

35 years of service to Douglas College



(l-r:) Neil Douglas (Facilities Services) and Barbara Sekhon (Language, Literature and Performing Arts) celebrate 35 years at Douglas College. Devona Davies (Facilities Services) also received recognition for 35 years' service. For more on Douglas College Excellence Award Winners see pages 2-3.

Douglas receives standing ovation

Douglas College received a Standing Ovation Award from the BC Rehab Foundation for efforts focusing on accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities.

The award, created in 2001, honours BC individuals and organizations that have "gone the extra mile" to improve accessibility. Winners are nominated and selected by an advisory committee comprised of people with physical disabilities.

Douglas College was lauded for its mission to

build accessibility into the planning process to ensure that everyone – students and employees – can participate fully in the life of the College. This has meant focusing on every aspect of accessibility from the heights of desks and counters to providing alternative types of signage, such as tactile "signs" and strobe lighting for emergencies.

"Winning this award means an awful lot to Douglas College," says Ted James, Dean of Student

Development. "To us, accessibility means being able to help people with a diverse range of backgrounds to be able to access the opportunities that education provides."

The award presentation took place October 17 at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel.

A video highlighting the Douglas College's accessibility features is available at the BC Rehab Foundation web site at www.bcrehab.com.

Serving up support

The 10th-annual A Class Act was the best ever in terms of attendance, auction items and money raised. The fundraiser, held at the David Lam Campus on November 16, attracted 340 guests from the Tri-City and New Westminster areas, and raised \$38,000 for student aid.

Hotel and Restaurant Management students worked with the Foundation to create an evening to remember. The event included a seminar on beer, as well as tastings of wine, beer, chocolate and gourmet balsamic vinegars.



Eleanor Kendall, wife of College Board member Ben Kendall, samples treats from the West Coast Chocolate Festival chocolatier employees Maggie Chaing (left) and Queenie Lai (right).

The atmosphere was set by Douglas College student musicians while live and silent auctions added excitement to the evening.

Staff from Facilities Services and the Cafeteria worked with the Foundation to ensure the

event met all expectations and honoured the sponsors, including Canadian Western Bank, Peter Legge, Coquitlam Centre, G&F Financial Group, HSBC, Royal Bank, Scotiabank and Westminster Savings.

Festival turns on the lights

The sights and sounds of the season filled the air at the third annual Envision Financial Light the Lake Christmas festival at Lafarge Lake in Coquitlam.

The December 2 event, billed as the "biggest Christmas party in the Tri-Cities," featured a Christmas market with hand-made crafts, holiday gifts and activities for the kids. The crowds were entertained with strolling carolers, dance troupes and choirs as they sipped hot chocolate and ate delectable treats.

Steve Darling of Global TV assisted Santa in turning on 30,000 LED lights that sparkled and shone from trees and tents at Evergreen Center. In the marketplace, graduates from the Self Employment program were out in force to sell their crafts and other festive items.

Money raised by the Envision Financial Light the Lake festivals supports critical medical equipment at Eagle Ridge Hospital and student aid at Douglas College.

For more information about Light the Lake visit www.lightthelake.ca.



The trees at Lafarge lake will remain lit throughout December in recognition of supporters of student aid at Douglas College.

Students receive national scholarship awards

Four exceptional students received top scholarship awards at the November 15 Douglas College Board meeting at the David Lam Campus in Coquitlam.

Kerry K. Chutter, Sheena Dalrymple and Carol-Anne Roark all received awards of \$4,000 from the Canada Millennium Scholarship National In-Course Awards program. Robert Austin received \$8,000 from the Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship award.

The National In-Course Awards are merit-based scholarships awarded by the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation. They are available to current students, who demonstrate the qualities of leadership and are a positive force in the both the community and classroom.

The Garfield Weston Merit Scholarship is awarded to a college student who displays passion for their studies and a desire to contribute positively to their community.

For more information about scholarship programs at Douglas College, visit the Financial Aid Office web site at www.douglascollege.ca/services/financial-aid.

Quote of the Month

"With regard to excellence, it is not enough to know, but we must try to have and use it."

- Aristotle (384-322 BCE)

Excellence and Recognition Awards 2007

This year ends with a celebration of the quality educational experience at Douglas College. The 10th-annual Employee Recognition Event, held November 22, recognized employees for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service, as well as awarding the winners of the Team Excellence Awards, the

President's Distinguished Service Award and the Educational Excellence Award. Watch for a full Excellence and Recognition 2007 display to be mounted later this month at the New Westminster Campus (beside the Bookstore) and the David Lam Campus (near the Board Room).

