

Expanding international opportunities in Mexico

Building on our reputation for international partnerships, Douglas College is developing new relationships in Mexico.

Blaine Jensen, VP Educational Services, signed four new affiliation agreements during a recent trip to Mexico that will open access to 45,000 students to Douglas College. Two agreements have the potential for students and instructors to study issues concerning international customer service.

“There’s a tremendous need for business training with an international application. As the 2010 Olympics approach, students from Mexico are eager to come to Canada to learn about preparing for this high profile global event,” says Jensen.

The partnerships with the Technical University of Hermosillo, Colegio Nacional de Educacion Profesional Tecnica (CONALEP Sonora),

Centor de Estudios Superiores del Estado de Sonora (CESUES) and Universidad Kino A.C. will connect Douglas College to over 45,000 students from the Northern Mexican state of Sonora.

“We have just launched a joint project with the Technical University of Hermosillo and St. Louis Community College (Missouri) to work with our Self Employment Program (The Training Group). The Training Group will take the lead in researching International Customer Relations training strategies for business and industry.”

Developing new international partnerships is a key mandate of the College’s new strategic plan. Currently the Education Council is reviewing affiliation agreements from the Mexican institutions. If approved, students could begin arriving soon. Discussion has already



Signing the CESUES agreement (l to r): Lic. Francisco Carlos Silva Toledo, CEO, CESUES, Blaine Jensen, Douglas College, VP Educational Services and Laura E. Gayosso Garcia Sancho, Academic Director, CESUES.

begun with CESUES for up to 40 students to travel to Douglas College this summer for five weeks of English-language training using tourism and international business as the context for learning the language.

“These partnerships were chosen for three simple reasons: they matched our Douglas College goals, they are well-known and credible institutions and they support the values of our Academic Signature. They will not only open the

doors to students but to faculty exchanges as well,” says Jensen.

Other Mexican Universities in Cancun, Ciudad del Carmen, Chihuahua and Leon have also approached Douglas College to explore establishing affiliation agreements.

Excellence awarded in career development

In recognition of their contribution to BC’s career development community, the instructor team of the Career Development Practitioner (CDP) Certificate Program was awarded the BC Career Management Association’s 2007 Team Excellence Award.

The award, handed out in Vancouver at the 10th Annual Career Development Conference on March 14, honours the 10-member team of instructors who have taught and inspired students for over a decade.

“Each member of the CDP team carries forward the vision of the

first instructors and innovators of this program. They only have one goal — the advancement of career development,” says Jan K. Carrie, Dean, Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies.

The CDP program, a part of CFCS – Continuing Education, is a part-time program that

provides training for new practitioners and people currently working in the career, employment, and rehabilitation fields.

“This is a great honour and a wonderful reflection on CFCS. I also want to acknowledge continuing education faculty

member Cheryl Jeffs and program assistant Lynne Wilson for their support and coordination of this program, making the award a reality,” says Carrie.



Career Development Practitioner Program instructors: (l - r) Bob Shebib, Audrey Pons, Donna Cottell, Gisela Theurer, John Saremba, Allison Klundt, Carol Hanson and Susan Greffard. Missing from photo: Eileen Cook and Anahita Kadkhod

New LLPA dean announced

Dr. David Duke has been appointed as the Dean of Language, Literature and Performing Arts, replacing Dr. Lorna McCallum.

Duke has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of British Columbia, a Masters of Arts in Historical Musicology from the University of North Carolina, and a PhD in Musicology from the University of Victoria.

Duke brings a wide range of teaching, research and academic leadership experience including extensive post-secondary teaching experience at three different college settings. He has served as the Coordinator of Music at Red Deer College and Head of the School of Music at Vancouver Community College.

Duke’s longstanding research interest in Canadian music and experience as a composer has resulted in an extensive catalogue of educational compositions. For the last three years, he has regularly contributed articles about music and the arts to the *Vancouver Sun*.

