



Expanding degree options at Douglas College

Students seeking advanced training in business and child and youth care can now find degree-level education at Douglas College.

The Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care (BA CYC) and the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) were officially approved by the Ministry of Advanced Education in April.

Both programs offer students a focused education that specializes on the training needs, practical application and certifications required in each sector. These real-world skills and industry credentials will enable students to reach beyond entry-level career positions.

The new BA CYC is the second Douglas College degree in the Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies, joining Therapeutic Recreation. The program trains students to deal with some of society's biggest social issues such as abuse, neglect, addiction, family breakdown or behavioural and learning difficulties. Practicum experiences in each year of study help students apply the theory and skills taught in the classroom. The degree

builds on the existing diploma program and offers options to specialize in youth justice or child welfare.

"The Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care program will equip our students to find advanced-level positions with a clear understanding of the challenges children and youth face," says program coordinator Ray Chapman.

Building on the success of business diploma programs, the BBA is the first degree in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration. It offers students the chance to enter the program after their diploma studies are complete or bridge into the program from other disciplines. Students can specialize in either Accounting or Financial Services and Administration. The program not only trains students to succeed in the world of business, but also prepares them to obtain professional certifications and credentials.

"It's very exciting for our business faculty to earn approval for this degree. Our commitment to career-focused training has already resulted in many business-sector employers seeking out our



Child and Youth Care students can now increase career options through the new Bachelor of Child and Youth Care program.

diploma-level grads," says business faculty dean, Rosilyn Coulson.

The BA CYC and the BBA join Douglas College's other bachelor's degree offerings in nursing, psychiatric nursing, therapeutic recreation and

physical education and coaching.

Applications are currently being accepted for both programs. For more information about the BA CYC program, contact Ray Chapman at 604-527-572.

For additional information about the Bachelor of Business Administration, call Joe Ilsever at 604-527-5460 (Financial) or Elizabeth Hicks at 604-527-5172 (Accounting).

Sports stars celebrated

The Royals Athletic Banquet, held on March 29, celebrated the accomplishments, dedication and commitment made by Douglas College athletes, coaches and support staff.

The Coach of the Year was awarded to badminton Head Coach, Al Mawani. The Burnaby Sports Hall of Famer made Canadian College Athletic Association (CCAA) National Badminton history this year as he led the Douglas College Royals badminton team to the first-ever five-event sweep in the 2007 National Badminton Championships.

Female Athlete of the Year went to badminton champion Lindsay Thomson. She was

also awarded the CCAA Athlete Supremacy Award which recognized her as the top athlete (either Male or Female) across every sport in the country.

Andrew Sturgeon and Alvin Lau were both recipients of the Douglas College Male Athlete of the Year award. Sturgeon was an integral part of the men's basketball success and led the Royals in scoring and rebounding. He was also named as the BCCAA Male Athlete of the Year and CCAA All-Canadian. Lau shared the back-to-back national mixed doubles badminton title with Charmagne Yeung in 2006 and 2007. Lau was also a member of the BC Winter Games Badminton team

which won gold at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse.

The recipients for the Andy and Helen Andrews Academic Athletes of the Year were James Anderson, men's basketball, who won the Male Student Athlete award for the second year and Lauren Johnston, women's volleyball, who took home the Female Student Athlete award.

The 2006-2007 season was one of the most successful years in Douglas College athletics history as athletes captured five CCAA National Championships, five BCCAA Provincial Championships, four CCAA All-Canadians and a CCAA Athlete Supremacy Award.



(l-r) Lauren Johnston and James Anderson receive the Andy and Helen Andrews Academic Athletes of the Year presented by Dr. Ian Andrews.

For more awards listings visit the Athletics' website at www.douglas.bc.ca/csrw/athletics.html.

Quote of the Month

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."

