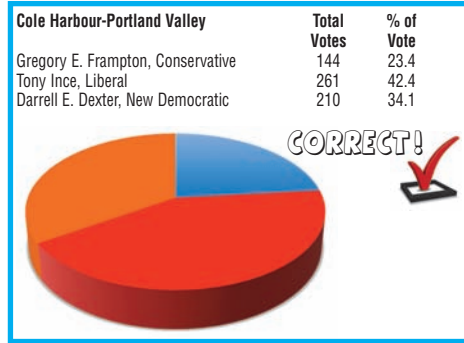
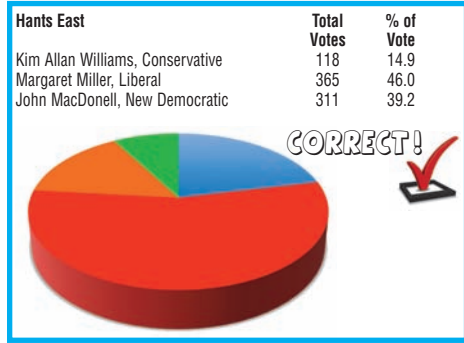
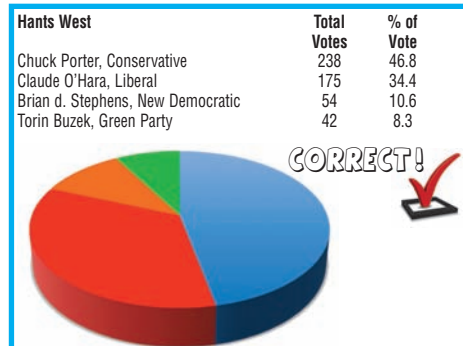
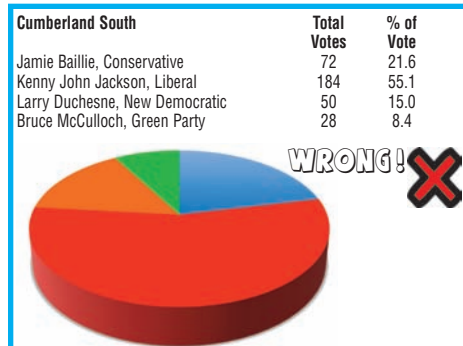
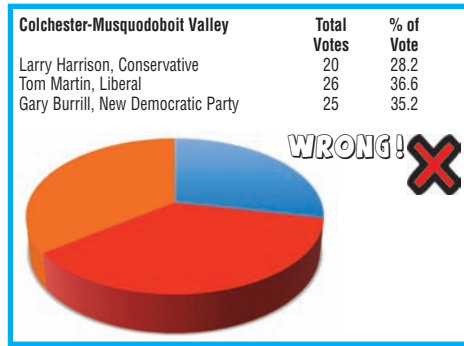
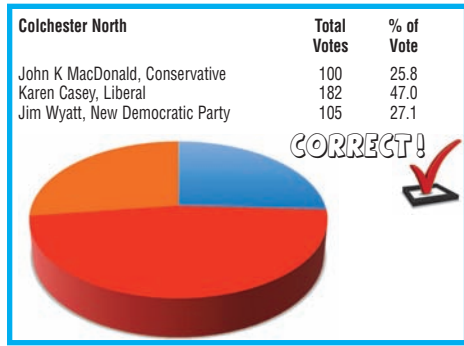


# Students Display Outstanding Insight Into Electoral Process



## 2013 Student Province-Wide Election Results

The two right hand columns show where the students were wrong and who actually won.

