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2011 Convocation Marks First Honorary Fellows for Douglas College

During the June graduation ceremonies, Douglas College bestowed the title of Honorary Fellow for the first time in its 40-year history. The recipients were chosen from a number of nominees for their outstanding achievement and/or distinguished service to the local, provincial and national community. The Honorary Fellow is the highest award that the College can give.

Tim Agg and **Bill Hughes** were honoured at the June 1 and 2 graduation ceremonies respectively, and again at a luncheon for their friends and family on June 3 at the Westminster Club.

Tim Agg grew up in Vancouver where he attended Vancouver Technical School. Circumstances made it impossible for him to complete his education at UBC and receiving the designation of Honorary Fellow was especially meaningful to him. As Executive Director of PLEA Community Services Society of BC (a major provider of Youth Justice Services in BC) since 1982, Tim has provided dozens of practicum placements for our students and has chaired Douglas College's Youth Justice Advisory Committee since 2001.

Bill Hughes, born, raised and educated in New Westminster, started his radio career in 1944 and soon became the voice of the "Roving Mike" show with CKNW. During his career, he earned many broadcast and civic awards. When he retired in 1994 after the 15,083rd show, he had set a Guinness World record for the longest running show in history. Bill joined the Douglas College Foundation Board in 1987 where he served for 18 years. He is a major benefactor of the College and the library at the New Westminster Campus is named after him.

The June graduation ceremonies culminated the first 40 years of Douglas College's service to our communities, conferring over 1,000 graduates with 101 different credentials. Congratulations to the Graduation Committee and the many volunteers who made the ceremonies look effortless, and to all our graduates on their academic successes!

Douglas College Wins Gold

Douglas College is the proud Gold recipient of the first annual Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) Internationalization Excellence Award presented during the ACCC Annual Conference in Edmonton in early June. This is a highly competitive award that recognizes an ACCC member institution which has shown leadership in internationalizing its entire institution for the benefit of its learners and community.

As a follow up to the presentation of the award in Edmonton, ACCC is hosting a local ceremony so that Douglas College can share this achievement with the students, faculty and staff who have made such a strong contribution to internationalization at the College.

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Douglas College to Join the U-Pass BC Program

Douglas College will join the U-Pass BC program this September, allowing our students a monthly three-zone transit pass for only \$30.00. The Douglas Students' Union (DSU) has been working on this file for several years and Douglas College has provided provincial leadership in developing the program. Students who take at least 3 credits and pay DSU membership fees will participate in the plan.

Earlier this year 96% of Douglas College students voted in favour of joining the new U-Pass BC program. The fee will be collected at the time of registration and students will collect their monthly fare card via vending machines at each campus by using their Douglas College Student ID card. There will be three vending machines at the New Westminster Campus and two at David Lam. Information on the new program will be sent to all students and posted on the College website in early June.

Community Travelers Visit Uganda Projects

One week after seven students began practicums in Masaka, Uganda, Hazel Postma, Vice-President External, led a group of 12 travellers to that country. Each of the travelers had donated to the Uganda Project prior to the visit and were keen to see how their money was being used. They were also interested in meeting the students and learning about the issues facing Ugandans. Instructors Bob Shebib and Diana Stewart established an itinerary that included visits to the Masaka Regional Hospital, Tekera Resource Centre which operates a clinic, school and women's cooperative, an HIV/AIDS clinic, an outreach program for street kids, and a school for children with disabilities. As well, the group participated in the monthly meeting of the Traditional Healers Association and hosted a dinner for the supervisors of the Douglas College students. One day was spent at Mburu National Park where students, travelers and faculty spent the day getting to know one another. After leaving Masaka, the group embarked on a short safari which exceeded all expectations.

It is expected that the trip, apart from raising awareness of the Uganda Project, will also have raised close to \$10,000 to support students in their practicum placements.

Facilities Services Hosts the Provincial Facility Administrators Conference Spring 2011

Over 40 representatives from post-secondary institutions throughout the province, along with representation from the Ministry of Advanced Education, attended the recent Facility Administrators Conference from May 18-20 held at both our New Westminster and David Lam Campuses. Presentations and discussions included post-seismic evaluations, high performance leadership through complex change, emergency notification systems, wood first-new construction, building cyclical reporting and capital planning updates from the Ministry of Advanced Education. Attendees were not only pleased with the overall conference but also extremely impressed with the physical condition of our facilities.

