

Office of New Students Mission: Engage Students



Kyle Baillie, Manager, Office of New Students

With the hiring of Kyle Baillie, the new manager of Douglas College's Office for New Students, the College continues its mission to fully engage student's in life at Douglas College.

Baillie, comes to the College from Centenary College in New Jersey, where he was the Director of First Year/Co-Curricular Transition Programs. He has his Master's Degree in Leadership and Public Administration.

"Baillie's appointment is another signal of the changing face of Douglas College. Kyle's role as Manager of the Office of New Students is a major new investment into putting our students as our primary focus. His experience in first year student transitions, student retention and creating a student ambassadors club will assist Douglas College in positioning itself as a first choice college in BC," said Blaine Jensen, Vice-President - Educational Services.

Baillie says a key ingredient in helping students make a successful transition is "engagement."

"Students need to feel engaged in their new college life. If they get involved with their instructors and with other students, if they

take advantage of college services and activities, they are much more likely to succeed and thrive," Baillie says.

"Recent studies on student engagement indicated that Canadian universities have some work to do. Douglas College has created the Office for New Students to ensure that students feel welcomed. They'll be encouraged to get involved, and take advantage of the great support services as they meet the challenges of higher learning."

He says a good example of such services is packaged in an event for new students called FLOW. Named by students, the Fully Loaded Orientation Week aims to get students started on the right foot, giving them survival tips to thrive in post-secondary education and encouraging them to get involved and ask questions.

"Laurie May, FLOW's event coordinator, has been working with student volunteers to prepare this year's event. Students are encouraged to participate in short workshops such as career planning, time management and success tips as well as take part in fun activities such as barbecues and tuition draws.

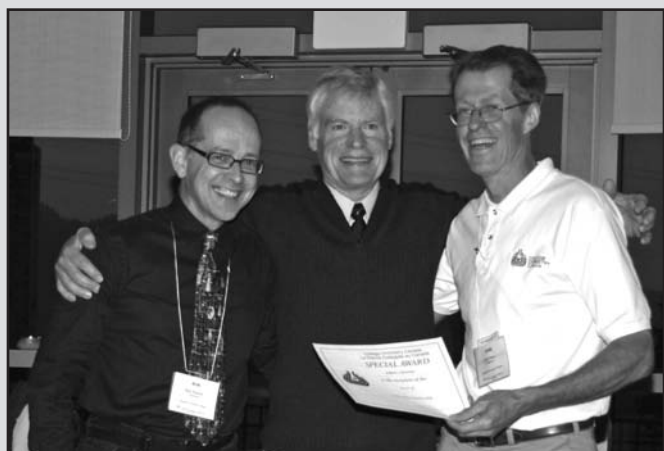
But we also need to go out into the community to meet students where they are," says Baillie.

And he has already begun. On Sunday, August 20th Royal City 7th Annual Show and Shine Baillie and May, greeted members of the community, Douglas Alumni and future students from a display table set up on site.

"There is great support in the community for the College. We received a lot of good feedback from alumni, potential and new students. Many people shared warm and welcoming stories about Douglas College and how it fits, not just into their educational goals, but also into the life of their community," reflect Baillie.

Over the next six months Baillie will help Douglas College set up a student recruitment plan, enhance and improve our new student orientation program. If you have questions about the Office for New Students or if you want to talk to Kyle directly you contact him at extension 5814 or email him at bailliek@douglas.bc.ca.

Browne wins lifetime membership



From l-r, Bob Perkins, (Kwantlen), Bob Browne (Douglas), and C3 President John Olson (U of Alberta) making the presentation.

Bob Browne was awarded an honorary lifetime membership in College Chemistry Canada (C3) at the organization's annual conference. The conference was held at Niagara College in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario at the end of May. In accepting the award, Bob suggested that it was being given for endurance, since he is a charter member of C3, and has served on the executive for almost twenty years. Bob currently edits the C3 web site.

