

# FOUNDATION NEWS



## Wake up to the possibilities: 8th Annual Fundraising Breakfast inspires giving



A packed room of NorQuest supporters enjoy the NorQuest video during the 8th Annual Fundraising Breakfast

Stories of inspiration, hope and possibilities stirred more than 500 donors and community members to raise more than \$1 million for NorQuest students at the College's Annual Fundraising Breakfast at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton on November 17, 2010.

CTV'S Erin Isfeld emceed the hour-long program which began with a sponsor address from Jacob Kellerman, senior vice president Edmonton, WorleyParsons. Jacob spoke about the NorQuest-WorleyParsons partnership and how we are working to improve the lives and careers of new Canadians through workplace training.

President and CEO, Dr. Jodi L. Abbott spoke candidly about her struggles in junior high school. She overcame her barriers and attended a community college and eventually university to pursue her PhD. For Dr. Abbott, "being

Edmonton's community college means through NorQuest every student with the motivation and determination will be assured the opportunity for a quality education and the necessary supports for success." Dr. Abbott made it clear that NorQuest cannot do this alone. "The College needs your help to create tomorrow's workforce and improve our students' lives."

Following a video presentation on NorQuest College, two students' inspiring stories of success brought the audience to their feet. Closing the show, Patrick LaForge, long-time personal supporter and supporter through the Edmonton Oilers Community Foundation, spoke about the importance of funding education which ultimately will improve the communities where we live, work and raise our children. Patrick reinforced how donor support can help motivated

people rise above challenges, stay in school and eventually make their own way in the world.

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise \$518,085 in cash and pledges. Money raised at the breakfast is targeted to improving student supports such as the tutorial centre, funding equipment for students with disabilities and the learner access bursary. From the money raised \$505,285 is eligible for government matching through the Access to the Future Fund, which brings our grand total to \$1,010,570.

NorQuest College and the NorQuest Foundation would also like to thank the Breakfast Presenting Sponsor, WorleyParsons, as well as supporters including CTV, The Edmonton Journal and the Westin Edmonton for helping make this event possible.

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## Ambassador Corner

### Q & A with Carly Young



**Q: What made you decide to become a NorQuest Ambassador?**

I wanted to find a positive influence in my life. Becoming an RBC Ambassador has been an exciting opportunity. Being involved with the school gives me a chance to contribute to the community, create new connections and build professional speaking skills.

**Q: What did you enjoy most about being an Ambassador?**

Making lifelong friends and professional connections have made me feel like I belong. Discovering many of my internal strengths and sharing my story have been interesting experiences.

**Q: How has the experience helped you prepare to achieve your goals?**

I have been able to build connections with people that may be of assistance within my chosen field. It has also given me the confidence to believe in what I am doing and know that I can make a difference.



NorQuest student and RBC Ambassador Carly Young

**Q: Do you have a favorite moment about being an Ambassador?**

My favorite moment was my orientation day when I felt the empowering energy of the group. I had a strong feeling that my life would change for the better and that I am part of something that truly matters.

**Q: What were your thoughts when you discovered you would be speaking at convocation?**

I envisioned the night and was very excited and proud. It was an honour to share the words that helped me get through school and to let others know that if I can do it, so can they.

**Q: What advice would you give young women in your shoes?**

Everyone in this world will live, love, laugh and dream, but what they do with all of these is what makes them unique. Never forget your past and don't ever let it stop you from moving forward. You are the only one who decides if you go forward or not and where you want to be.

# Faculty and staff pitch in to help hungry students

In response to the high number of students seeking assistance through the College's food bank, the Students' Association set up an emergency food room at NorQuest College. NorQuest faculty and staff donated over 50 boxes of non-perishable food items to be distributed to students affected by

grant-funding processing delays earlier this academic year. "Approximately 190 students – many with dependants, including more than 400 children – have received help from the NorQuest College Students' Association food bank since September 1," says Cherie Sawaryn, General Manager of the

Students' Association. "We simply can't keep up with demand. The emergency food room allows us to stretch the funds we have available and assist students who have not received their funding." Approximately 800 NorQuest students were affected by funding delays.

