



Excellence and innovation celebrated

Douglas College showcased its latest initiatives at the third annual Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Scholarly Activity and Program Innovation.

More than 100 people attended the May 15 event, including employees, students, Board members and the public. They got an up close and personal look at everything from podcasting initiatives to new technologies for deaf people.

“This event provides an opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate our mutual efforts to engage students in a dynamic learning environment

and recognize those involved in the development of new Douglas College credential programs,” says Vice President Education Jan Lindsay.

A wide range of exciting educational activities including many scholarly activity projects by faculty and staff were shown. Visitors learned about the latest research on mammoths in the Vancouver area, discovered what Opening Classroom Doors is all about and heard about unique student opportunities such as the newly developed China Field School Program.

Seven teams were presented with Program Innovation Awards recognizing their leading-edge program development work.

“I want to extend a sincere thank you to all the exhibitors and organizers for making this year’s event the best yet. I encourage everyone to keep this event in mind as they engage in student learning activities over the next year, and plan to showcase some of these activities at the 2009 celebration at our David Lam Campus,” says Lindsay.



(l-r): Lab tech Rhonda Benke, Science and Technology Dean Sandy Vanderburgh, Animal Health Technology (AHT) Chair Diane Boyle, Manager Facilities Services Louie Giroto and AHT Instructor Pauline Chow received the Program Innovation Award for developing the AHT Diploma Program.



(l-r): Associate Child Family and Community Studies (CFCS) Dean Gary Tennant, Classroom and Community Support (CSS) Coordinator Wendy Parry, CFCS Dean Jan Carrie and Behavioral Interventionist/CCS Coordinator Lori Woods received a Program Innovation Award for developing the Advanced Citation in Disability and Applied Behaviour Analysis.



(l-r): Student Development Dean Ted James, and English as a Second Language (EASL) Instructors Carol St. Jean, Tom Whalley and Jonathan Baylis received a Program Innovation Award for developing a Citation in Teaching English as a Second Language.



(l-r): Theatre Coordinator Allan Lysell and Language, Literature and Performing Arts (LLPA) Assistant Virginia Towers received a Program Innovation Award for developing the Bachelor of Performing Arts.

College Board Approves 2008/09 budget

The Douglas College Board approved this year’s budget at a special meeting held May 29.

Following input from College employees and delegations from community groups, the College Board decided to maintain funding in the 2008/09 year for the Customer Service and Cashier Training Program and the Transitions Pilot Project.

Both programs are for students with disabilities and had been considered for cancellation as the College grappled with a \$2.3-million funding deficit. The Transitions program helps

high school students bridge into College programs and job opportunities.

The Board room was full on May 15 as a number of students, parents and representatives of community organizations spoke of their experiences and encouraged the College Board to keep the two programs.

Following the delegations, the Board instructed the College to use emergency funds to pay for these programs in the coming year.

“The proposed reductions were not something we

wanted to do and we are pleased that the Board has provided us with the means to continue these programs while we look for other sources of funding as well as efficiencies across the College,” Vice President, Education Jan Lindsay said.

Douglas College, along with most advanced education institutions in BC, has attempted to deal with the funding shortfall by reducing programs with low demand and low enrollment.

“Although the two programs were under-enrolled, the Board feels that these

programs serve a vulnerable population and are essential to the community,” Lindsay said. “Douglas has a longstanding reputation for providing programs and services for students with disabilities.”

In various public meetings Board Chair Andrew Taylor and President Susan Witter commented on the difficult decisions required to balance the budget this year.

“This has been an extremely trying time for many of us,” said President Susan Witter. “We have worked very hard to minimize the impact of the budget shortfall. I appreciate

the suggestions, comments and moral support we received from employees, students and community members.”

As outlined in the Budget Update emailed to employees on April 9, a number of program and service areas will have budgets reduced to deal with the funding shortfall. At the same time, the College will continue with the commitment to funding the second year of the programs started in the fall of 2007.

The operating budget to run all College programs and services for 2008/09 is \$82,494,000.



Career Builders Plus gets a million-dollar boost

MP James Moore came to the David Lam Campus May 20 to announce more than \$1 million in federal funding for the College's Career Builder Plus Program. The program offers career assistance to participants in the Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Tri-City areas. The \$1,004,453 boost comes courtesy of Service Canada's Employment Assistance Services

Program. The MP for Port Moody-Westwood-Port Coquitlam, second from right, with, from left, The Training Group (TTG) Director, Bob McConkey, TTG Career Consultant Aya Johns, TTG Program Manager Valerie Lockyer and VP Finance and Administration Karen Maynes.

Criminology Coordinator and students take a bite out of Big Apple

Criminology Coordinator Heidi Currie anticipates she'll be learning as much as her students during a week-long trip to New York City.

