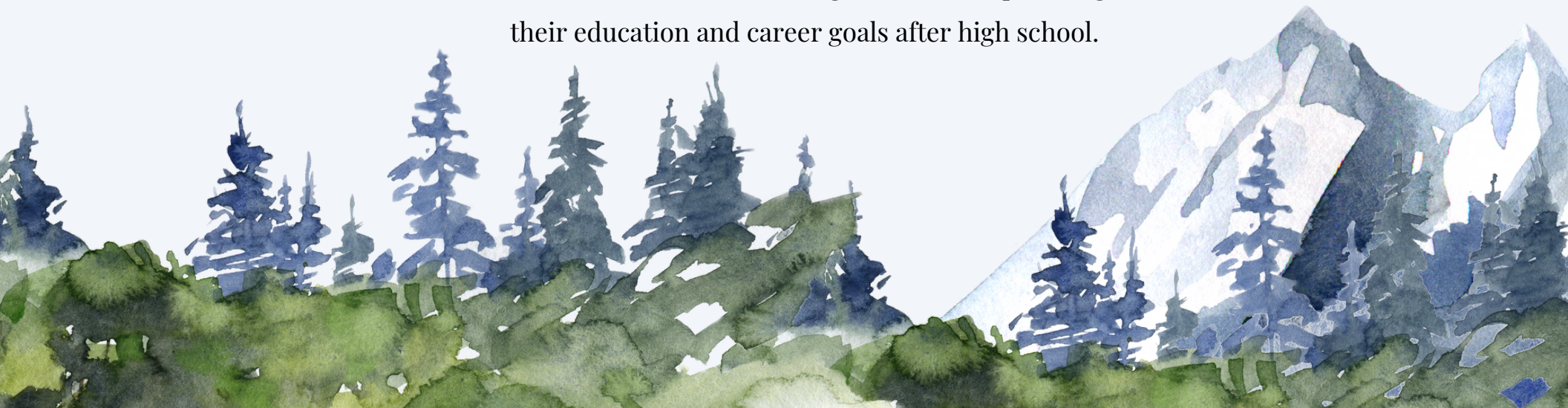




Increase achievement among Northerners pursuing their education and career goals after high school.



The Arctic Inspiration Prize is the largest annual prize in Canada. It inspires, enables, and celebrates the achievements of the people of the North, recognizing diverse teams with innovative projects in the fields of education; health and wellbeing; culture, arts and language; science and traditional knowledge; climate change; and the economy.

Nominator: The Honourable David Joanasie

Minister of Education, Minister of Culture and Heritage, Minister of Languages, Legislative Assembly of Nunavut

Team: Karen Aglukark, Rebecca Bisson, Lois Philipp, Jim Snider (Team Leaders), Jonathan Holmes, Cecile Lyall, Patricia MacNeil, Giselle M. Marion, Shirley Peterson, Rebecca Plotner, Art Sateana, Bradley Thom, Janelle Wilson

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NORTHERN COMPASS JOURNEY

2020

Northern Compass wins the AIP \$1 million grand prize.

Started Remote Tutoring Program:

- 10 active tutors
- 81% sessions attended
- Over 250 students supported to date

Activation of urgent supports to assist students impacted by the pandemic (e.g., technology support, school supplies, learning resources, grants)

2021

Post Secondary Education Strategy (Tłıchǫ and Délıneǵ Got'ıneǵ Governments)

Post Secondary Student Support

- Over 150 students engaged in online social events, orientation, group activities
- 3 student hubs Ottawa, Deline, Calgary
- One remote student hub

Post-Secondary Bridging Program in partnership with Camosun College:

- 16 students enrolled in 5 online college entry courses, engaged in cultural activities and transitional support
- two cohorts - one fully remote, and one hybrid group living and studying together in Fort Providence, NT

Virtual Post-Secondary Bridging Program

- 3 days
- 30 guest speakers
- 12 post-secondary partners
- 15 past and current students from NWT

2022

Campus Orientation

- Campus tours in Ontario
- 3 day post-secondary bridging experience in Calgary

- **Student tech fund**
- **Residence and housing student support program**
- **Full mentorship program**
- **One time inflation relief bursary to students**

2023

WRAP-AROUND SUPPORT FOR SUCCESSFULLY TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

CLARITY ON CAREER CHOICES
(direction, pathways, planning)

ACADEMIC SUPPORT
(tutors, mentorship)

ESSENTIAL SUPPORT
(housing, budget, finance)

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SUPPORTS
(exercise, stress coping strategies)

SOCIAL, LAND, AND CULTURE
(peer-to-peer support, social and cultural events)



Click the video below to see a Q&A with Patti and Karen, or see more videos from Northern Compass on Vimeo by clicking [here](#).



EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO CHOOSE THEIR EDUCATION AND CAREER PATH, WHATEVER THAT MAY BE

Bec Bisson:

Imagine coming from a community where maybe a lot of people have not gone away from school before for post-secondary education or being first-generation student of parents who are new to the system ... it is intimidating ... it is overwhelming ... a lot of time, in our office, there will be 5 of us sitting around the form trying to figure out how to fill it out. So if you are 18, and have no support system, how would you be able to do that?



"It has made me feel a lot more comfortable with the process of pursuing a post-secondary education... how I would react in a new environment with new responsibilities without the financial and mental stress of planning an educational trip on my own" - Youth



BUILDING RESILIENCE: STUDENTS ARE RESILIENT AND MORE LIKELY TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION

"Helping others through mentoring and supporting them to succeed."

WELL-BEING

**Reduced stress and anxiety,
improved coping mechanisms**

"The program is teaching us how to be independent, how to learn new coping strategies. I have really good friends here who are showing us what to do to de-stress. We are becoming very independent now cooking our own meals, doing laundry, dishes."

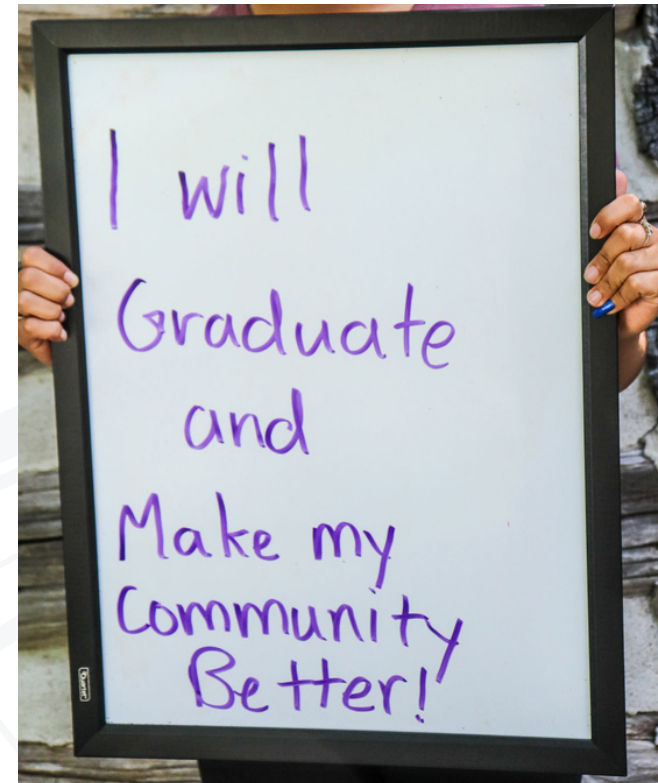
-Youth



BUILDING FUTURE LEADERS

LEADERSHIP

Youth become leaders, give back to others and their communities (tutors, peer-mentors, return to their communities)



"I want to go to civil engineering and go back to Nunavut... I want to go to different communities and make sure that Nunavut is well built." - Youth

"My biggest goal in coming to UBC is to eventually go back up North and to give back to where I come from, as an educator. I want to help students achieve their goals." - Youth

BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF ALUMNI

KYLA HVATUM
Inuvik, NT
York University
Class of 2022

So participating in the Northern Youth Abroad allowed me to connect with other alumni who were also able to help me through a variety of obstacles. For example, commuting to new places, what clubs or programs to participate in, how and where to shop, and simply really provided me with a friend everywhere I went.

CHASE YAKELEYA
Tulita/Yellowknife, NT
Camosun Access Bridging Program

"I also want to prove to the teachers back in Yellowknife who said I wasn't smart enough for this class or that class. I'm taking it [Biology] now and doing great. I'm proving it to her now, proving it to myself."

Favourite part about the college: "Being on the land and learning about different types of fish we have here."





ARCTIC INSPIRATION PRIZE

AIP provided \$1.0 million in seed funding for the Northern Compass. The funding was essential to develop the bridging program for all youth across the North and develop other strategies to improve educational outcomes for Northern Youth.