Bigger training centre offers Surrey learners more options

Planning to upgrade your business options or downsize your personal space?

Surrey residents will have more learning and training opportunities as the Douglas College Surrey Training Centre moves from its Central City Mall location into larger facilities on September 5. The new 12,000 square-foot centre at 10060 King George Highway features classrooms, resource room and a computer lab where students can take workshops and short-term courses.

"We've been able to grow because we do a lot of local research to find out what people are interested in, whether it is for fun or professional development or career change," says Evelyn Hortobagyi, the Centre's Project Coordinator

of Community Education and Part-Time Studies.

The wide range of learning options explore subjects such as digital photography, computer programs in design and business development, debt management and how to write your own personal history.

People can also select a major program in Interior Decorating with courses for professional designers, domestic do-it-yourselfers and homeowners who want to enhance their space to attract buyers. A course in downsizing also attracts a lot of interest.

"As people we are gatherers and hoarders, and our stuff owns us. The course addresses the emotional impact of downsizing

to get rid of stuff of the stuff we have accumulated," says Hortobagyi. "Also, students learn what to do with the things they no longer need. The intention is to keep only that which we need to make our homes beautiful spaces to live in."

The centre is a short walk from the King George SkyTrain Station. It offers day and evening classes and operates Monday to Saturday. For a full list of programs and more information visit www.douglascollege.ca/surrey or call 694-588-7772.

Quote of the Month

September: it was the most beautiful of words, he'd always felt, evoking orange-flowers, swallows, and regret.

— Alexander Theroux, 1981

Events Calendar

September 20-21

The Library and Student Services annual Open House. Food, games, prizes. Learn how the Library, Student Employment, Learning Centre, Financial Aid, Career Resource Centre, Counselling, Centre for Students with Disabilities, First Nations, Peer Support and the Women's Centre can help students stay afloat.

New Westminster
Wed Sept 20 - 10am to 3pm

David Lam Campus
Thur Sept 21 - 9:30am to 3pm

September 27 and October 4

The Douglas College Alumni Association will be holding its first annual Vendor Fair this fall. The dates and times for the fair are Wednesday, September 27th at the David Lam Campus in the Atrium and Wednesday, October 4th at the New Westminster campus in the Concourse. The fair will take place from 9-4 on both days. Money raised from this event will go to bursaries and awards that will help students attain their academic goals.

November 17

The atrium at David Lam will be the setting for this year's *A Class Act*, a wine and scotch tasting evening that raises money for HORM, Athletics and the Dispensing Optician programs and well as general bursaries. Hosted by the Douglas College Foundation, the 9th annual *A Class Act* aims to raise \$30,000 with your help. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to attend on Friday, Nov. 17 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. when they will be treated to wine and scotch tastings, gourmet appetizers

prepared by the chef of SFU's Diamond Club and served by our HORM students. Exciting raffles and draws and a live auction round out the evening. Tickets are \$55 each and can be ordered by calling Sarah Jenkins at 777-6176.

October 19

Meet & Mingle with the New Westminster Business Community Douglas College Co-operative Education and the Foundation are co-hosting a free networking event with the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce on

Thursday, Oct. 19 from 5 to 7pm on the 4th floor concourse. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to Dana or Zebeen at 604-527-5608 or 604-527-5769 by Oct. 5. This is a great opportunity to meet and mingle with business people from New Westminster.

Grand Slam Summer!

It was a grand slam homerun for the hundreds of kids that participated in the 12th Annual Douglas College Summer Camps.

Run by Douglas College Head Coach Gehrig Merritt this year's camp featured computer, baseball, volleyball and soccer.

"This week was something special," said Merritt. "The kids provided so much energy and enthusiasm; it made it an enjoyable week for everyone."

After a successful spring pilot program, the Young Urban Planners camp — or as they like to be known as YUP'pies — exploded with young budding engineers. This new computer camp allowed participants to create, manage and administer their own cities. Using a popular simulation software, YUP'pies provided the campers with an opportunity to become a 'Mayor' for a week and use

their creative, engineering and political talents.

