



Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour

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DIEPPE (CNB) - The New Brunswick Community College's (NBCC) Foundation fundraising campaign has come to an end with great success. Throughout the course of the campaign, more than \$4.5 million was raised for the college network.

Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour Minister Ed Doherty made the announcement June 2 at the CCNB campus in Dieppe. He was joined by members of the Honorary Committee, Regional Committees donors, volunteers, staff and faculty from the NBCC network to celebrate the success of the NBCC Foundation campaign's fundraising efforts.

"I congratulate the NBCC Foundation fundraising campaign on all of their success in raising more than \$4.5 million," Doherty said. "You went above and beyond your goal of reaching \$3.75 million to help more people in New Brunswick realize the benefits of a quality education at one of our 11 campuses."

Thanks to the hard work of the 11 regional committees, which consisted of members from private businesses, non-profit organizations and independent community members, nearly \$3.3 million was raised in private donations. In addition to this amount, another \$1.25 million will be added from the NB Opportunities Fund for a total of more than \$4.5 million. Donations also came from the NBCC family as well as a variety of municipalities across the province.

"New Brunswick's community colleges are a vital to ensuring a skilled workforce - today and into the future," said Jim Irving, president of J.D. Irving, Limited and chair of the campaign's Honorary Committee. "The tremendous success achieved in this campaign is the best tribute to the dedication and hard work of all of the volunteers across the province. The level of support from individual residents, companies, students and faculty is an important vote of confidence in the standard of training these 11 centres of excellence will continue to provide the next generation."

The primary purpose of this campaign was to raise money for students who are seeking to obtain an education at NBCC and who are in need of financial assistance. To manage the funds collected throughout the course of the campaign, the province has established the NBCC Foundation. Michel Thériault, the CEO of NBCC, will be the chair of this board. Working with him will be Mélanie Gallagher, who will act as the student and alumni representative. John Harvie, the CEO of Co-op Atlantic, Jim Jordan of J.D. Irving Ltd., and Guy Laviolette, proprietor of La Source in Charlo, will all work as private sector and donor representatives.

The first bursaries will be awarded during the 07-08 academic year.

"As Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, I thank all parties who participated in helping to make this campaign the success that it was," Doherty said. "Your efforts have been crucial in helping us build the best education system in the country as well as providing deserving students with an opportunity to achieve their goal of a post-secondary education. I am confident that the funds raised through this campaign will go a long way in seeing New Brunswick achieve its goal of self-sufficiency by the year 2026."

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