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REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2016

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MESSAGE FROM

DON BUREAUX AND DAVE SAXTON



You see them all across the province. Passionate, innovative and hard-working Nova Scotians who do their best everyday to build a life in Nova Scotia. They grow our economy and improve our communities and province in the process.

At NSCC, we empower those people. We offer them the opportunity to take their passion and put their talent and ideas to work. We provide them the footing from which they determine their future, from where they will go out and make their mark.

We are proud to support these individuals, to give them the tools they need to get started or to take the next step in their journey. Our dedicated and expert faculty members ensure they are ready to tackle the challenges once out in the workforce and our employees arrive every day, motivated to see our students succeed.

And it is the students who succeed. Entrepreneurs, community builders and newcomers to Canada who are all striving to achieve their goals. They are driven and ready to take action. They overcome hurdles and obstacles. They seize opportunity when it is in front them and create it when it is not.

It's been a great year for the College and our success is a reflection of the accomplishments of our students, staff and graduates. We invite you to read their stories and be inspired by their success.

DON BUREAUX - NSCC President

DAVID P. SAXTON - Chair, NSCC Board of Governors



88%
OF GRADUATES
ARE EMPLOYED*

120+
PROGRAMS
OFFERED

2,000+
EMPLOYEES

90%
OF EMPLOYED GRADS
ARE LIVING AND WORKING
IN NOVA SCOTIA*

17
CAMPUS AND
LEARNING CENTRE
LOCATIONS

20,000+
STUDENTS
WELCOMED
EACH YEAR

36%
FIRST GENERATION TO
ATTEND POST-SECONDARY

#1
TOP REPUTATION
IN NOVA SCOTIA**

*NSCC GRADUATE FOLLOW-UP SURVEY, 2015
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SUCCESS IN STYLE.

Some said it couldn't be done, but Thomas Melong knew he could succeed in rural Nova Scotia. He pursued his passion and is the co-owner of Vivid, a thriving Antigonish salon.

"The only way Nova Scotia is going to thrive is if people take a chance. You can change our province and economy. It's scary to take the leap, but I have no regrets."

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THOMAS MELONG

nscnow.ca/ThomasMelong

As a refugee in Nepal for 19 years, Bhutan-born Januka Adhikari's dreams of being a nurse seemed impossible. After she and her husband came to Canada in 2010, Januka enrolled in the Adult Learning Program (ALP) and, in 2015, graduated from Practical Nursing. Now she's living her dream working at the QEII Health Sciences Centre in Halifax.

"It was tough, coming to a new place, starting over. I always wanted to be a nurse and it was hard, but I made it through. I love what I do and where I live."

REALIZING A DREAM.

JANUKA ADHIKARI

nscnow.ca/JanukaAdhikari



RISING ABOVE.

Gail Christmas is the youngest female councillor ever elected to Membertou First Nation. Having overcome her own adversities, the Child and Youth Care graduate is determined to be a positive role model and to strengthen her community.

"There are so many people who don't know how to ask for help. I want to be a voice for all ages, bringing issues and concerns to the table, being there for our people."

GAIL CHRISTMAS

nscnow.ca/GailChristmas

A woman with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue polo shirt, is working in a cidery. She is holding a metal tool connected to a machine on the left and has her other hand raised towards a yellow container on the right. The background shows various pieces of equipment and a bright window.

CRAFTING A CAREER.

Melanie Eelman already had a PhD in Chemistry when she enrolled in Continuing Education's Hard Cider Made Easy course. She's now the head cider maker at the Annapolis Cider Company.

"It's an exciting new industry we as Nova Scotians can build upon, and we're proud to offer what we have created."

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MELANIE EELMAN

nscnow.ca/MelanieEelman

A photograph of two men, Ryan Brownell and Alistair Covey, in a workshop or office environment. They are both looking at a tablet held by Ryan. Ryan is wearing a maroon t-shirt and a necklace, while Alistair is wearing a blue and white plaid shirt. The background is a blurred teal-colored wall.

RYAN BROWNELL & ALISTAIR COVEY

nscnow.ca/RyanAlistair

Creating opportunity is what being an entrepreneur is all about. That's why IT students Ryan Brownell and Alistair Covey took a chance on a novel idea—starting and managing their own business for a work term.

"We want to be innovative. We want to get the skills to create something we can contribute to our education and to the province - both now and in the future."

MAKING THEIR MARK.



KITRINA GODDING

nscnow.ca/KitrinaGoddling

DIVING IN.

Kitrina Godding and her dive team are preparing to embark on the Sedna Expedition - a 3,000 km trek through the Arctic. There, the Centre of Geographic Sciences (COGS) graduate and her team will document the impacts of global warming on the region's ecosystem and the Indigenous people's way of life.

"We're working with young people, in particular young women, who are considering careers in oceans - in sciences. They want to make a difference in their communities to protect their culture and way of life. In turn, we're being given the chance to also learn so much from them."

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THE MAKERS AND BUILDERS,
THOSE WHO INVENT AND
TAKE ACTION, AND THOSE
WHO LEND A HELPING
HAND. ALL EAGER TO MOVE
FORWARD AND MAKE THEIR
MARKS IN THE WORLD.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
THOSE PURSUING THEIR
DREAMS AND REALIZING
THEIR POTENTIAL, VISIT
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