

### **Fall 2011 Enrolment Update**

I am pleased to report that credit enrolments for the Fall semester have increased by 84 FTE over the previous year. Specifically, gains in the open enrolment areas account for the majority of this increase indicating a further stabilizing trend in this area. When this growth is added to the 56 FTE increase from the Summer Semester and a projection is made for the Winter Semester, the College will more than meet its credit growth target for the year of 175 FTE. You will recall that the College has set a target growth of 1350 credit FTE over the 5-year period from 2010/11 to 2014/15. Results to date indicate we are on target to achieve this goal.

International enrolment (which cannot be counted against the Ministry target) is shown separately and is up 54 FTE from the previous Fall semester. This is a result of extensive recruiting and retention initiatives that have been undertaken. This follows an increase of 32 FTE in the Summer Semester. It is anticipated this area will end the year at approximately 860 FTE, an increase of 140 FTE over the prior year. It is important to note that this International growth is completely self-funded, while at the same time creating additional seats for domestic students.

### **CFCS move to DLC**

The Faculty of Child, Family, and Community Studies is relocating to Coquitlam campus in two-stages to accommodate current students. Additional accommodations have been made for part-time students attending evening courses in programs such as the Aboriginal Child and Youth Care Stream and Early Childhood Education. Relocating a Faculty entails a great deal of planning over an extended period of time and will require the cooperation of the Academic Division, the Educational Services Division, and the Finance and Administration Division. Renovations will be needed at the Coquitlam campus to create appropriate space for CFCS faculty and staff. Instructional technology, books, and other educational materials such as video discs will have to be moved as well. Senior Management Team is confident that the move will ultimately benefit CFCS and the College as a whole.

### **Evergreen Line Update**

It's been a long, multi-year process, but with the Metro Vancouver mayors' decision in early October to approve a gas and property tax hike to cover transit improvements, the Evergreen SkyTrain line is poised to proceed. Provincial and federal funding in the amount of \$840 million is already in place, the environmental assessment has been completed and Requests for Proposals have been prepared.

Construction of the Evergreen line is slated to start in 2012, following the passing of provincial enabling legislation, with completion four or more years later. The closest station to the David Lam campus will be roughly across the street from the Health Sciences building; i.e., north of Guildford in the parking lot on the east side of Pinetree.

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**Debbie Schachter elected to the Board of Directors Special Libraries Association (SLA)**

Debbie Schachter has been elected to the international Board of The Special Libraries Association the Special Libraries. Debbie is providing international leadership and Douglas College will benefit. The Special Libraries Association (SLA) is a non-profit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners. SLA serves more than 9,000 members in 75 countries in the information profession, including corporate, academic and government information specialists. SLA promotes and strengthens its members through learning, advocacy and networking initiatives. For more information, visit [www.sla.org](http://www.sla.org).

**Stagecraft & Event Technology Program Coordinator wins award**

Drew Young, Coordinator of the Stagecraft & Event Technology program, has been awarded the 2011 CITT ([Canadian Institute for Theatre Technology](http://www.citt.ca)) Education Achievement Award. The award recognizes an individual's longstanding career achievement as an educator in a technical or related discipline, while preparing students for work within the Canadian live performance industry. Each year, the Canadian Institute for Theatre Technology recognizes individuals and companies that excel in their field of live performance in Canada. Congratulations Drew!

**Uganda High Commissioner visits Douglas College**

Representatives from the Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies and Douglas International met with His Excellency Mr. George Abola in early October when he visited the New Westminster Campus as part of a tour of BC. He provided support and advice for the Douglas College Uganda Project and had suggestions for future partnerships. He was interested to learn of the April trip to Masaka by a group of 12 community members who support the Uganda Project. Mr. Abola reported Uganda is working hard to increase tourism and offered support for any future philanthropy tourism initiatives.

**14<sup>th</sup> annual A Class Act gearing up for fun 1970s-style**

Douglas College Foundation is planning a night to remember on Saturday, Oct. 29 that raises money for student aid while allowing guests to groove the night away at the Executive Plaza Hotel. The 14<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser includes a dozen wine and beer distributors offering a wide sample of tastings, gourmet appetizers and dancing to DRIVE, a live tribute band led by Bob Caldwell of the Community Music School. As well, various community sponsors are offering a blackjack tournament, a chance to have photos taken beside a 1979 Trans Am, a raffle with chances to win a \$1,000 gift certificate from Coquitlam Centre, and a fabulous live and silent auction.

It's a meet and mingle evening— ideal for groups of friends and colleagues to get together, dress up in 1970s gear and have fun while raising money to support student success. Tickets are \$85 and can be ordered by calling x6176.

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### **Fall Fair showcases College and community**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Douglas College Fall Fair attracted hundreds of TriCity residents who came to see what the College has to offer at the David Lam Campus. Held on the Campus Green on Saturday, Sept. 17, the Fall Fair showcased 11 Douglas College programs and departments as well as a number of community groups and vendors. There was music, a roving clown, a bouncy castle and a BBQ, as well as opportunities for children to explore a Coquitlam Fire truck and the Coquitlam Library Bookmobile.

Hosted by the Douglas College Alumni Association in partnership with the Douglas College Foundation, the Fall Fair is designed to connect with the TriCity community, promote our programs, partner with community groups, and raise a little money for student aid.

### **President's Distinguished Service and Team Excellence Awards**

The President's Distinguished Service and Team Excellence Awards are presented annually at the Employee Recognition event. This event, previously held in the late fall, has been moved to a spring timeframe. The 2012 event will take place on Wed. April 18 (see "Upcoming Events" below for details). As a result, the nomination deadline for both awards will now be **March 1** each year. A call for nominations will go out to the College community by email early in the New Year. For complete information on the award criteria and selection process, visit the *Awards for Excellence* section on the College website at <http://www.douglas.bc.ca/employees/awards-for-excellence.html>.

### **Senior Management Team Minutes**

SMT (Senior Management Team) minutes will now be posted on the President's website for public information at <http://www.douglas.bc.ca/about/presidents-office/smt/approved-minutes.html>. The most recently approved minutes of Sept. 21 are now posted, along with back issues to Jan. 2011.

### **Upcoming College Events**

#### ***14th Annual A Class Act***

*Sat. October 29, 2011, 7:00-11:00 p.m., Executive Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre*

#### ***Employee Retirement Dinner***

*Fri. November 18, 2011, 5:30 p.m., New Westminster Campus, Upper Cafeteria*

#### ***Holiday Celebrations***

*Tues. December 13, 2011, 4:00-6:00 p.m., David Lam Campus, Boardroom*

*Thurs. December 15, 2011, 4:00-6:00 p.m., New Westminster Campus, Upper Cafeteria*

#### ***Employee Recognition Reception***

*Wed. April 18, 2012, 4:00-6:00 p.m., New Westminster Campus, Performing Arts Theatre/Foyer*