10 years



(l-r, front to back:) Susan Swanson (Early Childhood Education), Cyndy Reimer (English as a Second Language), Michael Wilson (Geology), Bob McConkey (The Training Group), Marilyn Smitshoek (Developmental Studies), Brenda Welock (Commerce and Business), Susan Witter (President), Patricia Rachfall (Therapeutic Recreation), Deborah Lawless (Finance), George Robertson (Commerce and Business), Loretta Milne (Child, Family and Community Studies), Tony Viani (Dispensing Optician), Jeanette Bromley (English as a Second Language), Linda Lanza (The Training Group), and Elizabeth McCausland (English).

Other 10-year recipients:

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| Mary Blachut (Hotel and Restaurant Management) | Ron Klassen (Developmental Studies) |
| Rona Cahen (Early Childhood Education) | Tim Mossman (English as a Second Language) |
| Roger Clark (English) | Tim Paul (Client Learning Services) |
| Mano Daniel (Philosophy/Humanities) | Lori Reining (Bookstore) |
| John Fox (Community Social Service Worker) | Geraldine Roy (English as a Second Language) |
| Julian Gardiner (The Training Group) | Laurel Whitney (English as a Second Language) |
| Sheena Graves (Office Administration) | Debra Wolinsky (Communications) |
| Christian Guillou (Library) | |
| Gayle Jackson (Hotel and Restaurant Management) | |

15 years



(l-r, front to back:) Lin Langley (Douglas Development), Leonard Angel (Philosophy/Humanities), Meg Stainsby (English), Dean Jansen (Finance), Leda Reaume (English as a Second Language), James Garza (Basic Occupational Education), Kerry Wong (Centre for Information Technology), Rita Buurman (Nursing) and Joan Barnet (English as a Second Language).

Other 15-year recipients:

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| Sheilagh Badanic (English as a Second Language) | Stephen Mainprize (Anthropology/Sociology) |
| Elisabeth Carter (Registrar's Office) | Lynn McArthur (Dental Assisting) |
| Lee Chamberland (Therapeutic Recreation) | Eric Meyer (Computing Science and Information Systems) |
| Wendy Collins (Financial Aid) | Michael Miller (Psychiatric Nursing) |
| Helen Dartnell (Library) | Earl Noah (Geography) |
| Ulrike Ebeling (Modern Language) | Brian Pratt (Stagecraft) |
| Catherine Gibney (Registrar's Office) | Robin Ripley (Employee Relations) |
| Jacquelyne Keath (Psychiatric Nursing) | Anne Swinton (Communications and Marketing) |
| Michael Leonard (Commerce and Business Administration) | Linda Symington (Dental Assisting) |
| Kathleen Lindstrom (Continuing Education – Health Sciences) | Cheryl Tailleux (Registrar's Office) |
| Robert Logelin (Adult Special Education) | Sussan Thomson (Criminology) |
| Scott MacDonald (Stagecraft) | William Twaites (Developmental Studies) |
| | Rosita Wan (Science and Technology) |

20 years



(l-r, front to back:) Jane Cronin (Nursing), Esther Aneke (Nursing), Lori Townsend (Psychiatric Nursing), Douglas Estergaard (Child and Youth Care Counsellor), Marlene Hancock (Political Science), Jo-Anne Webb (Library), Kathleen Liebelt (Psychiatric Nursing) and Susan Ashcroft (Library).

Other 20-year recipients:

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| James Barton (Psychology/Sociology) | Carmen Mahood (Science and Technology) |
| David Dalcanale (Registrar's Office) | Linda Pickthall (Nursing) |
| Linda Gregson (Early Childhood Education) | Lynn Power (Education Services) |
| Tadatoshi Hosoi (Centre for International Education) | Deborah Smith (Developmental Studies) |
| Ann Jenkins (Basic Occupational Education) | Larry Tomboulion (Mathematics) |
| Glenda Leznoff (Creative Writing) | Steven Welch (Psychology) |
| Margo Lott (Finance) | David West (English) |
| | Elizabeth Wilson (Student Services) |

25 years



(l-r:) Kathleen Hunter (Criminology), Brenda Read (Office Administration), Nancy Gowan (Psychiatric Nursing) and Ellen Silverman (Music).

Other 25-year recipients:

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| Brenda Braiden (Developmental Studies) |
| Kathryn Cernauskas (Music) |
| Wilhelmina Gervasio (Nursing) |
| Judith Larson (Continuing Education – Health Sciences) |
| Julia Robinson (Learning Centre/Douglas Development) |
| David Zieroth (Creative Writing) |

30 years



(l-r:) Rita Chudnovsky (Child and Youth Care Counsellor) and Heather Campbell (Therapeutic Recreation).

