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NORTHERN LAKES COLLEGE TO DISBURSE INDIGENOUS CAREER AWARDS

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Northern Lakes College has disbursed \$98,000 in Indigenous Career Awards, a student funding initiative supported by Alberta Innovation and Advanced Education (AIE). This is the first time the award has been offered.

The 26 recipients of the award will receive \$2000 per term. Program eligibility streams were based on the Government of Alberta's forecast of High Demand Careers in Alberta. Recipients were selected from a wide range of Northern Lakes College programs - Oilfield Operator Training, Business Administration, Educational Assistant, Power Engineering, Office Administration, Early Learning and Child Care, Aboriginal Teacher Education Program, and University Studies. Other eligibility requirements included fulltime student status and declaration of Indigenous heritage or identity.

"Many of our students identify financial barriers associated with their studies," says Ann Everatt, President of Northern Lakes College. "The Career Awards help break down these barriers and allow students to complete their program and find success in their chosen fields, contributing valuable skills sets to our northern communities upon graduation or certification."

The Dean of Student Services Cyndy Lorincz says "The Indigenous Career Awards were created with the goal of assisting students on their path to their professional goals, and to encourage a larger portion of our population to complete post-secondary studies in high demand careers. It is our hope that this funding will continue to encourage more students to pursue career goals."

While students enrolled in apprenticeship technical training, integrated training, or non-credential (excluding university transfer) programs were not eligible for these awards, Northern Lakes College offers many additional award, scholarship, and funding options.

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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