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Enrolment positive at Alberta’s 11 Colleges

Slave Lake, AB - September 22, 2016 – With the 2016-17 academic year now underway, the 11 Colleges across the province are reporting increased enrolments in academic programming.

“The enrolment numbers are looking bright for Colleges in our province,” says Joel Ward, Red Deer College President & CEO. “When we look at the numbers collectively, comparing this year’s enrolment numbers with those from the 2015-16 year, the 11 institutions are showing exceptional enrolment growth in academic programming, with an increase of over 9%.”

Ward attributes the strong growth in part to the number of Albertans who lost their jobs and are reentering post-secondary to reskill and retrain in preparation for when the economy rebounds. “Government funding has increased over the past two years and this has also enabled Colleges to offer new programs, which contributes to the strong growth in enrolment,” he says.

Some general trends can be found when comparing enrolment numbers, as six institutions reported increases in business and business administration programs. Other areas of growth included health and human service programs, university transfer programs and upgrading.

“Northern Lakes College continues to experience enrollment growth. Our health programs - the EMT-Paramedic and Practical Nurse program are oversubscribed – all seats are full and we have a waitlist” says Ann Everatt, President & CEO. “Academic Upgrading and University Studies enrollment continue to climb over last year. Our distance delivery model works well and allows students to attend post-secondary without leaving their home community.”

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About Alberta’s Colleges:

For local perspectives, please contact any of Alberta’s Colleges, which include: Bow Valley College, Grand Prairie Regional College, Keyano College, Lakeland College, Lethbridge College, Medicine Hat College, NorQuest College, Northern Lakes College, Olds College, Portage College and Red Deer College.



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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