Quote of the Month

“The April winds are magical, and thrill our tuneful frames; the garden-walks are passionate to bachelors and dames.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Events Calendar

All events take place at the New Westminster Campus unless otherwise noted.

April 5
The Amelia Douglas Gallery presents *Soundless Sound* Works by Kwang Jean Park April 5 to May 18. Opening Reception, April 5. 4:30-7:30pm
Details: 604-527-5723
Admission is free

April 5
The Arts at One presents Scholarship Winners Concert 7pm, Performing Arts Theatre

May 17
Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Program Development & Scholarly Activity 4:00-6:00pm, Upper Cafeteria, New Westminster Campus

May 23 to June 6
The Amelia Douglas Gallery presents Works by Moira Carlson and Penny Birnam May 24 to June 6
Opening Reception May 23 4:30-7:30pm
Details: 604-527-5723



The 2007 Douglas College Board Scholarship Winners. Front row (l-r): Lisa Cardell, Associate Degree in Arts (Foreign Languages); Tatiana Boyarinova, Dispensing Optician Program; Hyi Weon Yang, Criminology Diploma Program. Middle row (l-r): Jessica Khoie, General Studies – University Transfer; Tara Dolan, General Studies. Back row (l-r): Byron McCarthy, Criminology Degree Program; Bryan Cousin, General Studies University Transfer. Not pictured: Tammy Badgerow, Psychiatric Nursing Diploma Program; Kathleen Goodin and Krystyna Mitchell both from the General Nursing Degree Program.

Student Scholarships Awarded

March was a rewarding month for 11 deserving students. Ten students were recipients of the Douglas College Board Scholarship and one student received the Douglas College Faculty Association Award.

Seven of the 10 Douglas College Board Scholarship winners were on hand to receive their cheques at the March 15 Board meeting. The scholarship was established for students who are on the Dean's List and demonstrate excellence in their studies.

Kyla Maertz, a Sign Language Interpretation student, was announced as the winner of the Douglas College Faculty Association Award. This award recognizes excellence for students enrolled in a minimum of nine credits in university transfer, academic or career programs. Maertz was unable to attend the presentation as she is on a work practicum in Manitoba.



President Susan Witter poses with nine of the 19 winners in the President's Writing Contest on Diversity.

A diverse group of winners

The winners of the seventh annual President's Writing Contest on Diversity received prizes of books and book certificates for their insights on the world of diversity.

Each year the contest provides students with an opportunity to share, and publish, their reflections on diversity.

Designed to raise awareness of and appreciation for diversity in all its forms within Douglas College, the contest highlights the importance of literacy across all fields of study, and supports the development of students' writing skills.

This year's winners are: Kelly Avinou, Jason Boshier, Makiba Brown, Erin Bulycz, Ann Ceniza, Nancy Escobar, Ling Fu, Ayako Igawa, Angela Kamber, Allison Kelba, Carrie Lee, James Lee, Alicia Lucas, Iryna Mazur, Venera Mukhametianova, Zebeen A. Panju, Sarang Shim, Margaret Sofia and one anonymous author.

Copies of the Diversity booklet are available from Virginia Towers, Language and Literature Assistant, local 5465 in room 3308A.

New degree announced

Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell formally announced the approval of the new Bachelor of Physical Education and Coaching (BPEC) degree on March 19.

Developed in consultation with expert teachers and coaches, students will be prepared to teach, BPEC coach or work in the public school system or the coaching field. Students are also required to complete practical work experiences - from their first term to their last - in the form of fieldwork placements.

BPEC is built on the reputation of Douglas College's sport science, coaching and physical education instruction program and most notably the Post-Degree Diploma in Physical Education.

"Quality PE instruction is critical for developing healthy habits in children," says Brian Storey, BPEC Coordinator. "Through fieldwork and practical experience throughout their degree, BPEC students will develop the proven techniques teachers and coaches need today to actively involve students of all abilities."

Responding to a growing need for trained practitioners who can make a difference in children's health and wellness, the program offers two streams of study: Elementary (grades K-7) or Secondary (grades 8-12).

