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Slave Lake, Alberta

NLC Inaugural Gala Raises \$11,000 to Benefit Students

The Northern Lakes College Gala 2019 event raised \$11,000 in net funds that will help create student awards, expand activities to support students, and upgrade classroom equipment and facilities to benefit NLC's student body.

President Ann Everatt comments, "The Gala was a wonderful fundraising event to support our students. Thank you to everyone who attended the inaugural Northern Lakes College Gala. I extend a special thank you to the Gala's Diamond sponsors, ATB Financial, ATCO Group of Companies, and Tolko Industries Ltd. High Prairie Division, and Platinum sponsors, ESC Automation, M.D. of Opportunity No. 17, Northern Sunrise County, and Vanderwell Contractors (1971) Ltd. We look forward to everyone attending Gala 2020 when we celebrate the 50th anniversary of Northern Lakes College."

Tolko Industries Ltd. High Prairie Division made a special presentation during the evening, donating \$7,500 towards the Northern Lakes College Student Emergency Fund. The fund's purpose is to assist students when unexpected financial situations arise. "As part of its Community Investment Strategy, Tolko is excited to make this donation to support the Student Emergency Fund," comments Bronwyn Dunphy, HR Business Partner for Tolko Industries.

A highlight of the evening was the auction for a private dinner for 10 at the Lesser Slave Lake Regional Fire Service's Slave Lake Hall # 1. Called by NLC's own Paul Chaulk, the auction was entertaining and contributed to funds raised.

The evening was a wonderful opportunity to dance to great live music, provided by Canadian Country Music Association award winner, Hey Romeo. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Slave Lake's FIX. Coffee Bar & Bakery.



Gala Diamond and Platinum sponsor representatives (l-r): Northern Sunrise County Councillors Dan Boisvert, Audrey Gall, Gaylene Whitehead, and Reeve Carolyn Kolebaba; Jeanette Bancarz, Market Manager at ATB Financial; Adam Parkes, Service Manager for Northern Alberta at ESC Automation; Troy Richardson, Operations Manager, and Bronwyn Dunphy, HR Business Partner of Tolko Industries Ltd. High Prairie Division; Amanda Mattern, Operations Supervisor of Central West District of ATCO Group of Companies; William Kostiw, CEO of the MD of Opportunity No. 17; Laura Vanderwell-Ross of Vanderwell Contractors (1971) Ltd, and (front) NLC Board of Governors' Student Representative, Gloria Fierro.



Gala attendees enjoy the evening.

Northern Lakes College (NLC), located in northern Alberta, provides quality programs through distributed learning to over 6,000 students annually. NLC offers certificate and diploma programs in Business, Health Sciences and Allied Health, Human Services, Technology, Trades, University Studies, and Academic Upgrading. The College collaborates with partners to offer degree completion opportunities, including a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Social Work. NLC provides professional accreditation and certificate programs through its Continuing Education and Corporate Training Department.

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