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Alumni Relations

Annual Report

Giving and Impact 2025-26

Reign D.

Continuing Care '26, Ivany Campus
2025 Recipient, 2SLGBTQ+ Bursary,
Archy Beals Legacy Award

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NSCC Foundation and Alumni Relations acknowledges that we are located in Mi'kma'ki, the unceded territory and traditional homeland of the Mi'kmaq Nation. Our relationship is based on a series of peace and friendship treaties between the Mi'kmaq Nation and the Crown, dating back to 1725. As Treaty beneficiaries, we recognize that we are all Treaty People.

NSCC Foundation and Alumni Relations recognizes the African Nova Scotians as a distinct group who arrived here 400 years ago. From that time on, they have contributed to the infrastructure and economic wealth of the towns and cities they helped to build, but from which they could not benefit. Let us learn more about how our respective communities were shaped by the historical contributions of African Nova Scotians to Mi'kma'ki.



Cheryl B.
Start-up Accelerator '25, eCampus and Business Administration '20, Ivy Campus
Owner, C-Lee's Divine Natural Products
2024-25 Participant, EITM Black and African Nova Scotian Cohort, partnered with Blk Women in Excellence (BWIE)

A message of gratitude

This past year was one of momentum, purpose and connection. At NSCC, education is a powerful driver of opportunity, and together, you helped remove barriers, unlock potential and respond to workforce and community needs across the province.

As NSCC evolves to meet emerging challenges and opportunities, local relationships, regional priorities and community voices continue to guide our work. We are committed to aligning our work with the College's strategic priorities while continuing to bring support where our students, industry partners and communities need us most.

Advancing student access and success

At the heart of our work is a commitment to students. This year, \$9.3 million was granted and \$6.1 million was donated towards learner-focused supports and initiatives. You helped thousands of learners access awards, bursaries and other financial aid, which reduced students' financial stress

and allowed them to focus on their studies and career goals.

By supporting students at critical moments, you help ensure talent and determination shape student outcomes, rather than financial circumstances.

Supporting program excellence and innovation

Our donors and industry partners play a vital role in enhancing NSCC's academic programs and learning environments. Donor investments supported new and upgraded equipment, applied research, experiential learning and innovative teaching aligned to industry needs.

Impacting communities and the workforce

By investing in education, you are helping build a more inclusive, resilient and skilled Nova Scotia, one graduate, one program and one community at a time.

Through donor-funded projects, your support advanced community-based learning, workforce

development initiatives and programs that respond to regional labour market priorities.

Gratitude to our supporters

None of this work is possible without the generosity of our donors and the dedication of NSCC alumni, employees, volunteers and partners.

Thank you for being a part of our community. We're incredibly grateful for your trust in us, and we are excited to share the impact of your support in our 2025-26 Annual Report on Giving and Impact.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Lindsay".

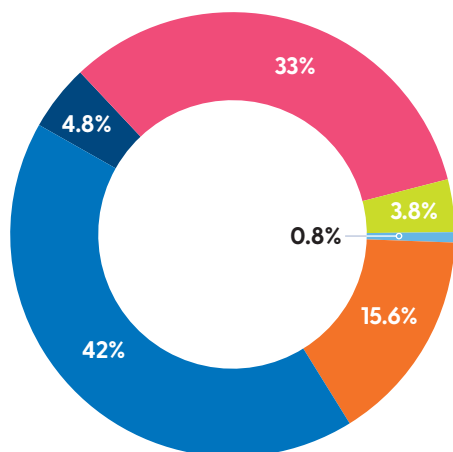
John Lindsay,
Board Chair,
NSCC Foundation



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Power".

