

College of the North Atlantic Expands Opportunities for Training with \$1 Million Grant from Hibernia

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A \$1.03 million investment by Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd. (HMDC) will establish two initiatives at College of the North Atlantic (CNA) to expand access to training opportunities for women, individuals with Aboriginal status, persons with disabilities, and members of visible minorities.

The first initiative, the Hibernia Project Diversity Endowment Fund, will establish two bursaries: the Hibernia Project Diversity Bursary Program and the Hibernia Project Women in Industrial Trades and Engineering Technology Bursary, with an investment of \$880,000. An additional \$150,000 will establish the Hibernia Project Assistive Technologies Fund to support individuals who have disabilities.



(L-R) Ann Marie Vaughan, President of College of the North Atlantic and Jamie Long, President of Hibernia Management and Development Company Ltd.

“College of the North Atlantic and HMDC understand the importance that financial assistance plays in the life of today’s students,” said Ann Marie Vaughan, president of CNA. “We also share our partner’s commitment to diversity and recognize that the continued development of funding opportunities such as these increase accessibility to training opportunities, which support the needs of today’s workforce, those of our partners and the eventual needs of this province.”

“Our overall objective is to expand the pool of qualified students available to work in the oil and gas industry, said Jamie Long, HMDC president. “Diverse teams are essential for the long-term success of the industry and the company. We are proud to fund these important programs.”

The Hibernia Project Diversity Bursary Program is for full-time students enrolled at any CNA campus who have aboriginal status, a disability, or who represent a visible minority. Of those eligible students, further preference will be given to students who are enrolled in the trades or engineering technology programs. The bursaries are renewable annually.

The Hibernia Project Women in Industrial Trades and Engineering Technology Bursary Program is for female students who are enrolled full-time at any campus of CNA, and who participate in a trades or engineering technology program.

The Hibernia Project Assistive Technologies Fund will support the purchase and installation of assistive technology products. This fund will assist students with disabilities at each of CNA's 17 campuses and will ensure a timely response to the increasing needs of learners with disabilities.

The endowment funds are one-time investments by HMDC that will be managed by CNA into perpetuity. For more information on CNA and its programs, visit www.cna.nl.ca or visit the CNA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CNANewfoundlandLabrador.