

# Northern Youth Abroad

education through work and travel

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The Tłıchǵ Government has been working with Northern Youth Abroad and Northern Compass to provide enhanced services to Tłıchǵ youth. Below are some of the services available to you whether you're in school, out of school, thinking about your next steps, or want help figuring it all out!

## SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TŁIČǪ STUDENTS

### Tutoring

Get paired with a tutor who can help with assignments, class content, or studying. You can also drop into our weekly Zoom sessions.

### Weekly Check ins

Sign up for weekly or monthly check ins from our staff to stay on track.

### Monthly social events

Games night, cooking tutorials, escape rooms, and pizza nights are some past events.

### Workshops and info sessions

Our post secondary partners have held info sessions and Q&As about Indigenous student services, how to apply for school, and scholarships and funding.

### Applying for school

Students can get help exploring program options, filling out forms, and navigating applications. Through Northern Compass we can also cover application fees.

### Navigating funding

Northern Compass is not a funding program, however we can help you access other funding, scholarship, and bursary opportunities.

### A little taste of Home

Missing home? A little country food can help. Sign up to request a package of country food at [www.NorthernCompass.org](http://www.NorthernCompass.org)

### School Supplies

Having the right school supplies can help you succeed. Students can request a pack of school supplies at [www.NorthernCompass.org](http://www.NorthernCompass.org)

TO ACCESS ANY OF THESE  
SUPPORTS, SIGN UP AT  
[NORTHERNCOMPASS.ORG](http://NORTHERNCOMPASS.ORG) OR  
CALL  
**1-866-212-2307**



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FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND  
WORKSHOPS, CHECK OUT OUR  
CALENDAR AT [HTTPS://NYA.CA/  
NORTHERNCOMPASS/EVENTS/](https://nya.ca/northerncompass/events/)

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## TUTORING

NYA is currently providing students access to barrier-free tutoring.

### Who is it for?

Any student in high school or post-secondary (college, university, upgrading, or trades) from the NWT can sign up for tutoring.

Tutors can help with assignments, class content, homework, study skills, time management, exam prep, online learning - or anything else students might need help with!

### How does it work?

Students who sign up will be paired directly with a tutor. Students will be able to make an appointment or set up regular appointments for 30 minute or 1 hour time slots. We can also set up group sessions, or students can access weekly drop-in times with a tutor.

Sessions are virtual, and are free to students - the costs of tutors are covered by Northern Compass and NYA. We just ask that students show up to the times that they commit to, and to let us know in advance if they can't make a session.

More info and signup at [www.nya.ca/tutors](http://www.nya.ca/tutors)

## NORTHERN COMPASS

Northern Compass supports Northern youth in their next steps in education, career, and beyond. Right now, the Northern Compass team is working with students and youth from across the territories to get the resources, guidance, and support they need to be successful and reach their goals.

As of October 2021, we have a cohort of 65 youth currently in post-secondary (college, university, upgrading, or trades) who are accessing Northern Compass supports.

### To sign up, youth can:

- Be from the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, or Yukon
- Be in highschool, post-secondary, out of school, or looking for next career steps. Everyone is welcome!

### Northern Compass is best for youth who want to:

- Explore their options,
- Learn about career paths and school programs,
- Set and achieve their educational and career goals.

### Ways Northern Compass can help:

- Offer you individual support to make decisions about school, career, or next steps,
- If you are in high school, help you understand academic requirements that match your goals,
- Help you explore all the pathways available to you,
- Connect you to resources like textbooks, supplies, and tech,
- Find you tutors and academic support,
- Connect you with scholarships, bursaries, and help you navigate funding and applications,
- Help you make decisions around remote starts for students, and set you up to make the transition to online learning easier,
- Cover the costs of application fees to post-secondary programs,
- Invite you to a network of other northerners - be part of our community supporting northern success!

## NYA CORE PROGRAMS

Applications are now open for our Canadian Program! Apply by **November 10, 2021**. Anyone aged 15-20 from the NWT can apply. Canadian Program Participants get to travel to Southern Canada for 6 weeks in the summer, where they live with a host family and another NYA Participant.

