



BURSARY PROVIDES NEEDED BOOST

Overcoming challenges. It's something Holly Latter knows how to do.

A mother of three with a university degree, she once worked four part-time jobs to earn a living wage.

When she decided to further her education, she heard from naysayers wondering why she would commute from her Pictou County home to NSCC Ivany Campus in Dartmouth. But she was determined to pursue Industrial Engineering Technology.

"I knew NSCC offered the hands-on training I wanted. I'm a problem solver and this work involves project management, time management, and inventory management. It's procurement, it's logistics. It's exactly what I want to do."

But continuing her studies was extremely difficult when a personal crisis left Holly and her kids, ages 13, 10 and 7, living in a women's shelter.

Receiving the Women Innovating in Nova Scotia (WINS) Bursary, funded by the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, made the difference.

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"It took away a lot of stress," says Holly, who graduated in June. "It allowed me to concentrate on being the most successful student I could be."

Not only did she complete her program, she was also selected one of the campus valedictorians. "The best thing was seeing my kids so happy and proud."

MAKE WAY UPDATE

When we launched *Make Way - The Campaign for NSCC*, we chose the name because it captured the essence of what we hoped to achieve, while holding true to our Nova Scotia nautical roots.

By supporting this initiative, our donors and partners are making way for the future of the province by removing barriers for students on their NSCC journey.

Your generosity has truly made a remarkable impact on students' lives. Thanks to you, we are offering more than **\$500,000 in bursaries, awards and sponsorships this term at NSCC province-wide.**

We anticipate offering close to **\$2 million in bursaries, awards and sponsorships this academic year** - up from \$1.3 million last year. That provides a much-needed boost to A LOT of students.

As well, the NSCC Foundation has allocated nearly **\$100,000 in Urgent Aid funding this term**, to help students facing emergency financial situations preventing them from continuing their education.

Response to *Make Way* has been tremendous, but the work continues at a grassroots level in those communities surrounding our many campuses.

We'll celebrate our success closer to the official close of the Campaign, next March and April. We hope to see you then and express our gratitude in person.

If I could ask just one thing, it would be that you share with your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues your reasons for giving back and supporting NSCC students.

Every dollar makes a difference and every good news story touches another person.

Kind regards,

Michelle Bussey
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MACDONALD & MURPHY HELP BIZ STUDENTS

As the youngest of 10 children in his family, Kevin MacDonald knew the value of money, and the lasting impact of education.

A longtime Chartered Professional Accountant in New Glasgow, Kevin and his business partner, Heather Murphy, are helping open that path to students at NSCC's Pictou Campus.

"Scholarships and bursaries and support can make the difference between a great career and a not-so-great life path," says Kevin of MacDonald & Murphy Inc. Chartered Professional Accountants, a member of The AC Group of Independent Accounting Firms Ltd.

Through a \$10,000 gift to *Make Way*, MacDonald & Murphy Inc. have established two financial awards for Business Administration - Accounting Concentration students.

The MacDonald & Murphy Inc. Scholarship is merit based, while the MacDonald & Murphy Inc. Bursary will help students in financial need. The awards, which will support two students each year, are open to students with "a desire to excel in their chosen career path."

The company, with offices in New Glasgow and Antigonish, hopes to expand its connection to NSCC through this initiative.

"We know there are a lot of bright individuals at NSCC who would be great employees, and we're looking to support and tap into that potential," says Kevin.

STUDENT TOUCHED BY MAKE WAY

Disha Jaggi has a message for the donor behind the bursary that has helped her pursue Paralegal Services at NSCC Cumberland Campus.

The recipient of the Bragg Family Access to Opportunities Bursary says: "I promise to work really hard and make your investment in my education worth it. I am humbled and can't express in words how grateful I am."

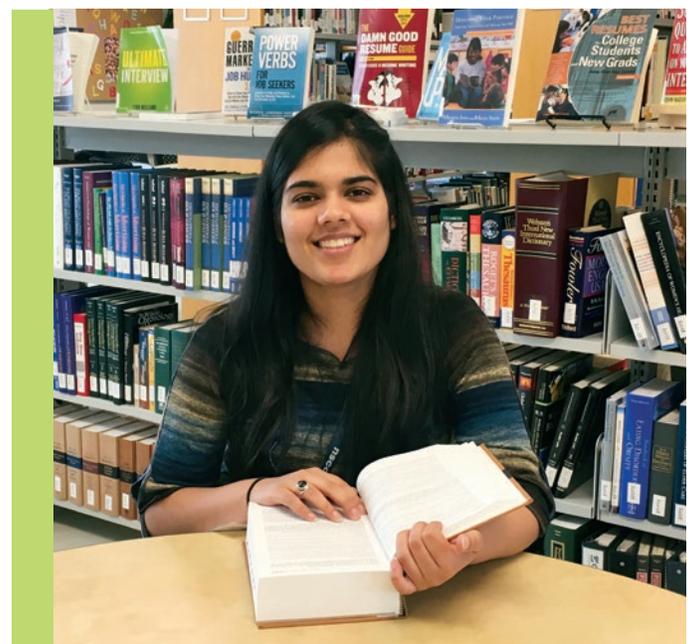
Disha completed one year of law school in her native India before deciding that wasn't the right path. Still, she enjoyed the field and, with a sister in Ontario, decided to come to NSCC as an international student.



She's thankful for the bursary she received, and also for *Make Way - The Campaign for NSCC*.

"I am so touched by the efforts that are being put in to help students towards their education," she says.