Currie is leading 25 Criminology students from her Comparative Criminal Justice Systems on a trip from June 7-13 to observe New York's community courts in action, before Vancouver's first community courts open this summer in Downtown Vancouver.

"These students will be the first observers from the College of this kind of innovative practice," says Currie.

Students will hone their field observation methods by seeing cases move through the system, along with the approach and attitudes of key players. On their return they will write a research paper based on the trip.

Community courts sentence low-level offenders to pay back the neighbourhood through community service, while offering to help them with problems that are often at the root of criminal behaviour.

Currie and her students will visit the community courts in Midtown and Red Hook. Midtown Community Court, which opened in 1993, was the first community court in the US. It handles offences such as prostitution, graffiti, shoplifting and vandalism.

"There are similar social problems in Vancouver and New York such as property crime, drugs and lack of support," says Currie.

This is the first time in several years that Douglas Criminology students will be taking a field study trip and their first-ever trip to New York City. Currie decided the time to resurrect the trip



Criminology Coordinator Heidi Currie and her band of merry students are making their way to New York City to study an established community court system in action.

was right after speaking with friend Stephenie Lewis, a BC Corrections Officer who had recently returned from a similar trip with provincial courts employees. Lewis will

be accompanying Currie and her students on a volunteer basis to share her perspective.

"If I could have every criminology student engage

in one field study course, that would be great," says Currie.

National Aboriginal Day celebrations about leadership and community

When Priscilla Bartleman thinks of what defines National Aboriginal Day, it all comes down to leadership. And leadership is what made alumni Suzette Amaya the perfect choice to speak at this year's National Aboriginal Day celebrations at Douglas College.

"Last year Suzette was awarded a leadership role with the National Aboriginal Health Organization and she has a high profile in the community. She'll be talking about leadership – and that's what National Aboriginal Day is all about," says Bartleman.

National Aboriginal Day celebrations take place at the David Lam Campus on June 18 and at the New Westminster Campus on June 19. Employees, students and the public are all welcome to take part.

Amaya will be speak both days. The Criminology Diploma and Associate of Arts Degree graduate is a support worker with several local community organizations, photographer and radio show

host and producer. She also puts together a yearly calendar featuring Aboriginal role models in BC.

For her part, Amaya is humble about her role in the Aboriginal community.

"Once we break stereotypes you will find a lot more leaders out there. I am just the messenger," says Amaya.

Her speech will be followed by free public workshops about everything from health to culture to two-spiritedness. There will also be a film festival and craft stations where participants can try their hand at beading and sewing.

The celebrations will be inclusive and not solely focused on West Coast First Nations, Bartleman promises. Gift bags will include cards decorated with Inuit art, courtesy of her fellow organizer, student Angela Ikuallaq. Ikuallaq's aunt donated the cards for the event. One of the feature films will be renowned Inuit film, *The Fast Runner*.



From left, Aboriginal Student Services volunteers Angela Ikuallaq and Priscilla Bartleman are looking forward to sharing their culture on National Aboriginal Day.

The New Westminster Campus celebration will close with dinner, also open to the public. The traditional menu will feature bannock, stew and blackberry pie.

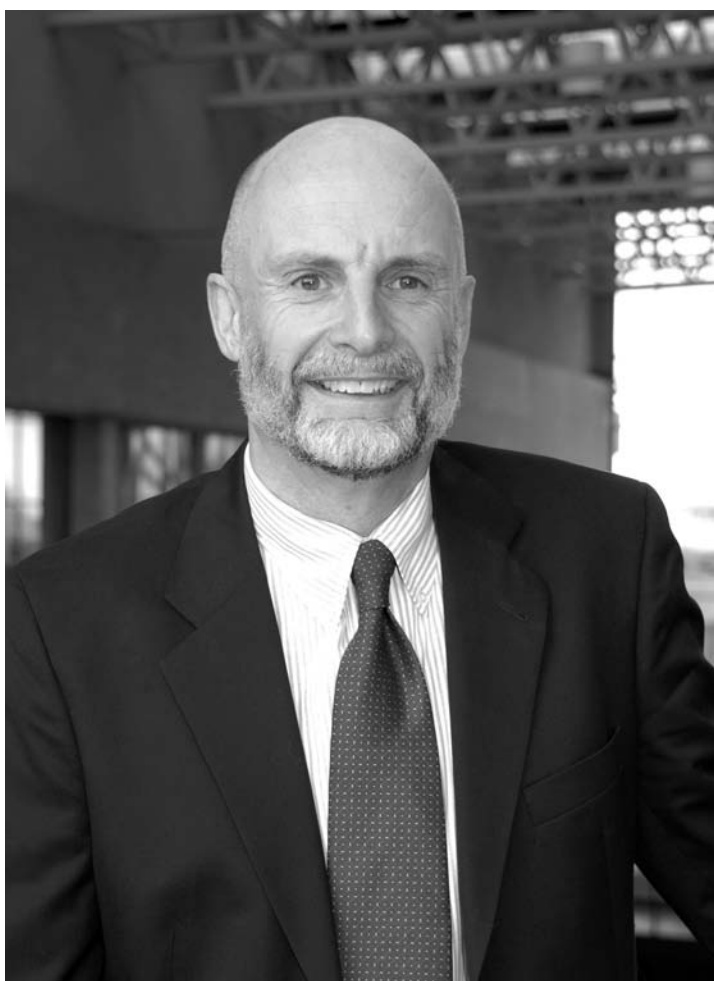
"It is a beautiful day. Any time to openly celebrate my culture and share our stories