"I had so much fun this week," said nine-year-old Vivian who was part of the pilot program during the Spring Break camps.

"Sometimes the citizens of my city were asking for things we couldn't afford right away because we needed more important things like schools and hospitals," she said

"It has been fantastic," said Dale L., who had enrolled his son Chad in the new Baseball camp. "He has learned so much this week and the coaching has been tremendous... even I picked up a few drills for my little league team."

This year, volleyball and soccer camps were introduced to the Coquitlam community under the direction of Volleyball BC Club Coach, Dave Maclean. He helped to co-create Douglas College's first high performance

volleyball program called Achieve Volleyball Super camp.

"The Achieve volleyball camp was a great program," said lead instructor and Canadian National Youth Team Assistant Coach, James Sneddon.

"It was an excellent opportunity for elite athletes to develop their skills and to prepare them for provincial teams, college, university and beyond."

"We are really excited about the potential of this program and look forward to next year's camp" said Dave MacLean.

NSSD's Alistair Browne, soccer made a grand return to Coquitlam and New Westminster communities as over 50 kids participated in the Douglas World Cup Soccer camp. Working closely with National and Provincial programs, Browne brought a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the future soccer stars.



"This is what I love to do," said Browne. "I work with over 2000 kids throughout the year all over the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island and it doesn't get any better than this."

Browne was not the only one enthusiastic about the soccer camps — so were the campers.

"The coaches were absolutely great and my son couldn't wait to get to camp everyday," said Valerie G. who enrolled her son, Brandon in this year's camp.

Story by Brian McLennon

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Douglas College

As part of its work with the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (CASTL) and its partnership with one of the continent's most dynamic post-secondary organizations, the Association of American Colleges and Universities, Douglas College has recently been accepted into a new CASTL Leadership Program exploring liberal education.

Douglas College is one of only a few Canadian institutions involved in the CASTL Program, including Ryerson, UBC, Queens, University of Alberta, and Malaspina. Douglas College will work in a cluster with the following institutions to explore ways of engaging our students in a rich and robust learning experience based on liberal education: Carleton College (the coordinating institution for the group), Wabash College, the City College of San Francisco, Eastern Michigan University, San Jose State University, the University of Charleston, and the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.

Employees from Douglas are invited to take part in a special Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Project being launched on September 27th. The project, designed to respect participants' limited time, will involve monthly meetings during the 4th Wednesday meeting block of each month.

A special working session with Richard Gale, Director of the CASTL Institutional Leadership Program has been organized for February 13, 2007.

Participants will collaborate with each other and the Project organizers to: identify a tightly-focussed, researchable question about teaching and learning at Douglas; investigate appropriate research methodologies, data gathering instruments, and evaluation measures to examine that question; and make public the results of the study through Departmental, College or conference presentations, published articles or other means that each participant deems

appropriate.

Who might be interested? People who are asking questions like:

How do I know what my students are learning?

How does my instruction influence students' intellectual and personal development?

How can I engage in teaching-based scholarly activity?

How can I further develop my research skills?

Where can I find a cohort experience for completing the post-probationary faculty evaluation?

Interested College employees can find more information about the Project by calling Douglas Development at 5411 or by emailing douglasdevelopment@douglas.bc.ca.

Remember: Roll Up Your Sleeves

Meg Stainsby of the English Department has signed Douglas College up in the Canadian Blood Services' Partners for Life Program.

The Partners for Life program takes a team approach with Canadian Blood Services (CBS) keeps a running tally of donations from each registered organization. The College sets its annual target based on the size of the organization.

Over the course of the Fall semester, Stainsby and Gonzales want to encourage at least thirty College employees to give blood. These can be first-timers or old-timers. All you have to do is remember to identify yourself as a Douglas College employee when donating, to make sure your unit of blood "counts."