Ashley Power,
Executive Director,
NSCC Foundation
and Alumni Relations

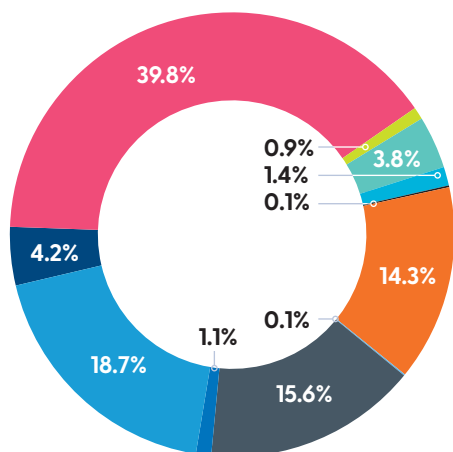
Financial highlights



2025-26 Revenues \$14,331,585

Investment income* (42%)	\$6,023,498
Annual gifts (33%)	\$4,730,766
NSCC operating grant (15.6%)	\$2,233,241
Endowment gifts (4.8%)	\$687,699
Affinity programs and partnerships (3.8%)	\$549,197
Capital gifts-in-kind (0.8%)	\$107,184

*Interest, dividends, realized and unrealized gains on investments



2025-26 Allocations \$14,331,585

Student awards (39.8%)	\$5,703,667
Future initiatives for students* (18.7%)	\$2,680,728
Foundation and Alumni Relations operations (15.6%)	\$2,233,241
College programming (14.3%)	\$2,043,212
Cost of living supports (4.2%)	\$608,347
Entrepreneurship and career readiness (3.8%)	\$548,280
Campus infrastructure and classroom equipment (1.4%)	\$195,214
Investment management and banking fees (1.1%)	\$159,002
Student learning opportunities (0.9%)	\$127,992
Community, culture and awareness (0.1%)	\$18,208
Other** (0.1%)	\$13,694

* Includes funds received and earmarked for spend-down for multi-year programs

** Other category includes Rapid Response and other unique student learning opportunities

Please find detailed, audited financial statements by KPMG LLP on our Financial Statements page at nsc.ca/foundation/who-we-are/financial-statements.asp

Year in review

Your generosity. Your impact.

Thank you for making a meaningful difference in the lives of NSCC students.

This report showcases the collective impact of our donor community through metrics and inspiring examples of impact. Your continued support ensures that students across Nova Scotia can access education, gain experience and build strong futures.

Throughout this report, you'll see your support in action and how it advances our strategic priorities, noted by each priority's unique icon. On behalf of NSCC, we thank you for continuously showing up for our students.

\$6.1M

Total funds raised

\$2.5M

Raised for equity-deserving student supports

\$9.3M

Disbursed for learner-focused supports and initiatives

\$2.6M

Disbursed for equity-deserving student supports

778

Total donors

246

New donors

Strategic Priorities overview



**Human rights, equity,
inclusion, accessibility
and anti-racism (HREIAA)**



**Evolving social
landscape**



**Sustainable
impact**



**Student and
alumni centred**



Scan to read our
Strategic Plan.



Celebrating a legacy

For 15 years, NSCC President Don Bureaux has led the College with vision, compassion and an unwavering belief in the transformative power of education. His leadership has been instrumental in shaping not only the growth of NSCC, but also in creating a culture where philanthropy, partnership and student success are deeply interconnected.

Don understood that access to education changes lives and that philanthropy is a vital catalyst in removing barriers and expanding opportunity for learners across Nova Scotia. His commitment to students and communities has left a lasting impact on the College and the province.

Through his work with the NSCC Foundation, Don's leadership strengthened the connection between donors and impact. He helped align generosity with real student need, ensuring support was both meaningful and responsive.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions, **The Don Bureaux Legacy of Impact Endowment** has been established by the NSCC Foundation Board of Directors. Through this fund, Don's legacy of leadership and care will continue supporting students and advancing opportunity for generations to come.



Scan to support The
Don Bureaux Legacy of
Impact Endowment.



Cost of living supports

Through your generosity, we continue to adapt to the evolving needs of our students, including the expansion of critical cost of living supports.

From bursaries and urgent aid to food security initiatives and emergency housing, these supports make a tangible difference in students' daily lives, ensuring they can continue their education with stability.



Scan to learn more about NSCC's cost of living supports and the impact they make.

