

## Education Fair highlights College programs, services and new Health Sciences Centre



From left: College President Susan Witter, Premier Gordon Campbell, College Board Chair Andrew Taylor, MLA Iain Black and Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell unveil the shiny, new Health Sciences Centre plaque.

Douglas College feted its new Health Sciences Centre at the David Lam Campus May 1 with pomp, circumstance, gadgets and gizmos galore.

Premier Gordon Campbell officially opened the new Centre, saying that “thanks to the sophisticated technologies and excellent instruction, students can hone their clinical skills in the lab and be fully prepared to take their place on health-care teams around the province.”

Health Sciences faculty and students showcased the new technology for the Premier and guests with a simulation using I-Stan, a hi-fidelity mannequin that can talk, breathe, bleed and simulate many health conditions.

The opening was followed by the Education Fair, with more than 60 programs and services taking part.



Animal Health Technology student Niki Sauve weighs tiny Maya in the AHT lab.



Pied Piper Terry Leonard, aka Director of Facilities Services, leads the procession to the Health Sciences Centre plaque unveiling and reception.



Health Sciences students care for I-Stan in the Atrium of the Health Sciences Centre.



From left: Health Care Support Worker students Chopo Garupira and Hyung Oh care for baby Kevin in a hospital setting.

# Events Calendar

**May 5-6**  
Health and Safety Week booth,  
May 5, Concourse, New  
Westminster Campus.

**May 6**  
Health and Safety Week booth,  
Atrium, David Lam Campus

**May 8-9**  
Conversations on Community  
Based Research Symposium,  
David Lam Campus.  
Info: Tom Whalley, 604-527-5818

**May 11**  
The Douglas College Choral  
Society presents, *A German  
Requiem* by Johannes Brahms  
2pm, Massey Theatre, 723 Eighth  
Ave., New Westminster. Tickets  
and info: 604-527-5469

## Douglas instructor connects Deaf and hearing communities



*Sign Language instructor Nigel Howard is the only deaf instructor in Canada teaching courses on topics other than interpreting, sign language and deaf culture.*

For Nigel Howard, working at Douglas College is all about building bridges between the Deaf and hearing communities.

“I am the only Deaf instructor nationally who teaches courses on topics other than interpreter, sign language and Deaf culture,” says Howard.

In addition to teaching for the Program of Sign Language Interpretation (INTR), Howard instructs classes on personal and professional development, wellness and community in other programs in the Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies (CFCS). While students are required to only

use American Sign Language in INTR classes, Howard lectures with an interpreter in his other courses.

“There’s a pretty progressive attitude here at Douglas College,” says Howard.

Howard, who has taught at the College for about 12 years,

enjoys elements of both INTR and other courses.

“I get to see both cultures and languages working in this setting. The variety helps me become flexible. You need to be skilled in both cultures and languages to move between them,” says Howard.

INTR is “my contribution to the students and to the community. I give to them and they give back to the Deaf community,” he says.

The strong relationship between Douglas College and the Deaf community is a unique aspect of INTR, says Howard. During a screening weekend where instructors assess potential students for the coming year, members of the Deaf community and professional interpreters help screen applicants. These close ties give the community “some ownership of, and partnership in, the program,” says Howard.

Teaching courses in other CFCS programs allows Howard to have an impact on

students who may have never encountered a deaf person. As a result, a graduate working with a deaf youth in the social services system for instance may be better able to match that youth’s needs.

“It could create an opportunity to change the attitude of people in the field,” says Howard.

Howard speaks worldwide about professional interpreter development, Deaf culture and many other topics.

Indeed, he is an important connection to the Deaf community, says INTR Program Coordinator Cheryl Palmer.

“Nigel has a wealth of experience through his education, his experience as a deaf interpreter and his travel around the world. Having seen him at work in the classroom and giving seminars at various conferences, I can tell you he relishes the opportunity to share his knowledge with interpreters and the deaf community and is very good at what he does,”

## New scholarship honors memory of Criminology instructor’s son

Criminology Instructor Colin Campbell and his wife Judith Osborne have established a new scholarship in memory of their only child, Brodie, who died on April 24, 2007.

Brodie was 15 years old when he died suddenly from a rare, aggressive strain of bacterial meningitis called invasive meningococcal disease (IMD).

