

China Field School takes learning abroad



Mandarin instructor Ralph Lake pumps up with student Jamie Wright during the China Field School. Lake says the trip was a "shot in the arm" that renewed his passion for his field.

Three Douglas College instructors are declaring their first-ever China Field School (CFS) a success.

"Learning abroad gives students an appreciation of other parts of the world. It combines theory and practice and enriches not only their academic experience but also their lives," says Geography instructor and Associate of Arts (Intercultural and

International Studies) Coordinator Mike McPhee.

McPhee, Mandarin instructor Ralph Lake and Communications instructor Heather Tobe made the inaugural trip with 22 students from various programs. For many students, it was their first trip outside of Canada. They were based at the East China Normal University in Shanghai for

five weeks in May and June and spent time in Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou and Beijing, in addition to classes at Douglas before and after the trip.

"From an academic point of view alone, this was an exciting and interesting experience for everyone, students and instructors alike," says McPhee.

The students had the opportunity to explore Chinese culture and language hands-on, practicing their skills with Chinese university students. They learned about the history, neighbourhoods and architecture of Shanghai, how schools and model communities operate and how to conduct their day-to-day business in Chinese.

Tobe says there were opportunities for Douglas and local students to learn from one another in the classroom and during "English Corner," when they would meet in front of the Mao statue on campus Thursday and Sunday evenings.

"It was an opportunity for Chinese national students to practice their English and for our international students to learn more about Chinese culture," says Tobe.

"The CFS was a shot in the arm for me as a Chinese instructor. It gave me renewed interest in my subject and the opportunity to witness the 'new China' with 22 enthusiastic students and two great colleagues. I hope this is

just the beginning," says Lake.

An unforgettable part of the trip was the earthquake in Sichuan Province. Though the Douglas group was safely located about 1,000 km away from the area hardest hit by the earthquake, they were impacted by the response to the disaster within and outside of China.

"Exactly one week after the quake, everyone in the country stopped their activities – in traffic, classrooms, factories, shops, etcetera – for three minutes of silence. In addition, in Shanghai, a huge memorial vigil was held in People's Square which some of us attended. It was something I will always remember," says McPhee.

All of the instructors hope the success of CFS will mean more field study trips in the years to come, whether in China or elsewhere.

"Ideally, every student who attends Douglas should have the opportunity to broaden their educational experience through field studies," says McPhee.

Uganda Fund gives girls a chance

Three more girls will continue high school this year in Masaka, Uganda, thanks to the fundraising and donations of Douglas College employees and students.

The Douglas Uganda Endowment Fund, now in its third year, was set up to allow girls to attend high school in Masaka – a chance many of them would never get otherwise, says program organizer and Community Social Service Worker (CSSW) instructor John Fox.

In Uganda, elementary school is free, but most secondary schools are privately operated, which means many families can't afford to send their children to school.

"If a family can afford to send a child, it will first and foremost be a boy," explains Fox.

This leaves young girls with few options once they finish elementary school.

"At the age of 13 or 14, they'll be working at home, raising their brothers and sisters.

Or, they might get pregnant and start the cycle of having children," says Fox.

"They have no chance of a profession, no training."

Fox still remembers a girl he visited who was in the hospital because of serious complications after giving birth. She wasn't going to school.

"What would have happened if she'd stayed in school? That's our hope, for the girls to stay in school," he says.

The majority of the money raised by the Fund goes towards room and board, uniforms and school supplies

for the girls. But at just \$350 Canadian per student per year, the cost is minimal, considering the difference it makes in these girls' lives, says Fox.

"There is nothing, absolutely nothing, more sustainable than education."

Some Douglas faculty and staff are already donating to the fund through paycheque deductions and other means. Fox hopes to encourage more to do the same, so that they can continue to grow the scholarship program.

"We're already thinking, in four years, will the endowment fund be in the position to support one or more of these students to attend Douglas College?" he says.

"No wall is too high."



John Fox, far right, with Khana Nalygemwa, Stella Wannyanana and Mary Nakiyemba. The girls are headed to high school, thanks to donations by Douglas employees and students to the Uganda Endowment Fund.

How you can help

To find out how you can support the Uganda Endowment Fund visit the African Field Studies section of the Community Social Service Worker website.