The Bachelor of Physical Education and Coaching program begins in September and is currently accepting applications. For more information, please visit www.douglas.bc.ca/programs/sport-science/bachelor-physical-education-coaching

Digital Guise

The Community Music School presents a free kids performance by Digital Guise, a three-man electronic orchestra that includes none other than Douglas College Music Coordinator Bob Caldwell.

This is a special performance for Kids Up Front, a charity providing disadvantaged children and youth with an opportunity to attend events. It's the Community Music School's way of giving a little back to the community. The show will take place Friday May 11 at 4pm in the Performing Arts Theatre, and all Douglas College employees are welcome to bring their kids to this fun afternoon of music. Tickets are free, but space is limited. Reservations should be made in advance by calling Angela Hubert at 604-527-5723.

Douglas College Community Music School Presents

**DIGITAL
GUISE**

4pm, May 11, 2007

Admission is Free

Info: 604-527-5723

May 11

Community Music School
presents Digital Guise
4pm, Performing Arts Theatre
Details: 604-527-5723

June 2

Community Music School
presents
Suzuki Recital
2pm, Performing Arts Theatre
Details: 604-527-5469

June 3

Community Music School
presents
Student Recital
2pm, Performing Arts Theatre
Details: 604-527-5469

Douglas College rules the scoreboard

March was a stellar month for Douglas College Sports teams.

The Men's Basketball team won the British Columbia Colleges' Athletic Association (BCCAA) Championships at Columbia Bible College, Abbotsford, by defeating UBC-Okanagan 73-70. They went on to take Silver at the 2007 CCAA National Men's Basketball Championship in Truro, Nova Scotia.

The Douglas College Badminton team won the British

Columbia Colleges Provincial Championship and the right to compete in the Canadian Colleges Championship with a 30-0 record in a 6-team league. Student-athletes made history by winning all five National titles at the Canadian Colleges' Athletic Association (CCAA) National Badminton Championship. The championships, hosted by Douglas College, took place at the Richmond Pro Badminton Centre.



Team Canada Women's Basketball team, coached by Tim Frick, Sports Sciences Instructor, won

the International Women's Wheelchair Basketball Friendship Games Osaka Cup Saturday in Osaka, Japan with

a resounding 66-41 defeat over Team Australia. Frick also received a special "Friendship Award" at the event.

Stephen Lewis talk raises funds for Uganda

Stephen Lewis kept the full-house at the Massey Theatre spellbound for his presentation "A Vision for a World Free of HIV/AIDS"

Lewis, the former United Nations' Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa and Canada's UN ambassador from 1984 to 1988, made his presentation in support of the Douglas College Community Social Service Worker (CSSW) program's Uganda Project and Uganda Endowment Fund.

His appearance raised over ten thousand dollars to support continued student fieldwork in Uganda.



Stephen Lewis with four students from the Community Social Service Worker (CSSW) program's Uganda Project.

Health and safety news

May 6-12 is this year's North American Occupational Safety and Health Week. This year's slogan and theme focus is *Safety and Health: A Commitment for Life – Start Today!*

Douglas College's Health and Safety Week activities and

events will focus attention on the importance of preventing injury and illness in the workplace and at home. This year's events committee wants to encourage participants to equip themselves with tools, information and knowledge to educate each other with positive

attitudes and behaviors that will convey commitment and confidence at work, at home and in the community.

Watch your inbox for upcoming events/concourse displays/information/draws/prizes for that week.

Also, Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) computer-based training will soon be accessible on everyone's desktop.

For more information on the Douglas College Occupational Health and Safety activities and committee minutes visit

www.douglas.bc.ca/services/facilities/healthsafety

Student Ambassadors enrich academic experience

Developing opportunities for student leadership is a primary goal of the Office for New Students.

The newly established Student Ambassador program is a fully-integrated student leadership program designed to complement a student's academic experience and provide opportunities to give back to the campus and local community.

