

# Natalie Keith



## Convocation Ceremony:

Friday, June 8th  
2pm

## Program:

Concurrent Education

I have spent 5 years at Nipissing University in the Concurrent Education program. I have been completing my Bachelor of Education in J/I and my Bachelor of Arts in English Studies.

## Activities Participated In During Time At Nipissing:

During my time at Nipissing I was involved in the NU Reads program, first as a volunteer Reading Mentor for 2 years, then as a Program Leader for 3 years. In these positions I had the opportunity to gain valuable teaching and leadership experience, and work with my peers and future colleagues to support kids in the North Bay community. In my final few years at Nipissing I have become a Peer Tutor for Student Development and Services, an Administrator for the Nipissing English Club, and have regularly attended Amnesty International's Letter Writing events. Most recently, I was a tour guide for the Fall Open House, sharing my love for Nipissing with future students.

## Why Should You Be Valedictorian?

"I believe that I should be Valedictorian of my class because I love learning, I love being a student, and I have pushed myself to do my best and give 110% to everything I have done over the past 5 years. To me, university isn't just about getting a degree and getting experience for a specific job. I believe that being a university student is about making connections, exploring new topics, developing new skills, finding a voice, and making a difference. I found all of these things and more at Nipissing. I really had the chance to not only grow as a student, but to become a teacher, fulfilling a lifelong dream of mine. I have made unbreakable connections and found an amazing group of friends in my program. Nipissing University has also pushed me further than I ever dreamed I could go. I will be continuing my education this fall at Memorial University. If I am given the opportunity to represent my graduating class then I know that I will give the role my best efforts and my full focus. I know that my position of valedictorian would not just be about my journey, it would be everyone's journey. My graduating class has spent the past 5 years together. We've been through highs and lows and spent countless hours stressing over assignments. We have also supported one another unconditionally. We have shared each other's journeys and been there for each others successes. I want to use my position as valedictorian to capture those memories and milestones. Overall, I believe that I should be Valedictorian of my class because I am driven, focused, and caring. I care about my education, I care about learning, and I care about the people who helped me become the person I am today. Being Valedictorian would give me the best platform to celebrate and thank every one who has believed in me and been on this journey with me."