Events Calendar

August 14-September 18

The Amelia Douglas Gallery and the Douglas College Institute of Urban Ecology present *Greenlinks '08: The Green Beyond*. Works by Phyllis Greenwood.

September 11

The Arts at One presents *From Shanghai to Seville: Silk Road*. Qiu Xia He, pipa; Andre Thibault, guitar, oud and percussion ipm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre

September 18

The Arts at One presents *Modern Day Troubadour: 21st Century Songs*. William George, tenor; Karen Lee Morlang, piano ipm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre

September 25

The Arts at One presents *Ready or Not: Music for Prepared and Unprepared Piano*. Barrie Barrington ipm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre

Summer orientation attendance doubles



Volunteers and new students helped make Summer orientation events at both College campuses successful.

The Office for New Students (ONS) is thrilled to have doubled attendance in their late-Summer orientation events.

“This year, more than 700 students and parents came to events at both campuses,” says ONS Student Development Coordinator Eric Glanville.

He credits holding the events on weekends to a surge in participation. ONS also partnered with instructors from a variety of faculties, the Centre for Educational and Information Technology (CEIT), the Bookstore and Chartwell’s to make this Summer’s orientation event a success.

“They really stepped up to make it a community event,” says Glanville.

A particularly successful element of orientation was “A Class of Your Own,” where incoming students got to meet with instructors, hear

more about programs and get tips on surviving their first year.

Students also got a taste of extracurricular activities available, with many already signing up for programs including the Student Ambassador program. Student Ambassadors work closely with ONS to represent and promote Douglas to current and prospective students, guests and alumni.

Indeed, student volunteers, including the current Ambassadors, made a big difference in hosting a more extensive orientation this summer.

“There was a much larger student volunteer response this year. We’re really grateful so many people were willing to sacrifice their Saturdays to make this event a success,” says Glanville.

Frick guns for gold at paralympics

Sport Science instructor Tim Frick is gunning for gold in Beijing this month as head coach of the National Women’s Wheelchair Basketball team.

“It’s intense competition in terms of getting a medal,” says Frick, who led the team to a gold medal at the World Championships in 2006 and a bronze at the 2004 Paralympics in Athens.

“Germany and the US are the biggest competitors. Right now, it’s anybody’s chance,” says Frick.

Over the last two years, Frick has been working to rebuild the team after losing a couple of players, including an MVP, and dealing with injuries. He has been head coach of the team since 1990.

All the BC women and men playing on the Paralympic teams train at Douglas. The College has been a training centre for wheelchair basketball players since 1988 and has been hosting national training events since the 1990s.

Frick is currently on leave from teaching until January. However, he dropped by the College with his team on August 29 and 30, before heading to Beijing. The athletes also paid a visit to Byrne Creek Secondary School in Burnaby.

Frick says he enjoys combining his roles as a coach and teacher whenever he gets the chance to do so. Douglas is a partner with the Canadian Sport Centre, a support network for high-performance athletes across Canada. This gives him the unique opportunity to have his classes observe the athletes he trains.

“I have had classes come during the training camps to see how the top sports scientists analyze the biomechanics of our team. Elementary schools have come as well. It’s a unique experience students here at Douglas get,” says Frick.



PHOTO CREDIT: Courtesy of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Association.

Sport Science instructor and Canadian Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Coach Tim Frick predicts his team’s biggest competition at the Paralympics will be Germany and the US.

I-CARE celebrates 30 years

I-CARE, the College’s adult literacy program, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this Fall and Winter. I-CARE offers one-on-one tutoring to English-speaking adults in the community. Volunteer tutors are trained by College faculty and then matched to learners.

“I-CARE has made a difference to the lives of hundreds of adults in our region. New learners join us every month, needing help to improve their basic reading and writing. Without our wonderful volunteer tutors, we couldn’t do it,” says I-CARE Coordinator Nancy Walker.

Walker credits her predecessors with creating a thriving program.

“(Developmental Studies instructor) Marilyn Smitshoek and I are both pretty new to the program. People like Heather Campbell, Joyce Cameron, Mardi Joyce and others are the ones who made it into the success it is today, with its tradition of caring, individual support. We’re really proud to be part of that.”