of the journeys Aboriginal peoples have taken is a day to celebrate. It means the shedding of ignorance and embracing reality," says Amaya.

"The community can see that Douglas College wants the

Aboriginal community to be involved," adds Bartleman.

"Non-Aboriginal people will walk away with a better understanding of Aboriginal people and their culture. And Aboriginal people will have a day full of joy and walk away feeling proud."



New Commerce and Business Administration Dean Robert Buller says it's time to act fast.

Douglas College welcomes new dean

New Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration Dean Robert Buller is a man on a mission. Keeping Douglas College competitive means responding to community needs and doing so pronto, says Buller.

"Organizations that are successful have to listen and act," says Buller, who took the reins on June 1.

"We have to be nimble as well as responsive. I'll be pushing to speed things up while being complete in the process," says Buller.

Already, he is impressed with an Administration he credits with thinking beyond the status quo. Buller is looking forward to building on the success of the Faculty, which introduced its Bachelor of Business Administration Degree and Associate of Arts Degree in Economics in 2007.

Buller comes to Douglas College from Kwantlen's School of Business, where he was a professor and chair of Marketing for six years. He has also served on faculty at Queen's and as a project advisor with its Executive MBA Program.

"At Queen's, from start to finish, new academic programs had to be developed in under one

year. There's no reason Douglas can't do the same. Just because you're 35 years old doesn't mean you can't be nimble," says Buller.

At Kwantlen, Buller helped build new degree programs from its base of diploma programs. Establishing and maintaining excellent relationships with the business community is crucial in ensuring both diploma and degree programs are meeting employment needs and attracting good students, says Buller.

He is keen to continue this tradition at Douglas, where community ties are a big part of what draws students to the College.

Before leaving Kwantlen, Buller was working on resurrecting business advisory groups so students could build friendships with established professionals. Even without the advisory groups, his diploma students worked on projects with well-known companies such as Alaska Airlines.

"If you do it right, it's a win-win situation," says Buller.

Buller replaces Rosilyn Coulson, who was dean for five years.

Events Calendar

June 7

The Community Music School presents *Student Recital*, 2pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre, New Westminster Campus, Admission: Free Info: 604-527-5469

June 8

The Community Music School presents *Solo Suzuki Recital* 2pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre, New Westminster Campus, Admission: Free Info: 604-527-5469

June 15

The Community Music School presents *Group Suzuki Recital* 2pm, Laura C. Muir Performing Arts Theatre, New Westminster Campus, Admission: Free Info: 604-527-5469

June 18-19

National Aboriginal Day
June 18: David Lam Campus
June 19: New Westminster Campus, Info: aboriginal_sa@mail.com

Quebec students prepare for summer jobs in BC

French Exchange students are bringing their unique culture to Douglas College and local employers.

Twenty-two students from la Belle Province are here at Douglas taking part in the Languages at Work Program. They immerse themselves in the English language and culture while working in British Columbia.

Employers who have hired students through the program in the past say having a French-speaking employee improves customer service, particularly for businesses attracting tourists in the busy summer season.

“One employer who has taken part in the program said it was great having someone with new, fresh ideas on staff. He said his business has grown because of that,” says Languages at Work Project Officer Alexis Carr.

This year’s students have varied backgrounds, ranging from the leisure and tourism



En garde! Quebec exchange students are prepared to duel for work this summer. From left, Jerome Roy, Maude Lareau, Etienne Simard, Isabelle Vallee, Catherine Cournoyer, Julie Richard, Abraham Tomddji and Mia Jordan.

industry to medical school. One, who has post-graduate studies under his belt, has worked with the United Nations.

Students taking part in the program say their major motivation is building their English skills, while living on their own in a completely

different culture.

“Students have told me you can find work in Quebec just speaking French, but opportunities open enormously if you do speak English,” says Carr.