Details and the forms to apply are at [www.nya.ca/apply](http://www.nya.ca/apply)

Here are highlights of some of the students who have been part of our Northern Compass Cohort this year. Cheer them on as they work towards their goals!  
Join the Cohort by signing up at [NorthernCompass.org](http://NorthernCompass.org)

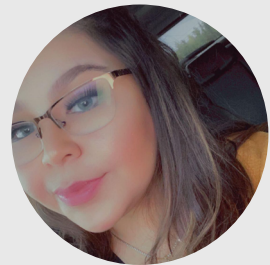
**Victoria  
Apples**  
Behchokò

*Victoria is in her first year of OCAP (Occupations and College Access Program) at Aurora College.*



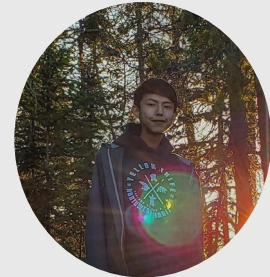
**Tameika  
Steinwand**  
Behchokò

*Tameika is completing upgrading at CJBS.*



**Preston  
Wedzin**  
Behchokò

*Preston is in his first year of UCAP (University and College Access Program) at Aurora College.*



**Laylu  
Judas**  
Wekweèì

*Laylu is in her first year of Indigenous Studies at Langara College.*



**Kasandra  
Migwi**  
Behchokò

*Kasandra is in her second year of Native Studies and Education at the University of Alberta.*



# MEET PATTI WEDAWIN



**REACH OUT!  
YOU CAN REACH  
OUT TO PATTI,  
MONDAY-  
THURSDAY 8AM-  
4PM MOUNTAIN  
TIME OR EMAIL  
ANYTIME AT  
PATTI@NYA.CA**

My name is Patricia Wedawin (but I go by Patti) and I'm from Gamètì, Northwest Territories. I am working with Northern Youth Abroad (NYA) and Northern Compass to support students in college, university, the trades, and careers.

Since graduating from Jean Wetrade Gamètì School in 2013, I have done 5 years of college. First, I moved to Grande Prairie, Alberta to attend Grande Prairie Regional College for Office Administration and Upgrading. I know first-hand what it's like to struggle with the workload, due dates, assignments, and managing my time and money. I was lucky to have the support of my older sister, Pamela, who helped me through first-year.

I earned my certificate and decided to keep attending to upgrade in English, math, chemistry, biology and physics. This was exciting because JWGS did not offer some of these courses. I did well and decided to take a year off to figure out what I wanted to do next. It was perfect timing because my older sister needed me to care for her child, which I loved doing.

In 2018, I decided to finally fulfill my long-time goal of moving to Ottawa and attending Algonquin College. I chose the Tourism and Travel Services Diploma Program because I have a passion for travelling, learning about other cultures and meeting new people. This goal came from being a participant of Northern Youth Abroad in the summer of 2013, where I was placed in Ottawa and had a tour of Algonquin College. Ever since, I told myself I would come back and attend that college someday, by myself.

I was completely alone in Ottawa, no family or close friends - yet I thrived more than ever before in school and life. I got a job working with NYA. I became close friends with my roommate and others that stayed in Algonquin Residence. I met other NYA alumni through Northern Compass's first ever hub. Due to covid-19 restrictions, I, and thousands of other students, had to finish their school year online. I finished my courses in April 2020 and had my graduation ceremony online in October 2020. I remained in Ottawa and continue to work with Northern Youth Abroad.

My advice for northern students who are in high school is to try to find out what you like doing. Whether it's art, building things, learning about culture, history, science, and to mold that into a career for yourself. You know that quote, "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life,"? I think about that a lot and it's true. It took a while for me to find out what it was - and it was tricky to pinpoint it - but I love learning new things. I can't keep going to school and taking different programs, but I can travel the world and experience different cultures and ways of life. I can teach them about my own along the way. Don't worry if you don't have it all figured out now, you'll get there soon enough. Try different programs, step out of your bubble and don't keep to yourself all the time. Remember that there are millions of other students just like you who are also doing the same.