



AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH

February is African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia, during which we celebrate the culture, legacy, achievements and contributions of people of African descent, past and present. People of African descent are a vibrant part of Nova Scotia's past; these individuals made Nova Scotia home and contributed to the fabric and success of today's province. Check out the many ways to celebrate [HERE](#)

EARLY STAGES THEATRE FESTIVAL

FEB. 14-17

Early Stages Theatre Festival is a dead-of-winter festival highlighting the creative process behind new works. Join local artists in Downtown Dartmouth as they chat about what they're working on and share behind-the-scenes previews of new scripts and designs. Interested in a theatre career? Sign up for a Study Group or fun Speed Panel Auditions! More information [HERE](#)



NOVA SCOTIA SPOTLIGHT: RUM RUNNERS TRAIL

There are so many wonderful places to go hiking in Nova Scotia no matter the time of year. Some of the trails might be a bit limited in the winter months, but the safest is the Rails to Trails Rum Runners Trail. This 119km stretch of trail connecting Halifax and Lunenburg is one of the easiest hikes in the province. It is flat and wide and relatively clear in the winter. The trail's name dates back to 1921-1930 during which bootleggers (a.k.a. "Rum Runners") took advantage of the province's concealed harbours, secluded coves and rugged islands to funnel alcohol into the United States. More info [HERE](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: JACK LIU

Hometown: Beijing, China

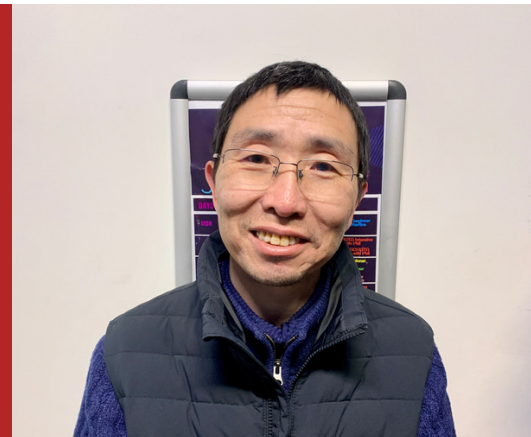
Favourite thing about Halifax: Going fishing and hiking.

Fun Fact: I have wonderful, helpful neighbours here in Halifax.

Favourite Hobby: Woodworking. I like making my own furniture.

English Learning Tip: Be confident! Don't be shy. Practice speaking as much as you can.

Current Obsession: Listening to classical music!



Welcome Breakfast

The first welcome breakfast of the year was a fantastic way to kick off 2024! Everyone chatted, laughed, and shared stories about their winter break. The yummy food and warm coffee added to the cozy vibe.



Maritime Museum of the Atlantic

We all had a delightful experience exploring the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. The array of sailboats in various sizes, intricate model ships, and captivating artifacts from the Titanic held our attention throughout the visit. The Halifax Explosion exhibit and model simulation, in particular, provided a unique and educational perspective on that infamous historical event.

2024 Vision Boards

Our GEP students had a lot of fun making vision boards, creating colorful collages of their dreams and goals for 2024. Armed with magazines, glue, and scissors, they put together artistic masterpieces that allowed them to visualize their future successes.



Haliente Latin Dance Class

All of us here at ALCC spent an afternoon exploring the tradition and culture of Latin dance at Haliente's Creative Studio. Stepping out of our comfort zones, we embraced the lively moves and rhythms, sharing laughter and support as we learned new steps. The experience widened our cultural horizons and strengthened our sense of community here at ALCC.