

Hey! My name is Jenn and I am in my third year at NIC in the sciences program. I plan on graduating and continuing my education at UVIC next year. I want to put my name forward for election to the board of governors because I believe that this is a great school and with the right people, we can make this school better than great!! I am currently the chairperson for our students union here at NIC so I know how these kinds of things are done and feel that I would bring a very accurate student perspective to the board. I have had lots of experience in being part of school leadership since my first year here; I have been part of numerous committees and groups and feel this would give me an advantage when participating on the board. I will aim to bring students issues to the board and would fight for the improvement of all campuses and centers.

Specifically, I would like to see more student space be made available for students to study and relax in, I would also like to see a better communication system set up so that our message can be spread more efficiently. If there are any other issues that are brought to my attention I would be happy to bring those issues to the board.

Thank-you for your consideration!!

Sincerely ,

Jennifer Anema



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My name is Jasmine Badrin, and I am on a quest to fill the vacant student position on the Board of Governors. I have been a full-time student at North Island College since January 2006, and am currently in my fourth year of the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree-Accounting Major.

I uphold an active role within the student body here on the Comox Valley campus, as I occupy an executive position on our Student Union and sit on the Education Council. Through my experiences here at NIC, I have become familiar with operations and feel I can contribute to the future strategic direction and management of the college, especially from a student perspective.

My main objective in running for this student agent position is to voice current issues that matter to you, express concerns, and offer suggestions for deliberation. I will fairly represent the student body, and explore opportunities that primarily serve the needs of the college as a whole.

North Island College has come a long way since its start in the seventies with a distance education model, which operated from mobile units, earning a reputation as a "leader in open learning." The nineties lead to physical campuses and expansion of programs and services, shifting to a more traditional model.

Our college has evolved into a diverse and interactive institution, and must continue to evaluate facilities and services in order to satisfy the needs of increasing enrolment of students. We are very fortunate to receive the high quality education that is currently offered, and as students should carry a sense of pride when entering into the work force. An opportunity has been presented to participate in this process; I am requesting your support to vote for me as a student representative, so we can help improve our North Island College community.

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By Catherine Blackman

As a member of the North Island College Board of Governors, we have both the privilege and responsibility of how we can influence our community. This board should be made of dedicated and willing individuals, who not only share a love of their school and community, but also a deep commitment to its vision of being the first choice for post-secondary education and training for residents of Vancouver Island North.

In order to achieve our schools mission, we need to stress appreciation for the value a first class education will bring to future employers. Today's need for skills and knowledge is required to balance successful employment and further education for tomorrow. I believe this board reflects that balance of expertise and perspectives needed.

It is important that we provide strategic direction for the success and commitment of our students. Priority should be made to our current and future student body and their families, and to make decisions based on what is in the best long-term interest of our school.

Our behaviour influences everyone. Every member of this board is also a role model for our school community. As a student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program I understand the importance of quality education as well as community involvement. Over the last four years I have held a wide variety of positions within the school, from being a peer helper/tutor to student representative on the Education council, curriculum committee and planning and standards committee. Having had this experience will allow me to address student issues with confidence.

Should I be elected as your student representative for the NIC Board of Governors, I will bring my vast array of experience, education, and an attitude well suited to working cooperatively with others. I am committed to North Island College and what it offers to students, their families and our community. I am committed to higher education and what it offers to our future. I am committed to the power of community for it is the foundation of values we share. You want a board that believes in the institution of higher education and that will support organizational priorities. I believe that I can deliver these needs and advocate for students. I agree to serve the school and to work together with the student body to put the interests of North Island College above all else. I will commit to you.

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My name is Chris Castro, and I have been a North Island College student for one year and I am working towards completing a Diploma in Practical Nursing. Since coming to North Island College as an ABE student I have been active in the local campus community, as well as the community of Port Alberni. I coach a local youth football team, and I am also a member of the local Kinsmen group as well as participate in local events on the college campus. I have a strong capacity for leadership and learning. I would know like to stand for election as your voice on our College's Board of Governors.

I believe that it is important for students to participate in the process of setting policies and to take an active role in shaping the future of the college. I believe that if students do not participate on the Board of Governors, then student views will become severely under-represented. This is will, at least in part, contribute to a low level of support for campus life and student services at our College. I would like to work with students as a member of the Board and bring issues, ideas, concerns and proposals to the table. Through our hard work and determination, we can continue to build stronger campus communities; enhancing relationships between the student body and the campus administrations. I believe that my experience within the local community and the college campus well enables me to fulfill this goal.

In addition to an enhanced campus life and community, my goals for the coming year will be:

\*Working to increase communication between students and the College; and among the student body. This means posting minutes from regular meetings of the Board in a conspicuous place, so that students may have an opportunity to view them, engage in discussion with others and provide feedback, which I can relay back to the Board.

\* Lobby for increased funding for professional development and student space. This means making sure the BC government is paying attention to the needs of our student body and shows an increase in funding for student projects

Thank you for reading my platform and I want to assure you that if you select me to be your representative on the Board of Governors, I will work to achieve all the goals I have set out. I will be a diligent and effective advocate for the interests of all students.