You can also get a group of 4-10 co-workers together to donate on the same day. Have a team member call Stainsby at local 5290 to arrange an appointment and transportation for your group to Jamieson Court. The first available clinic date for this shuttle service in New West is November 30th. If you have a group able to commit to this date, please call Stainsby as soon as possible.

Grand and Toy Purchasing Program

The College is participating in a new purchasing program with Grand & Toy (G&T) for general office supplies, in conjunction with the BC Education Cooperative Purchasing Group.

This fall, office supplies for College internal users (faculty and staff) will be available for order on-line through the G&T web catalogue. The Bookstore will continue to carry a selection of stationary supplies tailored to student needs. This change will help the Bookstore focus on better serving the students with textbooks, coursepacks, and other course required materials.

Some emergency office supplies for faculty and staff will still be available at the Bookstore. Specialty and hard-to-find items can be requisitioned as usual through the Purchasing Department.

A Celebration of Excellence

Employees, students, Board members and other guests gathered together earlier this year for the inaugural Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Program Innovation and Scholarly Activity. The event was hosted by the VP Education's Office and highlighted the exceptional work and achievements of students and faculty over the past year.

Along with recognizing the work of 13 new program development teams, the event showcased examples of scholarly activities supported by the Scholarly Activity Fund and Douglas Development, as well as the work of students and faculty engaged in the teaching and learning process. The celebration provided an opportunity for attendees to gain further insight into the teaching and scholarly activities at Douglas College, and to learn more about newly developed credential programs.

"I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who took part in organizing and presenting displays at the Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Program Innovation and Scholarly Activity. 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 2007 celebration," says Jan Lindsay, VP Education.

Library Hours Change

Effective September 2006 Library hours change to accommodate the new timetable matrix. Hours will be from Monday to Thursday 8am to 9pm, Friday 8am to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm. Also in September, a new service offering staff assistance on the second floor of the library at New Westminster. Students can visit the "Ask Me" desk and get assistance in using the catalogue and locating books.

Event magazine receives recognition

Billeh Nickerson, Editor of Douglas College's *Event* magazine announced an impressive list of awards, nominations and author achievements that have occurred over the last few months.

At the recent National Magazine Awards in Toronto, *Event* received a Silver medal in the Personal Journalism category for Kaitlin Fontana's *Sleeping With the Dead* (Event 34/3). The magazine also received an honourable mention in the Fiction category for Kari Strutt's *Skyglass Bastard* (Event 34/2).

Event also received three nominations at the Western Magazine Awards: in Fiction for both Kari Strutt's *Skyglass Bastard* and Deborah Willis's *Traces* (Event 34/1); and for best photography portrait for Anne Grant's *Woman on a Bench*, which was featured on the cover of *Event* 34/1.

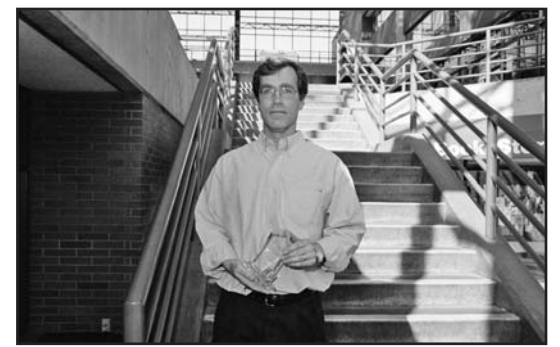
In addition to the awards and nominations, *Event* just received word that Bill Gaston's *Homouring Honey* (Event 34/3) has been selected for the upcoming edition of Best Canadian Stories.

"I attended this year's national magazine Awards in Toronto and it was such a pleasure to see our magazine acknowledged alongside iconic magazines such as *Saturday Night*, *Maclean's* and *Chatelaine*. I love that our "little magazine" often gives the big guys a run for their money," says Nickerson.