District	Elected	Different Candidate Elected	Winning Party
Annapolis	McNeil, Stephen		Lib
Antigonish	Thompson, Darren	Delorey, Randy	Lib
Argyle-Barrington	d'Entremont, Chris		P.C.
Bedford	Regan, Kelly	Corbett, Frank	NDP
Cape Breton Centre	Wilton, Dave		Lib
Cape Breton-Richmond	Samson, Michel P.		Lib
Chester-St. Margaret's	Harris, Tim W.	Peterson-Rafuse, Denise	NDP
Clare-Digby	Wilson, Gordon L.		Lib
Clayton Park West	Whalen, Diana		Lib
Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley	Martin, Tom		Lib
Colchester North	Casey, Karen		Lib
Cole Harbour-Eastern Passage	Kent, Becky	Treen, Joyce	Lib
Cole Harbour-Portland Valley	Ince, Tony		Lib
Cumberland North	Skabar, Brian	Farrell, Terry	Lib
Cumberland South	Jackson, Kenny John	Baillie, Jamie	P.C.
Dartmouth East	Younger, Andrew		Lib
Dartmouth North	Bernard, Joanne		Lib
Preston-Dartmouth	Colwell, Keith		Lib
Dartmouth South	Vingoe, Mary	Rowe, Allan	Lib
Guysborough-Eastern Shore-Tracadie	Hines, Lloyd		Lib
Eastern Shore	Murphy, Kevin		Lib
Fairview-Clayton Park	Arab, Patricia		Lib
Glace Bay	MacLellan, Geoff		Lib
Halifax Armdale	Carvery, Irvine T.	Diab, Lena M.	Lib
Halifax Atlantic	Maguire, Brendan O.		Lib
Halifax Chebucto	Stroink, Joachim		Lib
Halifax Citadel-Sable Island	Kousoulis, Labi		Lib
Halifax Needham	Poole, Christopher (Chris)	MacDonald, Maureen	NDP
Hammonds Plains-Lucasville	Jessome, Ben		Lib
Hants East	Miller, Margaret		Lib
Hants West	Porter, Chuck		P.C.
Inverness	MacMaster, Allan		P.C.
Kings North	Morton, Jim	Lohr, John A.	P.C.
Kings South	Irving, Keith		Lib
Kings West	Glavine, Leo		Lib
Lunenburg	Lohnes-Croft, Suzanne		Lib
Lunenburg West	Furey, Mark		Lib
Northside-Westmount	Orrell, Eddie		P.C.
Pictou Centre	Dunn, Pat		P.C.
Pictou East	Houston, Tim		P.C.
Pictou West	MacFarlane, Karla		P.C.
Queens-Shelburne	Inglis, Bruce	Belliveau, Sterling	NDP
Sackville-Beaver Bank	Whynott, Mat	Gough, Stephen	Lib
Sackville-Cobequid	Cameron, Graham	Wilson, Dave	NDP
Sydney-Whitney Pier	Gosse, Gordie		NDP
Sydney River-Mira-Louisbourg	Kennedy, Josephine	MacLeod, Alfie	P.C.
Timberlea-Prospect	Rankin, Iain		Lib
Truro-Bible Hill	Zann, Lenore		NDP
Victoria-The Lakes	Toney, John Frank	Eyking, Pam	Lib
Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank	Wong, Brian	Horne, Bill	Lib
Yarmouth	Churchill, Zach		Lib

**2013 Student Province-wide election results.**  
The following is the province wide percentage of popular votes after 22,032 students voted on the Friday before the actual election.

The following is the results number of seats and the popular vote of 22,032 non-voting students who voted on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, four days before adults voted on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Student Voting Party Standings:**  
**Liberals:** 32 seats with 45.59% of their popular vote.  
**Progressive Conservative:** 11 seats, with 27.62% of their popular vote.  
**NDP:** 8 seats with 23.27% of their popular vote.  
**Other:** In their voting the students gave the 16 Green Party candidates 2.53% of the popular vote, while 7 independent candidates garnered .98% of the student popular vote.

### By Maurice Rees

Don't let anyone tell you students didn't pay attention to the 2013 provincial election. At least 22,032 of them in 219 schools in all 51 constituencies held their elections on October 7th and 8th, comprising non-voting age students across the province. 255 schools had been registered for the program, but only 219 participated.

