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Janet Maik's NLC Success Story: Showing by Example

Janet Maik hadn't so much as thought of going back to school until the day her high school-aged daughter refused her own opportunity to pursue post-secondary education. "My husband and I had been saving for our daughter's education for years. When we told her she needed to go to college, she replied, 'Why? You guys never did!' Those words really hit home."

Although Janet had been happily employed by Safeway for over thirty years, she was determined to show her daughter how education could improve a person's station in life. So, Janet resigned from work. "I researched, got in touch with the organization Women Building Futures, and realised the electrical trade would be the best fit for me."

At the last minute, Janet discovered Northern Lakes College and was thrilled to hear they would do whatever they could to help her. Within only a few days, Janet was certain she had made the right choice. She was impressed by the quality of education and found herself engaged during every lab. She also loved the way her instructors encouraged her to follow her curiosity, and that every student got hands-on practice.

Janet has a wealth of advice to offer other women in the trades. "First, take care of your body – it's the most valuable tool you have. So, dress for the weather, eat well, get exercise, see your doctor. Next, you can do whatever you want. There are so many more options for women than just minimum wage jobs. Last of all, it takes time, but you just have to stick it out because you deserve to be on that worksite as much as any man."

But Janet isn't just a role model for women in the skilled trades. Her determination, confidence, and can-do spirit proved inspirational for the most important young woman in Janet's own life. Now an adult, Janet's daughter has a vibrant career in human resources – a prospect only made possible by advanced education.

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- ✔ Tutoring and IT Support
- ✔ Instructor-led learning environments
- ✔ Counselling
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- ✔ Library access and writing support

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