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Countdown is on to nominate a teacher who has made a difference

Until November 10, 2013, students in Nova Scotia have the opportunity to recognize a teacher who has made an impact in their lives, through the Nova Scotia Teachers Union's *Teachers Make a Difference* recognition program.

"Teachers continue to reach and meet the diverse learning needs of their students," says NSTU president Shelley Morse. "They not only work with the development of children's minds and skills, but also work with their hearts, hopes and dreams, and we encourage Nova Scotians to recognize their value."

The program encourages students to nominate a teacher who has made a big difference in their lives, and contributed to their school and community, by visiting www.nstu.ca and filling out the contest form. Up to 10 teachers will be chosen for their contributions to the lives of their students, schools and communities. For each recognized teacher, a donation of \$300 will be made towards the home school/campus breakfast or library program.

"Despite the many challenges our teachers and Community College members face they strive to do what is best each day because they care about their students and public education," concludes Morse.

To date, close to 350 teachers have been nominated. For more information, please visit www.nstu.ca and click on the "Teachers Make a Difference" button, or banner, which will bring you to the official contest page or visit teachersmakeadifference.ca.

The Nova Scotia Teachers Union represents more than 10,000 public school teachers, Community College faculty and professional support staff and teachers who work for the Atlantic Provinces Special Education Authority. Since 1895, it has worked to improve the quality of public education in Nova Scotia.