

### **Program Development and Implementation Funding Envelope**

Approximately 20 Letters of Intent were received in the first call of the new Program Development and Implementation Funding Envelope. Proposals are in the process of being reviewed by Senior Management Team to determine which ones will advance to the next step in the process. The Program Development and Implementation Funding Envelope was created to support the development of new credit programs and the expansion of existing programs to facilitate planned growth over the next 3-5 years as outlined in the College's Strategic Plan.

### **Awards Ceremonies Highlight Students**

Douglas College Foundation hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Awards Tea and the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Awards Luncheon at the New Westminster Campus on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. More than 100 individual and corporate donors attended the events where they had the opportunity to meet the students receiving their bursaries, awards and scholarships. Three students shared their stories with the donors and spoke of what receiving an award meant to them. While the cheque is needed to cover tuition, books, food and rent, the student spoke of the hope, inspiration and renewed energy that are the intangibles that accompany awards.

The ceremonies have become so popular that they have outgrown the Douglas Room and the one-on-one format, so next year's ceremonies will look different – but the message of gratitude and renewed hope for dreams fulfilled will remain the same.

### **Athletic Awards**

On Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> the Centre for Campus Life and Athletics celebrated many outstanding achievements and equally outstanding people at the annual **Athletic Awards Banquet**. Major awards included: **Male Athlete of the Year**- Reynold Stewart (Soccer), **Female Athlete of the Year**- Ruilin Huang (Badminton), **Highest Team GPA**- Women's Basketball, **Highest Course Completion Average**- Softball (100%), **Highest Individual GPA Female**- Stephanie Ko (Badminton) and **Highest Individual GPA Male**- Brendan Patterson (Volleyball). Also celebrated was the graduation of Stephanie Ko and Melody Liang with **Career Excellence Awards**. During their time at Douglas, Stephanie won four National Titles in Women's Doubles Badminton with a record of 75-0 in league play, and Melody won five National titles in the same discipline (CCAA National Record) with a record of 95-0 in League play. Congratulations to all athletes, coaches, staff and volunteers on another great season!

In addition, Douglas College received the **2010 Outstanding Community Support Award** from the British Columbia Wheelchair Basketball Society. Long time Sport Science instructor and Canadian Olympic Coach Tim Frick started the program almost 20 years ago, which has grown to recreational, city, provincial and national teams.

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### **Faculty and Students Receive International Awards**

This year faculty received funds to build new international practicum, curriculum, field schools and joint programs. With funds from the "International Support Fund for Faculty", Kathleen Price and Alejandra Sanchez will continue building Early Childhood Education practicum and curriculum with institutions in Wales, Sweden, Spain, and Italy. Bob Shebib will expand the successful Uganda practicum, while Christine Dewar (along with Susan Smythe and Calvin Wharton) will provide new field school opportunities for students in Scotland. As a result of the 2010 visit of 20 presidents from Chinese colleges, Tony Viani received funds to create a joint program in Dispensing Optician with one of the visiting institutions. This year a record number of domestic students received awards to study abroad. Receiving \$1,000 each based on their academic excellence are Jasmine Gillan (Pacific Horizons Scholarship), and Cole Kannegiesser, Caitlin Gray and Catherine Lok Yan Wong (Stewart Graham Memorial Award). Thirty-nine domestic students received the \$500 International Studies Award to support their participation in practicum, field schools and work/study. Fifteen international students also received awards for scholastic achievement including five recipients of \$1,000 and ten recipients of \$500.

### **Interactive Video Wins Silver**

Student and Enrollment Services at Douglas College has won a Silver Medal in a marketing awards competition for their interactive video that gives students a tour of our campuses and services. The award was given to Ted James, Director of Student and Enrollment Services by the USA's National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) in its Paragon Awards "Online Services" category. This year more than 80 judges from around the U.S. reviewed over 1,850 entries in the annual competition, which recognizes excellence in communications exclusively among two-year colleges. The video brochure provides viewer participation using innovative technology created by HuStream, a company based in Kelowna. The host of the video is Sarah Canero, a first year theatre student at Douglas. Congratulations to Sarah and Ted, along with all the employees who participated as service informants in the video: Marie Anweiler, Chris Davies, Debra Flewelling, Eric Glanville, Lianne Johnston, Steve Norris, Tim Paul, Daniela Pacheva, Melanie Sawyer, Erin Seedhouse, and Sandi Strate.

### **Scholarly Recognition**

Congratulations to Gail Edwards, Chair of the History Department, on being named one of the finalists for the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences Book Prize for best book in the Humanities in English. Gail's book, *Picturing Canada: A History of Canadian Children's Illustrated Books and Publishing*, was co-written with Judith Saltman of the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies at UBC. Only five authors made the final round of deliberations for this prestigious prize. Being chosen for the 2011 shortlist from so many contenders is a significant accomplishment and well-deserved recognition for Gail's scholarly work. Well done, Gail!

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### **Imagine Douglas**

Last week Marketing & Communications (MCO), in support of the Douglas College Identity Committee, launched [Imagine Douglas](#) - an online forum to explore the College identity. The forum expands on feedback already obtained through a series of in-person focus groups with students and employees conducted over the past six weeks. I encourage everyone to visit *Imagine Douglas* and read some of the inspiring stories and comments posted there. You can also add your own comments or provide feedback through Facebook, Twitter or by email. This is an opportunity to help shape the way Douglas is presented to the world, so do take advantage of it!

### **Breastfeeding Course for Health Care Providers receives AARC Approval**

After an extensive documentation and application process, the Douglas College Breastfeeding Course for Health Care Providers has received accreditation from the Accreditation and Approval Review Committee on Education in Human Lactation and Breastfeeding (AARC). The professional body for Lactation Consultants recommends that exam candidates complete an AARC approved course, and the Douglas College course is one of only two accredited courses in Canada. The primary mission of AARC is to ensure that educational programs meet the minimum standards of quality to prepare individuals to enter the lactation consultant profession. This distinction provides a reliable indicator of educational quality to educators, employers, government officials, and the public.

### **A Thailand/Canada HORM Experience**

Recently nine students from Thailand arrived at Douglas College on their way to a practicum at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. This is part of a long-running exchange between Douglas College and Rajabhat Universities in Bangkok, Chiang Mai and Petchaburi. For three months starting in May, six Hotel and Restaurant Management (HORM) students from Douglas College will work in hotels in Thailand at quality resorts such as the Dusit Resort in Petchaburi (Hua Nin).

### **Annual Retirement Seminar**

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the College Pension Plan delivered their annual Retirement Seminar to an audience of 40 employees. The seminar is designed for Plan members within five years of retirement and deals with topics such as understanding your benefit statement, choosing pension options, determining retirement income, and how to use the tools and resources on the plan website. For members of the Municipal Pension Plan (MPP), information on that plan's Retirement Seminar can be found at [mpp.pensionsbc.ca](http://mpp.pensionsbc.ca) or by calling Employee Relations.