\$515.9K

Total raised

\$608.3K

Total disbursed:

\$216.3K Cost of Living Bursaries

\$164.2K Urgent Aid

\$85.1K Grocery and gas gift cards

\$67.3K Food insecurity initiatives

\$12.6K Emergency Housing

\$62.8K Other cost of living supports



"This will have an impact on the future I will be able to provide for my husband and I, giving me peace of mind, helping me step by step in the right direction. Receiving this award will set me on a more positive mental and physical path by financially removing some burdens, as well as giving me the confidence to know I can achieve anything."

Ke-Yana R.

Women Unlimited '25, Akerley Campus
Metal Fabrication student, Akerley Campus
2025 Recipient, Cost of Living Bursary





Student awards and learning

NSCC's Student Awards program offers a broad range of scholarships, awards and bursaries that play a vital role to increase access to education, recognize academic achievement and celebrate leadership. Thanks to donor funding, students benefit not only from financial assistance but also from enriched learning through initiatives like the Extraordinary Learning Fund, enabling hands-on, real-world experiences that deepen learning and strengthen workforce readiness.

\$3.3M

Total raised

383

Award donors

\$5.7M

Total disbursed in awards



Scan to learn more about the impact of student awards and enhanced learning opportunities.

2,888

Awards disbursed

1,942

Students helped

\$128.0K

Disbursed for student learning opportunities



"The impact of this student award on my education at NSCC is deeply personal and foundational. It doesn't just lighten a financial burden; it directly tackles the daily pressures that often challenge mature students who are balancing school with significant responsibilities."

Cassandra S.

Business Administration student, Pictou Campus
2025 Recipient, R. G. Sobey Leadership Award



"To tie learning from the Adult Learning Program's Oceans course to the Northumberland Shore and the Bay of Fundy added so much relevance. We explored diverse coastal ecosystems and the human dependence on ocean environments through fisheries, aquaculture, and more. We also learned about its cultural history through Mi'kmaq legends, Acadian aboiteau structures and stories of European settlement. Funding to make this trip possible was invaluable to student learning."

Kirsty Lock

Faculty, Wagmatcook Learning Centre, Strait Area Campus
2025 Recipient, Extraordinary Learning Fund

Entrepreneurship and career readiness

Donor funding for entrepreneurship and career readiness is helping NSCC students and alumni successfully transition into the workforce.

This year, your support enabled us to:

- Expand the **Entrepreneur in the Making Program (EITM)**, now offering three unique cohorts.
- Advance applied research opportunities through the **David Lane Memorial Applied Research Grant**.
- Reduce barriers to workforce readiness and participation through **College and Job Readiness supports**.



Scan to learn more about NSCC's entrepreneurship and career readiness supports.

\$299.0K

Total raised

\$548.3K

Total disbursed:

\$164.2K

Sponsor-a-Student

\$108.5K

Entrepreneur in the Making

\$91.6K

College and Job Readiness

\$72.0K

Enactus and Entrepreneurship

\$53.8K

Student Works

\$37.2K

Event sponsorships

\$21.0K

Start-up Accelerator Program



Camila D.

Business Administration '26, Sydney Waterfront Campus
2025 Recipient, David Lane Memorial Applied Research Grant

"Access to the research lab and funding has expanded what this project can actually achieve. Without these resources, it would have stayed mostly theoretical. With the lab, I can build a real prototype, test how it performs and collect my own data."



Joel D.

Electrical Engineering Technology '26, Ivany Campus
2025 Recipient, Growing Nova Scotia's Skilled Trades Workforce Bursary, College and Job Readiness Fund

"This award helps cover the cost of co-op fees, work clothes or anything that I might need specifically for the job and allows me to continue to focus on my education. NSCC and Nova Scotia have been very generous, and the support has kept me going without the need for a part-time job, which I am super grateful for."



Campus infrastructure and classroom equipment

Donor and industry partnerships are essential in ensuring students learn in environments that reflect real-world conditions. We're incredibly grateful to those whose continued investments in campus infrastructure and classroom equipment enrich the learning experience in meaningful and lasting ways. Your support doesn't just enhance spaces; it becomes an essential part of how students learn and prepare for their futures.