"For many academics and writers, *Event* magazine is their strongest association with Douglas College. Having our magazine do so well reinforces the college's reputation for supporting quality and nationally acclaimed endeavours."



Developmental Studies



Faculty of Commerce and Business



Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies



Faculty of Science and Technology



Faculty of Humanities and Social Science



Faculty of Humanities and Social Science



Student Development



Faculty of Health Science

Faculty Dean updates

Commerce and Business

Julie Crothers has accepted the position of Associate Dean in Commerce and Business Administration. Crothers has a Masters of Education and has worked in post-secondary education in Australia and Canada. She has served as the OADM Coordinator for the past six years and is currently the Provincial Chair for the ABT Articulation Committee.

Science and Technology

Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh has been selected as the new Dean of Science and Technology.

Vanderburgh will take on the position of Dean of Science and Technology January 1, 2007.

"He brings to Douglas College a wide range of skills and abilities in the areas of teaching, academic leadership and academic research. He is very excited to work with the faculty, staff and students in the Science and Technology Faculty at a time when Douglas College is growing and changing," says Jan Lindsay, VP Education.

Des Wilson will continue as Science and Technology Dean through to the end of December.

Health Sciences

Mia Gordon has agreed to continue in the role of Acting Dean for the fall semester.

Dr. Mike Tarko has accepted a four month appointment as Acting Associate Dean.

Briefly

The 13th annual Microserve golf tournament raised \$6,000 for Douglas College Foundation. The money will go into the Microserve Bursary for students in need of financial aid.

The Translink Employer Pass Program (EPP) allows companies to offer cost-reduced annual transit passes to their staff when 25 or more employees are enrolled into the program and committed

to it for 12 consecutive months. To find out more contact Nancy Constable at 5774 or constablen@douglas.bc.ca

Surrey Training Centre is moving! The new premises are at 10060 King George Highway. That's on the east side of King George, opposite Central City Mall and just a 3 minute walk north of the King George Sky Train station. Drop by anytime

after August 28 to check it out. The "official" Grand Opening will be later this Fall.

DC Vision offers considerable savings on your eyewear (compared to most retail outlets). Open 9:30 - 5:00 Monday to Friday. Give us a call! 604-777-6108 (or e-mail russow@douglas.bc.ca)

Feel like learning some new tricks? If you have a rudimentary knowledge of the game of bridge and want to sharpen your game, why not join a few of your colleagues most Wednesdays an hour for an hour of play in the Douglas Rm, NW campus. Game will resume Sept 13 after the summer break.

Arts Events Calendar

August 17 – September 15

The Amelia Douglas Gallery, The Institute of Urban Ecology and The Institute for Sustainable Horticulture (Kwantlen University College) present *Greenlinks '06 "Insects in the City,"* featuring paintings and insect art by Tiko Kerr. Reception Sept 7, 4-7pm. For Gallery times, call 604-527-5723

September 14

The Arts at One presents *Crossing Strings*, Mei Han, zheng John Oliver, guitar, 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre The duo presents music for plucked string instruments from the East and the West. They present a dynamic mix of ancient and modern music from China, Asia, Europe and the Americas.

September 19 – October 27

The Amelia Douglas Gallery presents *Designs on Our Stage, a collection of artifacts, costumes and art from Douglas College stage productions.* The public is welcome to attend the opening reception and celebration on Thursday, September, 21 at 4-7pm. For Gallery times, call 604-527-5465.

September 21

The Arts at One presents Performing Artist-in-Residence Margaret Dragu: *M. Dragu's Museum A Performative Lecture* 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre Dragu's Museum includes readings from her published writing, performance gesture, dance, DVD projection and recorded music.

September 28

The Arts at One presents *Boris and Bob – Percussion Extravaganza* featuring Boris Sichon and Bob Caldwell 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre These talented multi-instrumentalists will present dazzling collage of musical styles.

October 5

The Arts at One presents *Contemporary Sax* Colin MacDonald, saxophone Barrie Barrington, piano 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre The concert will feature recent works for both sax and piano and sax and tape.

