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Northern Lakes College President & CEO Awarded Platinum Jubilee Medal

Slave Lake, Alberta (March 6, 2023): Dr. Glenn Mitchell, President & CEO of Northern Lakes College, has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal. The award was presented at a ceremony held during the Alberta Post-Secondary Network meeting at the River Cree Casino in Enoch, Alberta on March 2, 2023.

In its nomination, Alberta Advanced Education stated that Dr. Mitchell has demonstrated exceptional qualities and outstanding service to the province of Alberta in the field of adult education. The Ministry nominated Dr. Mitchell to receive this honour as a lasting recognition of his dedication and service.

Dr. Mitchell has over 25 years of leadership experience in the education sector and a demonstrated commitment to post-secondary education through his 16-year tenure with the College. In his three years as President, Northern Lakes College has expanded to open new campuses in Fox Creek, Peerless Lake, and a new facility in High Prairie. And, with more than a 20% enrolment increase this year, the College is experiencing the largest number of credit enrolments in its 52-year history.

Dr. Mitchell states that while he is "profoundly honored" by the commendation, he sees this not as an individual achievement, but a College achievement. He notes that it would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication of Northern Lakes College employees. He states, "we have an amazing staff who understand the need to count our success one student at a time," and adds, "our teams' dedication to our students is the reason for our success."

Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II approved the creation of a commemorative medal in honour of the 70th anniversary of Her late Majesty's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. This medal will be awarded to 7,000 residents of Alberta who have made a significant contribution to Canada, Alberta, their communities, or fellow citizens.

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