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NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE OFFERS INTRODUCTION TO METALS

November 28, 2015 (Wabasca, Alberta) – Northern Lakes College recently completed a unique training session, Introduction to Metals, at the Stony Point Campus in Wabasca. A partnership forged between Atoske Action Group and Northern Lakes College identified that there was a demand in Wabasca for a program in this area. Both organizations worked to develop the training to provide practical, hands-on learning as well as theoretical knowledge.

Between October 19-30th, students spent three hours a day, four days a week in class. Students were given the option to either work on individual pieces to take away at the end of the program, or work together on a group project. In this offering the students opted for the group project and embraced their creative energies in developing an ornamental spider. Most of the materials for the spider project were donated by BOSS, Bigstone Oilfield Services and Supplies. The students also contributed a legacy project of designing and building metal table with a vice for future cohorts to utilize.

Rena Auger, from the Atoske Action Group stated “Aboriginal students tend to be hands-on learners. This training gives them an opportunity with metal to see if they like it before they take on the financial commitment and time required to commit to an apprenticeship.”

Students came from a variety of background. For adult students, they were provided the opportunity to experience working with metal and exposure to trades training. High school students also had the added benefit of building up their prerequisites to apply to their dual credit or apprenticeship program while still in high school.

“NLC is pleased at the progress of the trades lab in Wabasca,” said Nelson Lutz, Dean of Trades & Technology “We are excited about the opportunities to offer trades training to the community and to work and partner with organizations, like the AAG, for the benefit of students and the community. This partnership reflects Northern Lakes College’s ongoing commitment to ensuring practical, hands-on, accessible learning for our northern communities.”

Brennan Nanemahoo, a student that completed the program, talked about his experience. “I had already applied to the pre-employment program in welding at Northern Lakes College but didn’t have any experience in the field. Taking this program helped reaffirm that I am interested in welding and it helped develop some skills. I really enjoyed learning to weld metal together.”

Individuals interested in trades or pre-trades programming are encouraged to contact Northern Lakes College at 780 849-8600.



Left to right: Vincent Auger, Brennan Nanemahoo, Chester Cardinal and Alvera Black with the Spider Project

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