Retirement Dinner

Mark your calendars for the 11th Annual Retirement Dinner. This year’s festivities are being held Friday, Nov 7, 5:30-9:30pm, in the Upper Cafeteria, New Westminster Campus.

Current and past retirees are invited along with a guest, free of charge. Tickets for additional guests and employees are available – contact Wendy Davies at 604-527-5340 for details.

September 25-October 24
 The Amelia Douglas Gallery
 presents
Past Desolation Sound
 Works by Marcus Bowcott
 Reception Sept 25, 4:30-7:30pm

October 3
 Enhancing Health: Free Friday
 Noon Hour Workshop
Laughter IS the Best Medicine
 12-1pm, Room C1025
 David Lam Campus

October 6
 Literature Alive! presents
 Novelist David Chariandy
 2pm, Room 3406
 New Westminster Campus
 Admission is free

October 10
 Enhancing Health: Free Friday
 Noon Hour Workshop
*Leisure and Health: Visualize the
 Connection*
 12-1pm, Room C1025
 David Lam Campus

Changes afoot on Douglas College Board



Douglas College Board 2007-2008: front, left to right, Bruce Clarke, Alysia MacGrotty, Andrew Taylor (Chair), Mary Hemmingsen (Vice Chair), Cathie Gibson and Susan Witter; back, left to right, Graeme Bowbrick, Ann Kitching (Vice Chair), Paul Wates, Susan Meshwork, Neal Steinman and Christian Codrington. Missing: Michael Russell

There are a couple of new faces at the table of the Douglas College Board for 2008-2009. Peter Kendrick, who was appointed to the Board, attended his first meeting on Aug 21.

A retired CIBC vice president of commercial credit, Kendrick has served as a director and treasurer, and is currently a special advisor with the Canadian Club of Vancouver. He has also served as a member and governance committee chair with the Simon Fraser Health Region and as treasurer and financial committee chair for Science World. Kendrick was a member of the Risk Management Association and founded its Vancouver Chapter. He holds an MBA from Dalhousie University.

Matthew Steinbach also joins the Board this month, as an elected student member.

Meanwhile, the Board bids farewell to Neal Steinman, who concluded six-and-a-half years' service on the Board on July 31.

Margaret Trudeau to speak at Douglas



Margaret Trudeau is speaking at an event hosted by Douglas College in support of National Depression, Anxiety, Screening and Education Day. Free depression screening will also be offered

by volunteer health care professionals. It all takes place on Thursday, October 9, at the David Lam Campus.

The goal of the high-profile event is to help people recognize the signs and symptoms of depression and de-stigmatize mental illness. Support, treatment options and the hope of recovery are emphasized, says organizer Gerry Gramozis, a Psychology lab technician.

The event has been held since 2000, with hundreds of people seeking help.

Reservations for seats for

Trudeau's keynote address titled, "Mental Illness Recovery – Life, Balance and Happiness," were snapped up in just two weeks.

Trudeau became the youngest wife of a Prime Minister in Canadian history when she married Pierre Trudeau at 22. For all her adult life, she has suffered from a bipolar condition. She now advocates on mental health issues.

Free depression screening is being held before Trudeau's speech, from 10am-12:30 pm in the Atrium. Information booths from a variety of

mental health agencies and community support groups will also be there from 10am-3 pm.

The College is hosting the event in partnership with the Simon Fraser Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association, the BC Schizophrenia Society, the Mood Disorders Association of BC, the Tri-Cities Ministry of Children and Family Development, the SFU Counseling Department and Fraser Health.

