NEW BRUNSWICK
French International Student Program

NewsLETTER

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COVID-19 Update

- Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health risks and restrictions associated with it, the decision was taken that the NBFISP would not welcome any students for 2020-2021 school year.
- All students that were registered for 2020-2021 school year had the option of differing their registration to the 2021-2022 school year, or to cancel their registration altogether without any additional costs.
- We are not accepting any new applications for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
- We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year, with the hope that the situation will be back to a certain 'normal' and that we will be able to offer the quality program that everyone expects at that time.

For any questions, contact us at admin@pacnb.org.

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Where are they now?

Pablo Dorantes Vasquez (second from right) participates in the winter group activity where all the students go skiing or snowboarding.

Mexican student pursues post-secondary education in NB

Pablo Dorantez Vasquez is from Mexico City, the capital of Mexico. He was barely 14 years old when he arrived in New Brunswick in 2015 to learn French. He was in 8th grade at École Sainte-Anne when he discovered and developed a certain affection for the city of Fredericton.

What he appreciates the most about his experience with the NB French International Student Program is his host family and the friends that he made during his stay.

"There are a lot of things that I liked. Firstly, there is my host family. And then there's the friendships that I made here. Those people are still in my life. I fell in love with living in Fredericton."

After his stay in New Brunswick, Pablo made a few trips between his home country and Canada. He spent a couple of weeks in Fredericton with his host family in 2017 and came back to pursue his studies in 2019.

He chose to study at the University of New Brunswick, in English, because he knows the language well. He is in his second year of political science. For now, his plan is to obtain his bachelor's degree. He is still undecided on what he'll do after that.

Since he is living with the same host family, Pablo gets to practise his French language skills also.

"They (my host family) are really kind with me. It is different in Mexico, where I don't feel as safe as I do here in Fredericton. My parents have divorced, but my host family took care of me here", he adds.

Left picture: Pablo Dorantes Vasquez can be seen on the left during an outing to Hopewell Rocks Park during summer camp in August 2015.

Right picture: Pablo's mother surprised him by visiting him in New Brunswick for the holidays.

Discover our schools!

School : École Sainte-Anne
Community/city : Fredericton
Students : 712
Level : Grades 6 to 12
Founding Year : 1978
Description : École Sainte-Anne is part of the francophone community centre in the provincial capital of Fredericton, an ever-expanding multicultural city with a population of around 56 000. Overlooking the beautiful Saint-John River is a 47-acre campus shared by the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University. A well-known tourist destination, Fredericton offers theatre, music, art galleries and museums, as well as more than 85 km of walking, cycling and cross-country skiing trails, all connected to the heart of downtown. Downhill skiing is only 40 minutes away at Crabbe Mountain.

PLACE AUX COMPÉTENCES

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