



News Release

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Northern Lakes College Student Role Models

March 2, 2009 - Every year the Students' Association acknowledges two students who are deemed role models in their schools and communities. In December nominations were reviewed for the Role Model Awards, and two recipients were selected – one for the post secondary award and one for the non post-secondary award.

Applicants must demonstrate that they are a role model in at least 3 of the following categories:

- community involvement,
- leadership in and outside of school,
- academic improvement,
- willingness to assist other students and
- the ability to overcome difficulties to do well at school.
- Some degree of financial need.

The 2009 non post-secondary Role Model Award recipient is enrolled in Academic Upgrading at the Gift Lake Campus. Pam Kozak is an active member of the community. Pam is in her second year of serving as President of the Gift Lake Students' Union. As well, she attends the monthly meetings of the Students' Association and serves as Student Representative on Academic Council. Ms. Kozak is always willing to help other students academically.

In her community, Ms. Kozak helps as a facilitator in the local youth program and is also involved with Parent Link local programs.

Ms. Kozak has five children and she encourages and supports them in their education. She also takes her kids to High Prairie twice weekly for activities such as Tae Kwon Do. Pam is a role model both inside the college as well as in her community.

The post secondary award is partnered by the Northern Lakes College Students' Association with the Northern Alberta Development Council. This year, the recipient of the Students' Association Post-secondary Role Model Award is from Northern Lakes College campus in Grouard. Marie Rasi is a student in the second year of Business Administration program. To facilitate her education Ms. Rasi moved her family to Grouard. She is the treasurer of the local student union and serves as a representative on Academic Council. Ms. Rasi is known for her willingness to assist her peers. Her enthusiasm and organizational skills were key to the success of the Round Dance this year.

Ms. Rasi is raising a family in Grouard, working part-time and attaining high marks in her program.



Marie Rasi
Business Administration Student



Pam Kozak
Academic Upgrading Student

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