



MARITIME PROVINCES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – Class of 2012 university graduates urged to share experiences in survey

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Fredericton (NB) — This week, the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission is launching a survey of graduates who obtained a bachelor's degree from a Maritime university in 2012. 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. 2012 Graduates who do not receive direct contact can do the survey by entering their information on the survey website: www.pra.ca/en/mphecgradsurvey.

"I would encourage graduates who are contacted to share their experiences and opinions. Their responses will help us to understand the larger picture of university graduates' transitions and will in turn inform institutions and governments as they develop policies and programs," said Catherine Stewart, Interim CEO of the Commission.

Ms. Stewart further explained that this survey will build on the information gathered in the two-year-out survey of the same Class and provide detailed information about the transition at two points in time.

Graduates who complete the survey will have an opportunity to enter their name in a random draw to win 1 grand prize of \$1,500 or one of nine prizes of \$500 each.

The survey is conducted by PRA, 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 2019.

The MPHEC was established in 1974. The MPHEC is an arm's length organization accountable to the ministers responsible for postsecondary education in the Maritimes. The Commission comprises 20 members representing universities, the public-at-large (including students), and the three Maritime governments. The Commission's primary orientation in carrying out its duties is to



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