Other 30-year recipients:

Connie Broatch (Developmental Studies)	Carol Howorth (Early Childhood Education)
Gordon Danskin (Developmental Studies)	Brenda Jack (Student Development)
Darlene Ellchuk (Nursing)	Mary Matthews (Learning Resources)
Diana Hiebert (Dental Assisting)	Diana Wegner (Communications)

Team Excellence: The Working Solutions Program (Skills Connect)



(l-r, front to back:) Isabella Silvestre, Jennifer Kuenzig, Carole Huckin, Lois Taylor, Russell Garrett, Trevor Van Eerden and Christina Horvath. Other recipients: Jody Johnson, Ella Klick and Cecil Joseph.

The Working Solutions Program team is a shining example of innovative contract education that benefits not only the participants but the College and the community at-large.

Team Excellence: The Douglas College Art Exhibit Committee



(l-r:) Eleanore Dunn (Library), Dorothy Jones (Theatre, retired), Joan Owen (Gallery Committee Member) and Lorna McCallum (English). Other recipients: Angela Hubert (Language, Literature and Performing Arts) and Linda Stefiuk (Stagecraft).

The Douglas College Art Exhibit Committee is a high-performing team that embodies the values of intellectual growth, lifelong learning and collaboration within the College and external communities.

Team Excellence: The Graduation Team



(l-r, front to back:) Xavier Serrano (Facilities Services), Fernanda Santos (Facilities Services), Margaret Murray (Administration), Yvonne Mostert (External Relations and Administration), Christine Kerr (Registrar's Office), Scott MacDonald (Stagecraft), Tim Paul (Client Learning Services), Mebs Lalani (Chartwells), Sean Kelly (Communications and Marketing), Karen McCredie (Registrar's Office) and Brian Pratt (Stagecraft).

The Graduation Team plays an enormous role in the morale on campus and was recognized for the work involved in celebrating the achievements and success of our students.

President's Distinguished Service and Student Excellence Awards



(front, l-r:) President's Distinguished Service Award recipients Kathleen Wallden (Child, Family and Community Studies), Carol St. Jean (English as a Second Language) and Jan Lindsay (Administration) with Ryan K. Tripp (Child and Youth Care Counsellor Program), recipient of the Student Excellence Award.

President's Distinguished Service Award

Kathleen Wallden, Administrative Officer, Child, Family and Community Studies, was credited for her dedication to high standards in serving both employees and students.

Carol St. Jean, English as a Second Language Instructor, was recognized for her part in the development of the English for Foreign Trained Professionals course and the Certificate for ESL Teacher Training. St. Jean was commended for helping to build the international reputation of the College and the Canadian experience through thousands of short-stay students.

Jan Lindsay, Vice President, Education, was recognized for ushering in more new programs in three years than had been developed in the previous 15 years. Her efforts in expanding and developing external relationships in the academic community prove her commitment to serving the best interests of our students and employees.

Student Excellence Award

Ryan K. Tripp, a second-year student in the Child and Youth Care Counsellor Program (CYCC), received the Award for Student Excellence. Tripp was singled out for his impact on the College community as a student representative to the CYCC Faculty and as a co-creator of the mentorship program.

Events Calendar

December 13
College-Wide Holiday
Celebration, Upper Cafeteria New
Westminster Campus, 4-6pm.
Details: Barbara Bessey, 5380

December 24-26
College closed

December 27-28
College closed to public

December 31
College closed for New Year's Eve

January 1-January 1
College closed

January 10-February 2
The Amelia Douglas Gallery
presents *Landscapes of the Soul*
works by Bodhi Drope. Opening
Reception January 10, 4:30-
7:30pm Details: 5723



Faculty from nine programs will receive support for scholarly research projects.

Scholarly research projects selected

Douglas College's commitment to scholarly research resulted in the selection of 14 faculty members who will receive support for their Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) research projects.

Under the request for proposal guidelines for the Anecdote to Evidence and SoTL Research Cohort Projects, faculty members will conduct research projects linked to their teaching responsibilities. The following instructors have been selected:

- Laura Farres, Sport Science
- Allison Gill, Sport Science
- Anna Helewka, Psychiatric Nursing
- Paul Kennedy, Sport Science
- Jennifer Kirkey, Physics
- Lin Langley, Communications
- Lorna McCallum, English
- Don McPhee, Geography
- Kathy Runnalls, Geography
- Karen Sirna, Sport Science
- Susan Smythe, Geography
- Sara Stephens, Commerce and Business
- Alison Thomas, Sociology
- Miriam Tynski, Nursing

Visiting Scholar, Dr. Richard Gale, will consult on the development and implementation of each project.

