

About me

Name: Gila'kasla nino'gad, nugwa'um Xusam'das, and I am called Jonathon Nolie, My Family is from Ba'as (Blunden Harbor); my Grandparents were Mable and Harry James; my mother is Judy Duncan, we are 'Nakwaxda'xw people.

Program: I am currently in the Associates of Arts Program planning to enter the Bachelor of Social Work Program

Location: Vancouver BC

Why I would like to be elected to the Board of Governors: I grew up in East Vancouver in Native Housing at the corner of Commercial and East Pender steps from the Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Center, where I was introduced to my culture. My Grandparents were residential school survivors, my Mom is a 60s scoop survivor, and I was a child in care at the end of my teens. I know what it is like to grow up in East Van and the impacts of generational trauma have had on our people. I need to be at the tables where the planning for NVIT's future campus in my community is done to help build a great place for learners to come to where they will feel that sense of connection even far from their own traditional homes.