Uplifting Individuals, Strengthening Communities, and Creating a Brighter Tomorrow

Our journey at Northlands College continues to be defined by purpose and progress. As we commit to empower learners for life, work, and leadership in Northern Saskatchewan, we are unwavering in our commitment to nurture the potential of Northern learners and contribute to the growth and advancement of our communities.

Through practical and innovative education, that aligns seamlessly with the needs of our workforce, we forge pathways not only to success but also to a future imbued with the cultural essence of this beautiful region.

With campuses in Buffalo Narrows, La Ronge, and Creighton, we offer a wide range of programs and educational services that cater to the developmental and employment needs of the region. Our goal is to support learners with the skills needed to thrive in the diverse labor market, while also supporting industries in meeting their workforce requirements.

We firmly believe that education is a lifelong journey, a pathway to individual empowerment and community self-determination. At Northlands College, we strive to make informed decisions that enhance our programs and ensure they align with the evolving needs of our learners, communities, and the economic landscape.

Creating a strong sense of community is paramount to our mission. Creating a strong sense of community is paramount to our mission. We recognize and celebrate the importance of the relationships we foster within our learning community, with our industry and post-secondary partners, and with the 2SLGBTQ+ and Indigenous communities. In smaller institutions like ours, strong communities flourish, providing vital support to learners as they prepare for employment, further education, and life.

Moving forward, let us continue to nurture and develop these communities we have built. Guided by our core values of respect, diversity, and inclusivity, we aim to create an environment where individuals are empowered, opportunities are boundless, and Northern Saskatchewan shines as a symbol of progress.

To all our 2022-23 learners, who are now part of the larger Northlands College community, I extend my heartfelt wishes for your continued success. May your personal communities always be there to support you as you pursue your dreams.
GRADUATES OF 2022-2023

Northlands College proudly recognizes the outstanding achievements of its graduates across various programs. The Adult Basic Education (ABE) Programs have equipped learners with essential skills, enhancing their literacy, numeracy, critical thinking, and problem-solving abilities. Meanwhile, the Tech & Trades Programs have nurtured skilled professionals in fields such as construction, automotive, welding, and electrical. Our Health and Wellness programs prepared graduates for the health sector as our nursing & mental health & wellness diplomas provided the necessary skills for graduates to contribute to Industry demands.

By honing their skills, providing hands-on training, and instilling theoretical knowledge, Northlands College has prepared graduates for a bright future. Their determination, resilience, and adaptability have earned them recognition as they step into new opportunities and make valuable contributions to society. Congratulations to the graduates of 2022-2023 for their exceptional accomplishments, and best wishes for their continued success in their chosen paths.

SUPPORTING GROWTH AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY TIES

COLLABORATION WITH CHILDREN NORTH FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE

Northlands College is proud to announce its recent collaboration with the Children North Family Support Centre in La Ronge, SK. With a shared commitment to transforming the lives of children in our community, this partnership aims to strengthen community ties and foster growth.

At Northlands College, we understand the importance of making a positive impact beyond the classroom. We are inspired by the incredible efforts of the Children North Family Support Centre, which provides essential services and support to children and families. Through our collaboration, we aim to enhance community care and promote holistic child development, working hand in hand with the Centre to create a brighter future for our community’s youngest members.

Together, Northlands College and the Children North Family Support Centre strive to empower children, nurture their potential, and build a strong foundation for their well-being. By combining our resources, expertise, and passion for community betterment, we are confident that our collaboration will make a lasting positive difference in the lives of children and families in La Ronge.
NEW PROGRAMMING FOR 2023-2024

INTRODUCING COMPUTER SCIENCE DIPLOMA AT NORTHLANDS COLLEGE

Northlands College announced an exciting new program for the upcoming academic year: the Computer Science Diploma in La Ronge. In partnership with the University of Regina, this two-year diploma offers learners a comprehensive foundation in computer science.

Combining in-person and remote learning, as well as practical labs, learners will gain the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in the dynamic field of technology. Graduates of the diploma program can also continue their education by seamlessly transitioning into the full degree program offered on campus in Regina. The program is scheduled to commence in September 2023 at Northlands College in La Ronge, Saskatchewan.

INDUSTRY AND ACADEMICS

LAUNCHING THE CARPENTRY PROGRAM WITH NEXGEN

In Partnership with NexGen Energy Limited, Northlands College launched a new Carpentry Program in La Loche, SK. Learners in this 18-week Carpentry Applied Certificate program will receive basic knowledge and develop skills required to work in the residential, commercial construction and related industries. Trade time and academic credit may be available for learners who successfully complete the program and register as apprentices in the trade. NexGen will be involved in the selection process for this course. As the college looks to collaborate for its learners to contribute to Northern Saskatchewan, this program is the first of many that Northlands is planning to introduce in the coming academic year.