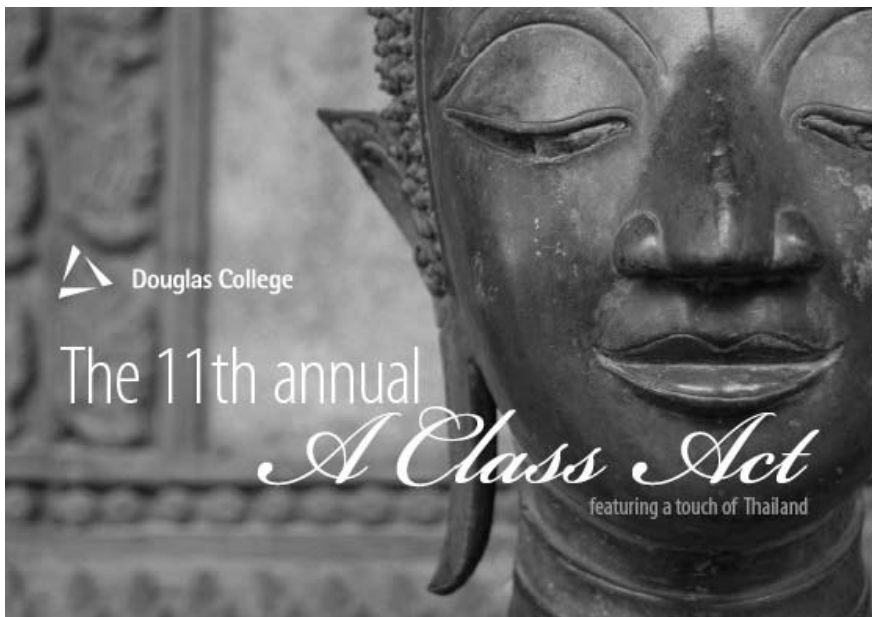
There will also be a special evening presentation held

at the SFU Surrey Campus Theatre.

Information booths are open from 6-7pm. Trudeau and Dr. Trevor Young will speak from 7-9pm.

Admission to the evening presentation is \$10, with tickets available through the Mood Disorders Association of BC. For more information about the evening presentation, contact media@mdabc.net or 604-873-0103.

A Class Act goes to Thailand



This year's annual Douglas College Foundation fundraiser focuses on Thailand. Enjoy wine and beer as well as chocolate sampling along with entertainment and decorations evocative of Thailand. It's set for Friday, October 24 from 7-9:30 pm at the David Lam Campus. Buy your tickets now as organizers are expecting the event will sell out. Money raised goes to student aid.

You can raise money for student bursaries in your area by selling tickets – \$65 each (with a \$25 tax return after the event) – or by donating auction items. For information, call the Foundation at 604-777-6176.

Don't forget donating to Douglas College is just a click away. The Foundation is pleased to offer the option of donating online to any of our bursary, award or scholarship funds. Simply go to the Foundation homepage, click on Canadahelps.org and make your donation.

All donations from employees are matched by the College whether they are made online, by cheque, credit card or through payroll deduction.

Rainy days, sunny spirits



Soggy weather couldn't dampen the spirits of Douglas College President Susan Witter who hosted annual barbecues at both David Lam and New Westminster campuses on August 26 and 28 respectively. Employees, faculty, administrators and board members celebrated over burgers, hotdogs, chips and ice-cream to tunes supplied by classical guitarist and former Douglas student Tyler Belding.

Employee Relations News

Effective September 1, ER is offering one-stop-shopping service to employees and departments. Questions regarding faculty and staffing levels or other issues should be directed to the appropriate ER Advisor:

Wendy Davies
Local 5340
(New West Campus)
Local 6325
(David Lam Campus)
Humanities and Social Sciences
The Training Group
Facilities Services, including Purchasing
Centre for Educational and Information Technology
Registrar's Office
All Staff Education/Training requests/enquiries

Cassandra Mak
Local 5774
Child, Family and Community Services
Commerce and Business
Student Development
Finance/Payroll
All Student Assistants

Kris Rennem
Local 5339
Administration
President's Office
Employee Relations
Foundation
Office for New Students
Douglas Development
All Faculty FTE service enquiries

Tania Dong
Local 5340
(New West Campus)
Local 6325
(David Lam Campus)
Health Sciences
Science and Technology
Communications and Marketing Office

Marie Gonzales
Local 5667
Language, Literature and Performing Arts
Centre for Sport, Recreation, Wellness
Learning Resources
International Education
All Auxiliary on-call assignment requests

David Lam Campus Hours
Employee Relations (ER) resumes four-days per week service – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – at the David Lam Campus on Tuesday, September 2. You'll find Tania Dong and Wendy Davies in Room A3175, local 6325.

Occupational Health and Safety news

Welcome to the Fall semester! Douglas is committed to providing a healthy and safe working and learning environment. Understanding your related responsibilities and complying with all regulations and College safety policies helps ensure this.

