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**REPORT TO THE
COMMUNITY 2020**



PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR MESSAGE

At NSCC, we've long prided ourselves on being nimble and responsive - to the needs of our learners and to the province as a whole.

For over two decades, we've been a catalyst for building communities and our economy by offering Nova Scotians the training and education they need to meet the demands of today while seizing the opportunities of tomorrow.

Through our pan-provincial network of campuses, our industry connectivity and broad suite of programs, we've been well-positioned to help foster our province's success.

This year, our mission and vision were tested more than they've ever been and we've come to realize a broader definition of what success truly means.

In 2020, we continue to live through a global pandemic. A mass shooting shook our province and our country, and we continue to grieve the loss. And the world was compelled to take a stand against racial injustice.

Despite the many challenges faced throughout the College community, stories abound of support for one another and perseverance in the face of fear. Gestures of kindness, meals to feed front-line workers, tears for those we've lost, virtual serenades of comfort and sacred symbols shared in grief and empowerment - our community came together in extraordinary ways.

We're so proud of the example set by our students, employees, grads, retirees and community members. The love and courage they've shown in the face of all-encompassing change is inspiring. It's reminded us just how important the word 'community' in our name truly is.

2020 will forever change the way we operate - as an institution and as individuals. Never has our commitment to community, to our students' success and to helping build the province - in both an economic and social sense - been so important.

As we move forward into what the coming months hold in store for NSCC and the world, we will draw inspiration from a lesson our College community frequently demonstrated throughout these challenging times: we are stronger together.

Don Bureaux - President, NSCC

Judith Ferguson - Chair, NSCC Board of Governors

ANTONIA WAREHAM

Antonia Wareham graduated from the first Pathways to Shipbuilding Program, offered in partnership with Women Unlimited in 2015. Today, she's a Journeyperson Welder at the Halifax Shipyard and a mentor to others. Her most recent mentee group - 20 students in the Pathways to Shipbuilding Program for African Nova Scotians - achieved a 100% completion rate and all 20 students were offered an opportunity for full-time employment.

"Being a mentor means everything to me. As a Pathways to Shipbuilding Program grad myself, I know exactly what they're going through, what it took to get where they are and what their goals are."

nsc.ca/Antonia



BUILDING A LEGACY.

Welding Diploma
Akerley Campus



TURNING THE TIDES.

SEATAC
Centre for Ocean Ventures and Entrepreneurship (COVE)

NEIL LAAMANEN

Neil Laamanen is helping small- and medium-sized businesses bring their ocean innovations to life at SEATAC, NSCC's technology access centre. In a world tidal sector first, Neil used the College's Renishaw AM250 3D Metal Printer to create a tidal version of Biome Renewables' wind turbine PowerCone® for deployment and testing in Ireland.

"Clients can access everything from high-end manufacturing to subject matter experts - the biggest resource of all. It's an empowering model that takes some of the risk out of new ventures for corporations looking to grow."

nsc.ca/SEATAC

DAVIS WHITTLE

Trinidadian army vet Davis Whittle came to Canada in search of new opportunities for his growing family and to complete the Criminal Justice program at NSCC. The program's work placement led him to a position at the province's largest correctional facility where he soon earned the official recognition of the superintendent for his work as a Correctional Officer.

"The most rewarding part of my job is talking to an inmate about their experiences. If they can see where things went wrong, we can come up with workable solutions, so they never have to come back."

nsc.ca/Davis



STANDING ON *GUARD.*

Criminal Justice Diploma
Truro Campus



TWO-EYED *SEEING.*

Natural Resources Environmental Technology Diploma
Strait Area Campus

KIERAN WASUEK JOHNSON

As a child, Kieran Wasuek Johnson spent her summers discovering nature alongside Mi'kmaw elders and natural resource professionals at Nikani Awtiken Youth Camp on the Bras d'Or Lakes. Today, she's a camp mentor who practices Two-Eyed Seeing by weaving together her traditional knowledge and formal training to protect, discover and experience the woods, waterways and natural environments of Unama'ki.

“When I started the program, it felt like a puzzle piece had finally fallen into place. I found where I was meant to be.”

nsc.ca/Kieran

REBECCA LOMBARDO

When the coronavirus pandemic required classes to move online, Rebecca Lombardo wasn't sure she could continue her education. The single mom relied heavily on campus computers and feared the impact isolation might have on her mental health. With support from the NSCC Foundation, Rebecca and nearly 500 other students were loaned laptops to support their continued learning and connect them to virtual support services at the College.

"The support and compassion shown was instrumental to my success. My instructors created a learning environment that was inclusive, empathetic and encouraging. It helped push me through."

nsc.ca/Rebecca



COMPASSION FOR **LEARNING.**

Social Services Diploma
Kingstec Campus



FROM THE *GROUND UP.*

Red Seal Carpenter
Marconi Campus

ANDRÉ ROSNOK

André Rosnok's career has come full circle. When he was a Carpenter apprentice, he completed his technical training levels and Red Seal Exam at Marconi Campus. Today, he's the Site Superintendent for the Ellis Don Joneljim Joint Venture and leads the team of skilled workers building the campus's new home in Downtown Sydney.

"This is a great opportunity - for me and others in the construction industry. There aren't many projects of this size locally. This one's going to completely change the look of and activity in Sydney by supporting local businesses and bringing more people downtown."

nsc.ca/Andre

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

\$20.7M

INVESTED IN NSCC BY THE PROVINCE OF
NOVA SCOTIA

- Supports infrastructure upgrades at nine of our 13 physical campuses.
- Projects range from culinary kitchen upgrades to making washrooms gender neutral and fully accessible to all.
- Construction is expected to create the equivalent of approximately 100 jobs.

\$24M

VALUE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS LAUNCHED IN 2019

- Supports expansion of housing options and training reach of NSCC.
- Strait Area Campus Residence: Opening spring 2021.
- Annapolis Valley Campus Residence and Business Research: Opening spring 2021.
- IT Campus IT Innovation Centre: Opening summer 2021.

For ongoing updates and photos, visit
nsc.ca/Construction

MAKING AN IMPACT

20K

STUDENTS WELCOMED EACH YEAR

90%

GROWTH IN INDIGENOUS STUDENT ENROLMENT SINCE 2010¹

49%

OF INCOMING STUDENTS HAVE PREVIOUS POST-SECONDARY EXPERIENCE²

482

LAPTOPS SECURED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SUPPORT REMOTE LEARNING³

\$1.8B

CONTRIBUTED TO THE NOVA SCOTIA ECONOMY BY NSCC AND ITS STUDENTS⁴

91%

OF EMPLOYED NSCC GRADUATES LIVE AND WORK IN NOVA SCOTIA⁵

NSCC IS FOR
THOSE WHO STRIVE
TO KNOW MORE,
DO MORE, BE MORE.

1. NSCC 2019 Official Enrolment Count

2. 2019 Incoming Student Success Survey

3. NSCC Foundation Summer Update April - June 2020

4. 2017-2018, Economic Impact and Return on Investment of Education, EMSI 2018

5. NSCC 2019 Graduate Survey

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