Valued at \$1,000, the Brodie Osborne-Campbell Memorial Scholarship will be awarded for the first time this summer to a second-year Douglas College Criminology student. Brodie was an honor-roll student at Dr. Charles Best Secondary School.

Brodie’s sense of humor, athleticism and sportsmanship are keenly recalled by his dad. “Brodie had major surgery on his knee at 12 years old. He had a cast for six weeks from his toes to his hip. He insisted on having a flamboyant, pink cast,” Campbell laughs. Brodie was well-known at school for sporting a t-shirt with the message “Tough Guys Wear Pink” on it and even persuaded his dad to buy him a pink lacrosse stick.

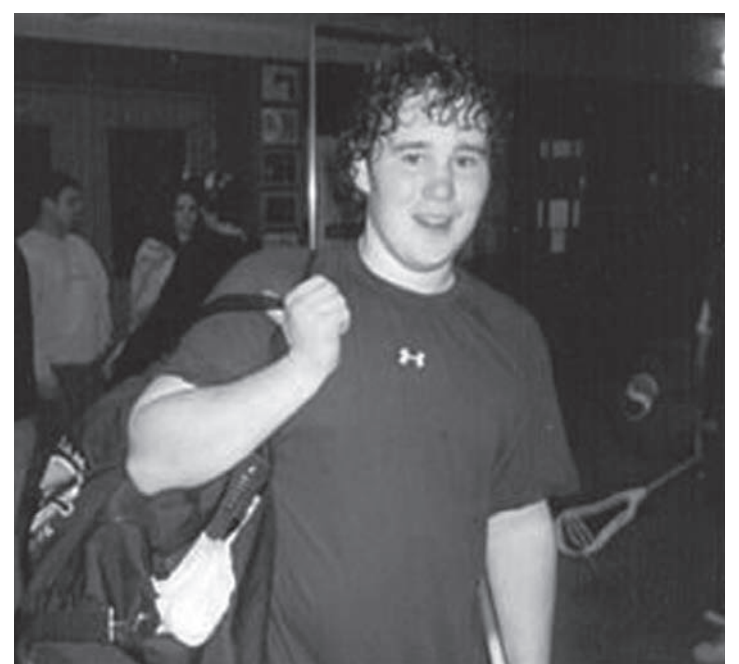
Lacrosse was Brodie’s favourite sport and he had taken up rugby shortly before his death. “He was a big boy playing a tough position. He certainly earned the respect of his teammates as a tough, clean player,” says Campbell.

The realization that his healthy, active son could succumb to meningitis “was stark and brutal” says Campbell. He hopes the scholarship will help raise awareness of IMD and the fact that only one strain of meningitis is included in British Columbia’s immunization programs.

“If there’s any good at all that could come of this it would be to spread the word of how vicious this disease is,” says Campbell.

IMD has multiple strains, groups A, B, C, Y and W-135, four of which have vaccines. There is no vaccine for the B strain. British Columbia immunization programs only protect against the C strain. Brodie, who was immunized, died of the Y strain. The maritime provinces fund vaccinations for all four meningitis strains.

Donations by faculty and staff to Douglas College scholarships are matched one-for-one by the College and are tax deductible. To contribute to the Brodie Osborne-Campbell Memorial Scholarship fund, please contact Douglas College Foundation Coordinator Sarah Lock at locks@douglas.bc.ca or 604-777-6176.



*Brodie Osborne-Campbell, pink lacrosse stick in hand, is remembered by dad Colin Campbell for his sense of humour, sportsmanship and athleticism.*

**May 14-15**

Association of BC Drama  
Educators Student Theatre Festival  
6:30pm, Laura C. Muir Theatre  
New Westminster Campus  
Admission: \$10  
Tickets and info: 604-527-5488

**May 15**

*Celebration of Teaching, Learning,  
Program Innovation and Scholarly  
Activity,*  
4-6:30pm, Upper Cafeteria  
New Westminster Campus

**May 15-June 27**

The Amelia Douglas Gallery  
presents *Works by Mona  
Goldman*. Opening Reception  
May 15, 4:30-7:30pm. Gallery  
times: 604-527-5723

## Building a winning team



*Under the leadership of Athletic Director Lou Rene Legge, Douglas College Royals teams and athletes made headlines during the 2007-08 season.*

The last game is over and next season looms ahead. But when she glances back at 2007-08, Douglas College Athletics Director Lou Rene Legge has to acknowledge – it was a very good year.

