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## **Northern Lakes College Celebrates Graduates at Convocation 2023**

**Slave Lake, Alberta (June 2, 2023):** Northern Lakes College staff and faculty, along with guests, family, and friends, gathered at The Gathering Place on Friday, June 2 to celebrate 727 graduates from the class of 2023.

The graduate procession was led by Dr. Glenn Mitchell, President & CEO, and Barry Sharkawi, Board Chair. The ceremony began with a prayer by Charlie Orr, Chair of the Peerless Lake Community Education Committee. Master of Ceremonies, Amy Saitz, welcomed graduates and attendees and introduced the platform party, board members, and dignitaries in attendance.

Dr. Glenn Mitchell delivered the congratulatory address. Graduates were applauded for their perseverance, resiliency, and their ability to bounce back from the difficulties and adversities encountered in their educational journeys, and for maintaining focus on the end goal. "We love to see the smiling faces, and the sense of pride and accomplishment as you cross the stage. We feel that same sense of pride and accomplishment. We are honoured that you chose us to be a part of your professional journey, and that we were able to provide you with the education and support you needed to get here today."

Mike McMann, Superintendent of the Fort Vermilion School Division, delivered the keynote address and accepted the 2023 *Friend of Northern Lakes College Award* on behalf of the Division. Class of 2023 valedictorian, Jenó Mansueto, delivered the student address and President of the NLC Students' Association, Elizabeth Gedcke, brought greetings.

On the evening of Thursday, June 1, a traditional capping and pinning ceremony marked the completion of the Practical Nurse program for 69 graduates from across the service region. During the candlelight ceremony, each nursing student was presented with a nursing cap and pin.

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