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#### **Chair of Allied Health Programs at Northern Lakes College receives Prestigious Award**

On April 28, 2018, Kathy Reid-Soucy, Chair of Allied Health Programs at Northern Lakes College (NLC), was presented with the prestigious 2018 Paramedic Association of Canada (PAC) Awards of Excellence in Education and Training. Reid-Soucy manages and provides leadership to all levels of paramedic programs at the College. Her vision to expand paramedic education in rural Alberta is directly related to her 10 years of experience working as a paramedic and her 5 years of teaching in northern Alberta.

The Award of Excellence for Education and Training recognizes those who have made an outstanding contribution to training and education in the field of paramedicine. Recipients of the award have made contributions such as identifying and successfully addressing a long-standing training or educational need or deficiency, consistently exceeding standards for the delivery and/or development of paramedic training programs, and establishing a new or innovative program or delivery model to enhance the delivery of paramedic education.

The PAC Awards of Excellence are recognized at a national level. Winning this award is a significant accomplishment for Reid-Soucy and a source of pride for Northern Lakes College. "I feel very honored receiving this award. I feel that the award is worthy of all the work we do as a team," said Reid-Soucy.

Recognizing the barriers that exist for rural paramedics to advance their careers, Reid-Soucy strives to provide access to paramedic education for all students thus eliminating the need to move to an urban center to attend a paramedic program. She is committed to ensuring that students in NLC's paramedic programs are prepared for the progression towards a paramedic degree. Reid-Soucy is a life-long learner herself, constantly advancing her own education. She recently completed a Masters of Nursing with a focus on education.

Dr. Applin, Dean of Health and Human Service Programs at Northern Lakes College nominated Reid-Soucy to recognize her dedication and diligent work ethic to Northern Lakes College and Health Careers. "Kathy is a catalyst, mentor and student advocate for Health Careers at Northern Lakes College. She exemplifies best practices, training and education in Allied Health. In the end, it will be our students who will continue moving forward Kathy's vision and her exemplary work ethic and competency," said Applin.

Ann Everatt, President and CEO of Northern Lakes College, was at the 2018 Paramedics on the Hill event in Ottawa and presented the award to Reid-Soucy. “Northern Lakes College could not be more proud of Kathy and her accomplishments. Only four Paramedic Association of Canada awards were given out; two were awarded in Quebec, one in Ontario, and the only one in Alberta was awarded to Kathy. Paramedic programs are essential to rural communities in northern Alberta. Our paramedic students’ benefit from dedicated staff, like Kathy, who motivate, inspire and lead our students to success,” said Everatt.



*Ann Everatt, President, CEO, and Kathy Reid-Soucy, Chair of Allied Health at Northern Lakes College in attendance at the PAC Awards*

Northern Lakes College is a multi-campus college located in northern Alberta and is focused on providing relevant, quality programs through a distributed learning model, serving over 6,000 students annually. To meet regional needs, NLC offers a wide range of certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, 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 and a Bachelor of Social Work. Northern Lakes College also provides a wide variety of professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department. Northern Lakes College houses the Woodland Operations Learning Foundation (WOLF) to provide Forestry and related post-secondary and professional development programs.

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