Watch for the work of these individuals at the annual SoTL Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Program Innovation and Scholarly Activity in the Spring.

A vision of entrepreneurial success



The Douglas College Self Employment Program (SEP) celebrated its 11th-annual Visions of Excellence / Entrepreneur of the Year Awards on October 24. Over 300 guests, including local business professionals, members of the media and politicians, applauded the 23 nominated entrepreneurs as they celebrated business successes and accomplishments.

The 2007 SEP winners (l-r, front to back): Cynthia Dally, Claro Learning Design (Global); Jasmero Mahal, Tiny Bubbles Preschool (Service); Josie Rankin, Josie's Craft Closet (Perseverance); Steven Eglsaer, KERT Landscaping Ltd. (Construction and Manufacturing); Kurshid Khan, Simba's Grill Ltd. (Retail and Entrepreneur of The Year); and Shawn Keenan, Keentech Solutions (High Tech) Not pictured: Angela Girard, Reflection Events & Co. (Consulting); Dr. Cobi Slater, Essential Health Natural Wellness Clinic Inc. (Home-Based Business)

New funds for Aboriginal training

The Department of Child and Youth Care Counsellor (CYC) and the Vancouver Native Health Society (VNHS) have joined forces to help develop new educational paths for Aboriginal child and youth care practitioners.

The partnership, which recently received funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education Special Aboriginal Projects, resulted in a 12-month project (September 2007 – August 2008) to carve out options that respect and reflect the evolving needs of Aboriginal communities and the child, youth and family service agencies that serve them.

The team is working with representatives of the Coast Salish Territories and Vancouver-Coastal

and Fraser regions to develop an Aboriginal Child and Youth Care stream in the CYCC program.

Further, the team will address barriers to Aboriginal students while increasing the capacity of Douglas College staff, faculty and administrators to provide a welcome, relevant and supportive learning environment.

For more information about this initiative, contact Jan Carrie, Dean, Child, Family and Community Studies at 5135 or carriej@douglas.bc.ca

Briefly

Commit to taking transit for 12 consecutive months and you can get a cost-reduced annual transit pass through the Translink Employer Pass Program. Employees pay for the transit passes through Payroll deduction. New participants may enrol in any month. Please contact **Triena Marples**, Benefits Clerk, at 5390 or marplest@douglas.bc.ca for more information.

The Health Care Support Worker program (HCSW) is having a draw for a 20-piece Salton Cappuccino set (on display in the Health

Sciences fieldbase). Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Contact HCSW instructor **Dolores MacNeil** at 5074 or any of the HCSW faculty for tickets. The winner will be announced December 14. All proceeds go to the Rafaela Wilson Memorial Fund.

Nomination packages are now available for the 2008 Douglas College Distinguished Alumni Award. This award recognizes the quality of our graduates and their contributions to the community. To receive a nomination package contact **Andrew Senjack** at 6171 or email senjacka@douglas.bc.ca. The closing date for nominations is February 1, 2008.

Geology instructor **Michael Wilson** is co-author with Randall Schalk and Stephen Kenady of two papers accepted by the journal *Current Research in the Pleistocene* (vol. 24, 2007). The first is *Indications of butchering on a Late-Pleistocene Bison antiquus from the maritime Pacific Northwest*. It concerns fossil bison discoveries, 11,000 to 12,000 years old, on Orcas Island, Puget Sound, and evidence of butchering by early hunters. The second is *Early post-glacial ungulates on the Northwest Coast: implications for hunter-gatherer ecological niches*, discussing a new view of the ecological background to early human colonization of the New World via the coastal route.

Wilson's participation in this research program is supported in part by the Douglas College Scholarly Activities Fund.

In the Registrar's Office, **Rosemarie Bakker** moves from permanent File Clerk to permanent Admissions Assistant, replacing **Olga Skrepnik**. **Maria Butkovic** moves from auxiliary to permanent Information Services Assistant. **Vanessa Bailey-Smith** has been hired as Information Services Assistant.

In the Science and Technology department **Nancy Khalil** moves from auxiliary to regular as a Math Assistant replacing **Csilla Tamas** who will not be returning

from Maternity Leave. **Nick Harland** moves from auxiliary to regular as Math Assistant replacing **Chris Stewart** who has resigned.

Facilities Services' **Holly Perkins** moves from the auxiliary pool to Mail Clerk replacing **Will Lethbridge** who has moved to the David Lam Campus.

Kathleen Elliott is the new Media Library Technician in Learning Resources.

Computer Tech **Penny Ge** joins the CEIT team at the David Lam Campus