- Chinese Proverb

Events Calendar

May 9
Personal Safety for Women - Introduction. For beginners Wednesday, 9:30am-12:30pm, Room 1222, NWC. Pre-register at the Women's Centre. (Drop-in or phone 527-5148)

May 11
Community Music School presents: *Digital Guise* Performance benefits Kids Up Front charity. 11am-4pm, Performing Arts Theatre, NWC. Reservations required. Details: Angela Hubert at 604-527-5723

May 12 and 26
Personal Safety for Women - Beginners. Two workshops Saturdays, May 12 and 26 10am-4pm, Room 1333, NWC. Pre-register at the Women's Centre (Drop-in or phone 604-527-5148)

May 25
Personal Safety for Women - Refresher. For women who have competed Beginners. Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm, Room 1711, NWC. Pre-register at the Women's Centre. (Drop-in or Phone 527-5148)

Awards Tea inspires students' benefactors

Douglas College students recently had the opportunity to meet and thank the people who are helping to support their education.

The Foundation's 10th-annual Awards Tea, held on March 28 in the Douglas Room, celebrated the generosity of donors and the hard work of those they support.

Donors shared their reasons for contributing to education and presented students with their awards.. Hazel Postma, Associate Vice President, External Relations, told guests that more than 1,800 students

received financial assistance last year with awards averaging \$500.

The College and the Foundation contributed more than \$900,000 for student aid in 2006. Monies are collected from donations by College employees as well as from people and companies in communities served by the College.

Crina McCann and daughter Michaela receive the Larry Harrison Bursary award presented by Margaret and Larry Harrison.



Letters from Uganda

Technology will help this year's Uganda Project team share the journey of a lifetime.

Students from the Community Social Service Worker (CSSW) program have set up a blog to document their experiences as they complete their fieldwork in mental health, education, and AIDS-related projects. They will post stories of their work in Masaka, in southern Uganda, as they work with social service organizations such as the Masaka Referral Hospital, Uganda Schizophrenia Fellowship and Uganda Society for Disabled Children.

The *INside* will follow their progress and feature regular

dispatches from CSSW student Shawna Palmquist, who arrived in Uganda at the end of April.

"The purpose of our trip is to practice the skills that we have learned through the Community Social Service Worker Program. We want to empower people and their communities by providing them with genuine care and support. We all feel very fortunate to be part of this wonderful project and look forward to sharing our journey," says Palmquist.

A photo project is also in the works.

"Our students will take a small photo printer and some

inexpensive digital cameras to give to the Ugandan students so they can take pictures of their families. Our students will then print copies for them. Most will never have had a picture taken of them before," says CSSW instructor John Fox.

For more information on the Uganda Project, contact John Fox at 604-527-5745 or foxj@douglas.bc.ca.

To view the postings on the Uganda Project blog go to ugandaproject2007.blogspot.com.

A CSSW student connects with local Ugandan children during last year's fieldwork practicum.



Rotary Club supports nursing students

The New Westminster Rotary Club enriched its funding support of Douglas College students with a \$10,000 donation to its Nursing Scholarship Endowment. The club is a long-time supporter of funding for College students, also providing a bursary endowment and student emergency fund. The latest contribution was presented to College President Susan Witter during a recent ceremony.

(l to r): Bill Payne, past president of the Rotary Club of New Westminster and Chair of the Douglas College Foundation Board; Judge Kim Husband, Rotarian and member of the Douglas College Foundation Board; Susan Witter, President of Douglas College.

May 17
Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Program Development and Scholarly Activity. Thursday, 4-6pm, Upper Cafeteria, NWC, . Hosted by the VP Education's Office. Details: 604-527-5520

May 23 to July 7
The Amelia Douglas Gallery presents *Habitat: works by Moira Carlson and Penny Birnam.* Opening Reception May 23, 4:30-7:30pm. Details: 604-527-5723

May 30
Connect Orientation Event. New students get the opportunity to meet faculty members and classmates and to check out the campuses. Details: Kyle Baillie at 604-527-5814 or baillick@douglas.bc.ca

Dental students give back to the community



For the fourth year in a row, patients without access to dental care have had the opportunity to experience the skills of Douglas College Dental Assisting students, instructors and staff.