"These students will become highly visible and effective program representatives at numerous local recruiting events," says Kyle Baillie, Manager, Office for New Students.

Student Ambassadors will play a key role in a variety of campus activities, including new student recruiting and orientation, campus community spirit events, community service projects and alumni events.

Through the planning and production of these activities, Student Ambassadors develop a wide range of professional skills such as team leadership, marketing, communications and event management.

Participants may also receive leadership training and professional development seminars and a \$400 honorarium for each semester served. They will receive tickets to local, national and international leadership

conferences and take part in networking opportunities with Douglas College alumni. When finished, students receive a Certificate of Service and reference letter outlining their contribution for future employers.

Ambassadors are expected to contribute in some way to monthly events (approx. 10 hours/month), maintain a minimum 2.0 CGPA, attend a mandatory training session, and complete one Community

Service Project (CSP) per semester.

The Office for New Students hopes to recruit student representatives from each faculty and program. To recommend a student for a Student Ambassador position or to find out more contact Eric Glanville, Student Development Coordinator at glanville@douglas.bc.ca.

Democratizing legal education

A unique new program that demystifies the law for anyone with a passion to learn is now available at Douglas College.

The Diploma in Legal Studies opens the doors to any student who is interested in the law as a field of study.

“The main philosophy of the program is to democratize legal education. The study of the Canadian legal system is a vital key for anyone involved in community activities, the public sector and the criminal justice system,” says Graeme Bowbrick, program coordinator.

The two-year program covers a wide range of legal issues including the administration of justice, business and criminal law, criminal procedure

and evidence, public law, constitutional and private law.

“We also cover different aspects of legal research, legal remedies and the basic principles of legal reasoning,” says Bowbrick.

Students can transfer into third-year of university degree programs, including the new minor in Legal Studies at Simon Fraser University.

“Our program is unlike any other. All course instructors have law degrees as well as first hand experience in the legal system,” says Bowbrick.

For more information about the Legal Studies Diploma contact Bowbrick at bowbrickg@douglas.bc.ca.

History is in the making this summer

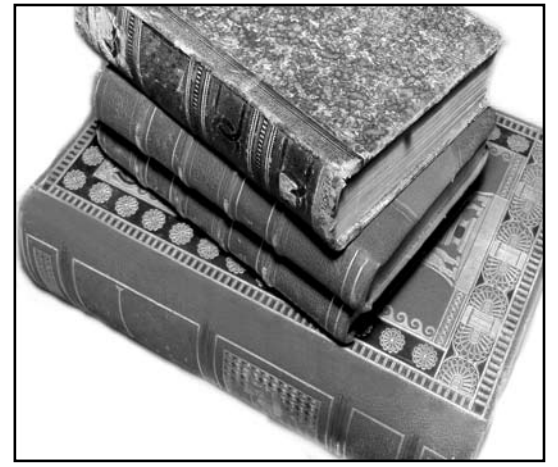
History buffs and aspiring writers can learn how to write the great historical novel.

Douglas College’s Summer Institute in Historical Fiction brings history to life in a customized program that combines studies of historical fiction and techniques in creative writing.

“This unique program is designed for people who want to immerse themselves in their passion for historical fiction,” says Creative Writing Chair Mary Burns.

The Institute combines two courses—Studies in Fiction, an English literature offering, and Introduction to Historical Fiction Writing—from the Creative Writing department, so that students can study models of historical fiction as well as write their own.

“Students begin by analyzing and discussing historical novels and short stories. They then practice what they’ve learned. Writing students



may draw inspiration from any historical period they wish,” says Burns.

Classes run consecutively, on a single day, with time set aside for special events, featured speakers and field trips.

The Summer Institute runs for 13 consecutive Fridays from May 11 to August 3 at the New Westminster campus. The class size is limited and early application is advised. For more information contact Burns at 604-527-5289, burnsm@douglas.bc.ca or www.douglascollege.ca/programs/creative-writing

New Animal Health Technology Program

People interested in working with animals can now train for a rewarding career as a Registered Veterinary Technologist in Douglas College’s new Animal Health Technology program.

