



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.

HD Hyundai Electric donates \$100,000

NLC has long been the home of oil and gas training in the region, thanks in part to the creation of the Centre of Training Excellence in Oil and Gas (CTEOG). With the development of clean energy technologies, carbon capture and storage, and the application of AI to the energy sector, the natural progression is to bring other energies under the CTEOG umbrella, including hydro, wind, solar, and geothermal.

With the rise of new technologies and the need for well-trained workers in the energy industry, Northern Lights College (NLC) is working to expand educational opportunities in that sector. These

changes provide an opportunity to relaunch the CTEOG with a new mandate, expanded capacity and redefined curriculum to meet the energy industry's needs in the short term and years to come.

To help further this development, HD Hyundai Electric from South Korea has made a substantial donation of \$100,000 through the Northern Lights College Foundation. This will become a dynamic hub of innovation, research, and education, positioning NLC as an ongoing leading provider of energy-related training.



“Responsive programming at NLC isn’t about sticking to the status quo; it’s about adapting to the ever-changing needs of our students, our communities, and our industries,” said Todd Bondaroff, President and CEO of Northern Lights College. “From cutting-edge technology to hands-on experiential learning opportunities, we equip our students with the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in today’s dynamic world, and this funding will help us take it even further.”

HD Hyundai Electric was made aware of NLC’s work through BC Hydro, who employed many NLC trades graduates for work on the Site C hydro project.

“HD Hyundai Electric’s deep commitment to community support and educational advancement is the driving force behind the donation to Northern Lights College Foundation,” said Youngki Kim, Senior Executive Vice President & COO, HD Hyundai Electric.

“Recognizing the importance of education in shaping the future, we aim to empower the next generation through meaningful contributions that foster learning and development. This initiative is further supported by BC Hydro’s recommendation, highlighting the crucial role Northern Lights College plays in regional trades training, especially through their collaboration on the Site C project.”

“We are so grateful for the partnership with Hyundai and their investment into Northern Lights College, to support the development of the Energy Institute,” said Lindsey Borek, Executive Director of the Northern Lights College Foundation. “Their support enables us to help our students embark on their lifelong journey of learning and create unique opportunities for our students, college, and community. HD Hyundai Electric’s contribution to the communities in which they have worked will leave a lasting impact for years to come and we look forward to continuing this partnership.”

Cleo Baker Memorial Fund

April marked a tremendous loss for Northern Lights College with the passing of Cleo Baker, International Education and Student Support.

For over 10 years, Cleo was an important member of the NLC International Education team and an advocate for international students. Her passion and commitment to student success was a force to be reckoned with.

Scott Clerk, Associate Vice President of Educational Services, and Tony Mei, Director of International Education, captured Cleo’s impact.

“We had never met anyone who used ‘bulldog’ as their favourite verb until we worked with Cleo. She was a fierce champion of international students, and for the record, she remains the NLC staff person with the [most-viewed video on the NLC YouTube channel](#)” they said in a message to staff.

In recognition of Cleo’s contribution to NLC, the International Education team created a Cleo Baker



Memorial Fund with the NLC Foundation. This fund will provide scholarships to international students who make exceptional contributions to our local communities. The college community was grateful to be able to tell her about this plan to honour her before she passed.

You can donate to the Cleo Baker Memorial Fund at www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/m/99628 and your donation will help leave a lasting legacy at NLC in Cleo’s honour for years to come.

We have over 60 NLC staff members who are alumni!

Having alumni as staff members brings a unique blend of familiarity and expertise to Northern Lights College. Their firsthand experience as students equips them with insights into the

challenges and aspirations of current students, allowing them to provide more personalized guidance and creates a dynamic and enriching educational environment.



Norweld donates \$90,000 in welding supplies to Northern Lights College

Although it was their last week of class, Darcy Suchy's welding students took a break to say thank you for a generous donation. Wayde Hollingshead from Norweld Industries donated approximately \$90,000 worth of welding rod and welding wire to NLC.

A longtime friend of Darcy, Wayde felt donating

to the welding program was a way he could help advance the education of the students. "It's awesome!" said Darcy.

Desmond Gunter, tool crib attendant on the Dawson Creek campus, is usually the one to order materials for the classes. He knows what an impact this will have on the welding programs.



"This type of donation allows the department to use the money they would be spending on supplies and instead use it to buy equipment that we wouldn't be able to afford in the budget. This actually allows us to grow the programs."

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Wayde and the entire team at Norweld Industries for their generosity.

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.

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.

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

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