



Exploring the student experience builds strong relationships inside and outside of the classroom.

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Faculty, staff and administrators from across Douglas College came together on May 3 to explore the future of how the College serves students.

“Our goal for the day was to discuss how to position Douglas College in BC’s post-secondary education sector as a provider of a uniquely different educational experience,” says Blaine Jensen, VP Educational Services, who hosted the forum.

Dr. Ken Pawlak, from Langara’s Employee Development Centre, led the 55 participants in describing core components of the student experience based on student input, the Academic Signature, the *Students First*

plan and the Douglas College Values.

The team discussed assumptions about the student experience and challenges in engaging students to get actively involved in shaping services the College delivers.

Forum participants identified key changes to help develop College-wide service standards based on surveys and input from the Douglas College student body.

The broad categories identified by students would reinforce an environment that is friendly and personal, satisfying and engaging, growth promoting/transformational and relevant and supportive.

“It was great to see so many people energized and

enthused about how we can make Douglas College an exceptional place to learn. Our next step is to validate our key principles with the College community and students. We have a steering committee to start that work,” says Jensen.

The forum was the latest in a series of projects based on the *Student First* plan to address student recruitment and retention issues.

Additional forums and events will be held during the next year to take the principles identified, validate them with students and employees, and to establish cross-College service standards.

Taking Four

The Office for New Students and Foundation staff lend golfers a hand on the 13th hole during the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament held on May 17 at the Westwood Plateau Golf Course in Coquitlam.



(l to r): Brenden Mongeon, student volunteer; Kyle Baillie, Manager Office for New Students; Alan Yang, student volunteer; and Alexis Smith, Development Officer, Douglas College Foundation.

Expanding horizons for students

Students seeking an international education can now benefit from two new financial awards.

The Douglas College International Studies Award program offers a total of \$1,500 in support of students who participate in learning opportunities abroad.

Established by the Centre for International Education and the Douglas College Foundation, the awards promote educational opportunities for students to not only expand their horizons but to complete part of their program requirements abroad.

Built on the College’s international education strategies, the awards have the potential to make a significant

contribution to the Academic Signature goals of citizenship by developing more globally literate citizens.

The \$1,500 will provide two categories of funding.

The \$1,000 Academic Program Award will be granted to a University Transfer student enrolled in a minimum of nine credits in an academic program overseas.

The Practicum Program Award of \$500 is available for students who complete the mandatory practicum requirement of their program.

Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, complete an application form, provide a letter of reference from a faculty member and get signed approval from their dean.

Funding will be awarded for students participating in academic exchanges with partnering institutions; field school projects; service learning; internships, practicums and unpaid or partially paid co-operative work terms.

The first awards will be presented by June 15 for 2007. Subsequent awards will be given out by April 30 each year.

For more information contact the Centre for International Education at 604-527-5650 or email at cie@douglas.bc.ca

Quote of the Month

“No price is set on the lavish summer; June may be had by the poorest comer.”

—James Russell Lowell, *The Vision of Sir Launfal* (pt. I, prelude)

An inside look at excellence

The second annual Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Program Innovation and Scholarly Activity offered guests an insightful look into teaching practices and the learning environment at Douglas College.

Attracting employees, students, Board members and other visitors, the May 17 event highlighted exceptional work and achievements.

“This event provides an opportunity to come together

as a community. We celebrate our values of fostering an accessible and supportive teaching and learning environment that prizes excellence and innovation,” says Jan Lindsay, Vice President Education, who hosted the session.

Twenty-seven displays showcased a wide range of educational activities provided in the classroom or through support services – as well as the quality of scholarly activity engaged in by faculty and staff.

Participants discovered that technology enhances learning in a variety of ways. Sign language interpretation can be taught online and with the use of CDs. Foreign language study is improved by the use of electronic tablets. Theoretical models, such as Neuman’s Systems Model, can be animated for interactive learning.

Displays showed how geography can come to life in a graveyard and “mind mapping” can help students

learn. Theatre-set models illustrated the intricacy and complexity of design required to plan a performance. Visitors also explored the world of bugs and bison, and discovered how combining history and mystery can develop investigatory skills. Program development team members were presented with Program Innovation Awards in recognition of their leadership roles.

“I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who

took part in organizing and presenting displays at this year’s event. I hope everyone at Douglas College will keep this event in mind as they engage in activities with students over the next year, and will make plans to display some of these activities at the 2008 celebration,” says Lindsay.



Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care, CFCS: *Back Row (l to r): Kathleen Wallden, Barbara Hill, Ray Chapman, Jeannette Shim; Front Row: Jan Carrie, Gary Tennant, Lori Hawkes, Doug Estergaard; not pictured: Bruce Hardy, Rita Chudnovsky, Colleen Murphy and Anne Brigham.*



Light Warehouse Training Program: *(l to r): Bob Logelin, Chris Gibson, Ted James; not pictured: Evelyn Wright.*



Diploma in Legal Studies: *Graeme Bowbrick. Not pictured: Cynthia Fulton, Kathy Heggie-Hunter, Sussan Thomson.*



Pre-Business Foundation Program: *Back row (l to r): Dennis McKintuck, Ted James; Front row (l to r): Hilary Rourke, Laurel Donaldson, George Stroppa; not pictured: Brenda Braiden.*



Bachelor of Physical Education and Coaching: *(l to r): Ken Anderson, Rosita Wan, Des Wilson; not pictured: Brian Storey, Alison Gill, Gert Van Niekerk.*

Celebration photos continued...



Behavioural Interventionist Citation: Back (l to r): Lynne Wilson, Susan Vincent, Chris Horrocks, Nicholas Watkins, Cheryl Jeffs, Kathleen Wallden, Rosemary Love; front: Sandra Polushin, Jan Carrie, Wendy Parry, Lori Woods, Richard Norman; not pictured: Gord Tulloch.



Special Award – Doula Certificate : (l to r): Kathie Lindstrom, Health Sciences presents Doula Certificate to Jill MacLachlan, LLPA, in recognition of her classroom delivery of student Haddy Saal-Keita's daughter.



Bachelor of Business Administration: Back row (l to r): Joan Adams, Rosilyn Coulson; front row : Joe Ilsever, Gilbert Fick; not pictured: Elizabeth Hicks.

Acknowledging distinguished service

A new Douglas College award program will celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of College employees.

The President's Distinguished Service Awards will be given to those who have contributed to the betterment of the College community.

The awards will recognize up to three employees for outstanding contributions to the learning and working environment at Douglas College. All employees are eligible for the awards and can be nominated by any Douglas College employee.

Selection criteria for award recipients include: accomplishments that benefit the Douglas College community; displays of dedication, integrity and

commitment to high standards; acts of inspiration and response to students and co-workers; and service to the community both on and off campus.

All nominations must be made in writing and forwarded to the President's Distinguished Service Award Selection Committee. Deadline for nominations is September 15. The awards will be presented at the Annual Employee Recognition Reception, normally held in the Fall of each year.

For full award information, selection criteria or to download a nomination form, visit www.douglascollege.ca/about/presidents-awards.

Submissions for Shanghai symposium sought

The Shanghai Administration Institute (SAI) is offering Douglas College faculty the chance to present at an international symposium in Shanghai in November.

The SAI is accepting submissions on the topic of "Karl Marx's *Capital* and its Contemporary Value" to be held November 2 to 6.

The primary focus of this international symposium is to examine the relevance and value of Marx's work and his effect on contemporary societies in the West and East.

Academic works in the areas of Philosophy, Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Social Sciences, Psychology, Legal Studies and

Human Services are being sought for presentation.

Douglas College will provide support for up to two faculty members to attend the symposium to present papers. Presenters will have all international travel costs, room and board, conference fees and cultural activities paid for by Douglas College and the SAI. Applicants must also submit a plan, approved by their dean, for coverage of their teaching responsibilities during their absence.

Applications, abstracts and papers should be submitted electronically to Lauren Dailey, at daileyl@douglas.bc.ca in the Office of the Vice President Education. Deadline is August 1.



Students get connected

The Office for New Students hosted students, family and friends at its annual Connect Event information fair held Wednesday May 30. Participants explored all aspects of Douglas College programs, facilities and services.

Events Calendar

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

June 10

5th annual *Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion*. Celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Rick Hansen Man in Motion World Tour Burnaby/New Westminster Event and Relay. Registration opens at 10am. New Westminster Quay. Details: Laurel Donaldson at donaldsonl@douglas.bc.ca

July 16

Annual Employees and Friends of Douglas College Golf Tournament Country Meadows, 8400 #6 Road, Richmond. 12:30pm (first tee time) \$60 per person. Steak & Chicken BBQ included. Registration required. Details: Lou Rene Legge 604-527-5043; leggel@douglas.bc.ca

Library hours change

From now to August 17, the David Lam Campus Library will be open two evenings per week. Library hours for the summer are:

David Lam Campus

May 7 - August 17
8am to 4:30pm
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8am to 9pm, Tuesday and Thursday
Closed, Saturdays and Sundays

New Westminster Campus

April 24 - August 17
8am to 4:30pm, Monday and Friday
8am to 9pm, Tuesday through Thursday
9am to 5pm, Saturday (until June 30)
Closed Saturdays July and August
Closed Sundays

For more information, check the Library website at douglascollege.ca/library/hours_summer

Coming into the CAVE

Record-breaking attendance highlighted this Spring's CAVE hiring fair.

Over 950 people attended the three-day event, held May 1 to 3, breaking last year's attendance by 150.

The fair attracted major local and national employers looking to recruit young workers. Over 30 employers, including the Canadian

Forces, London Drugs, and Canada Safeway accepted resumes for current and future job opportunities from participants across the Lower Mainland.

