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Northern Lakes College Celebrates Convocation 2025

Slave Lake, Alberta (June 6, 2025): Northern Lakes College celebrated 1000 graduates at Convocation 2025 at the Multi Recreation Centre in Slave Lake on June 6. This is the largest graduating class in Northern Lakes College history, marking a 9% increase in the number of graduates since 2024, and 38% increase since 2023.

President & CEO, Dr. Glenn Mitchell, and Board of Governors' Chair, Barry Sharkawi, led the graduate procession with Charlie Orr, Chair of the Peerless Lake Community Education Committee, opening the ceremony with a prayer. Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Michelle Mitchell, welcomed graduates and attendees and provided introductions for the platform party, board members, and dignitaries in attendance.

Dr. Glenn Mitchell delivered the congratulatory address, recognizing graduates on this milestone day.

The world is in front of you. It needs your vision, your voice, your curiosity. Only time will reveal what is next, so it's imperative that you keep learning, keep moving, keep caring, pushing, trying, and striving; keep doing those things that will move you forward. Never stop. And, for those of you listening to me wishing you were sitting in these [graduates'] chairs today.... what's stopping you? You can do it.

Dr. Glenn Mitchell, President & CEO, Northern Lakes College

The 2025 *Friend of Northern Lakes College Award* was presented to Pembina Hills School Division recognizing the collaborative and innovative partnership to deliver Northern Lakes College programming to division staff and students. Valedictorian, Rechelle Ramsay, delivered the student address and President of the NLC Students' Association, Jennifer Sharron, brought greetings from the NLCSA.

On the evening of Thursday, June 5, a traditional capping and pinning ceremony marked the completion of the Practical Nurse program with 56 graduates from across the service region. During the candlelight ceremony, each nursing student received a nursing cap and pin.

About Northern Lakes College

Northern Lakes College (NLC) provides flexible educational opportunities through innovative delivery. With accessibility as a cornerstone value, we provide quality educational programs and services. NLC's innovative [Supported Distance Learning](#) (SDL) and [Supported Distance Teaching](#) (SDT) models include unique online delivery options such as NLC LIVE Online™ and NLC Anytime, Anywhere. SDL provides learners with the flexibility to balance work, home, and education, so that they can 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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