

College of New Caledonia



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Record number of graduates set to attend CNC's 2011 Convocation

A record total of 230 graduates are expected to accept their parchment at the college's 2011 convocation ceremony Saturday, May 14 at 2 p.m. at CN Centre.

"This is a major personal achievement and huge milestone for our graduates," said CNC President John Bowman. "The goals, dreams and aspirations that motivated them to enrol at CNC are nearing fruition. Many of them have been balancing other responsibilities such as families and jobs in addition to their studies at CNC. In as little as 10 months, they have turned their lives around. The college is very proud of their hard work and dedication to learning."

Students will receive certificates and diplomas from a number of college programs, including: business and management, academic foundation and human services, health sciences, and technologies and trades.

Highlights from Saturday's ceremony feature CNC's first class of Natural Resources and Environmental Technology diploma students. Students in the college's second medical laboratory technology class have just returned from their one-year practicum placement to participate in the ceremony. The college will also see its first student from Saudi Arabia, Ayman Aldhabaan, graduate with his management diploma.

"The number of students who are participating in this year's convocation is only a fraction of those who actually graduate every year," Bowman said. "Many cannot participate because of work or other commitments."

The Governor General's Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal and the Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal will also be presented. The Governor General's Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal is awarded to the CNC student who achieves the highest overall

average upon graduation from a diploma-level, post-secondary program. Business administration student Wamona Yliruusi is this year's recipient who earned a 4.28 GPA.

The Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal is awarded to a CNC student in a vocational or career program that is less than two years long, who has excelled in his or her studies and who has contributed to the life of their post-secondary institution or their community. Early Child Education student Jessica Marshall will receive this medal after she earned a GPA of 4.33.

Last year there were 216 graduates in Prince George, which was also a record.

Quesnel's convocation is slated for June 16.

The media is invited to attend the ceremonies, including the confetti cannon around 3:15 p.m.

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