And she hopes to stay in Nova Scotia after graduating: "I'm absolutely in love with the scenic beauty and the warmth of Maritimers!"





ELDERS BRING WISDOM TO CAMPUS

A program that cultivates cultural respect at Strait Area Campus has found a champion in the NSCC Foundation and donor The TD Bank Group.

As Elders on Campus, Judy Peters and Margaret Poulette, members of the local Mi'kmaq community, support students and employees through a cross-cultural lens.

"The Elders add a lot to campus life," says Principal Tom Gunn. "They help us weave the Mi'kmaq culture and ways into our everyday life and activities here."

While the initiative has existed at Strait Area in various forms for about four years, the two casual positions are now supported by the NSCC Foundation - TD Bank Group Fund.

You might find Judy demonstrating smudging or organizing a talking circle, or Margaret speaking to students and staff about customs and traditions. But mostly you'll find them lending a compassionate listening ear to anyone who wants to talk - about anything.

"Connecting with the students is so meaningful. They come to us to talk about a variety of concerns and experiences. We are here to listen, advise and, in some cases, refer them to other available resources," says Judy.

NSCC's Akerley Campus also has an established Elder program, and Marconi Campus recently hired Daniel Paul in the role. Other campuses are also exploring the possibility.



BURSARY HONOURS 'BIG GUY WITH BIG VISION'

Joe Gallagher, Sr. "was a big buy with a big vision. He wanted to make water accessible to all people - locally, nationally and globally," says his daughter, Gerry Gallagher.

"He believed in the notion of continuous learning, and science that supported solutions, and working with others," she says.

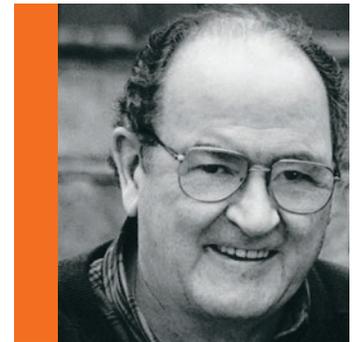
A strong supporter of trades and technology, he taught several classes at NSCC, so establishing the Joe Gallagher Bursary for Water Resources at the College shortly before his death in 2011 made sense.

"We wanted to acknowledge his passion, leadership and commitment to education," says Gerry, who supports the fund alongside her siblings, Joe Jr. and Margie, and other family members and friends.

Joe Sr. worked in the water industry all his life, serving several companies in the construction and technical sales realm. He received a lifetime achievement award from the American Water Works Association - Atlantic Canada.

By the end of 2018, the bursary at NSCC in his honour will have helped 25 Environmental Engineering Technology students.

"We are super proud and it's really quite touching," says Gerry. "We would like to thank our family and friends, and NSCC, for supporting Joe's passion for clean, accessible water in all communities."



The Community Legacy of Hope Award celebrates the life of Margaret Mason by supporting female NSCC students at Lunenburg Campus. One recent recipient, Krystallum Fraser, is pursuing Medical Office Administration following a difficult period that included hip surgery and a marital separation:

"I am showing my daughter to never give up on a dream, to never back down when life gets tough, to rise up and shine like the brilliant star you are. Thank you for providing me with a stepping stone to reach my full potential."



FINANCIAL AID RIPPLE EFFECT

"I truly believe that having financial aid available to students not only makes a difference in their lives, but also in the lives that they touch."

That's the view of Welding student Roberta Lyons (Burrige Campus, Class of 2019), who says being selected for the Wade Nickerson and Family Sponsorship for Opportunity made a huge difference in her education - and her life.



The award helped cover her tuition and high-quality welding gear and freed up funds so she could keep her car, needed for the lengthy commute, on the road.

"This award has changed my life to the point I can give back to my community," says Roberta, whose volunteer pursuits include starting a roller-derby league to empower local women.

It's been a winding path to NSCC. She grew up between Ontario and Yarmouth, and worked as a hairstylist and paralegal in Toronto while raising a daughter.

She returned to Nova Scotia for lengthy stints when her mother was ill. After her mother passed away last December, Roberta decided to stay and pursue Welding.

"I never thought I would love to do something so much in my life," she says.

News of the sponsorship - available to second year Burrige campus Welding students who are employed part-time during their studies - came soon after she had to declare bankruptcy, so the impact was great.

"It brings tears to my eyes even now," she says.

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ALUMNI IN ACTION

Ashley Anderson is proof that education has the power to transform lives.

With two young sons, she left an abusive situation and lived in a women's shelter. She was also unemployed for a time, all painful steps that ultimately led to NSCC and reinvention.

"When I think of what I've gone through to get to where I am today, it's pretty impactful. There were many challenges and extremely difficult situations along the way," Ashley says.

Instead of losing faith, the Wolfville native used the loss of her job as motivation to go back to school at NSCC's Kingstec Campus, studying Business Administration - Financial Planning and Services.

"NSCC really gave me the platform and the opportunity to become who I was supposed to be. I wasn't held back by all of the difficult things that had happened. It really changed my life," says Ashley, who graduated in 2006 and is now Manager of Regulatory and Professional Programs with Scotia Wealth Management.

As a student, she founded *Students in Style* to provide her peers with free business attire so they could attend job interviews in a professional outfit.

Today, her idea has grown into the campus's recently launched Kingstec Free Market, which offers professional clothing, food, toiletries and other essentials for students.

In recognition of her success, Ashley was invited back to campus again in June to present the inaugural NSCC Alumni Rising Star Award to a fellow rising star.

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