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NIC graduates launch alumni association to stay connected after graduation

NIC alumni launched a new alumni association this spring to re-connect and create opportunities long after graduation.

“We chose NIC because we wanted to live, work and play in our communities,” Sara Baxandall told alumni at a recent launch event. “A strong alumni association strengthens connections, supports the community and helps future students.”

Baxandall and Anglin worked with NIC’s School of Business Department Chair Bill Parkinson on the launch of the alumni association this spring.

They aim to create a platform for networking, to share job opportunities and projects, for professional development, serve the community and much more.

NIC Bachelor of Nursing degree alumni Sabina Acheson works as a registered nurse in psychiatry and as the Care-a-Van coordinator for the Comox Bay Care Society.

For her, an alumni association is also a powerful way to build capacity in the community – mentoring future professionals, generating scholarships or supporting student housing initiatives in the Comox Valley.

The association is open to students in all program areas, whether or not they completed their studies at NIC. “If you identify as an NIC alumni, you are one,” said Anglin. “It only matters that you were once an NIC student and you want to reconnect.”

NIC Acting President Lisa Domae said the college proudly welcomes the alumni association.

“Everywhere I go I see alumni, who represent NIC very well,” said Domae. “They are our greatest ambassadors, passionate about locally accessible post-secondary education because they’ve lived it and know its value. They are invested in their communities and, as a college, they make us who we are today.”

The association is in its infancy. Any NIC alumni who wants to join, can reach out to Sara and Kelsey via the alumni association email, alumni@nic.bc.ca. They are very excited for the potential value this association will add for alumni and the community.

Please provide your name, contact info, area of study and year of graduation (if applicable), and quick update on your current activities.

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