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Northern Lakes College student awarded ACSW bursary

Slave Lake, AB, February 4, 2015 - Northern Lakes College student Katharina Zacharias has been awarded a bursary from the Alberta College of Social Workers (ACSW). The ACSW awards five \$1,000 bursaries to students in Alberta who demonstrate a commitment to the profession of social work.

Katharina is in her second year of the social work diploma at the Northern Lakes College Slave Lake Campus. She works as an outreach worker for a local women's shelter and volunteers with an organization called Young Life as a youth leader.

Students are eligible for the bursary if they are enrolled in a social work program, have a GPA of at least 3.0 and demonstrate involvement in the community or student affairs. The bursary is open to all social work students in Alberta, and is decided by a bursary committee and the ACSW council.

"I find great meaning in working with people from all walks of life and I hope to continue with my studies in the fall to earn my social work degree. I am excited to increase my knowledge and experience in this field of work," said Katharina.

"We are very pleased that Katharina has been chosen to be the recipient of the ACSW bursary as she is a most deserving candidate. The NLC Social Work program is challenging, and it is great to see recognition not only for the hard work and dedication of students within their program of studies but also acknowledgement of their work within their community." said Sylvia Pratt, Social Work program coordinator.

Students who have completed their social work diploma with Northern Lakes College are eligible to continue their studies to earn their Bachelor of Social Work through the University of Calgary. This unique opportunity is available in fall 2015 for students to take their BSW degree at the Peace River campus of Northern Lakes College. This is a one-time offering and interested students must apply to the University of Calgary by March 1, 2015.

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Northern Lakes College is a Comprehensive Community Institution offering certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with Campus Alberta partners to offer degree completion opportunities throughout its service region, including a Bachelor of Education. Northern Lakes College also provides a wide variety of certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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