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## Award honours brothers' generous spirit, NSCC connection



Donors Fred and Sarita MacAskill meet award recipient Andrea Fritz (Practical Nursing, Kingstec Campus, Class of 2018)

Attending NSCC was a positive experience for Colin and Ryan MacAskill, so after their untimely deaths, their parents, Fred and Sarita, established an award to help other young people access an education at Nova Scotia Community College.

"We felt very good about the experience they had there," says Sarita.

The Colin and Ryan MacAskill Memorial Award was initially established in honour of Ryan, a second-year NSCC Financial Services student at Kingstec Campus, who lost his life in an accident shortly before graduating in 2006. After the sudden

passing of his older brother in 2013, the family decided to alter the award to include Colin, who graduated from the same Financial Services program in 2003 and then completed a Business Administration degree at Mount Saint Vincent University.

The bursary - available to a male and female student each year across various programs at Kingstec Campus in Kentville - recognizes the brothers' personal generosity toward friends and family, and the value they each placed on receiving a college education.

Sarita notes that after Ryan's death, the campus invited his family to accept his

diploma at convocation, and planted a tree in his memory.

"The school was very caring and supportive and we were astounded by the generosity of people and businesses in this area," she says. "The award is really not about us - it's about being able to support students."

This academic year, The Colin and Ryan MacAskill Memorial Award went to Andrea Fritz, a Practical Nursing student, and William Saunders from the Heavy Duty Equipment / Truck & Transport Repair program.

Andrea, a single mother of a young son, has a Bachelor of Science degree and graduated from NSCC's Continuing Care program in 2011. She's been working at a nursing-care facility and enjoying it so much she decided to enroll in the Licensed Practical Nurse course with an eye to eventually becoming a Registered Nurse.

"I feel honored and I am so appreciative of the award - it is a huge help to me," says Andrea, who attended a luncheon meeting with the MacAskills after receiving the award.

"This program is going to take her to the next stage in her career," says Sarita. "It was so nice to meet her and hear about why she's chosen this field."

"I am currently a Continuing Care Assistant but have wanted to become a nurse for a very long time. It is extremely hard financially to go to school, raise a family and try to work, so this award is a very big help ... NSCC has been an extremely important part of my education journey. It's an amazing environment to learn in, and staff do so much to help students be the best they can be."

Andrea Fritz (Practical Nursing, Kingstec Campus, Class of 2018), Colin and Ryan MacAskill Memorial Award recipient



## International student keen on making a world-class impression

**Growing up, Winnifred Simpson and her three siblings were accustomed to her mother's grueling schedule as a baker and market vendor.**

"For a long time I couldn't imagine following in her footsteps, but slowly I began to embrace the idea of being an entrepreneur," says the second-year International Business student and recipient of the Credit Union Education Award.

Winnifred's road to NSCC's Truro Campus was long and winding. She earned a Business and Information Systems Management degree from the University of Technology, Jamaica in her homeland and while studying spent three summers working at a national park in Wyoming, USA; then nabbed a job at her alma mater.

But the entrepreneurial call was strong, so when a friend told her about NSCC's International Business program - with its "interesting and valuable internships" - she made her move, venturing into the unknown to pursue her dreams.

"My career aspiration is to become a well-rounded world-class entrepreneur.

This program has thus far exceeded my expectations - I am loving every aspect of it," she says.

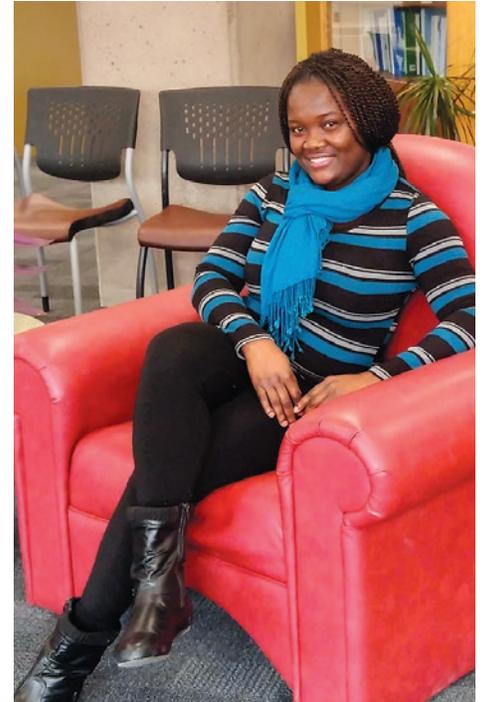
As one of 26 recipients of the Credit Union Education Award, Winnifred is "deeply appreciative" of the financial boost.

