal
Baldwin, Noelle	Faculty
Baldwin, Troy	Faculty
Basque, Janice	SS Advisor & Indigenous Supports
Besaw, Craig	SS Counsellor, Personal/Career
Bigley, Shawn	Faculty
Billard, Judith	Facilities Support Lead
Borden, Donna	Administrative Assistant
Boutilier, Frederick	Faculty
Boutilier, Sabbastion	Digital Technology Analyst
Brewster, Charmaine	Casual Faculty
Brgudac, Tony	Asst Facilities Manager
Brown, Stan	Electrician
Burke, Karen	Faculty
Butt, Stephen	Faculty
Cameron, Gary	Faculty
Cameron, Shauna	Learning Com Assistant/Test Centre Admin
Campbell, Joanna	Faculty
Campbell, Kelly	Faculty
Cann, Donna	Administrative Assistant
Carroll, Janine	Faculty
Caudle, Ardell	Program Assistant
Caume, Cathy	Faculty
Chiasson, Chad	Facilities Support Assistant
Christie, Cory	Faculty
Clark, Bruce	Academic Chair
Clark, Chris	Achieve Program Coordinator
Confiant, Andree	Faculty
Costello, Amanda	Faculty
Crittenden, Rayna	Faculty
Cuzner, Lynn	Faculty
Dawson, Spencer	Faculty
Desmond, Darren	Manager, Student Services
Dolhanty, Valerie	Casual Faculty
Dunn, Carmen	Faculty
Durant, Wanda	Administrative Assistant
Durning, Meagan	Faculty
Fiander, Sara	Administrative Assistant
Fiolek, Barrie	Facilities Manager

Fogarty, Arlene	Faculty
Fraser, Curtis	Faculty
Fraser, Deborah	Administrative Assistant
Fraser, Rene	Building Services Lead
Fraser, Steve	Facilities Support Assistant
Gardiner, Adam	Faculty
Gaudette, Rhonda	Faculty
Goree, Sarah	SS Advisor & African Canadian Supports
Gouthro, Kelly	Faculty
Gouthro, Maria	Food Services Assistant
Graham, Helen	Academic Chair
Gray, Stephen	Learning Com Assistant/Test Centre Admin
Greer, Wayne	Faculty
Guy, Alicia	Administrative Assistant
Hareguy, Nicholas	Facilities Support Assistant
Henry, Grace	ALP Counsellor
Hewer, Michael	Facilities Support Assistant
Hill, Blair	Faculty
Howie, Ashley	Student Accessibility Specialist
Hubley, Bruce	Academic Chair
Jardine, Billy	Faculty
Jillett, Frances	Food Services Assistant
Johnson, Bernadette	Program Coordinator, Women Unlimited
Johnston, Alyssa	Faculty
Johnston, Beth	Administrative Assistant
Julian, Bernadette	Faculty
Kehoe, Ronald	Faculty
Kelly, Brian	Faculty
Kibyuk, Blair	Faculty
Lamey, Pat	Casual Faculty
Landry, Darcy	Faculty
Lawrence, Doug	Lead Public Safety Officer
Lawrence, Scott	Building Services Assistant
Lettice, Shawn	Faculty
Long, Kim	Faculty
Luxton, Steve	Faculty
MacArthur, Shauna	Casual Faculty
MacAulay, Darlene	Faculty
MacDonald, David	Faculty
MacDonald, Dawn	Faculty
MacDonald, Rory	Faculty
MacInnis, Blaine	Digital Technology Analyst
MacInnis, Lynn	Facilities Support Assistant
MacIntosh, Michele	Faculty

MacIntyre, Carolyn	Employment Specialist
MacIntyre, Lisa	Casual Faculty
MacKeigan, Valerie	Casual Faculty
MacKinnon, Noreen	Women Unlimited & Equity Adv
MacKinnon, Walter	Cook
MacLean, Devon	Facilities Support Assistant
MacLean, Kaitlyn	Facilities Support Assistant
MacLellan, Janine	Faculty
MacLeod, Ashley	Faculty
MacLeod, George	Faculty
MacMullin, Heather	Faculty
MacNeil, Lois	Faculty
MacPherson, Beth	Casual Facilities
MacPherson, Barb	Casual Faculty
March, Lori	Employee Services Advisor
Martin, Mitchell	Faculty
Matthews, Janelle	Facilities Support Assistant
McCarron, Peter	Manager, Administrative Services
McCormack, Adam	Faculty
McCormick, Adam	Faculty
McGillivray, Matt	Manager, IT Operations
McKay, Wayne	Faculty
McLellan, Chelsea	SS Advisor
McMullin, Margaret	Food Services Assistant
McNeil, Molly	Casual Faculty
McNeil, Wade	Faculty
McPherson, Connie	Faculty
Milburn, Kathy	Coordinator ECS Resource Ctre
Miller, Greg	Faculty
Nash, Daniel	Digital Technology Analyst
Neville, Ellen	Administrative Assistant
Oakley, James	Faculty
O'Callaghan, Valerie	Faculty
Pardy, Emily	Administrative Assistant
Peach, Scott	Faculty
Pearson, David	Faculty
Pendergast, Alex	Program Assistant
Perfect, Troy	Faculty
Pettipas, Robert	Faculty
Phalen, Christine	Casual Faculty
Pineau, Kevin	Faculty
Planetta, Donna	Administrative Assistant
Power, Adam	Academic Chair
Quinn, Jay	Facilities Support Lead

Richards, Paula	Faculty
Richards, Rodney	Faculty
Ringer, Megan	Faculty
Rizzato, Bernie	Food Services Assistant
Rizzo, Amanda	Faculty
Roach, Gail	Facilities Support Assistant
Roberts, Crowdis	Faculty
Robertson, Jessica	Faculty
Romeo Campbell, Goretti	Faculty
Routledge, Tanya	Faculty
Sampson, Brett	Faculty
Sampson, Jenna	Campus Engagement Lead
Sampson, Nicole	Assistant Registrar
Scott, Dave	Faculty
Sharpe, Steve	Faculty
Simms, Shawn	Casual Facilities
Sultan, Kimberley	Faculty
Swayne, Ann Margaret	Administrative Assistant
Swayne, Jim	Faculty
Tobin, Amy	Faculty
Tobin-Collier, Danielle	Administrative Assistant
Tournidis, Chris	SS Advisor
Uhma, Alison	Casual Faculty
Vassallo, Jason	Faculty
Vusich, Jannette	Campus Library Technician
Wadden, Spencer	Faculty
Wang, Kalie	Faculty
Weyman, Allie	Casual Faculty
Weyman, Trina	Casual Faculty
White, Adam	Faculty
White, Emily	Administrative Assistant
White, Jenny	Faculty
White, Troy	Faculty
Williams, David	Administrative Assistant
Wilson, Adrian	Faculty
Wilson, Cecil	Faculty
Wilson, Ray	Faculty