



The Philanthropic Times

Keeping you up-to-date with NLC Foundation news, events, and more!

The Northern Lights College Foundation is an organization dedicated to helping our students embark on their lifelong journey of learning. We create and build relationships with our donors – which in turn, creates unique opportunities for our students, college, and community.

NLC Foundation's Support for Trades – Message from Acting Dean, Trades and Apprenticeship Programs, Rod Cork

The NLC Foundation has been extremely supportive of Trades programming and our students. In the past year, we've seen specific student awards, community service opportunities for our students, and new connections built with local businesses and organizations in several trade streams.

The NLC Foundation has the ability to approach and engage the communities we live in, in a way that brings individuals and businesses into the nuts and bolts of our programming. Those groups want to support our training, our students, and invest in the future of quality tradespeople.

This support comes through bursaries and awards, equipment donations, and projects within our community that our students and faculty can participate in and give-back, as well as many other projects.

What the NLC Foundation also does is let our communities know who we are, what we're doing, and what we need to do it better. In my opinion, one of the greatest benefits is when the community joins in the fun and

celebrates our students' achievements with us, knowing they had a part in it.



— Rod Cork, Acting Dean, Trades and Apprenticeship Programs

NLC Foundation Awards Over \$100,000!

Our general award cycle applications closed on January 25. The NLC Foundation was able to award over \$100,000 to 108 students this award cycle!

A full list of this year's recipients will be displayed on our Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, and Fort Nelson campuses for the months of May and June.



DCSS Career Fair

The NLC Foundation team was on site for the Dawson Creek Secondary School Career Fair on March 13, talking to over 200 students about post secondary education award and scholarship opportunities.

Thinking of Becoming a Donor?



Philanthropic support plays a vital role in individuals having access to and success in higher education. By donating to Northern Lights College Foundation, you are creating opportunities for aspiring students who might otherwise be unable to afford tuition fees, books, or living expenses.

Investing in higher education through donations not only benefits individual students, but

also serves the collective good. By supporting post-secondary institutions, donors fuel the development of future leaders, thinkers, and innovators. Becoming a donor is not just an act of generosity; it is an investment in a brighter, more equitable future for generations to come.

If you are interested in becoming a donor, please contact the NLC Foundation today.

Meet the Board



Lisa Ward – Director
NLC Foundation Board Member
Since 2020

Tell us a little about yourself.

I started volunteering at a very young age in the figure skating world, where I spent over 20 years dedicated to the sport. Throughout that time, I was involved in hosting competitions, including being the sport chair for the Northern Winter Games, as well as becoming the Northern Judges Training Coordinator. I then moved into the hockey world where I organized tournaments, worked as team manager, and was a coach. Since 2012, I have helped organize Hockey Canada events that have been hosted in Dawson Creek and currently am the co-chair for the 2023 National Women's U18 Championships. I am also an active member of the Sons of Norway which is a heritage preservation group.

In my "spare time", I love playing hockey, riverboating and traveling. I am planning on taking

a Croatian language course in the near future. My hope is to finish out my active working life loving wherever that takes me.

What motivated you to join the NLC Foundation Board?

I joined the NLC Foundation board in 2020 after speaking with Executive Director, Lindsey, and finding more information about the work NLC Foundation does and the direction it was heading. I felt it was an organization I wanted to be a part of.

What is something you wish people knew about NLC Foundation?

When I first came aboard, I think there was a lack of understanding by the students of how the foundation works and what supports were available. The staff have done a great job overcoming this and have increased the number of awards given out as well as created numerous new awards.

What are some words of encouragement to NLC students?

Don't be too hard on yourself and never be afraid to ask for help. Student services are there for you to use and there is no shame in that.

