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NLC Electrical Instructor receives Top Mentor Award

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The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board has recognized Martin Engler, an Electrical Instructor at Northern Lakes College with a prestigious award for his contributions. Engler was selected along with just three others to receive the Top Mentor Award at a dinner and ceremony which was held in Edmonton recently. The awards ceremony is an annual event in which more than 400 attendees recognize top students, instructors and mentors for their achievements in the past year. Mentors are nominated by recent graduates of the apprenticeship (AIT) system.

Engler has been a resident of Slave Lake for 30 years but just recently joined Northern Lakes College as an Instructor after 42 years in the electrical trade. Prior to this he worked as a Journeyman Electrician and served as the Presiding Officer with the AIT Local Advisory Committee and then was nominated to the Provincial Apprenticeship Committee.

Though surprised to receive the award, Engler replies "I have spent my life mentoring and training adults in the field and many have risen into leadership roles. Along with many friends and relatives whom I encouraged to enter the Trades I have two daughters who are Journeymen Electricians. I am honored that I was selected."

Engler's father, who had escaped Soviet occupied East Germany at great peril to enhance his future family opportunities was disappointed that his son had chosen a Trade over a white collar career. Four decades later and now with his son recognized with a prestigious award for a lifetime of contribution, Martin Engler's father may well concede that his son's instincts were correct.

As so many who look to Northern Lakes College as the first step in a new life adventure, so does Martin Engler. Eager still to contribute he brings over forty years of practical knowledge and experience to the classroom and like his students, he is focused on the future and is appreciative of the opportunity to contribute.



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