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## Comox Valley Student earns \$23,000 from UVIC and NIC

Call it an academic double-double. Students enrolled in North Island College's dual admission programs are reaping the rewards of NIC's exclusive agreements with the University of Victoria this month, qualifying for twice the entrance awards in their first year of school.



Emma Dubé wins \$23,000 in scholarships from NIC and UVic by starting her university career at home.

Six NIC students will have \$1,000 to \$20,500 waiting for them when they register for full-time studies at UVic, through scholarship options available only at NIC.

NIC's dual admission agreement with UVic gives students guaranteed entry to UVic while they take up to two years of classes at NIC. With one application, NIC students are eligible for exactly the same academic and athletic entrance awards as UVic students in addition to the financial awards they can receive through their local community and the North Island College Foundation.

Dual admission students get excellent financial and academic learning opportunities in their home communities.

"We're extremely pleased that high school students are no longer leaving the community but seeing NIC as the best academic choice for their future," said Susan Auchterlonie, North Island College's Director of College and Community Relations.

Highland graduate Emma Dubé, for example, earned \$20,500 in UVic scholarships on top of \$3,580 in local financial awards: \$2,580 from the Stanley B. Hagen Memorial Scholarship as well as \$1,000 from the United Services Institute of Nanaimo.

"It's fantastic," Emma said. "I just really want to say a huge thank you to the people who made it possible for me to receive these scholarships. It will change my life forever."

The money pays her entire undergraduate tuition and allows her to use her savings to pay for living expenses.

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Aside from being a senior cadet leader and trainer, Emma is also involved in annual poppy sales, and has a passion for history, volunteering, and teaching snare and kit drumming.

With grades worthy of any university in North America, Emma chose to forgo big name universities and start her studies at NIC, where she'll be able to learn from NIC's accessible instructors and have the support of her family without compromising her education.

Dual admission allows her to explore her options and keep her living expenses low, knowing she'll get the same academic credit for all of her first and second year courses as any UVic student.

"I think it's smart to examine your priorities and know what you want to do before you spend your money somewhere else," Emma said. "When I do get to university, the award means I can concentrate on keeping my grades high instead of a part-time job."

For more information on NIC's many dual admission options and accessing scholarships from UVic and NIC, contact: Kelly Shopland at 250-334-5000.

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