How good? The Royals finally captured the prestigious national men's basketball title. The powerhouse badminton team earned its third-consecutive Canadian championship. Seven individual athletes claimed major provincial and national awards.

Put it all together and the Royals finished number two

in the nation – just behind Mount Royal – for aggregate championship points in a field of 104 Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) institutions. Douglas College also earned its ninth aggregate title in the 14-team BCCAA (tying with Malaspina while competing with fewer teams).

“This accomplishment is particularly sweet because the universities and university-colleges have so much more money than we do to put into varsity teams. Competition for student athletes is very intense,” says Legge.

The blend of strong funding and team success is a winning formula in the demanding sport of athletic recruitment. Hoisting a championship banner in 2008 helps attract key players for 2009.

“The exposure that we received from the provincial media in the Sun, Province and Global TV really put our name out there. I get daily emails and phone calls from guys who want to come and play for Douglas.

“It rubs off on the other sports as well because they have heard about our success with men's basketball. All the coaches have to work to recruit as the best student-athletes are hot commodities for every institution with an athletic program and the competition is fierce.”

Douglas College's emergence as a centre of excellence in sport science and coaching also plays a role.

“Sport Science and the Bachelor of Physical Education and Coaching programs are integral to our success,” says Legge. “We can now keep students for four years whereas before we were getting them for two years and then they moved into university.”

Finally, it's a matter of having the right people in place. Legge credits the dedication of coaches and staff who work with students and offers special kudos to College instructors.

“Douglas College faculty have been tremendous with their support of athletics. They assist the students with competition by rescheduling everything from assignments to exams and understand when these students have trouble focusing on Monday morning after a long weekend away,” says Legge. “We would not have the success that we have had without the help of faculty.”

### Individual athletic highlights

**Alvin Lau** –  
Badminton – CCAA  
Male Athlete of the  
Year

**Lyndsay Thompson**  
– Badminton – Sport  
BC College Athlete of  
the Year

**Andrew Sturgeon**  
– BC Premier's Award  
for men's basketball

**Seveh Palani**  
– Wrestling – NCWA  
National Champion

**Billy McNutt**  
– basketball – BCCAA  
Athlete of the Year/  
CCAA All-Canadian

**Melody Liang**  
– badminton – CCAA  
All-Canadian

**Richard Liang**  
– badminton – CCAA  
All-Canadian

## Early Childhood Educators head to Uganda

For the first time, Douglas College's Early Childhood Education (ECE) Program is participating in the College's Uganda Project.

ECE Program Coordinator Lynda Phillips accompanied student Katie Kump to Masaka, Uganda, to learn how to improve ECE students' experience and learning.

“I'll be studying what student's need to know apart from what we teach them in order to do their practicum in Uganda,” says Phillips.

The Douglas College Uganda Project was initiated in 2006 by the Community Social Service Worker Program (CSSW). Since then CSSW students have been completing

10-week practicums there every spring.

Both ECE and CSSW are part of the Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies. The faculty has encouraged other programs to take part in the Uganda Project.

Phillips is hoping more ECE students will take part in the program next year. She says Kump, who had already planned to head to Zambia with a volunteer organization, was a perfect choice for the Uganda Project.

In Masaka, Kump is working in a school for children with physical and mental disabilities. She is also working on hospice wards and creating a play space for children with AIDS at a local hospital.

Though she is qualified to work with children up to six years old, she is hoping to work with children of all ages.

Phillips says the experience will help her students and the population at large to understand that the ECE field is much larger than practicing in local daycares and schools.

“People can have a myopic view of what early childhood education is. Looking at non-government organizations you can see how much is done in ECE and what can be done. We train for licensure but with a degree, it opens doors to other things,” says Phillips.

Follow the progress of this year's students in Uganda on the Uganda Project blog at [ugandaproject2008.blogspot.com](http://ugandaproject2008.blogspot.com).