## Support the Student Tutorial Centre

### Funding needed to keep tutorial centre operational

Last year, the NorQuest Student Tutorial Centre responded to over 28,000 requests for help from students. This very large number does not include the assistance offered to students through the peer tutoring program. The Student Tutorial Centre provides tutorial services to students who require additional support to succeed in reaching their academic goals. This free service is important to the success of students at NorQuest because many of them cannot afford outside help with their studies.

Without the tutorial services available to students, course and program completion rates would drop significantly. Many students would see giving up as the only option if extra support was not available to them. Student learning does not only occur in the

classroom. Many NorQuest students still require support outside the classroom to be able to be successful in their studies. Students would no longer have the academic and emotional support provided by the tutors at the centre to keep them motivated and on track with their studies.

Your help can make a difference. The Student Tutorial Centre is currently looking for a sponsor to help keep the program operational. You can also help by making a donation and directing it towards the tutorial centre. Through your support, we can offer students the help they need to complete their programs and move into the workforce.

If you are interested in sponsoring or making a donation please **contact Karen Faulkner at 780-644-5928.**

## GARY MAR TOURNAMENT A HOLE IN ONE

With the sun shining and not a rain cloud in sight, 98 golfers teed off at the Jagare Ridge Golf Course for the annual Gary Mar Charity Golf Classic, held on September 2, 2010. The tournament raised over \$150,440 to help purchase high-tech patient simulators for NorQuest College's continuing care health career programs. Golfers enjoyed lunch, 18 holes of golf, a wonderful steak dinner, fantastic prizes, a Rolex watch raffle, and a fabulous live auction. Thank you to all of our sponsors and to the Gary Mar Committee for planning this successful event. A very special thank you to Mr. Gary Mar for making this event possible and supporting the work of NorQuest College. We hope to see all of you teeing off at the tournament in 2011.



A participant enjoys golf while raising money for NorQuest's continuing care health career programs

## FOUNDATION NEWS IS GOING GREEN!

In order to cut down on mailing costs and help the environment, the Foundation News is going electronic.

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## Message from the Director of Funds Development, NorQuest College Foundation

Every NorQuest student is special in his or her own way. I'm lucky because I get to interact with them and every day I am humbled by what I see. Some are focused. They come to NorQuest knowing that they want to help people and the Practical Nurse program will put them in a health career within two years. They are determined. Despite raising kids and having limited financial means, they find a way to attend classes because they know there's a better tomorrow if they can get an education.

Some are natural leaders. I think of Carly, the RBC Ambassador featured in this newsletter. I met her when she first came to NorQuest and despite being many years younger than I, we discovered that we grew up in the same small town and had the same high school teacher. (We're both beauty school drop outs!) She had a tough start to adulthood but there is a spark in her. Today, she is on the NorQuest

Board of Governors, Student Council, Academic Council and is an RBC Student Ambassador. She is a force in the NorQuest Community.

I can't wait to see what she will do in the Edmonton community when she graduates.

I want to thank all of you for supporting NorQuest because without you, many students like Carly would not be able to continue in school or discover what is truly special within them. If you would like to continue your support by renewing your commitment, please call me at **780-644-5928**.



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## HAVE YOU BEEN TO A NORQUEST 101?

A NorQuest 101 is a one-hour information session designed to teach people about NorQuest College. The session includes a presentation of the College's vision by President and CEO Dr. Jodi L. Abbott, quick facts about NorQuest and a student's success story. It wraps up with a brief tour of the campus.

If you have never been to a NorQuest 101 or would like to see what is new and exciting at NorQuest, please call or email **Janice Moore – Community Relations** at **780-644-5923** or **janice.moore@norquest.ca**.

NOTE: If these dates or times are not convenient for you or your guest, we can schedule an alternate. If you prefer, we can arrange a one-on-one NorQuest 101 Information Session for you.

### UPCOMING NORQUEST 101 DATES:

**Tuesday, February 22, 2011**  
**Noon – 1 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2011**  
**Noon – 1 p.m.**

**Thursday, April 21, 2011**  
**Noon – 1 p.m.**

**Tuesday, May 24, 2011**  
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