On April 17, the program opened its doors to the public for the BC Dental Association's annual Community Dental Day. Seven volunteer dentists were joined by Dental Assisting students, allowing the dentists to assess students for potential jobs or practicum offers. Volunteers also included Douglas College instructors, and in total the dental team served almost 100 patients.

Held in partnership with the Association of Dental Surgeons of BC, Community Dental Day provides free urgent dental care to the working poor, including low-income adults, seniors and students without dental plans.

Dental Assisting student Jessica Lee (far left) joins the dental team of Dr. Bernard Gin for Community Dental Health Day.

Students Connect with Douglas College

To help students and parents make the most of their transition to college life, the Office for New Students (ONS) is hosting the Connect Event.

"The Connect Event is designed to make students feel at home and to ensure they have all the information they need to get off to the right start," says Kyle Baillie, Manager, Office for New Students.

Whether the student is coming directly from high school or returning to school after a period of time away, the May 30 Connect Event will walk them through the startup process while they meet with other new students, faculty members and college employees.

Each faculty will host individual student receptions while Student Services, as well as student groups, will have display tables set up in the Concourse. Through separate welcome sessions, students and parents have the opportunity to ask questions. Student and parent campus tours will also take place.

The Connect Event takes place at the New Westminster Campus from 5:30-9:30pm. Students must RSVP online through the Office for New Students website at www.douglas.bc.ca/new-students/office-new-students/Connect_Event_Home

For more information call 604-527-5814, or email information@douglas.bc.ca.



Eric Glanville (center), ONS Student Development Coordinator, poses with students at the New Westminster Campus.

Program partnership builds roads to success

The Training Group, in partnership with the Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association, has embarked on a new program offering entry-level trades training.

The Roadbuilders Foundations Program is designed for those new to the trade or wanting to begin an apprenticeship in BC's robust road building and heavy construction industry.

The four-week program is offered every second month at Douglas College's Surrey Training Centre. Graduates receive a Certificate of Completion from the Industry Training Authority along with a Road Builders Safety Training System Certificate. Participants also receive certification in Level 1 First Aid, flagging and WHMIS.

The training will help enable them to enter further training and apprenticeship programs in the road construction sector.

For more information, please contact program assistant Deb Ringrose at 604 588-7772.



A new Training Group program will prepare workers to enter BC's road building sector.

New Health Sciences dean announced

Dr. Michel Tarko has been appointed as the Dean of Health Sciences, replacing Dr. Joy Holmwood.

Tarko, who is currently serving as Acting Associate Dean of Health Sciences, has a Diploma in Psychiatric Nursing from the Manitoba School for Psychiatric Nursing, a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manitoba and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of British Columbia.

Tarko has been a faculty member at Douglas College for 19 years. He has a long-standing professional interest as a researcher and conference presenter of the Newman Systems Model and has sat on steering committees for the National Nursing Sector Study and the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing Clinical Placements.



Author returns to launch first novel

Former Douglas College student, wheelchair basketball athlete and author, Arley McNeney, launched her first novel, *Post* at the Amelia Douglas Gallery on May 1.

"I took my first children's writing workshop at Douglas College when I was only eight years old. Somehow it felt right to return to launch my book," says McNeney.

Post explores the physical realities and psychological makeup of a retired wheelchair athlete searching for love, family and self-awareness.

Arley McNeney poses with her first novel, Post, in the Amelia Douglas Gallery.

McNeney's novel, inspired by her own athletic career, follows Nolan Taylor, a 13-year veteran of the Canadian women's wheelchair basketball team, through surgery, lost dreams, old loves and new hopes.

McNeney is currently a member of the Canadian women's wheelchair basketball team that trains at Douglas College. She helped the team win bronze at the 2004 Paralympics and gold at the 2002 and 2006 World Championships. She divides her time between her home

in New Westminster and Champaign-Urbana Illinois, where she is working on her graduate degree in Creative Writing.

