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NLC Convocation 2022 Celebrates Graduates

Slave Lake, Alberta (June 3, 2022): Northern Lakes College celebrated 665 graduates from the class of 2022 at a ceremony on Friday, June 3. NLC graduates, staff, and faculty, along with guests, family, and friends, gathered at the Slave Lake Multi Recreation Centre to mark the event. This was the first in-person convocation held since 2019.

Charlie Orr, Chair of the Peerless Lake Community Education Committee, led the ceremony with an opening prayer, followed by Canada's national anthem. Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Michelle Mitchell, welcomed attendees and introduced a number of dignitaries, including Board Chair, Mr. Barry Sharkawi, who brought greetings from the Board of Governors of Northern Lakes College.

Dr. Glenn Mitchell, President & CEO of Northern Lakes College, delivered the congratulatory address, commending graduates for demonstrating perseverance in these unprecedented times, and speaking of the importance of applying their own recipe for success that got them to this point, as they move forward in life. "As a community-based college, we know our students and their stories and today we celebrate with them; their persistence, their achievement and, ultimately, their success! At Northern Lakes College, we count our success one student at a time. We could not be prouder of all they have accomplished and, as an NLC family, we will continue to cheer them on in the future."

Dr. Amy Burns, from the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary, delivered the keynote address. Valedictorian Diana Lambert delivered the student address on behalf of the class of 2022 and Elizabeth Gedcke brought greetings from the NLC Students' Association. Also recognized during the ceremony was the recipient of the 2022 Friend of Northern Lakes College Award, the Werklund School of Education, for its partnership in delivering the Community-Based Bachelor of Education to the Northern Lakes College region.

The 2022 Practical Nurse students celebrated the completion of their program with a traditional capping and pinning ceremony on the evening of June 2. This is a candlelight ceremony during which each nursing student is presented with a nursing cap and pin. The Practical Nurse program graduated 71 students from across the service region.

A distance learning college, Northern Lakes College provides the most accessible and flexible educational opportunities through innovative delivery. Utilizing its unique Supported Distance Learning (SDL) model, NLC assists 5,000 students annually to continue their education, improve their employment opportunities, and enhance their quality of life. Committed to its communities in northern Alberta and to its students, wherever they may be, NLC collaborates with business, industry, and other post-secondary institutions to benefit students and communities. Explore at www.northernlakescollege.ca.

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