This year, we saw major advancements, including:

- Donor support enabling the Foundation to partner with NSCC in creating an **additional 260 skilled trades seats** through investments in tools, advanced equipment and classroom upgrades.
- New **wind energy training technology** for the Electrical Technician program at Kingstec Campus, supported by RBC Foundation, preparing students for careers in Nova Scotia's rapidly growing renewable energy sector.
- The launch of the **Shannex Continuing Care and Nursing Lab** at Sydney Waterfront Campus represents Shannex's long-standing partnership, support and ongoing commitment to the future of health care in Cape Breton.



Madison G.

Electrical Construction and Industrial '25,
Burridge Campus (Digby Learning Centre)
**2025 Recipient, Growing Nova Scotia's
Skilled Trades Workforce Bursary**



"NSCC Foundation's investment in Trades 260 has had a transformative impact. By helping create 260 additional trades seats, the Foundation has expanded opportunities for students and their families while supporting Nova Scotia's urgent need for skilled trades professionals. This partnership demonstrates what is possible when philanthropy, education and industry come together to build a stronger future for our province."

Andrew Lafford

Vice-President, Academic
NSCC

Kingstec Campus

This past year, RBC Foundation's generosity helped strengthen the Electrical Technician program at Kingstec Campus by advancing wind energy education and preparing students for careers in Nova Scotia's rapidly growing renewable energy sector. After enhancing the curriculum with wind energy fundamentals the year prior, RBC Foundation's support continued through the installation of a Nacelle Wind Turbine Learning System, providing students with cutting-edge, hands-on learning technology that bridges classroom learning with real-world application.

Sydney Waterfront Campus

Shannex, a longtime partner of the College and key employer of graduates from the Continuing Care and Practical Nursing programs, continues to demonstrate their commitment to student success and the health sector through their recent support for the Shannex Continuing Care and Nursing Lab at Sydney Waterfront Campus. This state-of-the-art learning environment, equipped with new learning technology and continued enhancements on the horizon, will support the next generation of healthcare professionals and strengthen the future of care in Cape Breton.



Yousef K.

Electrical Technician '26, with the Nacelle Wind Turbine Learning System, funded by RBC Foundation.

\$195.2K

Disbursed for campus infrastructure and classroom equipment

\$596.4K

Disbursed to create 260 additional trades seats

\$278.0K

Disbursed for the Electrical Technician program enhancements



Growing alumni engagement

NSCC graduates are shaping industries and strengthening communities across Nova Scotia and beyond. Alumni Relations is committed to nurturing meaningful connections between graduates and NSCC, supporting entrepreneurial ambitions and encouraging lifelong engagement through intentional alumni programming and communications.

Standout moments 2025-26:

- Celebrated the inaugural Alumni Awards recipients at an intimate reception, sponsored by TD Insurance.
- Continued to play an integral role at NSCC convocations, through funding and hosting 21 Alumni Receptions across the province.
- Supported events that connect graduating students, alumni and industry, helping to strengthen career pathways and professional networks.
- Hosted a variety of community-favourite social events that bring alumni together, building pride for the NSCC connection in the community.
- Launched the NSCC Alumni Book Club for students, alumni and employees, now growing to 72 members.
- Supported students and alumni entrepreneurs through the Ask a Black Entrepreneur panel and sponsorship for the Start-up Accelerator Program and Entrepreneur in the Making Black and African Nova Scotian Cohort.



Alumni Awards recipients were honoured and celebrated at an intimate reception.

L to R: David Jarvis MBE (Boulanger and Baking Arts '18, Akerley Campus), Tia Upshaw (Adult Learning Program '06, Institute of Technology Campus), Jennifer Barnable (PR '03, former Halifax Campus) and Howie Doiron (Carpentry '93, Strait Area Campus).

