

# President's Update to the College Community



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## \$2.8 million for NWCC School of Exploration & Mining

NWCC featured prominently at Round-Up 2007, the annual conference of the Association of Mining and Exploration in BC, with the announcement of \$2.8 million financial support for Reclamation and Prospecting (RAP) training in the north. The Province and federal government are providing funding in the amount of \$2.8 million dollars to Northwest Community College's School of Exploration and Mining Reclamation and Prospecting Program.

\$900,000 in funding is coming from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources with \$1.9 million being provided by Human Resources and Social Development Canada.

Offered in partnership with the School's industry partner, Smithers Exploration Group, the Reclamation and Prospecting Program (RAP) supports the development of leadership and employment skills in rural and First Nations communities in northern British Columbia and provides participants with valuable experience in environmental monitoring and reclamation.

The RAP program will be developed with input from several First Nations and industry stakeholders through an advisory network.

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## Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT) provides support to the NWCC School of Exploration and Mining

The Northern Development Initiative Trust has granted the Smithers Exploration Group (SEG), NWCC's industry partner in its School of Exploration and Mining, \$100,000 to contribute to the development and operating costs of the School - Phase II. This next phase will include the delivery of the new Reclamation and Prospecting (RAP) training program, additional offerings of the Mining Exploration Field Assistant (MEFA) program, and the development of new exploration and mining training programs. The School will leverage the grant at a ratio of 1:2.5 in its fundraising activities currently occurring with Government and Industry.

## Administrative Responsibilities

There have been some administrative changes made to support new programming and initiatives at the College. For the most recent update refer to <http://www.nwcc.bc.ca/AboutNWCC/Portfolios.cfm>.

A new administrative position, Manager, School of Exploration and Mining has been created to manage the new government and Northern Development Initiative funds and contracts that were recently awarded.

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## Culinary Instructor welcomed at the International School for Culinary Arts & Hotel Management, Quezon City, Philippines

While on vacation in the Philippines NWCC's Culinary Arts Instructor, Ron Bee, initiated discussions with the International School for Culinary Arts & Hotel Management around potential partnership opportunities between our two institutions. By extending its relations and initiatives into international markets Northwest Community College helps create unique educational opportunities for college students, enhance professional development opportunities for college employees, facilitate economic opportunities for local businesses and present cultural experiences for local communities. I'd like to acknowledge and thank Ron for his initiative and look forward to possible future developments.



## Federation Agreement signed with WWN

Through this Agreement Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a (WWN) and NWCC formally acknowledged their existing partnership in order to continue to deliver learning activities in the areas of academic, vocational, career/technical, and continuing community education for adult learners. This will involve overall program planning, as well as implementing specific Nisga'a and First Nations curriculum and the development of joint certificate, diploma, and associate degree or applied degree programs.

NWCC supports WWN in its commitment to enhance the provision of educational and training opportunities for Nisga'a people in northwestern B.C. to:

- enhance the quality of life of Nisga'a people;
- preserve, protect, interpret and promote the history, language and culture of Nisga'a people; and
- provide culturally appropriate education opportunities to enable Nisga'a people to assume responsibility for and control of their own affairs and destiny.



*left to right: WWN's Chair, Board of Directors Jacob McKay and Chief Executive Officer Deanna Nyce sign Federation Agreement with NWCC's President Stephanie Forsyth and Chair, Board of Governors Penelope Denton.*

## Affiliation Agreement signed with Qay'Innagaay Heritage Society, Haida Gwaii

The College and Qay'Innagaay Heritage Society have signed a landmark affiliation agreement that places Northwest Community College as the sole education agent for the Society, assuming the responsibility and leadership for providing appropriate educational services on behalf of the Qay'Innagaay Heritage Centre Society on Haida Gwaii. Wherever appropriate, courses and programs offered by NWCC at the Qay'Innagaay Heritage Centre will incorporate Haida content, while maintaining the same academic standards as those courses and programs taught at the College.

## Sponsorship of All-Native Basketball Tournament

The College is proud to again be a sponsor of the upcoming All Native Basketball Tournament taking place in Prince Rupert at the Jim Ciccone Civic Centre from February 11th - 17th. In recognition of our sponsorship all game admission wrist bands will be displaying the College's logo.

## NWCC's Culinary Arts Students Help Out At Canada Winter Games.

26 of our culinary arts students will be heading to the Yukon on February 19th to assist Yukon College, the game's hospitality host, in providing food services to 3600 athletes, coaches and mission staff during the Canada Winter Games.

The students will be led by Program Coordinator Randy Chalifoux, with the assistance of Terrace cafeteria cook Ebert Operana. They will be joining culinary students from Yukon College, Northern Lights College, Malaspina University-College, and Thompson Rivers University in providing food services to the Game's Athletes' Village.

Working on an event of this scale is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students. The experience gained will be invaluable to their learning and skill development. The Games run from February 23 - March 10.



## New Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art logo



We have a new logo for NWCC's Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art! The logo has been created around an Eagle designed by artist and School instructor Stan Bevan. Stan selected the Eagle as a tribute to Freda's family crest and styled it after one of Freda's prints - Eagle with Salmon. As Stan explains, "I based the logo on one of Freda's designs because it connects the contributions she has made to teaching First Nations art in the North to the School." The logo uses similar form lines to Freda's original print, is in the Northern First Nations style, and incorporates traditional colour. The face of the woman within the Eagle was added to represent Freda herself.

On behalf of the College I'd like to thank Stan for his contribution and artwork. The logo is an important element of the School that will contribute to the creation of its brand and help raise awareness and recognition.

As well I'd like to acknowledge and thank Dean Heron, current student of the First Nations Artist in Residence program, for his painting of the Eagle design which was used to convert it into an electronic format.

### **Away from the College**

From Feb 1 to March 6, I will be out of the country on college business, professional development and vacation. From Feb 1 to 16 I will be in New Zealand to attend various events in which the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art is involved and to initiate partnerships with Maori institutions in New Zealand.

Visits are planned with the University of Waitangi, Maori Arts & Culture Technical Institute, and the University of Auckland.

In my absence Diane Ready, Vice-President Finance & Administration, will be Acting President. Please refer any urgent items to Diane.