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### **Dual Credit Students Successful at NLC**

August 18, 2015 – A question high school students are frequently asked is “What are you going to do after you graduate?” To some, this question is difficult to answer but not for Travis Wakefield and Brody Timmann. Travis and Brody successfully completed the Dual Credit Carpentry and Welding First Period Apprenticeship programs with Northern Lakes College.

High school student Travis Wakefield (age 16) had a keen interest in working with wood and building. He opted for the Dual Credit First Period Carpenter Apprenticeship. And Brody Timmann was eager to pursue his interest in welding in the Dual Credit First Period Welding Apprenticeship. Both young men have successfully passed both the Northern Lakes College and Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training exams. These students have put themselves ahead of their peers and now have the skills and experience that rivals many 20-25 year olds.

Dual Credit programming provides high school students the opportunity to enroll in post-secondary courses and earn credits towards both their high school diploma and post-secondary credits at the same time. Northern Lakes College is currently working with several school districts in the region providing dual credit programming to high school students.

*“It’s a great learning experience; it gives you a big head start in the Trade, and allows you to pursue your career further,”* said Travis. Wakefield recently represented Northern Lakes College and Roland Michener High School at The Skills Canada Provincial Competition in Edmonton where he competed out of his age group, but performed extremely well in the competition.

Dean of Trades and Technology, Nelson Lutz says, *“Dual Credit programming provides an exciting opportunity for high school students looking to get a head start. They get the skills and theory required, have a better understanding of their desired program, and an appreciation for the amount of work and dedication needed to excel. It gives students the opportunity to get a good paying job right out of high school.”*

Northern Lakes College dual credit programming being offered in the 2015-16 school year includes Carpentry, Electrical and Welding, Health Care Aide, Power Engineering (4<sup>th</sup> Class), Production Field Operator (Part A), Early Learning and Child Care, Educational Assistant and

Business Administration. For more information on Dual Credit programming, contact Chair of Dual Credit and Recruitment, Brian Panasiuk at [Panasiuk@northernlakescollege.ca](mailto:Panasiuk@northernlakescollege.ca).

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