The CAVE Employment Resource Centre is a service provided by Douglas College and is a federally funded Service Canada project that provides free job search and career resources to people aged

15 to 30. The centre is located at 202-4250 Kingsway, near the Patterson Street SkyTrain Station in Burnaby

The next hiring fair is set for late September. For more information contact CAVE event coordinator Tim Blake at 604-438-3045 or visit the CAVE website at www.cave-employment.com.



Math wizards compete at Douglas College

High school Math students from New Westminster, Tri-Cities and Maple Ridge competed at the second annual Douglas College Math Department contest on May 3. Colleges across the province host the contest that includes an exam, scavenger hunt and award presentations.

Briefly

The National Magazine Awards (NMA) have short-listed *Event* author **Sheree Ann Frappied** in the Personal Journalism category. Frappied's piece, "Idylwyld Park," published in *Event* 35, was one of the two winners of last year's annual Event Creative Non-Fiction Contest. The NMA winners will be announced on June 15 in Toronto.

This year's successful Health and Safety Week campus displays generated great interest and prizes were awarded to the following recipients: **Liz Narsaiya, Ashley Miller, Jennie Johnson, Donna Lowndes, Aubie Anisef, Mack Madness, Christy McMaster, Marena Karasevich** and **Ali Tootian**. Survival and first aid kits or scent-free baskets were presented to the winners during the May 7 to 11 event.

WHMIS computer-based training is currently available on all campus computers except those with Windows 2000. Access instructions are available from the Help Desk at 604-527-5330 or

through Health and Safety coordinator **Sandy McKinley** at 604-527-5337.

The Bookstore at the David Lam Campus has temporarily relocated to classroom A1190. David Lam Bookstore staff can be reached at 604-777-6260 for more information.

The Vision Centre at the David Lam Campus is now carrying more designer styles at preferred pricing for employees, students and alumni. The Vision Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 5pm. For more information, contact lab technician **Hanna Pham** or assistant lab technician **Wendy Russo** at 604-777-6108.

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 August is June 18. Please contact **Nancy Constable** at local 5774 or constablen@douglas.bc.ca for more information.

Linda Villarreal, EASL Instructor and Folk Roots 'n' Shoots singer and songwriter, completed her debut CD recording with Michael Dunn (luthier and guitarist) and Gerry Teahan (bassist) entitled *Water, Colour, and Shade*. The official release and party will take place in the Fall. Copies of the CD are available from Villarreal at local 604-527-5403 or villarreal@douglas.bc.ca.

Lynda Phillips, ECE Coordinator, received her PhD in Educational and Counselling Psychology and Special Education from UBC. Phillips' research focus was on preschooler's conceptual understanding of their sibling's progressive life limiting illness. The results demonstrated that the children's understanding focused around the illness process as it related to their own context.

Tad McIlwraith, Anthropology instructor, successfully defended his PhD dissertation at the University of New Mexico. His dissertation, *But We Are Still Native People: Talking About Hunting and History in a Northern Athapaskan Village*, was based on McIlwraith's research in Iskut, BC on the contemporary significance of hunting as told through

the stories of members of the community.

Michael Wilson, Anthropology/Sociology instructor, gave a presentation entitled "Late Pleistocene Bison Antiquus from Orcas Island Washington and Evidence from an Early Postglacial Land Mammal Dispersal Corridor from the Mainland to Vancouver Island" at the May 3 Cordilleran Section meeting of the Geological Society of America, in Bellingham.

Thea Berretta, Sociology instructor, had an article published in the inaugural issue of the journal *Transformative Dialogues*, titled "The Educational Marathon of a New Scholar." The article focuses the personal reflections of a new educator on the topic of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

Frank Leonard, History instructor, published "Diplomatic forces of the new railroad: transcontinental terminus entry at Vancouver and Seattle," in the third series of *The Journal of Transport History*, Volume 28, Number 1, March 2007.

English instructor **Susan McCaslin's** latest volume of

poetry, *Lifting the Stone*, will be published by Seraphim Editions in the Fall. McCaslin will be going on tour in Ontario with the book.

Kevin Staley, Mathematics Assistant, and wife Liesl welcomed their seven-pound 14 oz. son, Lucas Victor Jurock Staley, on April 12.

Mike Proud, former Comptroller, left the Finance department in May. In September, **Stephanie Fraser** will replace Proud as Comptroller and **Dean Jansen** will become Manager/Accounting Information.

In the Registrar's Office, **Jill Cowan** moves from permanent ISA to permanent Admissions Officer. **Stefanie Carter** moves from auxiliary to regular as Information Services Assistant.

CFCS welcomes **Sandra Mountain** who moves from Admissions Officer into a new position as an Instructional Facilitator.

Ann Kuo moves from auxiliary to regular as Library Technician — Audio Visual at the David Lam Campus Learning Resources Centre.

Janice Fung moves from auxiliary to regular as Business Specialist in the Bookstore.