Respects and Solidarity,

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Christopher Castro

## Candidate Statement for Tree Murdock

North Island College is my community and home away from home. That's right that means YOU are my community! And I want to work with you and for you as your student representative on the Board of Governors.

I began studying at NIC to upgrade my math and physics. I also took University Transfer courses in Fine Arts and Business. In 2008, I completed a Diploma in Marketing and Communications. Currently, I am working on my Bachelor of Business Administration Degree as well as working part time with the NIC Foundation, which is serving as part of my course curriculum for a component of directed field studies.

Over the years, I have been actively involved with our college community as a student, member of our Students Union, student member on Education Council and the Board of Governors as well as a Co-Op term with the Marketing department.

I am seeking the position of Student Representative on the Board of Governors because I believe in lifelong learning and the opportunities that education provides. Having NIC in our communities is wonderful gateway for individual and community growth. I also believe that education should be available to all people regardless of their social or economic status. In order to support such principles as lifelong learning, we must ensure that our colleges and universities are affordable. I am looking forward to working with Board members to ensure that our wonderful institution continues to offer some of the lowest tuition on Vancouver Island and in British Columbia. In addition to accessibility, we need to work to ensure that the quality of education and the learning experiences for all students are both maintained and enhanced. I look forward to advocating for the resources needed to meet the demand for quality programs and course offerings that are relevant to students and the communities we live in, as well as increased student spaces. Long term planning and big picture solutions require open dialogues with all stakeholders to develop action plans translating into tangible results. I am committed to this process and am confident that I will bring a fresh and energetic student voice to the Board of Governors.

I bring a solid understanding of the College and the principles and policies we operate under as well as a willingness and desire to bring the voice of students to the table. It is exciting to be running for the Board once again and I look forward to engaging with you and bringing your concerns and ideas to the table. I can usually be found in the library and would love to chat with you.

Thank you and please remember to vote!

Theresa-Anne (aka Tree) Murdock

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Hi, my name is Mariel Ong. I'm an international student from Philippines, and currently enrolled in the Electronics program at the Campbell River campus. Next year, I am going to take the Industrial Automation program in the same campus.

Adjusting in a foreign country can be challenging, and homesickness is inevitable. However, the Campbell River community has always been very warm, friendly and accommodating. Every day I feel grateful and blessed to be here. In the few months that I have been here, I no longer feel as an outsider, but a cherished member of the community.

As an international student, I can relate to how it is to be in a minority. I strongly move for the following improvements:

- Suggestion box set in strategic locations within each campus. This will be a means for unheard voices to come forward. This will be a source of valuable insight and suggestion in improving situations within the college.
- A newsletter about the events within the school and community should be circulated at least once every month. This will foster a sense of awareness, involvement and connection. Furthermore, the newsletter should also feature typical cheers and woes of students and school employees.
- The student orientation in the beginning of the year is a great way of enhancing the school spirit. Other school social events (e.g. fairs, concerts) should still be organized. This can enhance socialization between students and teachers in different programs. Social events can draw people, who are from different programs but have a common interest or hobby, together. As a result, school clubs, which can also advance the quality of student life, can be formed.

We all have the inherent right to promote change, and together, we can improve the college into a better place.

To be the student representative in the Board of Governors is a great privilege, and I ask to be given a chance to return my gratitude, for the generosity of this community.

## NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

My name is Duane Riddoch and I am running for the student position on the Board of Governors for North Island College.

My goal is to represent the students of all North Island College campuses at the Board level, utilizing all modes of communication, to ensure that students are aware of the opportunities and issues that are before the board, and their impacts. I will work collaboratively with the Students Union to ensure to that your interests are heard at the Board.

I am presently finishing my third year of the Business Administration Degree program at the Comox Campus. I live in Campbell River with my wife Joanne and children Brad, and Jessica. Currently I am on the student union executive at the Comox Campus, and will be seeking their endorsement for the position at the next executive meeting.

Prior to coming back to school, I worked for TimberWest where I was a Union Executive for over ten years. In my capacity as plant chair, I had roles on Safety Committees, Shop Stewards Committees, and in Collective Bargaining. It was during that experience, where my role was to represent the workers; I learned the skills to effectively communicate our goals and concerns.

I have worked with the Canadian Labour Congress and the B.C. Federation of Labour on campaigns on forest tenure reforms, and political action. These campaigns included the fight in 2003 against Bill 29 to save the jobs of 5000 health care workers.

At North Island College over the past year, I have had the opportunity of be included as one of six students who was asked to participate in the accreditation process for the two new majors within Business Administration, Marketing and Management. I also was asked to work with the staff and faculty on the College wide Vision and Strategic Planning process that is ongoing.

It is my experience and passion for representing the views of my colleagues that will help to get your voices heard on the North Island College Board of Governors.

Today I am asking for your support.

Sincerely,

Duane Riddoch

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