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MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – Class of 2014 university graduates urged to share experiences in survey

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Fredericton (NB) - Today, the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission is launching a survey of graduates who obtained a bachelor's degree from a Maritime university in 2014. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on graduates' pursuit of further studies, employment, financing education, including debt and repayment experiences, and migration patterns.

The survey results will be important to governments, universities, student associations and the graduates themselves in understanding the different pathways and key factors that affect successful transitions between education and work, or to further studies.

Graduates will be contacted by email or telephone over the coming weeks.

"I'd like to urge graduates who are contacted to share their experiences and opinions. The story of their collective experiences will help us to understand the larger picture of graduates' challenges and successes, and the key factors that play a role in their transitions between education and work," said Mireille Duguay, CEO of the Commission. Ms. Duguay added, "This information in turn will assist governments and institutions in policy development and program design. Ultimately, it will help those who are considering or actively planning a university education to become better prepared."

Graduates who complete the survey will have an opportunity to enter their name in a random draw for 10 prizes worth \$500 each.

The survey will be conducted by Advanis, Inc., on behalf of the Commission in both French and English and the responses of individual graduates will be kept strictly confidential.

The project is funded by the governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and made possible through the collaboration of the participating Maritime universities.

More information about the survey program may be found at www.mphec.ca. The Commission expects to release a series of reports about the findings beginning in 2017.

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