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**Slave Lake, Alberta**

#### **NLC Convocation 2019 Celebrates Graduates**

Northern Lakes College Convocation 2019 celebrated 752 graduates on Friday, September 13 at The Gathering Place in Slave Lake. NLC staff and faculty, along with family and friends, came together to celebrate graduates from 37 credit programs, along with those completing Continuing Education & Corporate Training extension certificates.

Respected Elder Florence Gladue led the opening evocation with prayer, followed by Canada's national anthem. Master of Ceremonies Kathy Reid-Soucy welcomed attendees and introduced a number of dignitaries, including Board Chair, Daniel Vandermeulen, who brought greetings from the Board of Governors of Northern Lakes College. "Northern Lakes College continues to be a champion of community based learning through a supported distance learning model. The graduates here today can attest that distance education works – all of you have achieved your post-secondary goals right at home in your community."

Ann Everatt, President and CEO of Northern Lakes College, delivered the congratulatory address, offering the following advice, "We are very excited to be here today celebrating Convocation. Although the event was delayed due to the wildfires, we are so happy that so many graduates have attended. We are very proud to honour your achievements as you embark on your new journey."

Valedictorian Gloria Fierro shared the following sentiments with her fellow graduates, "As we leave here today, we carry smiles in our hearts, a sense of pride and accomplishment in what we have achieved, and gratitude for those who have helped us along the way."

Awards were conferred on a number of students in recognition of outstanding achievement in a variety of areas. The Board of Governors Scholarship, presented to a student who exemplifies the philosophy of lifelong learning, was awarded to Demi-Sue Jones, graduate of the Office Administration program. The Board of Governors Leadership Award, presented to a student demonstrating outstanding leadership, was awarded to Gloria Fierro, graduate of the Early Learning and Child Care Diploma program.

The Practical Nursing students celebrated the completion of their program with a traditional Capping and Pinning Ceremony on the evening of September 12. This is a candlelight ceremony during which each nursing student is presented with a nursing cap and pin. The Practical Nurse program graduated 70 students from across the College service region, including 26 students from a partnership with Lakeland College.



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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