Gil Cheung named Men’s Basketball Coach at Douglas College

Douglas College is pleased to announce that former Richmond Colt standout Gil Cheung has been named Mens Basketball Coach at Douglas College.

Cheung takes over for Jamie Oei, who, after winning the CCAA National Championship, has moved on to the University of Idaho mens basketball program, where he will be graduate assistant coach for the 2008-09 season.

Cheung comes to Douglas College with an impressive playing and coaching resume. He won a BC High School Championship with Bill Disbrow and the Richmond Colts in 1998, before moving on to Langara College and helping lead them to the 1999 CCAA National Title. Selected Team Captain at Brandon University, he helped the Bobcats to four Conference Championships and two silver medals at the CIS National Championships from 2000-2004. He comes to Douglas College after being the assistant coach at Simon Fraser University the past two seasons. Cheung is also the Head Coach of the Basketball BC Under 15 Team, after being the Head Coach of the BC Under 16 team last season.

“Gil Cheung is one of the top up-and-coming coaches in British Columbia” said David Munro, Sports Institute. “He has a great deal of respect across the province and is known for this hard work and dedication. We feel that he has a tremendous future ahead of him.”

“I am honored to be named Head Coach at Douglas College” said Cheung. “They have a tremendous reputation for athletics across the Province and I am looking forward to building upon their past successes.

Briefly

Looking for a convenient, reliable option to keep your kids entertained this summer? The **Centre for Sport, Recreation and Wellness** at Douglas College offers a variety of sports and computer camps in both New Westminster and Coquitlam. For information, pick up a brochure on campus, call the summer camps hotline at 604-527-5680 or visit douglas.bc.ca/csrw/youthcamps.

The **Community Music School** is offering 10 percent off registration fees for children of staff and faculty on Summer Camps for Kids in July and August. Programs include Beginner Guitar Workshop, Digital Audio and Video, Musical Theatre, Performing Techniques for Young Singers and Summer Jazz Intensive. For more information contact 604-527-5469 or commusic@

douglascollege.ca, or visit douglascollege.ca/ce/cms.

The Dispensing Optician Department reminds all College employees that the Vision Centre at David Lam Campus is open all summer. Stop by to see what the competitors don’t have – better prices, better service and a better selection of eyeglasses, sunglasses and contact lenses. Direct billing to your extended health plan is available. The Vision Centre is open 9:30am-5pm weekdays. For more information call 604-777-6108.

The Faculty of Language, Literature and Performing Arts congratulates Music Instructor and Choir Director **Eric Hannan**. As artistic director of the Vancouver Cantata Singers, Hannan wielded his baton as the choir won top honours in Choral 2008, the CBC National Radio-Canada biennial

competition for amateur choirs. The choir placed first in the national competition just days after its 50th Anniversary Gala.

Event, the Douglas College Review, is delighted to announce that “Pashtu, for Bird and Other Words that Hurt” by Kanina Dawson has been short-listed for a National Magazine Award in Personal Journalism. The piece was a winner of *Event’s* Creative Non-Fiction Contest #20 in 2007. Dawson’s story is vying for the top prize with stories from *Chatelaine*, *The Walrus* and *Toronto Life*. *Event* is also pleased to announce that the short story “Whale Stories” by Vancouver writer Theodora Armstrong has been short-listed for the Journey Prize and will be published in *The Journey Prize Anthology #20*.

Criminology Instructor **Colin Campbell** travelled eastward

recently to present his paper *Amending and Privatizing the Gambling Sections of the Canadian Criminal Code* at the annual Canadian Gaming Summit held in Montreal on May 1. Campbell also served as the External Examiner of a PhD defense in Sociology on May 9 at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Creative Writing Instructor **Andrea MacPherson’s** second poetry collection, *Away* (Signature Editions), was published this spring. A book tour to Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal followed, where she was a presenter and panelist at the Blue Metropolis Literary Festival.

David Lam Campus Academic Advisor **Anne Dijk** attended the British Columbia Academic Advising Association annual conference in Prince George. The Honorable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education and

MLA for Prince George-Mount Robson was the keynote speaker. Her keynote address opened a dialogue between BC academic advisors and the Ministry of Education. Dijk was president of the association for the past two years and will continue as past president.

Kathie Lindstrom and **Patricia O’Hagen** from the Health Sciences Continuing Education Department are delighted to announce the addition of **Lezelle Mignot** to their team. She joins **Judy Larson** and **Maria Morse** as Program Assistant.

The Communications and Marketing Office (CMO) welcomes **Al Hyland** who is CMO’s new Advertising and Marketing Coordinator. Hyland replaces **Christine Munro**, who along with **Tracey Denofreo** recently assumed the roles of Senior Marketing Officers.