

# SPRING UPDATE

## One year on, we're helping students find new possibilities.

It has been one year since the global pandemic changed the world. While the impact on students and communities was unexpected and challenging, the NSCC spirit of togetherness and innovation triumphed, and has encouraged us to reach further.

Last spring, we promised to respond to evolving student needs. With your support, we did just that. Through the Rapid Response Fund, students not only stayed on course but also had access to new opportunities.

In addition, the new Centre for Advancement of Educational Equity and Belonging was established to play

a pivotal role in improving diversity and accessibility in program delivery and ensuring a better experience for all students on their individual paths.

In this update we share stories of student successes and highlight new awards and initiatives that funding from donors and supporters like you have made possible.

As a College, we share in the excitement of the rest of our fellow Nova Scotians as we prepare to reopen and rebuild.

We know that while COVID-19 may soon be behind us, the challenges that students face on a daily basis are far from over.

As we build up momentum for this next phase, our goal remains the same – to help reduce barriers for students.

We are incredibly proud and inspired by the resiliency of our students and we are emboldened by the support of our donors, staff and alumni.

Thank you, for making this possible.



**MICHELLE BUSSEY**  
Executive Director,  
NSCC Foundation and  
Alumni Relations



On March 24, 2021, Nova Scotia lost a leader, visionary, and philanthropist that worked tirelessly to help others.

Mr. Donald R. Sobey leaves behind an extraordinary legacy. He has forever changed the lives of hundreds of students at NSCC, and so many other institutions. His endowed award at NSCC will continue to open doors for Nova Scotians looking to better their lives through education for so many years to come.

We are proud and honoured to have worked closely with him and his family and we extend our deepest condolences to the Sobey family.

**Thank you.**

## New memorial award honors the legacy of NS Trailblazer.



The late Dr. Daurene Lewis

Those who knew Daurene Lewis remember her as someone that cared about people, the community and the power of education to transform lives.

Daurene Lewis was a trailblazer throughout her life. She was a community advocate, the first black female mayor in Canada, a businesswoman, and past Principal of two NSCC Campuses.

Now, through the recently launched Dr. Daurene Lewis Memorial Award, her legacy continues.

The Dr. Daurene Lewis Memorial Award supports African Canadian students in programs within the School of Health and Human Services including Nursing, Continuing Care, Social Services, and Cosmetology.

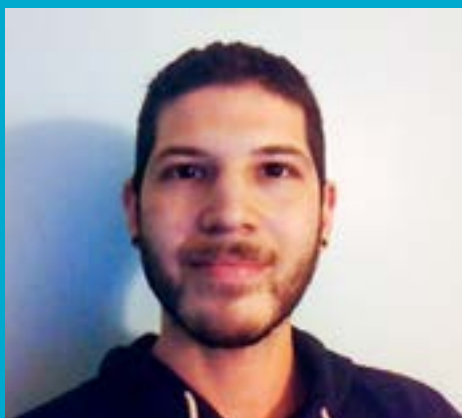
For students like Jessica Gordon, receiving the award was just what she needed to keep moving forward.

“Coming from a background where the odds are rarely in your favour, this is such a blessing.” Jessica says. “Thank you for believing in me and supporting my dreams. Through my career in social services, I want to show people who have gone through struggles that it is not about your circumstances, it is about what you do with it. This award will allow other women like me to see themselves represented in their schools, in community centres, in group homes, in counselling services and in many other careers.”

The award has been established by the friends and family of Dr. Lewis. “It’s important to remember the contributions made by Daurene for all Canadians,” says Michael Tynes, a family member of the late Dr. Lewis. “She worked to advance improvements for women, visible minorities, and many other disadvantaged people.”

[To donate to this award and help continue Daurene’s work, please click here.](#)

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



I chose NSCC Kingstec in hopes of realizing a career in a line of work I not only enjoy, but have been passionate about for years. I have always had an interest in nature and plants growing up. Being Aboriginal, I have had many cultural experiences and beliefs growing up that I feel have led me here today.

After graduation, I plan to start my own business that is a one-stop shop for all natural medicine. I would grow and make all my own medicines from topical creams and tinctures to essential oils. It is an an honour to receive this award.

#### CLINTON HOWARD

Recipient, Passionate Plants Person Award  
Horticulture and Landscape Technology  
Kingstec Campus

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



“Growing up in Nigeria, I was constantly reminded about the importance of a college education as a foundation for a successful life.