Remember to consider safety first in all your activities. Check out the Occupational Health and Safety webpage for information on your responsibilities and much more:

douglascollege.ca/services/facilities/healthsafety.html

CONTEST: the 1st and 25th persons to e-mail mckinleys@douglas.bc.ca with the answer to the following question in the subject line will win a prize:

What is the phone number for emergencies, first aid and fire?

Briefly

Register for Fall classes at the Community Music School. Courses include Music Theory & History, Suzuki Violin & Piano, Guitar Basics, Singing I & II, Class Piano, Private Lessons, Audio Engineering and more. Contact 604-527-5469, commusic@douglas.bc.ca or visit douglascollege.ca/cms.

Soccer fans take note – Saturday, September 13 is Douglas College Alumni Night at the Vancouver Whitecaps. The Whitecaps will be playing Montreal Impact starting at 7pm at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby. Mention you are with Douglas College and \$1 for each ticket sold will go to the Douglas College Alumni Bursary. Silver tickets cost \$14 each and can be ordered by contacting Terra Davenport at 778-330-1362 or tdavenport@whitecapsfc.com. Douglas alumni, employees and families are invited.

Have old eyeglasses kicking around? Donate to one of two programs. Help the Third World Eye Care Society by donating single vision glasses to **Wendy Russo** at the David Lam Vision Centre. Or help the Lions Recycle for Sight Campaign by dropping off any other used prescription eyeglasses and prescription and non-prescription sunglasses to **Kathy Potter**, Employee Relations (4011 New Westminster Campus) on behalf of the Barnet Lions. The collected glasses will be cleaned and prepared for distribution in developing countries. Contact potterk@douglas.bc.ca for more info.

Let your students know the CAVE Employment Resource Centre is presenting a two-day hiring fair on Sep 16 and 17 at the Firefighters Club in Burnaby. Employers will be accepting resumes for current and future employment opportunities, as well as highlighting career opportunities within their organizations. The CAVE is

a service provided by The Training Group at Douglas and is a federally funded Service Canada project. See details at www.cave-employment.com.

Planning a Fall weekend get away? Why not consider **Julie Roper's** oceanfront guest suite on Pender Island. Visit morningmoon.ca for details. You may be able to arrange for pick-up at the boat and avoid the high ferry cost.

Event, the Douglas College Review, is delighted to announce that "Whale Stories" by Vancouver writer Théodora Armstrong has won the 2008 Western Magazine Award for Fiction. The short story, which appeared in *Event 36/2*, is also nominated for the 2008 Journey Prize and will appear in the *Journey Prize Anthology* (McClelland & Stewart) this Fall.

Performing and Fine Arts instructor **Christine Dewar**

was one of five academics asked to choose their "Top 10 Canadian novels" for the Canada Day edition of *The Globe and Mail*.

Anthropology and Sociology Chair **Marni Westerman** presented a paper entitled *Putting on 'Band-Aids': The Contradictory Roles and Small Wins of Tempered Campus Radicals* at the American Sociological Association Meetings in Boston, MA.

Philosophy and Humanities instructor **Leonard Angel** has a fictional dialogue with the late Ian Stevenson, prime empirical researcher into reincarnation, published in UK's *Skeptic* magazine, Spring 2008. It's titled, "Reincarnation Overview."

In the Health Care Support Worker (HCSW) Department, **Dianne Maxwell** is now the program coordinator. She replaces **Fariyal Dhirani**, who is retiring. Meanwhile, Maxwell, along with HSCW

instructors **Diane Batty** and **Tanvir Uppal**, recently completed their Master's in Education.

In Health Sciences, **Fran Barlow** moves to Departmental Assistant II replacing **Sapna Singh** who has moved to the position of Clinical Placement Assistant.

The Registrar's Office congratulates **Annette Kahlon** who married Jamie Bailey-Smith on July 19, 2008. **Delinah Marples** moves from Senior Information Assistant to Supervisor of Information Services. She is replaced by **Gillian Cowan**, who moves from Admissions.

Two new auxiliary web designers join the Communications and Marketing Office (CMO): **Katie Johnson** and **Gerry Mayer**. **Leah Poulton** also joins CMO as an auxiliary writer.