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**PROVINCIALY FUNDED TUITION ANNOUNCED FOR NEW BRUNSWICK STUDENTS FROM  
LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES**

**SACKVILLE, NB** — On Thursday, April 14, 2016, Premier Brian Gallant, and Post Secondary Education, Training, and Labour Minister, Francine Landry, announced the new Tuition Access Bursary (TAB) program that will provide financial assistance to students with financial need.

The New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) has announced in their recent press release that the program will “fill the gap between federal grants and the amount owing on tuition for every New Brunswick student with a gross household income of \$60,000 or less attending one of the province’s post-secondary institutions – effectively making tuition free.” The Mount Allison Students’ Union (MASU) is a proud member of NBSA.

“The New Brunswick Student Alliance has been advocating for effective, upfront, needs-based assistance for a long time,” says MASU Vice President External, and current board Chair of NBSA, Annie Sherry. “We are happy to have been a part of consultations over the past few months, and simply overwhelmed with today’s investment in New Brunswick’s youth.”

“This is a historic day in New Brunswick; we are sending a strong message to other governments across the country to follow the same commitment to students,” says current Vice President Communications and Vice President External – elect, Tina Oh. “The creation of the TAB program directly stems from the advocacy efforts of students and we anticipate that many Mount Allison students will benefit from this program in the upcoming year. While there is still a lot of work to be done, this is a huge step forward from our government.”

The TAB will take effect for the 2016-2017 academic year. Unfortunately, out-of-province students that receive student loans from their home province will not qualify for the program.

The Mount Allison Students’ Union represents all full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick.