

October 2024 Newsletter

# 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 Raises Almost \$150,000 at Dawson Creek Fall Fair

This year, for the first time ever, the Northern Lights College Foundation held 50/50 draws and lottery at the Dawson Creek Exhibition and Stampede. They raised an impressive total jackpot of \$147,305. The largest prize was on Saturday, where the winner walked away with \$25,530!

Kayla Von Bargen, NLC Foundation Communication and Events Specialist, was grateful their hard work paid off.

"The weekend was hot and busy, but this was such a success. With these funds, we (the Foundation) can assist more students on their lifelong journey of learning. We are so grateful to everyone who purchased tickets and supported us and the students this weekend."

The Foundation expressed their gratitude to the DC Exhibition for hosting them at the fair. They also extended a heartfelt thanks to the many non-profit organizations that volunteered their time to support the Foundation during the event.



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### Dawson Co-op Fun



The Dawson Co-op is a great supporter of NLC, and the NLC Foundation was lucky enough to partner with them for a couple of great events over the summer.

On August 10, the NLC Foundation's board of directors participated in the Dawson Co-op's Race Against Hunger, earning the judge's choice award for their "cereal killer" costumes.



The Dawson Creek Campus also successfully filled an entire bin with food for the food bank in the week leading up to the event.

On September 12, the Dawson Co-op had their annual Co-op Contractor Expo and the NLC Foundation was eager to volunteer their time and barbequing skills. The Foundation staff were joined by several members of their board and served more than 250 burgers and hotdogs to hungry contractors and community members.

Thank you, Co-op, for your continued support — we look forward to continuing our work together in the future!



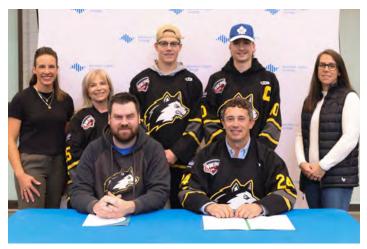
#### **Browns' Cash Scramble**

On July 27 and 28, The NLC Foundation participated in Browns' Annual Cash Scramble. Board Member, Lisa Ward, Executive Director, Lindsey Borek, and Foundation Staff Member, Kayla Von Bargen, were on site all weekend hosting a ball drop and raffle. In total, the weekend raised \$7,590.

The NLC Foundation has been graciously invited back for next year and we look forward to raising more money for students. Thank you, Browns, for having us!



### **Huskies Memorandum of Understanding**



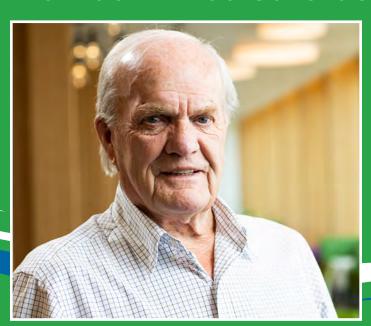
Northern Lights College (NLC) is pleased to announce we have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Fort St. John Huskies Junior B hockey team. This partnership aims to increase enrolment at NLC and financially support the athletes with scholarships and bursaries.

"We're excited to open up this opportunity for players with the Fort St. John Huskies," says NLC President and CEO, Todd Bondaroff. "We want to do whatever we can to encourage these players to not only come to our region to play hockey, but provide the opportunity for them to study local and stay local."

As part of the MOU, the Northern Lights College Foundation is allocating a one-time financial contribution of \$2,500 to start the Huskies Award Fund for future Huskies players that become NLC students.

"We're thrilled to establish this partnership with the Fort St. John Huskies. It provides a great opportunity for our College and Foundation to support students who wish to join our community, play for the Huskies, and further their education," says Lindsey Borek, Executive Director of the Northern Lights College Foundation. "One of the key goals at our Foundation is to enhance student access and opportunities, and collaborations like this help us guide our students on their educational journeys. We're incredibly grateful for this chance and are eager to see how it develops over time."

# Farewell to our Longest Standing Board Member — Lou Surerus



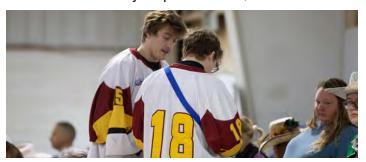
Thank you, Lou, for serving for 15 years on the NLC Foundation Board. We want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude. Your dedication, vision, and leadership have profoundly shaped our organization. Your insights and commitment have driven us forward, and your impact will be felt for years to come.

Thank you for your unwavering support and service. We are truly fortunate to have had you on this journey with us. Wishing you all the best on your future endeavours!

### Intercollegiate Rodeo



On September 28 and 29, NLC hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Intercollegiate Rodeo in Dawson Creek. Thank you to our sponsors, athletes and volunteers for making it another great success! The NLC Foundation hosted a 50/50 for the weekend and the Dawson Creek Kodiaks helped out by selling tickets. The total jackpot was \$2,045.



### **Upcoming Events**

Giving Day December 3, 2024

The Northern Lights College Foundation is launching our first annual Giving Day campaign. We are raising money this year for student support. Keep an eye on our website for more details!

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#### **Tread for Trades**

October 15-December 15, 2024

This will be the NLC Foundation's second year partnering with Bannister, where \$5 from every tire purchased during the event is donated to the Foundation. Get a fresh set of tires and support NLC students!



### Thinking of Becoming a Donor?

Philanthropic support plays a vital role in individuals having access to and success in higher education. By donating to the 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.

