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## **#DoingSomethingGreat**

They are our neighbours, friends and family members. They are the creators, makers and inventors. They are NSCC students, alumni and employees. They are the people building Nova Scotia.

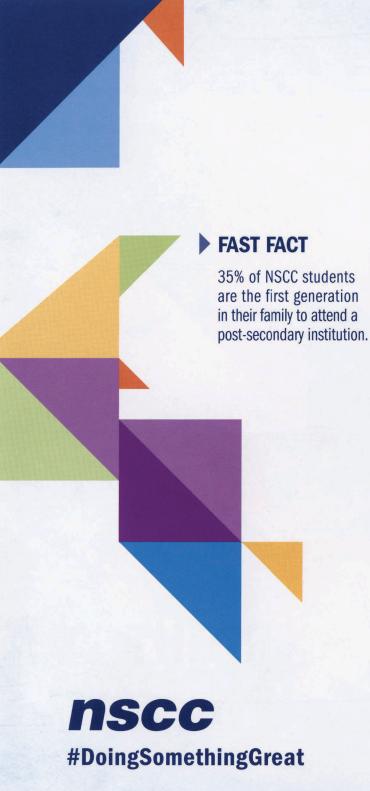
In every corner of our province, members of the NSCC community are following their passions and ideas to create their own opportunities. You see it happening at a farm in the Valley, in the forests of Cape Breton and at an accounting firm in Yarmouth.

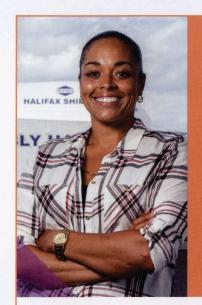
At NSCC, through our programming and team of 2,000 employees, we provide our students with the education and support they need to succeed, but the road does not stop there. It is our students' belief in themselves, imagination and drive to do something great that pave the way for their futures.

For many, it is not a straightforward path to one career, but a journey of testing and pushing the limits to be the best they can be. Individually, their stories are remarkable. Collectively, their impact is tremendous. And, more and more, they are doing it all right here in Nova Scotia.

I invite you to meet the individuals featured in this report. Discover the stories of students like Diana, graduates like Donovan, donors like Carol and staff members like Peter. Be inspired by their innovative spirit. Go ahead. Join them in **#DoingSomethingGreat**.

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"I hope to have my hands on the first ship that hits the water so I can proudly say I was part of it right from the start."

#### **Learning to Build Ships**

It's a change of course for the mother of four, but Denise Watters is determined to join the new generation of shipbuilders. Thanks to a pilot program between NSCC, Women Unlimited, Irving Shipbuilding Inc. and Unifor, the Welding student is already on her way to building Canada's future defence fleet.

READ MORE: bit.ly/DeniseWatters

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### **Caring for Youth**

Tyra Denny had a challenging youth, but as an adult she's turning her experience into an opportunity to help young people in her community.

READ MORE: bitl.ly/TyraDenny

### FAST FACT

91% of employed NSCC graduates are living and working in Nova Scotia.



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"Cape Breton is my home. If I can breathe new life into this island, then I'll be happy."

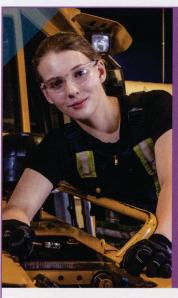
#### **Growing a Business**

Diana Austin hasn't yet graduated, but she's already started a business. The Natural Resources and Environmental Technology student is helping to protect Nova Scotia's environment and build Cape Breton's economy.

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NSCC delivers 120+ programs at 13 campuses across the province.



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"There's an excitement to knowing you're doing something that may challenge the norm or stretch gender role boundaries."

#### **Challenging Boundaries**

Jennifer Johnson didn't intend to set out to be a trail blazer, she just wanted a career she loved. But the closer she gets to becoming Nova Scotia's first female Red Seal Heavy Duty Equipment Technician, the more passionate she is about encouraging women to enter the trades.

READ MORE: bit.ly/JenniferJ

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#### **Coming Home**

Ed Halverson's job had him travelling the world, but with a new family he was ready for a change. Now, he's back home gaining the skills he needs for a journalism career – a profession he expects to be just as exciting as his last.

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24,000 students choose to learn with us each year.



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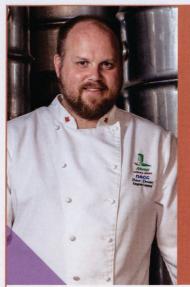
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"It takes a lot of courage to take that initial leap without knowing how things will work out on the other end."

#### **Shifting Careers**

Donovan Bain's job as an accountant is a long way from the choppy waters of the North Atlantic where he used to work as a fisherman. Inspired by the story of an NSCC grad, Donovan followed his heart back to school for a career change.

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**ANNAPOLIS VALLEY** 

"We really do have the resources and talent to make things happen in Nova Scotia."

#### **Recognizing Potential**

When Chef Peter Dewar thinks of local resources like hops and maple syrup he sees opportunities to develop something great. The NSCC instructor is helping valley businesses like Pure Infused Maple and Meadow River Farm and Brewery expand their product lines.

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#### **Helping Nova Scotians**

As the first person in her family to graduate with a post-secondary education, Carol Snider knows the possibilities an education can provide. That's why she's created a financial bursary to help Nova Scotians like Stephen Filek access College and receive the skills our province needs.

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The spirit of the stories you read in this report is a big part of what inspired us to volunteer as Governors. NSCC is an innovative place that's providing individuals in our province with the foundation for an even greater quality of life. It is one of Nova Scotia's greatest assets and economic drivers and we are committed to ensuring it remains so for generations to come. Want to see just how great it is? Go ahead.

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PAUL L. WALTER - Chair, NSCC Board of Governors



Bob MacEachern; Janet Knox; Adam LePage. Missing from photo: Rob Bennett; Anna Stuart; John Volcko; Alex Paul; Ian Cavanagh.

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