News Release

Premier Klein honours outstanding student achievement at NorQuest College

NorQuest graduate receives prestigious Premier's Award of Student Success scholarship

October 26, 2005 – The Honourable Premier Ralph Klein joined students, staff, and community leaders at NorQuest College on Wednesday to celebrate the academic achievements of NorQuest students. The NorQuest College first annual Premier's Celebration of Student Success was highlighted with the awarding of a $1,000 scholarship – *The Premier's Award of Student Success* – to deserving NorQuest College graduate Cristina Figueiredo.

"NorQuest College has an important role to play in making sure Albertans have the skills they need to take advantage of the tremendous job opportunities that exist across the province," says Premier Ralph Klein. "I'm honoured to be associated with an award that will help students make the most of those opportunities."

NorQuest College President Dr. Wayne Shillington says the Premier's Award recognizes the unique achievements of NorQuest students, many of whom overcome significant obstacles in order to move forward in life. "Student success inspires everything we do at NorQuest and what better way to tell our story then through the personal achievements of our students," says Shillington.

Award-winner Cristina Figueiredo, who moved her family to Canada in 1999 to escape the dangers of her native Brazil, says it's a wonderful gift to be singled out by the College for this prestigious honour. "There is a path in life in getting what you want and NorQuest definitely put me on the right path," explains Figueiredo who graduated from English language training at NorQuest. Figueiredo's path has since led the former engineer to the University of Alberta where she recently graduated with a Master of Science degree.

For forty years, NorQuest College has built a strong reputation for serving underrepresented and diverse learners such as Aboriginals, new Canadians, people with disabilities, and low income workers by offering extensive student support services and flexible delivery options. The College specializes in career education in business, industry, services, and health care as well as academic upgrading, English language training, and adult literacy. To learn more about NorQuest and its many programs visit www.norquest.ca.

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