“The rise in animal population in the Lower Mainland and shortage of training programs makes the demand for qualified animal health technologists quite high,” says veterinarian Dr. Pauline Chow, who co-coordinates the program with Dr. Diane Boyle.

Students will enter this two-year diploma program covering

veterinary surgery, radiology, laboratory and anesthesia procedures, thus enabling them to work in small and large animal veterinary clinics/hospitals, animal shelters, rescue organizations, breeding facilities, farms, racetracks, research centres, zoos, aquariums and wildlife parks.

“This program is the first of its kind in the Lower Mainland. Taught by practicing veterinarians, it will combine both theoretical and practical training in small and large animal nursing. The Veterinary community has been eagerly anticipating just such a program

for a long time,” say Dr. Boyle.

Requirements for entry into the program include some work or volunteer experience in animal or veterinary settings, along with academic requirements in math, sciences and English.

Based at the David Lam Campus, the program’s first classes start in September. Enrolment is limited and the application deadline is May 1.

For more information about the Animal Health Technology program call 604-777-6214 or visit www.douglascollege.ca/programs/animal-health-tech



Briefly

Douglas College is a member of the Translink Employer Pass Program (EPP), which offers cost-reduced annual transit passes to employees. Employees pay for the transit passes through Payroll deduction. New participants may enrol in any month. Deadline to enrol for start of June is April 18. Please contact **Nancy Constable** at 5774 or constablen@douglas.bc.ca for more information.

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The Departments of Theatre and Stagecraft awarded Douglas College student Lindsay K. with a 30gb iPod for filling out an audience survey at the March 15 performance of Loose Ends. Stay tuned for another exciting contest next Fall!

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If you are in danger of losing your Aeroplan points under the new rules introduced by Aeroplan a few months ago there is another option—donate them to Douglas College Foundation. The Foundation will use the points to buy airline tickets for students who are studying abroad or doing practicum and work placements overseas. You can donate your Aeroplan points throughout the month of May. Watch your inbox for Groupwise updates. The Foundation website has full details and the forms required to make your donation. For more information call **Andrew Senjack** at 604-777-6171.

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Susan Wasserman, English instructor, recently won a gold medal in her age division in

Pacific Road Runners’ “First Half” Half Marathon, held in Vancouver on February 11.

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Susan McCaslin, English instructor, was awarded a Canada Council grant for 2007-08 to complete a diptych of poetic sequences entitled “The Demeter Poems.” Her work has appeared recently in *Prism International* and will appear shortly in the literary journal, *A Room of One’s Own*. She has also had a new volume of poetry called *Lifting the Stone* accepted for publication by Seraphim Editions in Ontario (2007).

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Maria Iaquina, Learning Specialist in the Centre for Students with Disabilities, completed her PhD in Counselling Psychology from

UBC. Her dissertation thesis was entitled *The Experience and Meaning of Career Decision-making as Lived by Women with Brain Injury*.

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Delinah Marples, husband Dean, daughter Mikayla and Namma Triena welcomed 7lbs 15oz Kaleb Nicholas Ginter to their family. Kaleb arrived at 12:17 pm on February 27.

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CEIT’s **Adriana Arroyave** gave birth to a baby girl Juanita on February 28.

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In the Registrar’s Office **Annette Kahlon** moves from auxiliary to permanent Information Services Assistant. **Marla Martin** moves to her new role as Admissions Officer upon returning from maternity leave.

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In Health Sciences, **Hanna Pham** joins the College as the new Dispensing Optician Option Program Lab Tech, replacing Robert Dawson who took early retirement, and **Sapna Singa** moves from sub to regular as Departmental Assistant II.

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Lezelle Mignot moves from auxiliary to regular as Program Assistant I in the Training Group.

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Anne Swinton and **Chris Hubert** move from Website Graphics Specialists to Web Designer in the Communications and Marketing Office.

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