

TOGETHER MAKES SENSE

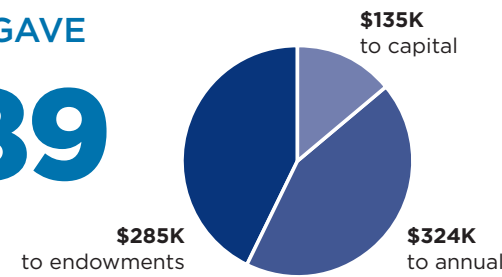
Your generosity shows us we can achieve amazing things when we work together. Your gift, no matter the size, made a difference to our students this past year. Because of you, hundreds of NIC graduates will become the professionals, leaders, innovators and change-makers of tomorrow.

Thank you for your investment in the communities we serve.

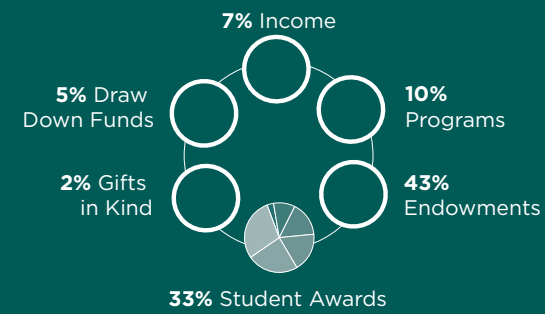
TOGETHER, 232 DONORS GAVE

\$744,089

October 2022-September 2023



Every year, hundreds of donors generously support our annual awards program. These scholarships and bursaries are vital to helping students access post-secondary education.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

\$567,755

Total value of the 2023 Awards program*

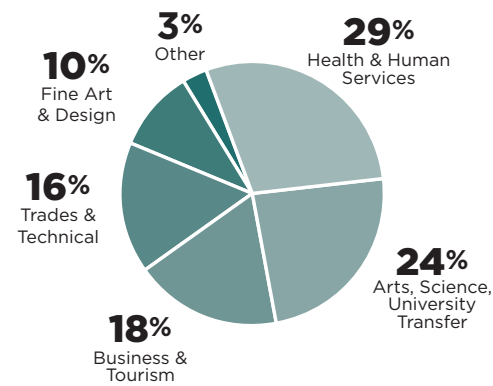
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Individual Awards*

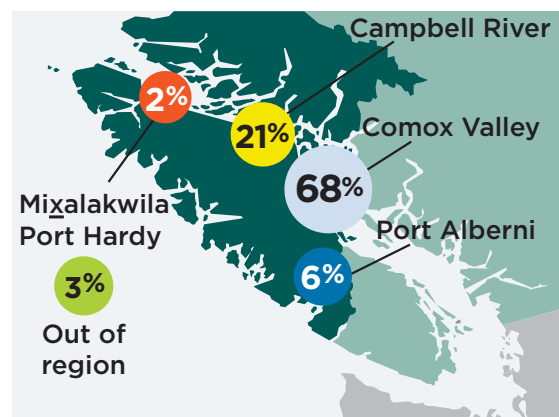
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New Awards*

SUPPORT BY PROGRAM AREA



SUPPORT BY REGION



*Current as of September 30, 2023



“ Receiving this award holds immense significance for me. I feared I might have to drop some classes but this award has significantly alleviated my financial concerns. I eagerly anticipate being able to attend all my classes, in the upcoming fall semester. Thank you. ”

- MELISSA R.
Associate of Science Degree

THANK YOU

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MAKING JOURNEYS POSSIBLE

2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR IMPACT REPORT



NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



VANCOUVER ISLAND
BRITISH COLUMBIA

OUR THANKS

We are so pleased to share this report highlighting people like you — our supporters, partners, alumni and friends — who are making a difference to our hard-working students.

Your philanthropic spirit continues to foster a sense of connectivity across every community in the North Island College region.

We are humbled by the unwavering generosity of individuals who believe in the collective power of education. Every single gift we received this past year changed a student's life for the better.

Your generosity is shaping the next generation. North Island College graduates are critical thinkers, community ambassadors and leaders, ready to take on the challenges that face our ever-changing world.

It fills us with such an enormous sense of pride to see the resilience and commitment demonstrated by our students as they continue to focus on working hard (and overcoming so much adversity) to realize their dreams.

Thank you for helping us prepare the next generation of **community builders and change-makers.**



Sandra Harrison,
NICF Board Chair



Lisa Domae,
President of NIC

We're honoured to acknowledge the traditional territories of the combined 35 First Nations of the Nuu-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka'wakw and Coast Salish traditions, on whose traditional and unceded territories the College's campuses are situated.