ENSURING SAFETY TRAINING THROUGH RADIATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

Northlands College is proud to launch an innovative program that provides the career paths for radiation and environmental monitoring to the learners in the communities of Northern Saskatchewan. This initiative focuses on training Radiation and Environmental Monitoring Technicians, equipping them to play a vital role in safeguarding both individuals and the environment.

Radiation and environmental monitoring technicians serve as guardians of well-being, employing their expertise to uphold Canada’s rigorous regulations and globally recognized standards for health and environmental protection. This program reflects Northlands College’s commitment to fostering safety, expertise, and responsible practices, contributing significantly to the well-being of Northern Saskatchewan’s communities, and providing newer opportunities for Northern Learners.
BUILDING A GREENER TOMORROW

DRIVING TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY: MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER PHEVs JOIN THE FLEET

In a significant stride towards fulfilling our commitment to environmental responsibility, our college is taking a greener road by replacing our existing fleet vehicles with state-of-the-art Mitsubishi Outlander Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs). This transition is a pivotal step in our pursuit of achieving our ambitious Environmental Targets, underlining our dedication to reducing CO₂ emissions and contributing to the global effort to combat climate change.

By adopting these eco-friendly alternatives, we are not only showcasing our commitment to sustainability but also providing a hands-on educational opportunity for our learners to understand the potential of hybrid technology in reducing the carbon footprint.

GREENING OUR CAMPUSES: CLICK & GROW SMART INDOOR GARDENS TAKE ROOT

Empowering our learners with the knowledge and tools to lead sustainable lives is at the heart of our college’s mission. As part of our ongoing sustainability initiatives, each campus has embraced innovation by introducing Click & Grow Smart Indoor Gardens. These advanced indoor gardening solutions exemplify our dedication to promoting sustainable practices and educating our learners about the fundamental steps required for shaping a greener, more sustainable future.

This initiative is more than just a symbol of our commitment to environmental consciousness; they represent a tangible way to minimize the negative environmental impacts of our activities. By cultivating fresh herbs and produce right within our campuses, we not only contribute to lower carbon emissions associated with transportation but also promote better nutrition, improved health, and a higher quality of life for our college community.

In embracing initiatives like the Mitsubishi Outlander PHEVs and Click & Grow Smart Indoor Gardens, we are reinforcing our position as pioneers in sustainable education. As we continue to weave sustainability into the fabric of our college, we invite all members of our community to join us on this transformative journey towards a brighter, greener future.
Dental Therapy Clinic at Northlands College, Canoe Campus

We are excited to provide an update on the construction of our state-of-the-art dental therapy clinic at Northlands College, Canoe Campus in La Ronge. As the construction advances, we envision a modern and welcoming space that will serve as a hub for dental care and education. Our clinic aims to provide high-quality dental therapy services to residents, emphasizing preventive care and promoting oral health awareness.

As we eagerly anticipate the completion of the dental therapy clinic, we extend our gratitude to all the individuals and organizations that have contributed to making this project a reality. Our community’s support and enthusiasm have been instrumental in driving the construction forward, and we look forward to welcoming everyone to a space that embodies our commitment to oral wellness.

Introducing Our New Website Empowering Learners and Fostering Excellence at Northlands College

Northlands College announced the launch of its new website. This significant step reflects the college’s dedication to sustainability and providing the highest standard of education. Our redesigned website offers enhanced accessibility, expanded features, and resources, catering to the evolving needs of learners, communities, and industry partners. It showcases the accomplishments of our alumni, inspires prospective learners, and highlights our commitment to indigenous initiatives. With in-house updates and a focus on inclusivity, the website will play a pivotal role in advancing education and empowering learners in Northern Saskatchewan.

As the college entered an exciting phase of growth and transformation, our revamped website stands as a testament to our dedication to excellence, inclusivity, and community partnership. With enhanced functionality and extensive resources, the website will empower learners, foster lifelong learning, and facilitate timely information sharing. It serves as a hub for valuable information, showcasing the impact of a Northlands College experience while reflecting our commitment to advancing education and empowering communities throughout Northern Saskatchewan.

Northlands Signs MOU with University of Regina

In an exciting development for education in Northern Saskatchewan, the University of Regina and Northlands College entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), solidifying their commitment to collaboration and the advancement of knowledge.

Northlands College, and the University of Regina, aim to bridge educational gaps and empower learners with cutting-edge knowledge and skills. By extending the reach of university courses to Northlands College, this collaboration will have a profound impact on the education landscape in Northern Saskatchewan.
EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

KORY MORVIK, DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Kory Morvik, the Director of University Studies at Northlands College, recently attended the prestigious Colleges and Institutes of Canada (CICan) Applied Research Leadership Institute training in Winnipeg. From June 24 to 29, Kory had the opportunity to immerse himself in an enriching learning experience that left a lasting impact on his professional growth.