"It actually feels as if I've never really left Douglas College. Since I train here when I'm in Canada and I've worked in the kids' summer camp program, I've never really lost contact," says McNeney.

McNeney's book is published through ThistleDown Press and is available through Amazon.ca and Chapters.

April shower reunion

On April 10 the support team that helped Haddy Faal-Keita deliver her 5 lb – 9 oz daughter reunited for a Douglas College hosted baby shower. Haddy received gifts from the Library and college president, Susan Witter.



(l-r) Gary Alteza, Security Officer/First Aid Attendant; Jill MacLachlan, English instructor; Haddy Faal-Keita, mom; and

A record-breaking Event

Record-breaking numbers were achieved at this year's *Event* book sale.

Used books, donated by the Douglas College community, filled the New Westminster concourse over the March 19-22 sale. Buyers helped raise over \$3,700, and with matching funds from the Douglas College Foundation, sale organizers raised approximately \$7,500.

"*Event* receives hundreds of manuscripts per year from new and established writers from coast-to-coast. The funds raised will go to strengthen *Event's* continuing role in the recognition of Douglas College at home and around the world," says *Event's* editor, Rick Maddocks.

The editorial team of Ian Cockfield, Christine Dewar,

Elizabeth Bachinsky and Maddocks will use the funds as they work on producing the Summer 2007 issue due out by early June.

Briefly

Effective September 1, the College Board will welcome new members **Meg Stainsby**, representing Faculty, and **Bruce Clarke**, representing Staff. They will both serve three-year terms. Student representatives **Yasmin Irani** and **Alan Yang** (re-elected) join the Board for one-year terms.

The Douglas College Wrestling Team took home its first Intercollegiate Cup in April in Calgary. Leading the way with Gold Medals were **Aso Palani**, **Manvir Sahota** and **Amanda Gerhart**. **Raj Rai** and **Micah Brakefield** both finished with Silver Medals. The Intercollegiate Cup was attended by 16 college and university clubs from across Canada.

During the month of May, Aeroplan is permitting the Douglas College Foundation to collect Aeroplan points to help fund students traveling abroad. Aeroplan members can donate surplus points to the Foundation to help purchase airline tickets for students heading to Uganda, Thailand or China. Employees, family, friends and the general public can participate to help lighten the financial load for international study, practicum and work placements. For more information contact Foundation Coordinator **Sarah Lock** at 604-777-6176.

The Alumni Association raised over \$1,100 thanks to the efforts of hair stylists from Westwood Plateau's Zen Salon. The Alumni's second-annual Cut-a-thon, held on March 26, raised money for the Alumni Association Bursary.



Wendy Siddaway works with Developmental Education department assistant Barb Thompson on a new look.

Douglas College employees can save money on transit passes through the Translink Employer Pass Program. Employees who enrol in the program are required to commit to it for 12 consecutive months. Transit

passes are paid through Payroll deductions and new participants may enrol in any month. Deadline to enrol for the start of July is May 18. Please contact **Nancy Constable** at local 5774 or constablen@douglas.bc.ca for more information.

Congratulations to **Karen McCredie**, Associate Registrar, who successfully defended her Master's thesis entitled, *Undergraduate Student Retention at Simon Fraser University: A 2005/2006 Case Study* to complete her Master of Arts in Educational Leadership degree.

The Centre for International Education welcomes **Christiaan Bernard** in the new position of Manager, International Marketing and Recruitment. **Yoshi Takano** moves into the new position of International Education Advisor.

David Belanger moves from auxiliary back to the regular position of Website/Designer Trainer in Client and Learning Services.

Anne Brigham, former Departmental Assistant I, leaves CFCS to return to auxiliary status.

Employee Relations welcomes **Kathy Bromley** as Receptionist/Clerk Typist.

Sandy Camire moves into the new position of Administrative Officer in The Training Group.

Gillian Cowan moves to regular as Admissions Officer in the Registrar's Office.

The Science and Technology department welcomes **Winnie McKittrick** to the new position of Sport Science Placement Coordinator.