

### From China to NSCC HBCIT Delegation's Visit to NSCC

On January 5 and 6, NSCC welcomed a delegation of educators from PR China's Hebei College of Industry and Technology (HBCIT). HBCIT offers three-year diploma programs in 46 areas of specialization, such as business, environmental science and trades. NSCC has had a partnership with HBCIT for the past few years. In that time, representatives from the school have visited Nova Scotia and NSCC has twice visited Hebei with our Business Field School programs.

As a result of this partnership, HBCIT wants to adopt NSCC's portfolio learning approach. "Organizational Learning was honored to have the opportunity to share our



HBCIT delegation visits NSCC in January

learning in Portfolio, CCEDP and Appreciative Inquiry with the representatives from HBCIT. It was even more meaningful to watch as these senior leaders willingly engage with us in learning, to the extent of inviting us to help them become China's "Portfolio College", says Claudine Lowry, NSCC Dean of Organizational Learning.

HBCIT has also expressed an interest in having teaching exchanges for NSCC and HBCIT faculty, as well as opportunities for NSCC students to study at HBCIT.

### International Development Week at NSCC

NSCC celebrated International Development Week by inviting all students, faculty and staff to an event at the Waterfront Campus that included film screenings, presentations by local NGOs and institutions, a poster exhibition of the Millennium Development Goals by Graphic Design students and a reception. Six year-old Oskar Scott-Balch inspired the audience by speaking about his passion, the "Oskar for Ethiopia Project", with which he makes crafts to sell and raise money for needy families in Ethiopia.

NSCC organized the event with the support of the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation and the Canadian International Development Agency as part of the Public Engagement Fund initiative.

First-year Screen Arts student Matthew Stones filmed the event for a documentary project. "With this video I am creating, I hope to get others to learn more about NSCC International and the projects in which they are involved," said Mathew. Thank you to everyone who attended the event and helped make it a success.

### Lara DeBruyn Wins Democracy 250 Award Congratulations!

Lara DeBruyn, a second-year photography student at the Waterfront Campus, won a Democracy 250 Award from the provincial government. She won this award because of her volunteer work in the palliative care unit at the I.W.K. Children's Hospital.

Lara DeBruyn



In 2008, Lara went to Bosnia and Herzegovina on an NSCC student mobility program, as part of the Public Engagement Fund. NSCC is very proud of Lara's commitment to the community.

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### Ambassador Hutchings' visit to NSCC



(L-R Zoran Kondali and Kate Orr from NSCC International, Ambassador Hutchings and Dr. Amra Saric, and Dr. Lee Kirby from Dalhousie University)

The Canadian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, David Hutchings, spoke to students at the Waterfront Campus in January on Canada's role in the international community and career opportunities in the Canadian foreign service.

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## EduNova Reception

On December 17, NSCC was proud to host members and associates of EduNova, Nova Scotia's education and training cooperative, ([www.edunova.ca](http://www.edunova.ca)) for a reception at the Waterfront Campus. Attendees were entertained by a group of NSCC Applied Arts & New Media students performing some Latin music, led by NSCC faculty members Paul Barrett and Jeff Goodspeed.

## ACCC visits NSCC

On December 17, NSCC was proud to host a meeting with the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC), focusing on the new ACCC international partnership program, Education for Employment. ACCC Vice-President, International Partnership Programs, Paul Brennan led the meeting with various representatives from other colleges in the Atlantic region. The meeting was held at the Waterfront Campus and was organized through the Atlantic Provinces Community Colleges Consortium (APCCC).



Nadine Gantner gets a Mayan craft lesson in Belize

**NSCC International provides leadership for international activities at the Nova Scotia Community College.**

## Water Sanitation Awareness Raising awareness among NSCC students

The International Secretariat for Water (ISW) visited the Waterfront Campus on Jan. 19 as part of their "Raising Awareness Tour about Water and Sanitation." Their objective is to engage Canadian students in drinking water and sanitation issues in Canada and developing countries and to motivate young people to get involved in water and sanitation projects at home and abroad.

Oxfam Canada, the Council of Canadians and the American Water Works Association also spoke at the conference.

"The conference provided students with a comprehensive assessment of the need

for managed development and protection of global freshwater resources. As well, students were provided with potential services learning and career opportunities regarding the development and management of global water resources", says James Kerr, a faculty member in the NSCC Environmental Engineering Technology, Water Resources department and who organized the event. Kerr's commitment to these issues was recognized by ISW with an invitation to participate in the World Water Form in Istanbul in March.



Drink Up.



It's running out.

Posters designed By NSCC Graphic Design Students

## Akerley Campus Welcomes Bahamian Exchange Tourism student experiences snow for the first time

Brandon Pratt arrived in Nova Scotia from the Bahamas on January 5th. He came to study Tourism at the Akerley Campus through an exchange program with the College of the Bahamas in Nassau. This program is sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Brandon has a passion for ecotourism and sustainable tourism development. He finds Nova Scotians very friendly and he even enjoys snow! "I love Nova Scotia because it reminds of the Bahamas. The hospitality of the people and the beauty of its nature makes it feel like home," he said. Welcome to NSCC and Nova Scotia Brandon!



Brandon (back row, right) takes a break with his NSCC tourism class during a hike.

## Belize and Beyond Tourism Student Returns to Belize for Work Term

In May of 2008, Nadine Gantner, visited Belize with her NSCC Eco-tourism class on a student mobility program. Gantner was so impressed by the tourism industry in this small island nation, she decided to return for a work term. In November, Gantner became an employee of the Cotton Tree Lodge in Belize. "I am busy working on getting a horseback riding service

developed," says Gantner. Gantner has also been on several excursions with the guests around the island and is enjoying the experience. "This area is slowly feeling like it could become home, or a place I could see a future in with a career, since this country is a booming industry for outdoor tourism of all sorts."