



SPRING NEWSLETTER

Simulation doll welcomes Premier to opening



Nursing students and faculty with I-Stan.

I-Stan, a high-fidelity mannequin that can talk, breathe, bleed and simulate many health conditions, welcomed Premier Gordon Campbell and hundreds of guests to the May 1 opening of the \$36 million Health Sciences Centre at David Lam Campus. The opening was followed by an Education Fair featuring displays by more than 60 programs and services.

It was a day to celebrate the breadth and depth of the programs offered at Douglas College and to cement our place in the TriCities as a community-focused institution of learning.

Investing for the future

Many Douglas College students rely on your donations to help them continue their studies. In turn, you rely on us to wisely invest your money so as to achieve the best rate of return. Recently, Foundation directors agreed to move the bulk of our investment portfolio, about \$7 million, into a retractable endowment at the Vancouver Foundation. We benefit from being part of a huge pool of funds managed by an array of financial experts with investment income distributed quarterly. A portion of our portfolio is invested in socially responsible funds.

"It is great to know that there are people like you in the community who still feel that investing in post-secondary education is imperative. It feels good to know that students who make a choice for a better future have members in the community to count on in times of financial need."

- S. Heang, Associate Degree in Arts

"I was very happy and couldn't stop smiling for hours after opening the envelope. This was a great reward for the hard work and dedication I put into all my classes this semester."

- M. Middleton, HORM

No capital gains on donations of stocks and shares

Many people have taken advantage of the federal government's decision in May 2006 to eliminate capital gains on the donation of publicly traded shares to charities. By donating stocks and shares, rather than cash, you can avoid capital gains, which means your donation costs you less but the charitable institution receives the full amount of your gift. Douglas College Foundation has been fortunate to receive several gifts of publicly traded stocks over the past year and we would welcome the opportunity to provide more information to anyone who is interested. Please call Hazel Postma at 604-777-6173.

Gala showcases wine and chocolate - and students

Planning is underway for the 11th annual **A Class Act**, a wine tasting gala that raises money for student aid. The educational and entertaining event runs like a giant cocktail party in the atrium of our David Lam Campus in Coquitlam on Friday, Oct. 24 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. We're focusing on the tastes and sights of Thailand this year and encourage you to reserve your tickets soon by calling Sarah Lock at 604-777-6176. Tickets are \$65, for which you will receive a \$25 tax receipt.

Last year we introduced sponsorships and were delighted when Canadian Western Bank and Peter Legge Management Company signed on as Premium Sponsors while Coquitlam Centre, G & F Financial, HSBC, Royal Bank, ScotiaBank and Westminster Savings Credit Union were Reserve Sponsors with TriCity News and CKNW as media sponsors.

Christmas festival gives back to community

The 4th annual **Envision Financial Light the Lake** takes place on Sunday, Dec. 7 at LaFarge Lake, across from our David Lam Coquitlam campus. All proceeds will go to bursaries for students across the college. This year we are inviting community groups to host an activity or craft tent and join the festivities. All the sights, sounds and scents of Christmas will be there, from mulled apple cider to Santa himself. To participate as a volunteer or to host an activity, call Alexis Smith at 604-777-6172.

We could not stage such an event without our sponsors and would like to acknowledge the support we received last year from Envision Financial, Phoenix Truck and Crane, Trinity Power, William F. White, Thrifty Foods, Meridian RV, Cap's Westwood Cycles, West Coast Express, BC Hydro PowerSmart, Teklar Enterprises, Paul Gill, Williams Moving & Storage, Coquitlam NOW and the TriCity News, as well as many other community partners.

Students work longer hours to pay tuition fees

It can be hard to understand why, in this hot economy with Hiring Now signs in so many windows, the need for bursaries keeps increasing. Here's one of the reasons: In 1978, minimum wage was \$3 an hour, and it took 90 hours to pay for tuition for one semester. Today, minimum wage is \$8 an hour and it takes 283 hours to pay for tuition for one semester. That's one reason students today find it so much harder to stay in school – and another reason why your donation matters.

Pets provide funding for Animal Health Technology

You can celebrate the love and loyalty of your pet by supporting one of Douglas College's newest programs – Animal Health Technology (AHT). This two year program is the only one in Metro Vancouver to train veterinary paraprofessionals.

