



February 11, 2016 (Peace River, Alberta) – Five students from Northern Lakes College's social work program received sponsorship to attend the Alberta College of Social Workers annual conference in Edmonton. Northern Lakes College's Peace River Community Education Committee (CEC) recognized the importance for social work students to attend this session to gain valuable information and network.

'Social Workers Embracing a Diverse and Changing World' is the theme of this year's conference, which is a complement of their in-class learnings. Jeremey Johnson, President of the Peace River Student Union, who accepted the fifteen hundred dollar donation on behalf of the Social Work program stated, "it is so valuable for students to connect to current social workers, to hear their stories and share their experiences. Opportunities may be presented these students many not experience otherwise, including mentorship and employment."

Community Education Committees (CEC's) are in each community the College serves. The CECs ensure their community has ideal education and training mix for their unique needs. Comprised of nominated representatives from the community, these individuals have a strong desire to ensure their community receives the highest level and most appropriate avenues of learning available. Through monthly meetings, these committees also assist the college with local communication initiatives, student recruitment, staff recruitment, and make recommendations that will enhance the quality, credibility and integrity of the college and their specific community campus.



PHOTO, Marie Dyck, Peace River Community Education Committee Chairperson and Councilor from Northern Sunrise County, donates \$1500 to the Peace River Social Work program to sponsor students to attend Alberta College of Social Workers annual conference. Accepting the cheque is Jeremey Johnson, President of the Peace River Student Union.

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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