

# Saint John NBSRT Branch Scholarship

Saint John NBSRT Branch is pleased to announce this year's scholarship winner . . .

**Matthew Peterson** - Matthew is a first-year Bachelor of Science student at UNBSJ enrolled in the in the Computer Science Program. He wants to pursue a career in machine learning to improve the quality of life of the world.

The following letter was received from Matthew expressing his appreciation and thanks to the retired teachers of the Saint John NBSRT Branch for being selected as a recipient.

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October 4, 2021

Dear New Brunswick Retired Teachers,



My name is Matthew Kenneth Peterson, and I am first-year student at the University of New Brunswick in Saint John studying a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. It is with great honor and respect that I thank you for such a generous donation of 2000\$ towards my academic career. This means the world to me, as the world itself has not been so kind to me as of late: the COVID-19 pandemic had put a damper on my employment for a prolonged period this past summer. For this reason, I would like to thank you all personally, as this scholarship enables and encourages me to strive for bigger and better in all my studies.

Having been enrolled in UNB's Bachelor of Science in Computer Science has long been one of my most important goals, as ever since the age of nine, building and modifying machines and their code have not been just a hobby, but a passion. Using what skills I have, I have tried to improve the lives of family, friends, and the community around me. But I have always strived for bigger: your scholarship empowers me to pursue the career in machine learning that I have longed for, so that hopefully, I can improve the quality of life of not only my community, but the entire world. Machine learning, as showed to me by my past mentor Mr. Brandon Elford at Fredericton's Potential Motors, has the power to shape safer and more ethically designed technologies for our future when in the right hands. And without your charitable donation, I may never have had the opportunity to one day sit at the table where those decisions are made.

I will forever prize your generosity, and I thank you immensely for how far it will take me. I am excited to put back into the world what it has given me, and you have served as an inspiration towards this cause.

With tremendous thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew K Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.