*Katie Kump is the first ECE student to do a practicum in Uganda.*



*ECE Program Coordinator Lynda Phillips is learning how to support ECE students in Uganda.*

# Psychology lab tech takes top national award



Psychology lab technician Gerry Gramozis is the recipient of the 2007-2008 Association of Canadian Community Colleges Staff Excellence Award. He will be honoured at the annual ACCC conference in Prince George at the end of May.

“Gerry is considered dedicated and inspirational by students and faculty and is someone who never stops to consider the actual parameters of his formal job description,” said College President Susan Witter.

“Gerry willingly steps outside his role by assisting faculty as they revise brochures and course outlines, by modelling leadership in his role as a member of the Douglas College Education Council and with his volunteer work in the community,” said Witter.

Gramozis has played a significant part in planning, organizing and implementing the annual Depression Anxiety Screening and Education Day held at the David Lam Campus since 2000.

## Plan ahead for Light the Lake

Looking for a fun and festive way to promote your program to the community? Reserve your space for the 4th annual Envision Financial Light the Lake Festival. This year's event is set for Sunday December 7 from 4-7pm at LaFarge Lake, opposite the David Lam Campus. The 2008 edition will be organized entirely by and for the Douglas College Foundation with all proceeds going to student aid.

Programs and services can reserve a 10 x 10 tent and showcase their offerings through a craft or game for children. The Foundation supplies lights and electricity, you supply the craft or activity and volunteers. The Community Music School is considering a Petting Zoo where children can try out musical instruments. Outside groups are also welcome – Envision Financial Credit Union is running a bingo game for kids, Caps Cycles will have a Penny Farthing for people to try and Westcoast Express will have model trains made of cardboard for children to put together.

The Festival attracts from 500 to 8,000 people depending on the weather. For more information contact **Yvonne Mostert** at 604-777-6168 or [mosterty@douglas.bc.ca](mailto:mosterty@douglas.bc.ca)

## Smiley happy people



*Dental Assisting Program student Kristy Schneiber lends a hand and a supportive smile to a patient.*

helping hand to low-income working adults who are not able to access regular dental care.

“It’s a wonderfully rewarding day,” says Dental Assisting Program Coordinator Debbie McCloy. She hopes it sets the stage for students to “value community contributions throughout their careers.”

“It’s a wonderful chance for the profession to give to the community and for members of the community to access care that is not otherwise available to them. The student volunteers see a wide range of services and have to operate at a real-time pace. They find it challenging and the appreciative responses from patients are tremendous confidence builders,” says McCloy.

They came, they cleaned, they extracted. Students and instructors from the Dental Assisting Program teamed up with volunteer dentists, dental assistants and hygienists at the New Westminster Campus to tend to a wide range of dental needs at Community Dental Day on April 25.

The care provided to nearly 80 patients included root canals, fillings, extractions, pain relief and emergency care. This was the fifth year the College took part in the program. Organized by the BC Dental Association, the event gives a

## Briefly

Volunteer at this year's Graduation, June 4 and 5! Help make this year's grad a successful and memorable event for students and their families. Those interested can contact **Christine Kerr** at 604-527-5391.

The Community Music School is offering 10 percent off registration fees for 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](mailto:commusic@douglascollege.ca), or visit [douglascollege.ca/ce/cms](http://douglascollege.ca/ce/cms).

Marketing instructor **David Moulton** has been sharing his wealth of knowledge lately. He spoke about relationship management at

the Open Solutions Customer Conference held in Orlando, Florida, and facilitated two marketing workshops for the BC Regional Enterprise Forum held at Simon Fraser University Surrey Campus on January 18-19.

Payroll extends its congratulations to Payroll Officer **Debbie Lawless** whose ladies' synchronized skating team, the Inlet Sapphire Masters, won gold at

the BC Synchronized Skating competition.

The Women's Centre wishes all the best to outgoing Coordinator and BCGEU local Bargaining Committee Chair **Drena McCormick** who retired April 30. She will be missed by many students, staff and faculty. Both positions are currently vacant. The Training Group will miss Essential Skills guru **Linda**

**Lanza**, who has retired after more than 10 years with the College. Meanwhile, The Training Group at the David Lam Campus welcomes **Kathy Bromley** as Program Assistant.

In Learning Resources, **Les Sandor** moves from A/V evenings to A/V Equipment, replacing **Tom Childs** who is taking early retirement.