



Life-long learning. Life-long impact.

For Marcel D'Entremont, learning is the spice of life.

After 12 years as a lobster fisherman, he wanted a more stable future. He turned first to entrepreneurship training at the Yarmouth YMCA, which helped him start his own cartooning business.

"I learned firsthand about being a starving artist," the Pubnico native says with a chuckle.

His next stop was NSCC for Applied Communications Arts, followed by Graphic Design, from which he graduated valedictorian and was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Medal.

"I struggled in high school, but I did really, really well under the applied-learning model," he says.

His new graphic design business was a success, but a couple of years later, Marcel realized he needed to ramp up his offerings.

He returned to NSCC, studying Internet Systems Management and Support, graduating in 2001 with a wealth of website expertise ranging from multimedia to design to programming.

Hired by NSCC

Soon after, he was enlisted by NSCC to teach PhotoShop, web development and photography, part-time while continuing to run his consulting company. He also continued taking courses at the College and in 2015 obtained his Masters in Education from UPEI.

Now in his fifties, Marcel has been a full-time staff member at NSCC for many years, including a two-year project involving work with Indigenous students (the subject of his thesis) at the School of Fisheries. As the faculty advisor for IT & Creative Industries and with two children who are also NSCC alum, he is once again thinking about his next learning opportunity.

"I believe in NSCC. I believe in what we do. I believe in our mission," he says. "I love the service learning aspect, too – always being involved in the community," says Marcel, pointing to the collaborative approach the College takes with local business, charitable organizations and government.



Marcel D'Entremont, proud NSCC alumni and donor

His belief in the College's mission recently led him to become a donor. "I've been very fortunate, so it's important for me to help people advance in life, to get where they want to go."

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