



Close-out Report

Prince George

Year 9

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Executive Summary

Adventures in Health Care, a Rotary initiative, is an experiential learning program that introduces high school students to health care careers and educational pathways while helping address future workforce needs in northern British Columbia.

Delivered through a partnership between the Rotary Club of Prince George Yellowhead, School District 57, Northern Health, the College of New Caledonia, University of Northern British Columbia and AiMhi, the multi-day program provides students with hands-on experiences through simulation labs, and direct interaction with health professionals. Rotary coordinates planning, logistics, volunteers while partner organizations provide educational programming and clinical experiences.

In 2026, the program achieved several significant milestones. Through the collaborative efforts of all partners, daily capacity was increased to **60 students**, a **20% increase** over previous years, allowing more youth from across Northern British Columbia to participate while maintaining the program's high-quality, hands-on approach.

Another major enhancement was the addition of a separate orientation day, designed to help students become comfortable with their surroundings, build relationships with their peers, and reduce the anxiety often associated with participating in a new experience. Special thanks are extended to **Daniella Salazar** of the Rotary Club of Prince George for leading this initiative and to **AiMHi** for generously providing its gymnasium and facilities for the afternoon activities. The orientation day proved to be a valuable addition, setting a positive tone for the days that followed.

The daily student surveys were overwhelmingly positive, with participants highlighting simulation activities, interactions with health professionals, and opportunities to



connect with peers. This information provided our partners to better reflect on what worked well, and what did not.

The long-term alumni survey continues to demonstrate the program's lasting impact, with most participants pursuing post-secondary education and the vast majority choosing health-related fields. Many alumni have returned to study or work in Northern British Columbia, contributing to the development of the region's future health care workforce.

Despite its continued success and expanded capacity, the program faces ongoing challenges. Demand consistently exceeds available spaces, resulting in wait lists each year. In addition, there is growing interest from other community organizations and youth groups seeking opportunities for their participants to attend, reflecting the program's strong reputation and increasing need for further expansion.

Looking ahead, Adventures in Health Care will continue to strengthen partnerships, explore opportunities to increase capacity, expand to additional communities, enhance bursary opportunities, and deepen student engagement with health professionals. The program has become a proven, community-driven model for inspiring youth and developing the next generation of health care professionals across rural and northern British Columbia.

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