October 12

The Arts at One presents *Voice Recital*, Erica Northcott, soprano, Rena Sharon, piano Michael Strutt, lute and guitar 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre Erica Northcott will perform with the internationally acclaimed pianist Rena Sharon. Also, for some English Renaissance music by Michael Strutt playing the lute.

October 14

Literature Alive presents Poet Sandy Shreve Reading 10:30am, Room 3343 New Westminster Campus

October 19

The Arts at One presents *Flute Recital*, Christine Gangelhoff, flute, Ellen Silverman, piano 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre

This recital features Christine Gangelhoff on flute and Douglas College faculty member, Ellen Silverman, on piano. Dr. Gangelhoff has a special interest in the music of Eastern Europe and the program will feature music by Bartok and Jolivet.

October 26

The Arts at One presents UBC Opera in Concert Directed by Nancy Hermiston 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre The final concert of the month sees the return of UBC Opera in Concert.

All events listed here are free and open to the public.

Instructor broadens minds of students through travel

Political Science Instructor Marlene Hancock doesn't take students on your average field trip.

The Douglas College faculty member recently returned from a trip to Jordan to show students the culture and governmental policies of this middle-eastern country.

"It's an interesting trip for young people, it broadens minds and expands horizons," says Hancock, "It's an opportunity of a lifetime."

Hancock coordinated the trip and arranged free accommodation through an agreement with the Embassy of Jordan in Ottawa. The trip was a busy one as students met with the Justice Minister, members of parliament, the Department of Political Development and different organizations fighting poverty in the country.

Hancock also ensured that the trip involved a humanitarian mission.

"We worked hard to take used clothing with us for refugees and toys for orphan children. We also managed to purchase three goats, at \$200 a goat, so that they could be given to families in rural areas," says Hancock.

During the sixteen-day trip, the students experienced first-hand the Jordanian culture and landscape. They traveled through the deserts in Jordan, enjoying a 4x4 tour over the sand dunes, and spent a night in one of the desert camps. Locals cooked a traditional Bedouin dinner in a Zarb (beneath the sand) for the group as well.

Hancock could see a change in the stereotypes that the students held of the Jordanian people.

"It changes the students' perception of that part of the world. The Arabs have a sense of humour that people don't know about. The general image of them as terrorists is all wrong, the Jordanians will give you the shirt off your back if they could," says Hancock.

Aida Tajbakhsh, a first-year student who took one of Hancock's introductory political science courses, found the trip to Jordan a real eye-opener.

"I wasn't really into political science at first but because of Marlene I became more interested. I went to Jordan and saw how much the people are into politics and I learned

how you really need to understand what's going on around you and within your government."

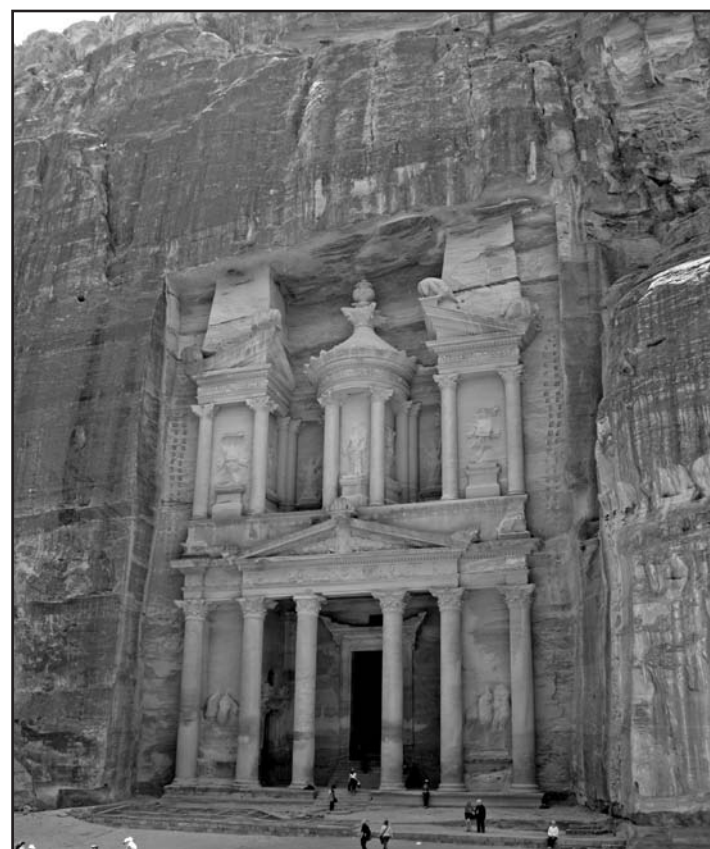
Tajbakhsh now wants to major in International Studies this fall and the trip to the Middle East was definitely a factor in her decision.

