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Shell Canada Aboriginal Education Advancement Awards Distributed

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Northern Lakes College along with its partner Shell Canada distributed financial student awards to 14 students at the Slave Lake Campus. Shell Canada made a \$250,000 donation to NLC in 2013 with the intent of creating the Shell Canada Aboriginal Education Advancement Awards. The fund was set up to be distributed over a 4 year period to aboriginal Northern Lakes College students enrolled in academic upgrading and post-secondary programs. This marks the third year of the fund and \$48,750 was distributed to 79 students today and earlier in the academic year. In total, \$202,000 has been given out to students.

Students from the Valleyview, Grouard, Driftpile, High Prairie, Peavine and Slave Lake Campuses attended a lunch with Shell Canada's representative Charlene Parker and Ann Everatt, President and CEO of Northern Lakes College. A traditional meal of soup and bannock was served and students had the opportunity to speak about their studies, their career goals and how important education was to them and their families. "After my spouse died, I was left to raise 3 small children alone. I knew that I needed a career and not just a job so I returned to school" said Lindsay Goodswimmer. "This award is not for myself but helps provide the necessities for my children."

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet with the award donor and personally tell Shell how much the award made an impact in their ability to attend NLC" says Ann Everatt. "Many students who attend college in the north face greater financial barriers and challenges."

Mrs. Parker was presented with a gift from the students and staff – a traditional walking stick handcrafted by a local artist.



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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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