



News Release

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Northern Lakes College Student Role Models

February 23, 2010 - 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 2010 non post-secondary award is partnered the Northern Lakes College Board of Governors. For this school year, the recipient of the non post-secondary Role Model Award is enrolled in Academic Upgrading at the Stony Point Campus.

Brenda Beaver is the mother and main provider of 6 children. She first enrolled in Northern Lakes College's academic upgrading program 10 years ago. She went on to complete the health care aide program and subsequently worked as an aide at the Health Centre in Wabasca.

Brenda is currently upgrading her skills in order to apply to the practical nursing program. Her marks are exceptional and as a model student, she is always willing to assist her fellow students. In her community, Brenda take an active leadership role by participating in many worthy activities, including the Diabetic Walk, Sober Walk, and Terry Fox Run each year.

The post secondary Role Model Award is partnered by the Students' Association with the Northern Alberta Development Council. This year, the recipient of the Students' Association Post-secondary Role Model Award is from the Northern Lakes College Slave Lake campus.

Jule Asterisk is the Student Representative to the Board of Governors and President of the Slave Lake Campus Students' Union. Jule has been a driving force behind this group and its activities this year.

Enrolled in University Studies, Jule has been an honour student while raising a family and juggling two jobs. She is supportive towards her fellow students and provides an excellent role model for them. On top if this, Jule is a very active community member. She organized and helped run the "Auntie Litter"

campaign, raised money for the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation, promotes literacy in the community, and coordinated a water quality study that she presented to the Canadian Centre for Pollution Prevention. Jule is currently helping to organize an Introductory Cree class for academic upgrading lab day.

Northern Lakes College has campuses in over 30 communities across north-central Alberta. Programs range from upgrading to careers, from university to apprenticeship trades. Flexible learning opportunities include full time or part time options. As well many classes are offered to students online or using various technologies including video conferencing.

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