



Drum roll please....and the winner is...Sally Sheehan!

Sally is the winner of the North Island College Alumni Association 'Where Are You Now?' contest. She has won return airfare for two to Vancouver compliments of Pacific Coastal Airlines. Congratulations Sally, and a big thank you to Pacific Coastal Airlines for supporting the launch of the NIC Alumni Association.

The week of December 6th, was lucky for Sally. They say good things happen in three's, and here at Alumni Affairs and College & Community Relations, we were happy to be a part of Sally's lucky streak. First, she received the congratulatory email from the NIC Alumni Association, the next day she won a prize on 97.3 FM, the Eagle, and the same week she found out that her contract for work was to be extended.

Sally graduated from the Human Service Diploma program in 2009 and is now working in the Comox Valley, as an Education Assistant. Sally is very family oriented and is very involved in her kids' extracurricular activities. Currently, she is enjoying managing one of their hockey teams.

It was family that brought Sally to North Island College (NIC). She learned about the Human Services program at NIC from a fellow mom at her children's school. This was the first stepping stone of Sally's journey with NIC. After hearing about the program, she came to the college and spoke with an NIC Advisor to find out more. The next step on her path to finding a career that would work with her family life was upgrading. Sally commenced this next leg of her journey with another parent from her children's school and from there she progressed into the Human Service Worker Diploma program. This educational pathway led Sally to her current position with Airport Elementary, where she has achieved a healthy work-life balance.

Friends and family are a common theme that Sally and the Alumni Association share. When reflecting on her experiences here at the college, Sally notes that "NIC is nice because of the friendships. Two people I went to school with, I now work with. We were in the same cohort and we still meet up for coffee." She also considered making connections, having people involved in the workforce as teachers, having hands-on experiences, meeting people and making friends as some of the best experiences she had at NIC.

Sally, congratulations again, and thanks for sharing some of your story with us.

Staying connected to your NIC community is easy. Visit us online at www.nic.bc.ca/alumni, find us on facebook: North Island College Alumni Association, fill in the 'Where Are You Now?' form, drop a line at alumni@nic.bc.ca, or give Tree a call at 250. 334.5000 x4017.