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New Westminster Business Community Networks at New West Campus

The Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration (CBA) hosted a New Westminster Chamber of Commerce Business-After-Business networking event on May 26 at the New Westminster Campus. Spear-headed by External Relations with support from Co-operative Education, CBA and Marketing and Communications, the event was attended by 50 local business operators who mingled with Douglas College faculty and staff while enjoying refreshments in the Douglas Room. Co-op student Tim Jensen spoke of his work experience and how it has informed his academic studies. Guests also learned about the College's strategic plan and our desire to respond to community needs.

Faculty from a number of CBA departments used the opportunity to seek connections for student practicums and internships, as well as to invite people with specific skills to guest lecture.

Douglas College Students Win Best Strategy Invitational

As a diploma capstone class and as a second year BBA program class, the Business Strategy and Simulation course offers business students a variety of ways to apply the theories they have learned to date. One of these is the Business Strategy Simulation Game (BSG), an online simulation designed to replicate the real world athletic shoe industry. Any student-team finishing in first place in the BSG simulation exercise conducted at their school, college, or university receives an invitation to participate in the Best Strategy Invitational. The Best Strategy Invitational (BSI) is an online global simulation competition among high-performing Business Strategy Game companies from around the world.

Business Strategy Student Teams from Douglas College have repeatedly won or placed second in the Best-Strategy Invitational competitions since 2007, when the first Douglas College student team participated. Laura Byrne, Business Management Instructor, has been recognized as a "Master Professor" on the BSG website, for her part in preparing the students for their voluntary participation in the competition. The June 2011 graduation ceremonies included many of the past BSI winning team student members graduating from Douglas College with their BBA in either Accounting or Finance. Our latest Business Strategy Invitational Winner is Donald Kelly (Diploma Accounting Management, June 2011).

Professional Development: Collaborative Conflict Resolution Workplace Focus

Twenty-three Douglas College employees participated in a 3-day credit course in May where they examined their sources of conflict attitudes and beliefs and learned effective and practical tools in collaborative conflict resolution. Because the participants enjoyed the subject matter and the cross-college interaction so much, they agreed to stay in contact and to call on each other for ongoing support in their efforts to resolve conflicts successfully.

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2010/11 Enrolment Audit

The 2010/11 Enrolment Audit has now been completed with the College achieving 97.3% of the Ministry profile, up 5% from the prior year. The table below further breaks down this performance between credit and non-credit enrolments with comparatives for 2009/10.

	2010/11 FTE	% of Profile	2009/10 FTE	% of Profile
Ministry Profile	8,364	-	8,363	-
Credit Performance	6,759	80.8%	6,438	77.0%
Non-Credit Performance	1,377	16.5%	1,245	14.9%
Total Countable Performance	8,136	97.3%	7,683	91.9%

The net increase in performance is a result of several main factors as follows:

- Further stabilization/increased course offerings in the University Transfer open enrolment areas of the College (Criminology, Arts and Science) (216.2 FTE).
- Increased enrolments in two major program areas: Office Administration (39.1 FTE) and Integrated Human Service (48.1 FTE).
- An increase in activity of 170 FTE (699 FTE in 2010/11 compared to 529 in 2009/10) in Continuing Education in the Business, Health, Human Service and Sports areas.

International enrolments (which do not count toward the Ministry target) increased to 902 FTE (compared to 804 in the prior year). This is a combination of 721 FTE for international students studying in regular credit programs at our David Lam and New Westminster campuses and 181 FTE generated from classes taught by Douglas College instructors at our partner institutions in China.

We are pleased to see that our enrolments are stabilizing and confident that the directions outlined in our Strategic Plan, as well as courses and programs developed under the new Program Development and Implementation Funding Envelope, will result in further performance increases over the upcoming years.

Douglas College Early Summer Orientation

On May 25th and 26th the Office for New Students hosted over 200 new students at Early Summer Orientation (ESO) at both David Lam and New Westminster campuses. This annual event gives students an opportunity to learn about campus services, receive instruction on how to choose and register for classes, go on a campus tour and make some new friends.