

Candidate Statement

EdCo Support Staff Representative

Dear NLC Colleagues,

I am excited to share my experience and passion for student success as I seek the Support Staff Representative role on Education Council. I have been working at Northern Lights College since September 2022 as the Records & Graduation Analyst. However, my journey at Northern Lights College began way back in 2014. In grade 12, I was a dual credit student, taking University Arts & Sciences courses alongside my high school studies. At this point, I already knew I was going to end up in a Bachelor's degree program and I did just that. I began my university studies closer to home by completing my first year of university at UNBC where I then moved down to Nanaimo and transferred to Vancouver Island University. I ended up graduating with my Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Psychology back in June 2020. I am also proud to say that I have a couple of family members who are alumni of Northern Lights College. The programs completed were the Wind Turbine Maintenance Technician program and the Social Sciences Certificate program.

I love my role as the Records & Graduation Analyst. The best part of it is Convocation time. Nothing makes me happier than being able to celebrate with the students on their special day. After all, I did review each student record to determine their eligibility to graduate. Unfortunately, as I was a COVID graduate, I did not get to attend my Convocation. I was one of those students who received a "Convocation in a box." Convocation at Northern Lights College is deeply meaningful to me, allowing me to celebrate with students despite missing my own due to COVID.

Going back to when I was first hired at Northern Lights College, it was immediately recommended that I join the Education Council meetings as a "guest." Even though I am not a member of Education Council, I have had the opportunity to attend each meeting. After two and a half years, I feel that I have a foundational understanding of the logistics of Education Council along with the types of things that are handled by the committee. It is imperative that I am aware of changes to program requirements, especially as it relates to a student's ability to graduate from a program. Being part of Education Council would allow me to share insights and offer feedback from a records and graduation perspective. The last thing we want is to negatively impact the student journey.

I am eager to bring my insights and dedication to Education Council, ensuring student success remains at the heart of our decisions. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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