During the training, Kory had the chance to meet with representatives from various colleges across Canada, creating valuable connections and fostering collaboration. He was inspired by learning about the innovative projects and initiatives being undertaken by other institutions in the realm of applied research.

“It was a great event, the best professional development I have ever attended. Meeting representatives from other colleges across Canada and learning about the things they are doing was very inspiring. I’m excited to use what I learned there to help Northlands College develop its applied research system.”

As the Director of University Studies at Northlands College, Kory plays a crucial role in shaping the future of higher education and fostering a culture of continuous learning within the institution.

COLLEEN CHARLES, DIRECTOR OF INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

This year, we were thrilled to announce the appointment of Colleen Charles as the new Director of Indigenous Initiatives. Colleen Charles belongs to the Woodland Cree and is a proud member of the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her new role at Northlands College.

Colleen will be responsible for the development, implementation, monitoring, and updating of Northlands College’s comprehensive Indigenization Strategy. Working collaboratively with the management team, to ensure the integration of Indigenous perspectives into policy development, employment practices, planning processes, educational programming, and events.
DR. BENJAMIN SEY, VICE PRESIDENT LEARNING

A valuable addition to our management team, we welcomed Dr. Benjamin Sey in the role of Vice President Learning at Northlands College. With a distinguished Ph.D. in Renewable Resources from McGill University and a passion for driving educational innovation, Dr. Benjamin joined Northlands College at a crucial time, as the institution continues its transformative journey in the pursuit of excellence.

Much of his experience has been in environmental sciences in northern Alberta working for the provincial government, in industry and with First Nations there. He has also worked for Lakeland College in Lloydminster, most recently as their Dean for the School of Energy.

Dr. Benjamin’s is welcomed as Vice President Learning as Northlands College commits to deliver exceptional education and ensure learner success. His strategic leadership, combined with a passion for creating innovative learning experiences, will further propel the college’s mission of empowering individuals and enriching communities.

CHRIS GIESBRECHT, DIRECTOR IT

Chris Giesbrecht participated in the CICAN Leadership Institute. A four-day event aimed at professionals who were looking to understand the roles and expectations of educational leaders at a higher level. The focus of this event was given to understanding and developing one’s leadership strengths and how they best fit within the organizational team. Many first-hand experiences and knowledge were shared by the faculty consisting of those in current leadership executive roles. The emphasis of the Institute was on appreciating how the requirements and skills needed for success change as leaders’ step into positions with greater responsibility.

The participation was greatly informative, inspiring, and encouraging experience for Chris. He gained a greater knowledge of executive roles in higher education, was impressed, and motivated by examples of leadership in challenging situations and was amazed by the level of commitment and genuine care demonstrated by the faculty and fellow participants from across the country.
SHELLEY HILLIS, SENIOR PROGRAM COORDINATOR, ABE

Shelley Hillis, recently attended the CICan Leadership Conference. The event provided a remarkable opportunity for professional development where the facilitators and fellow attendees truly stood out.

From the thought-provoking sessions to the invaluable networking occasions, Shelley regarded the CICan Leadership Conference as an unparalleled professional development event. The insights and knowledge shared during discussions on leadership will equip her to grow as a leader at Northlands College.

CARLA M. KENNEDY, UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR

Carla M. Kennedy, an Anishinaabe-Nehiyaw proudly representing Zagime Anishinaabek First Nation in Treaty 4 Territory, joins as a University Instructor at Northlands College. For the fall term, Carla will teach the EDLC 101.0 and 201.0: Education Learning Communities as well as the INDG 216.3: The Presence of the Past in Contemporary Indigenous Life. Carla’s academic journey began with a BA in Indigenous Studies from First Nations University of Canada, followed by an Anthropology and Archaeology Honours certificate from the University of Saskatchewan, and an MA in Anthropology from the University of Manitoba.

Her previous experience includes working as a research Curriculum Officer at Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies and as a sessional lecturer at First Nations University of Canada as well as research in various capacities with Saskatchewan Indian Cultural Center and SERC: a Planned Parent Association in Manitoba. Carla’s enduring commitment to learning is evident as she pursues a PhD in Indigenous studies, embodying a philosophy centered on nurturing intrinsic wisdom and skills for learners’ personal and career growth.

Having a lifelong passion in learning whether formal or informal that coincides with lifelong learning, Carla’s philosophy is to provide instruction through education to assist learners to access their intrinsic knowledge and to add to or build skills to achieve credentials for their career and life goals.

Northlands In The News
- Northlands College rolls out new organizational structure (Jan 6, 2023)
- Northlands College looks to boost enrolment with Year of Transformation (March 15, 2023)
- Northlands college launches capable north initiative (April 12, 2023)
- Dozens of Northlands College students receive university degrees (May 5, 2023)
- Northlands College Celebrate ABE Grads (May 31, 2023)