"In planning to come here, I realized I didn't have all of the money I needed, so I had to borrow. The financial help is so appreciated, because it is helping me offset some of those costs," she says.

A frequent volunteer, Winnifred is active on campus and in Davis Hall residence, where she lives. She and a fellow student even founded a new group called IDEAL (Internationally Diverse and Embracing All Lives).

And while exploring business ideas for herself, Winnifred has also helped her Mom expand her longstanding venture, taking her bammy product - a traditional Jamaican cassava flatbread - out of the local market and into grocery stores in Jamaica.

"Her experience has taught me that going into business requires energy and devotion and the ability to stick to your goals," she says.



Winnifred Simpson, Credit Union Education Award recipient (International Business, Truro Campus, Class of 2017)

## A message from NSCC President Don Bureaux

**At NSCC, we've just finished refreshing our strategic plan, Here & Now, which will guide our actions for the coming five years.**

It is based on our promise - *To empower those who strive to Know more. Do more. Be more.* It's a promise to students, but also a promise to you, our stakeholders, and the broader community.

*Here & Now* was developed through consultations with hundreds of internal and external stakeholders. Our vision to transform Nova Scotia, one learner at a time, remains.

To do that, we will bring renewed energy, bold leadership and innovative thinking to our work. We will respond to the evolving needs and expectations of students, and of our economy.

As you know, students at Nova Scotia Community College are our makers and builders. They invent, they act, and they lend a helping hand. They are ready to make their marks in the world. We promise to empower them through an innovative, challenging and applied education.

And that's in the best interest of all Nova Scotians. Thank you for playing an important role in this journey.



Read *Here & Now* at [www.nsc.ca/strategic\\_plan](http://www.nsc.ca/strategic_plan)

## Volunteer work shines light on NSCC's value

### Dale Noseworthy has been ramping up her work with NSCC slowly, but surely.

As a Chartered Accountant student and auditor with Deloitte in the 1990s, she was involved in a routine audit of the college. Then three years ago she agreed to volunteer with the NSCC Foundation's Audit, Finance & Investment (AF&I) sub-committee.

"I was well aware of the college, but the positive profile had been expanding, and I had heard a lot of good things about it," says Dale.

"Working with the committee has been a great experience. I've been impressed with the level of professionalism - it's an effective and efficient advisory group."

That was key in sparking her interest when an opportunity arose to join the NSCC Foundation Board of Directors in early 2016. Now she's pleased to also be

sharing her talents in this new realm.

"I was keen to take on a bigger role," says Dale, who was recently promoted to Chief Financial Officer with Killam Apartment REIT.

Dale grew up in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa but came to the East Coast - based on family connections - to attend Mount Allison University, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting.

After Deloitte, she worked in key roles with Emera and Beacon Securities before joining Killam 11 years ago. She's pleased to say Killam hires NSCC grads.

"Being on the NSCC Foundation Board has really enhanced my view of the college. The significant impact the college makes province-wide, on students and communities, is clear," says Dale.

"And the Foundation makes such an impact in terms of improving access to a quality education for many Nova Scotians."



Dale Noseworthy,  
NSCC Foundation Board Treasurer

## Shannex-NSCC partnership a boost for students, health-care sector

### A new partnership between Shannex Incorporated and Nova Scotia Community College will give students, the company and the health-care sector a major boost.

The Shannex Pathway to Success Bursary program will provide significant financial support - \$300,000 in total over three years - to eligible students enrolled in the Continuing Care course at NSCC.