Donations can be made in memory of a beloved family pet or to pay tribute to your vet's professional skills. Proceeds are used to fund the high-tech equipment needed to deliver the AHT program. To make a donation, call or email Sarah Lock at 604-777-6176 or locks@douglas.bc.ca



Dr. Pauline Chow with AHT students Chris Smith, Amy Zywiecki and patient Angus.

Students pack bags for placements in Uganda and Thailand

For 10 years, Hotel and Restaurant Management students at Douglas College have headed to Thailand for 12-week work placements while Thai students have come to Canada.

Meanwhile, for the past three years students in our Community Social Service Worker program have packed their bags for Uganda to complete three month practicums in the city of Masaka. The students are working in the local hospital, AIDS/HIV clinic, at the Schizophrenia Society, in clinics and with orphans. This year, they were joined by an Early Childhood Education student as well as an instructor from Health Sciences who is exploring practicum opportunities for our nursing students.

Students must fundraise for their expenses and, especially in the case of Uganda, for equipment they will need in order to do their practicum work, equipment that also benefits the Ugandan agencies. They also fundraise for the Uganda Endowment, to which many of you donate.

For more information on our Uganda Endowment, call Sarah Lock at 604 777-6176.



14 year old mother, baby & grandmother.



CSSW student Maegan Coleman with clinic patient.

Snippets

- Douglas College Foundation raised \$589,000 in the 2007/2008 fiscal year, up \$50,000 on the year before – thanks to people like you. The College pays all administrative costs, so 100% of all donations go directly to help our students
- 1,800 students received student aid in 2007/2008
- Gerry Gramozis, a psychology lab technician, has won the 2008 Association of Canadian Community Colleges' Staff Excellence Award
- With 50 per cent of people with disabilities facing unemployment, Douglas College has joined forces with Polaris and the TriCities Chamber of Commerce in encouraging local businesses to hire up to 10 per cent of their workforce from the disabled community
- Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon announced that SkyTrain is coming to Douglas College from Lougheed Mall via Port Moody with completion in 2014
- Student dental assistants and their instructors, along with community volunteers, treated 80 patients at the Community Dental Health Day, held in April at the New Westminster campus

E-Newsletter option

In the interests of saving money and trees, you can receive your newsletters by email. To sign up for an email version of this newsletter, email Sarah Lock at locks@douglas.bc.ca

Different strokes for different folks

Everyone has a different reason for giving. Some of you give because you received assistance when you went to school. Others give because you understand the value of a community college and the needs of the students who come to Douglas. Some of you make donations in honour of an inspiring teacher or simply to acknowledge the importance of post secondary education close to home.

Roy Daykin and Linda Fulkerson were inspired to start an endowment after listening to Lezra Martin speak at Douglas College. Lezra was poor, illiterate and struggling in a New York ghetto when a chance encounter with a group of Canadians changed his life. He became famous for leading a campaign to free the wrongly convicted Ruben "Hurricane" Carter. Living today as a lawyer in Kamloops, Lezra has spoken twice at Douglas College – both times inspiring people to donate to students struggling with literacy issues.

Celebrating our major donors

Douglas College has received many wonderful gifts this past year, in addition to the sponsorships of our two special events, including the following corporate gifts: Vancouver Foundation, Minerva Foundation For BC Women, Canadian Western Bank, The Law Foundation of BC, Canadian Institute for Market Intelligence, Envision Credit Union, G & F Financial, BC Medical Services Foundation, HSBC Bank Canada, Microserve, Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd., Seniors Services Society, Cassady & Company, Rotary Club of New Westminster, Royal Bank of Canada, Jack Cewe Ltd, Allard Contractors Ltd., LAFARGE Construction Materials, Lehigh Heidelberg Cement Group, Mainland Sand & Gravel, Peter W. Webster, The Society for the Preservation of Vaudeville, Imperial Parking, Merial Canada Inc., Vancouver Business & Professional Women, Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise, Jessie Fenton Canadian Daughters' League, BC Wheelchair Basketball Society, College of Registered Psychiatric Nurses of BC, PLEA Community Services Society, CKNW Orphans' Fund, Bearpark Foundation, Canadian Club of New Westminster & the Fraser Valley, Canadian Federation of University Women – Coquitlam, Credit Union Foundation of BC, F. K Chan & Company, GFC Restoration Ltd., and Norco Performance Bikes.

Yes! I would like to help students at Douglas College by making:

- a monthly donation in the amount of: \$ _____
- a one time donation in the amount of: \$ _____

*Please include your full name & address for tax receipting purposes.
For monthly gifts, please complete credit card information.*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ PC: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

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