▼ GIVING MATTERS

Giving is empathy in action.

It connects us. It uplifts and inspires us.

It builds stronger communities.

Your gift:

- breaks down financial barriers to education
- helps to create a skilled and educated workforce
- contributes to a compassionate and equitable society
- leaves a legacy

To learn all the ways you can give, visit foundation.nic.bc.ca

LASTING LEGACIES

Thanks to a little planning and a lifelong dedication to learning, Hedie Fournier's name is living on through a planned gift in her will.

Hedie (née Kaulitz) was born in Germany and immigrated to Canada when she was seven. In 1947, she started teaching Grade 5. She retired after 36 years at the same Port Alberni school, having taught more than 1,000 students. After retiring, she continued volunteering well into her later years.

By establishing a planned gift in her will, Hedie guaranteed that her passion for education, her love for her community and her desire to help others would live on. Since 2018, the Hedie Fournier Memorial Bursary has been supporting two NIC students annually who attend the Port Alberni campus.

Planned gifts, also called bequests, become lasting legacies, ensuring your philanthropic wishes are carried out even after you're gone. With benefits to your loved ones and to your community, planned gifts are just one example of how you can continue to transform lives for generations to come.

For more information on legacy gifts, please visit foundation.nic.bc.ca/planned-giving



“ I am very excited to receive this award. As a mature student who has returned to school with two teenagers at home, this recognition allows me to wholeheartedly concentrate on my studies without constant financial worries. ”

- SAM S.

University Transfer Science (PA)

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bigfoot Donuts



When the spirit of generosity meets local action, it becomes a powerful force for change.

Bigfoot Donuts owners Lyndsey and Jay took their passion for post-secondary education and community awareness and embarked on an inspiring journey. In 2021, they established a new initiative through the NIC Foundation to directly support education and Indigenous entrepreneurship.

The Bigfoot Donuts Bursary — funded by the proceeds from donut sales on each annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as well as through donations from their customers — supports a First Nation, Inuit or Métis student pursuing culinary or business studies at North Island College.

We are so grateful to partners like Lyndsey and Jay who recognize the important role philanthropy plays in addressing the needs of our communities.

For more information on Community Partners, please visit foundation.nic.bc.ca/scholarships-and-bursaries



▼ EQUIPMENT

Gifts that support classroom equipment and program resources empower students to reach their full potential.

Up-to-date equipment provides students with a more engaging and relevant learning experience. Graduates who train with the tools and technologies in their respective fields are better prepared for the modern workplace.

From learning support enhancements to sliding table saws, advanced training patient mannequins to heavy duty transmissions, these gifts provide the tools and resources necessary

for comprehensive, hands-on and competitive education. Your gift can open doors, create opportunities and contribute to the overall success of North Island College and its students for years to come.

For more information on gifts like equipment, please visit foundation.nic.bc.ca/what-can-i-do/gifts-in-kind

INDUSTRY PARTNERS STRENGTHEN EDUCATION



BHP

NIC, BHP and community representatives meet at NIC's Mixalawila campus

We're proud to work with industry and government to develop and deliver training. This collaboration is crucial for student success.

In 2022, BHP Canada became one of our incredible industry partners. The company announced a five-year, \$325,000 commitment to support the delivery of Awi'nakola — a new Indigenous language program offered at North Island College's Mixalawila campus in Port Hardy.

Tailored specifically to enhance Indigenous students' learning

experiences in their own territory and culture, Awi'nakola draws on Kwak'wala and Kwakwaka'wakw ways of knowing and being to inform academic learning.

Thanks to the generosity of BHP and other industry partners, our economies grow stronger as employable graduates with relevant skills are more likely to live, work and invest in their communities.

To learn more about industry partnerships, please visit foundation.nic.bc.ca/what-can-i-do



“ I felt immense happiness and excitement upon hearing about the award. It's not just a great opportunity but also a powerful motivator for an international student like me as I pursue my journey at North Island College in Canada. I genuinely appreciate this honour. Thank you. ”

- BA THING G.

Culinary Business Operation Diploma

“ As an international student, I encounter numerous challenges, and this award will greatly improve my situation. Notably, this award carries profound personal significance as it coincides with the expansion of our family through the arrival of a new baby. The timing of this award is truly remarkable. Thank you. ”

- CHARITH S.

Post Grad Diploma

Global Business Management