Along with a \$2,000 award each to help cover tuition and related costs, recipients will be guaranteed a work placement with Shannex, and following graduation, one-year paid employment with the company. Shannex provides

seniors' accommodation, service and care in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario.

"Shannex is leading the way to better living for our aging population, so it's a privilege to work with them on this important and timely initiative," says Michelle Bussey, NSCC Foundation's Director, Development.

"Not only will this open doors for dedicated students in financial need, it will help address an industry gap in Nova Scotia, ensuring citizens in need receive the excellent care they deserve."

The Shannex Pathway to Success Bursary program will see its first student beneficiaries start the one-year course in September 2017, at 12 NSCC locations

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Michelle Bussey, NSCC Foundation's  
Director, Development.

across the province. Approximately 50 full-time students per year will participate, during a three-year pilot.

## NSCC alum still 'learning five new things a day'

Growing up, Brynn Langille never imagined she would be working as a Communications Advisor for the Nova Scotia Liberal caucus office.

"I was always fascinated with radio and loved to talk," says the extroverted Brynn. "I did see myself going into broadcasting, which is where I got my start at NSCC."

She graduated from the Radio & Television Arts program (now Radio Television Journalism) in 2010 and hit the ground running.

After building connections with local employers through internships, Brynn was hired by Maritime Broadcasting System Radio as a news anchor. She soon took her skills to News 95.7 Halifax. In just over a year, she went from being a reporter to landing a spot in the

co-anchor's chair on the station's morning news program.

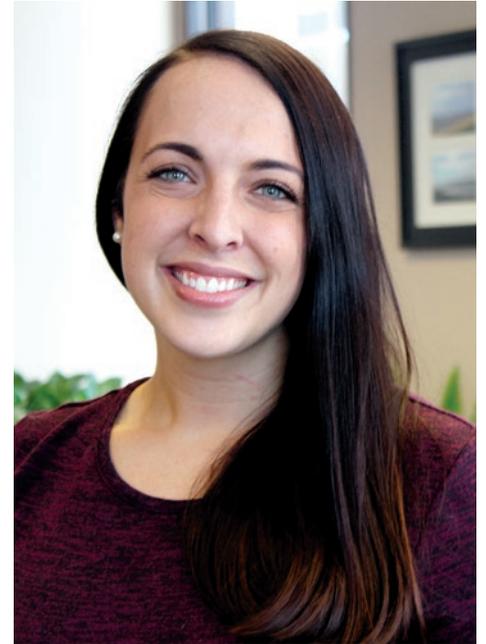
Now Brynn has hung up the headphones to work in communications. In her new role, she still uses the skills she acquired at Nova Scotia Community College.

"I learned a lot about professionalism, how to deal with people, and a lot about writing," she says. "Those are all things I definitely incorporate into my job."

She says NSCC's reputation, specialized programs and work experience give students a unique skill set that catches employers' attention.

Although she's no longer in broadcasting, her skills are still relevant and developing in new ways. Brynn says she enjoys the variety her new job offers and the opportunity to take her talents to the next level.

"I like to feel I'm in on the action - everything's different every day," says Brynn. "It's always interesting and I'm learning five new things a day, which I think is important in any career."



Brynn Langille, Communications Advisor with the NS Liberal Caucus Office (Radio & Television Arts, Waterfront Campus, 2010)

### BY THE NUMBERS

# 87%

EMPLOYMENT  
RATE OF NSCC  
GRADS

# 83%

EMPLOYED GRADS  
WORKING IN FIELD  
OF STUDY

# 92%

EMPLOYED GRADS  
WORKING IN NOVA  
SCOTIA

“ I have a degree in Business Administration, where I have studied Human Resource Management. The subject matter intrigues me so I have decided to further my knowledge. I want to thank you so much for your help in offering this award program. It was important to me that I got this award because I was already strained financially and I couldn't complete my fees all alone. I had been working so hard but was still struggling to pay off my fees. I was so happy and indeed overwhelmed when I received the call that I was selected.”



Olaoluwa Olayinka, Riskey Family Access to Opportunities Bursary recipient  
Human Resource Management, Waterfront Campus, Class of 2017

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