\$128.6K

Disbursed in support
of 21 convocations

\$13.5K

Disbursed in student
financial awards

\$45.0K

Disbursed in grants for the Start-up
Accelerator and EITM BWIE programs

Investing in alumni impact

Graduate Katie MacIntosh (Survey Technician '08, Geomatics Engineering Technology '09, Marine Geomatics '10, Annapolis Valley Campus) took part in the 2026 Sea Women Expeditions mission to Antarctica, promoting subsea research and women in STEM. Alumni Relations proudly contributed through sponsorship.

Intentional communications

We continue to engage alumni by sharing impactful stories like Katie's and updates across email, our website and social media, celebrating achievements and sharing opportunities that keep the community informed and involved.

1M

People our social channels reached

8.14%

Average engagement rate of our social media channels

35

Emails sent to alumni

33%

Average emails click rate

From classroom to career

College brings plenty of challenges, from tough coursework to learning new skills. The cost of living shouldn't be one of them. The generosity of alumni donors plays an important role in supporting students by paying it forward to help them focus on learning instead of worrying about everyday expenses.



Alumni donor spotlight

"I'm a proud monthly donor to the NSCC Foundation. It's my belief that getting an education is one of the best things someone can do for themselves. I give to NSCC so I can help today's students get the most out of their education. Everyone deserves the chance to learn, train and set themselves up for long-term success."

Nicole Killawee

Radio and Television Arts '09 and Public Relations '11, Ivany Campus
Alumni Donor, Rapid Response Fund

On the horizon

Looking ahead

Looking back on this past year, we have seen a great deal of disruption in the post-secondary education sector. This included affordability pressures, shifting priorities and rapidly evolving workforce needs.

As always, in the wake of disruption, opportunities emerge with a chance to adjust our focus.

This includes finding ways to enhance access to education, looking at new ways to model our learning experience and environment, tightening operations, all to ensure efforts remain focused on the College's mission to support Nova Scotia's workforce and communities.

NSCC is well-positioned to take this moment to learn and grow. With strong community connections and deep employer partnerships, the College is preparing learners for careers in priority sectors including skilled trades, health and the evolving energy economy.

As the College moves forward, NSCC Foundation remains closely aligned, directing support where it can have the greatest impact on students, alumni, industry and communities.

Together with you, our community, we will continue to support the student journey through ongoing access for learners facing financial or systemic barriers. We will enhance investments in wraparound supports that improve retention and well-being. We will strengthen workforce attachment through alumni engagement and career readiness initiatives. This focus will help to ensure students not only complete their education but also successfully transition into meaningful employment.

Donors and supporters, like you, will be critical to advancing this mission. Supporting innovation and helping the College respond quickly to emerging skills demands, modernize

learning environments and create industry-responsive programs that put our learners and the province at a competitive advantage.

As NSCC enters a new chapter, our confidence lies in the strength of our partnerships and our ability to empower students in and outside the classroom through your support. With a shared belief in education as a catalyst for opportunity and prosperity, we're proud to support a vision for a stronger future alongside our community and the College.

Ashley Power,

Executive Director, NSCC Foundation
and Alumni Relations

Thank you

We would like to express our gratitude to you, our donors, partners and supporters, for your generosity and commitment to the NSCC community. Your continued support of NSCC Foundation is essential to the impact we make together.

Because of you, learners have access to vital wraparound supports from their first day to life after graduation. These supports empower them to focus on their learning, confidently launch their careers and feel valued and cared for when they need it most.

Your generosity also helps NSCC alumni continue to make their mark as they build meaningful careers right here in Nova Scotia, serving their communities and contributing to the strength and resiliency of our province.



Dekai B.

Metal Fabrication '26, Akerley Campus
Recipient, Irving Pathways to Shipbuilding
Black and African Nova Scotian Cohort



To learn more about the impact of your support and how you can give to NSCC, please scan the QR code or visit linktr.ee/foundationnsc.

Thomas J.

Marine Engineering Technology student, Strait Area Campus
2025 Recipient, The Ocean Dream Award for Women and
Indigenous People, Sisters of Saint Martha Antigonish Award

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