As an adult, who is also a senior, and 50 years in publishing, this writer found it amazing, on an overall basis, how accurate the students were in number of seats for each party and the popular vote. The student vote tallied at 32 seats for the Liberals with 45.59% of the popular vote. Actual election results were Liberals 33 seats with 45.52% popular vote. For the Progressive Conservatives students voted 11 seats (27.12%), versus adults electing 11 Tories at 26.39%.

Students elected 8 NDP (23.27%) while the adults chose 7 NDP at 26.90%. They were correct in not electing any Green Party or Independent Candidates. In popular vote students gave the Green Party 2.53% and .98% for Independents versus .89% and .30% by adults. Even though their overall results were in line with the adults, they elected the wrong candidate in 16 of the 51 constituencies.

In preparation for the Student Vote program, students took on the roles of deputy returning officers and poll clerks, and hosted a 'Student Vote Day' where students voted for the official candidates running in the school's electoral district.

Their vote followed a series of in-class and school wide activities where students learned about political parties, platforms and local candidates. Many schools organized all-candidate debates and campaign events to foster dialogue in school and at home.

Student Vote is a project of the civic-education charity CIVIX, which partnered with Elections Nova Scotia and the Democracy 250 Youth Engagement Legacy Trust to conduct the Nova Scotia Student Vote. This is the sixth Student Vote program in Nova

Scotia.

Students were correct in their re-election of Karen Casey for the Liberals with 47.03% of the popular vote, against John K. MacDonald (PC) with 25.84%, while allotting Jim Wyatt, NDP, 27.13%. Actual results were Casey, 60.95%; MacDonald, 26.39% and Wyatt, 12.66%.

In Cumberland South, Jamie Baillie is glad the students were wrong in their results. They had forecasted him losing to Kenny John Jackson, Liberal. Students gave Jackson, 55.09%; Baillie, 21.56%; Larry Duchesne, NDP, 14.97% and Bruce McCulloch, Green Party, 8.38%. Actual results between Liberals and PC's were a flip flop from the student selection with Baillie (50.95%); Jackson, 33.71%; Duchesne, 12.16% and McCulloch, 3.18%.

As part of the media, this writer received the student vote results at suppertime, with stipulations it was embargoed until 8 pm. An interesting aspect of the voting, students projected incumbent MLA, Darrell Dexter would lose his seat. They projected Liberal, Tony Ince, would capture 42.44% of the votes, with Dexter garnering 34.15% and the PC candidate would get 23.41% of the vote. Actual results were Ince (40.95%); Dexter 40.61% and the Tories, Gregory Frampton 18.44%.

In nearby constituencies, students were in line with their parents in electing Lenore Zann, NDP, Truro-Bible Hill; Margaret Miller, Liberal, defeating NDP incumbent, John MacDonell in Hants East and Chuck Porter retaining his seat in Hants West against a strong surge by the Liberals, Claude O'Hara.

In Cumberland North, Liberal, Terry Farrell, beat NDP incumbent, Brian Skabar, whereas students had projected Skabar would retain the seat. In the three Pictou ridings, adults followed the student projection by electing a Progressive Conservative in all three ridings.

We have selected several charts and graphs to accompany this article. One such chart is to show the results of the student vote across the province and how they tallied up to 32 Liberals, 11 Conservatives and 7

NDP. In the two columns to the far right, we have shown the name of a candidate and party affiliation, when adults voted different than the non-voting age students.

As a follower of politics, the student vote sends several messages to the adult electorate. Hopefully, the student vote will engage many more students for future elections. At least 22,032 of them already have some election experience.

**Readers who wish to mine the data deeper than we have been able to do in this issue, the complete results of both student vote and the actual results can be found at:**  
<http://studentvote.ca/ns/results/>

**NOTE FROM EDITOR:**  
For Adult voting results for

- 1) Provincial Popular Vote
- 2) Truro-Bible Hill
- 3) Colchester North, and
- 4) Cumberland South

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