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TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, October 13, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As Canadian leaders urge the nation to build greater international resilience,

navigate a changing global order, and foster cross-cultural fluency, [Neuchâtel Junior College](#) is marking a major milestone that directly addresses this national imperative: its 70th anniversary.



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*Kelley McKinnon, Chair of
Neuchâtel's Canadian
Advisory Board*

Founded in 1956 as a visionary Canadian study-abroad program for grade 12 and gap year, Neuchâtel Junior College has spent seven decades preparing young Canadians and other international students to think globally, adapt dynamically, and solve problems within a complex landscape. At a time when leaders like Mark Carney emphasize the necessity for Canada to assert itself on the world stage and lead conversations about a dynamic global order, the long-standing model of Neuchâtel Junior College in Switzerland offers a proven blueprint for developing a true global mindset.

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for leaders who possess a global mindset and the cultural fluency to thrive anywhere in the world has never been greater," says Kelley McKinnon, Chair of Neuchâtel's Canadian Advisory Board. "Building the agility and resilience required to succeed in today's shifting global economy does not happen solely inside a domestic classroom. Neuchâtel Junior College was built on the premise that Canadian youth need firsthand international experience—and for 70 years, we have provided the launching pad for young people to develop that essential perspective."

Educating students at the crossroads of European history, culture and diplomacy, Neuchâtel Junior College integrates rigorous Canadian Grade 12 academics, as well as a dedicated gap year program, with immersive travel and real-world exposure across Europe. Students live with local French-speaking host families in Switzerland, fostering deep cross-cultural fluency, independence, and adaptability—skills that international policy experts highlight as vital for preparing the nation's future leaders.



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"Our students step outside their comfort zones every single day," says Philippe Caron-Audet, Head of School at Neuchâtel Junior College. "By navigating educational and independent travel across Europe and immersing themselves in local cultures, our graduates enter university and the world stage with a level of maturity, confidence, skills and international awareness that sets them apart for life."

Over its 70-year history, Neuchâtel Junior College has graduated over 5,000 alumni who have gone on to hold leadership roles across the public and private sectors. To celebrate its 70th anniversary, Neuchâtel Junior College will host its flagship 70th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, October 17, 2026 at the Fairmont Royal York in Toronto.

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For media inquiries or ticket details: Please visit the official event page at www.neuchatel70.com or contact the school administration directly at alumni@neuchatel.org.

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