

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE



YOUTH ACADEMY

Journey into our programs | 2023



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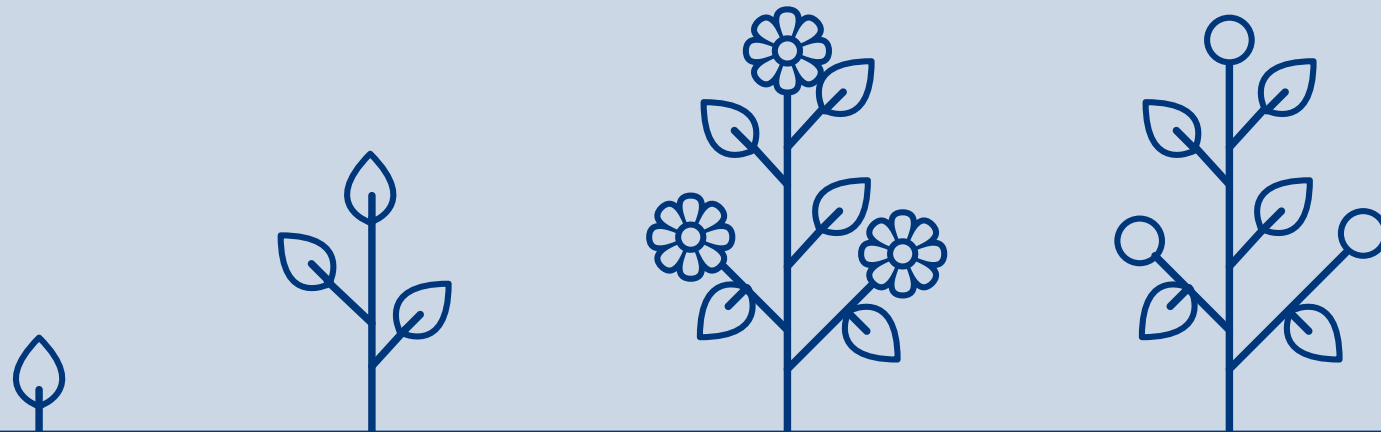
Island Comox

The above words mean ‘welcome’ in the four languages of the Nuw-chah-nulth, Kwakwaka’wakw, Liḡ^witḡax^v^w, and Coast Salish people.

We are 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.

OVERVIEW

NIC Youth Academy is a community engagement and youth outreach initiative providing young learners with pathways to higher education and skill training.



OBJECTIVE

NIC Youth Academy programming provides youth with an early opportunity to get behind the wheel of the post-secondary experience.

Our educational summer camps inspire youth to explore their passions, while growing their skill development, critical thinking, creativity and confidence.

The opportunity to participate on campus in NIC's classrooms, green spaces, and science and computer labs is unique and positively impacts the future aspirations of youth in the college's catchment regions.



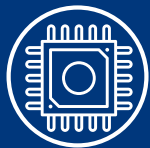
WHAT WE OFFER

Responding to community needs, Youth Academy offers fun and meaningful camps in a variety of educational focus areas, such as:

- Robotics
- Coding
- Digital design
- Engineering
- Physical sciences

These camps provide youth with hands on learning experiences and improved access to education pathways.

Long term, the initiative has the potential to inject future talent into the regional workforce.





THE YOUTH ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

What families and supporting adults are saying about their participant's experience.



"It let my daughter know she can do amazing things with the right help and knowledge."

"My son learned lots about engineering, technology and creative design. Course was hands-on, fun and super engaging!"

"It's great to be able to send my kids to a camp where they can learn and have fun at the same time."

"We were so impressed with the quality and selection of camps offered. Loved the *all girls* option. Love the opportunity for our daughter to grow confident and make friends in a field that interests her. We are so grateful these camps/programs exist and support learning/fun."





THE YOUTH ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

Damien's Journey

"I had so much fun at camp. It helped spark a love for cars and working on engines, as it's amazing how similar they are."