When I thought about what school I wanted to attend for my Nursing Program, I was looking for a supportive learning environment and a school not too far away from home.

After hearing some friends share their NSCC experience, I decided this is where I would like to go. I wanted a school with a small class size where my voice will be heard, a place where I can have one-on-one interactions and connect more closely with other students and instructors and I could feel like I was part of a team.

Receiving the 2020 Practical Nursing Bursary has lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on learning and being successful in all my classes.

### BLESSING NWAIGWE

Recipient, 2020 Practical Nursing Bursary  
Practical Nursing  
Annapolis Valley Campus

## Tuition waiver for former youth-in-care will open up a world of possibilities.

As of January 2021, NSCC became the first College in Atlantic Canada to offer a tuition waiver for enrolling learners who've previously spent time in foster care.

Through the Post-Care Free Tuition Program, eligible learners can apply to have up to 100% of their NSCC tuition and fees covered.

The introduction of the award is a testament of NSCC's commitment to building accessibility and inclusion into everything we do. "By eliminating barriers to education in this way, we're opening up a world of possibilities and ensuring that all Nova Scotians have the opportunity to move successfully into training and the workforce." Says NSCC President Don Bureaux.

The program is inspired by the work of Jane Kovarikova, PhD Candidate and founder of the Child Welfare Political Action Committee Canada.

"I know firsthand how transformative post-secondary education can be for someone raised in care," says Kovarikova, who entered foster care at the age of 6. "It was a community college that made it possible for me to start my academic journey. I commend NSCC on its work to broaden these opportunities for Nova Scotians."

The Post-Care Free Tuition Program is partially funded by the generosity of donors to the NSCC Foundation. There are currently 10 bursaries available to students. If you are interested in supporting this program, please visit: [support.nsc.ca/PostCareBursary](https://support.nsc.ca/PostCareBursary).

## Staff impact for students to double thanks to Johnson Insurance.

In response to the myriad challenges faced by NSCC students over the last year, the Foundation has established the NSCC Rapid Response Fund.

This responsive fund is made possible by donor support and covers emerging and evolving students needs that have been amplified by COVID-19.

Some of the initiatives supported include access to technology through an enhanced laptop loaner program, career support initiatives, and additional bursaries for equity seeking groups.



From February to June 2021, thanks to a donation matching gift from Johnson Insurance, NSCC faculty and staff will see their impact doubled with each contribution to this fund. [To explore options for supporting students through this initiative, please click here.](#)



## Garrison Brewing celebrates women in trades with annual bursary.



Garrison's female brew crew

For the third year in a row, Garrison Brewing held their International Women's Day fundraiser in support of women in trades at NSCC.

While brewing is still a male-dominated industry, Garrison continues to see women in every department and at every level with women making up nearly half the staff.

Through the annual initiative, Garrison Brewing highlights their female employees while supporting the next generation of creators.

In 2019, Garrison created the NSCC Women in Trades Bursary and since then has developed creative ways to

raise money and assist women entering NSCC trades programs.

"In past years, the sale of special all-ladies brews, vendor & makers markets, pint sales and popcorn have all helped in the effort." says Courtney Quinn, the brewery's Hospitality Supervisor. "While the pandemic made a Ladies Brew impossible this year, we were able to add over \$300 to the existing fund through pint sales and we are pleased that the award will support at least two students with their 2021/22 tuition.

"We're already looking forward to doing this again next year. **Cheers!**"

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My name is Claudio Cabana. While studying Environmental Design and Architecture at UBC, I came to really value the meaning and richness created when history and context come together in a building project.

The history and legacy that Nova Scotia has left in the form of heritage buildings attracted me to the program at NSCC.

I believe learning heritage carpentry techniques and the protocols that are involved in working with heritage buildings will enrich my career in the building arts.

The program at NSCC became the perfect way to push my career forward. After graduation, I plan to stay and work as a heritage carpenter in the province for a few years, before attempting a return to architecture.

Thank you for this award. I am incredibly grateful, and hope that I can one day pay this forward and sponsor someone else through their education and dreams.

**CLAUDIO CABANA**  
Recipient, Design & Construction Institute of Nova Scotia Award  
Heritage Carpentry  
Lunenburg Campus