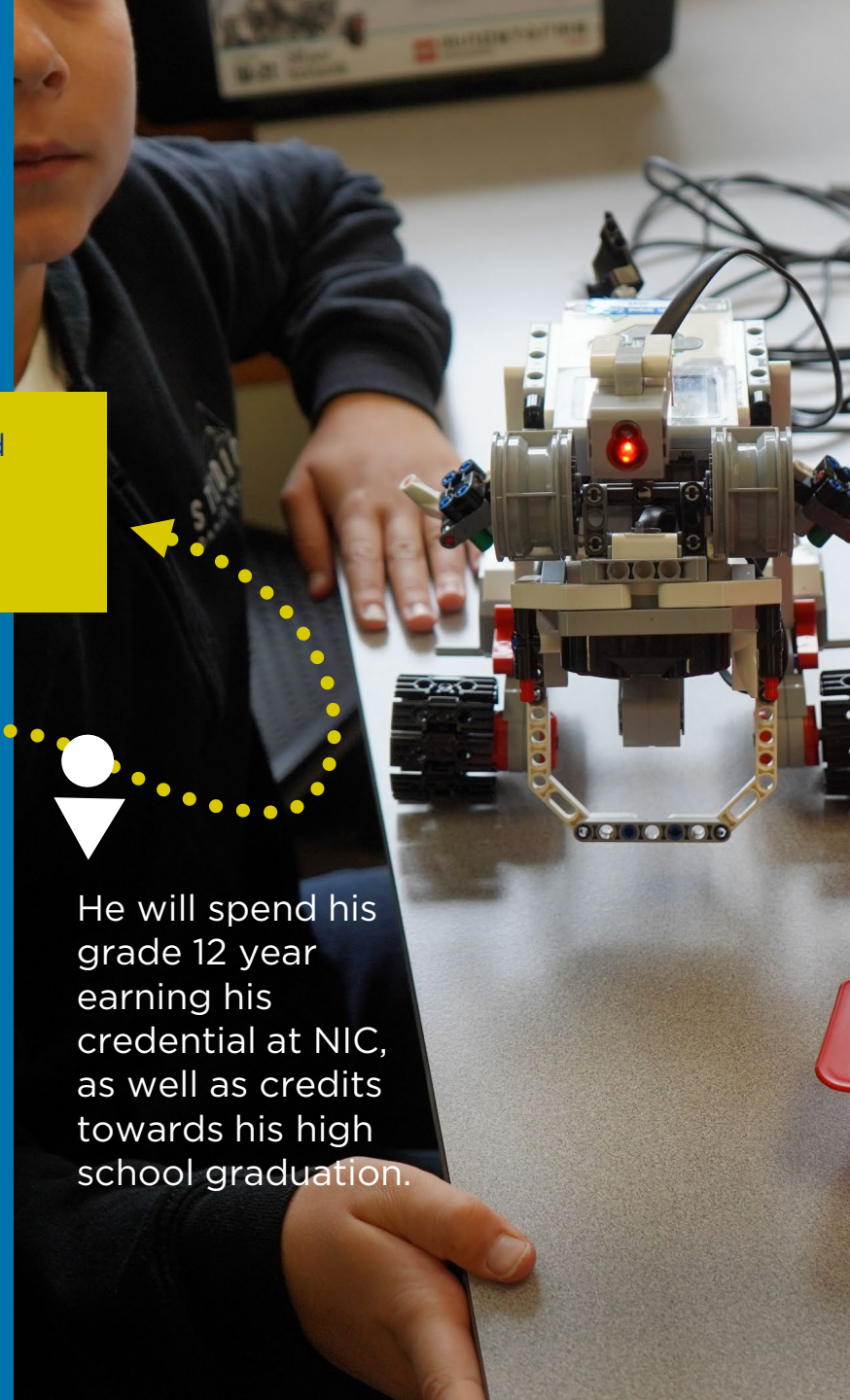
- Damien, 2016-2018 camper

Damien attended Lego Robotics summer camps between ages 11 and 13 during 2016-2018 at the North Island College Port Alberni campus.

He felt at home at the Port Alberni campus and commented that the two instructors made the camp experience fun and exciting.

Now 17 years-old, Damien is currently enrolled at North Island College in the Automotive Services Technician Certificate program as a Dual Credit student.

He will spend his grade 12 year earning his credential at NIC, as well as credits towards his high school graduation.





THE YOUTH ACADEMY EXPERIENCE

What faculty are saying about their experience.

Amber was involved in the Mad Scientist camps on the Comox Valley campus in both 2021 and 2022. She volunteers her time in the summer to run a hands-on biology lab for participants in the camp ages 12-14.

Participating in science camps in grade school allowed her to learn more about the different fields of science and get hands on experience, as well as learn more about the path to becoming a scientist.

The youth she interacts with at camp are proud of their accomplishments in the lab space. They can relate to what it means to be a scientist.

"When I am not instructing adults, I really enjoy teaching to youth groups," said Amber. "I believe young individuals have an innate curiosity about the natural world and it is exciting to encourage them to pursue this path."

- Amber Stroeder, Faculty - Biology





CONNECTED FACULTY

The benefit of connected faculty



Campers learn from experts



Faculty open their learning environment to campers



Youth create positive relationships with faculty members



Faculty share their education and career pathway with campers



Campers receive a welcoming first impression of NIC





MILESTONES

2021

Youth Academy delivered first official full summer schedule, with 241 participants and four new educational camps piloted on the Comox Valley campus.

2022

Sections offered nearly doubled. Participation increased to 332. Three new camps were piloted on the Comox Valley campus, including a new program for ages 9-12. Two camps were expanded to the Campbell River campus for the first time.



Number of Participants

2019: 213

2021: 241

2022: 332



Number of Camp Titles

2019: 4

2021: 8

2022: 11



Number of Camps Offered

2019: 16

2021: 14

2022: 23



OPPORTUNITIES

INCREASED ACCESS

Create access for all youth, including under-represented and underserved groups.

- Expand summer camp programming to Campbell River, Port Alberni and Port Hardy campuses.
- Listen to Indigenous, community and school district partners to learn about community needs.

WORKSHOPS

Deliver special interest workshops and leadership activities for youth ages 13-16.

- Connect youth with faculty through workshop style sessions.
- Highlight education pathways and career opportunities.

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Host overnight camps in NIC student housing in the Comox Valley.

- Showcase the exceptional facilities on campus and what the region has to offer.





HOW YOU CAN HELP

Youth Academy is a cost-recovery initiative that depends entirely on registration fees, federal and provincial government grants, private organizations and foundations grants, local businesses, and public donations.

We believe this is a worthwhile experience for youth and we invite you to support Youth Academy to continue delivering this impactful programming.

Your contribution will be recognized with an excellent opportunity to promote awareness amongst an extensive family demographic in NIC's service region.





HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT



Co-Presenter/ Programs

Your support helps shape the future of Youth Academy by ensuring we can continue to deliver responsive, intentional programming

This funding is allocated to essential areas



Program Delivery

Wages
\$10,000

Equipment/Supplies
\$10,000

Travel
\$10,000



Travel Outreach

Vehicle rental
\$6500

Accommodation
\$3500

Mileage
\$2500

Per-Diems
\$2500



Equipment Fund

Lego Robotics Kits
\$10,000

Samsung Tablets
\$10,500

Tablet Cases
\$1,050

Wireless Mouse
\$600

Activity/Art Supply
\$500



Fee Subsidy Program

75% of camp fees are subsidized for eligible campers

First come first served, while supplies last

THANK YOU