"When I went to Jordan I realized how much I'm missing out. There's so much more out there in the world," says Tajbakhsh.

The students spent most of the first week in the capital of Amman and traveled throughout the country for the remainder of the trip. The tour brought them to the southernmost city in Jordan, Aqaba, where students had the opportunity to swim in the Red Sea, one of the saltiest bodies of water in the world. According to Tajbakhsh, the view at night from the hostel in Aqaba was stunning as you could see the glimmering lights of Egypt across the water, and Israel as well.

Hancock has been taking students to the Middle East for over six years and still finds it very rewarding.

"I feel quite strongly that experience is often the best teacher. If I can



Petra, Jordan

open young minds, and take them beyond the classroom, it gives them a better sense of reality, I've been doing that ever since I started teaching and students tell me their life has changed because of it."

Employee News

Welcome to **Karen McCredie** who steps into the role of Associate Registrar of Records and Systems replacing **Ashifa Dhanani**.

Douglas Development has two new coordinators **Julia Robinson** and **Thea Berretta**.

CEIT's Client and Learning Services division welcomes two new employees, **Vanessa Simpson**, Documentation and Publication Specialist and **David Belanger**, Website Designer/Trainer.

Steven Cretney joins the Communications and Marketing Office as a Print Graphic Specialist.

Consumer and Job

Preparation program welcomes two new Instructional Facilitators, **Lisa Harris** and **Jen Dricos**.

Cheryl Tailler joins the Office of the Registrar as a Assessment Services Advisor.

Peter Taylor, of the Consumer and Job Preparation Program, is moving on after 13 years at the College. He will continue to teach students with developmental disabilities, but now closer to home at a Surrey high school.

Connie Bolton, Program Assistant in Continuing Professional Education, announced that after 16 years at the College, she will be leaving to marry her sweetheart and move to Redmond Washington.

Leah Ponting moves from temporary Assessment Services Advisor to the Assessment Services Coordinator position, taking over from **Laura McDonald** who moves on to other opportunities outside of Douglas College.

Nancy Walker moves from Departmental Assistant in the Registrar's Office to the I-Care Coordinator position in Student Development.

Mary Cope moves from Information Services Assistant to Departmental Assistant in the Registrar's office.

Colleen Murison, Lab Technician in Biology and Environmental Science announced the birth of her first grandchild Ava Grace Murison.

Jessy Kainth Mahil and her husband Hardeep welcomed their son, Devon, on July 19, 2006. A wonderful present for Jessy whose birthday is also July 19th.

Leonard Angel of the Philosophy and Humanities department has had an article published in *Sophia* magazine, vol 45 No. 1, entitled *An Interview with LA Universal Self*. The article is a dialogue. Leonard Angel—or Leonard Universal Self Angel—explains what he means when he says, "I am the universe."

Pat Tracey finally applied for and received her Associate Degree in Arts.

Music instructor **John Glofcheskie** launched three Polish folk music CD's over the

summer. *Folk Music of Canada's Oldest Polish Community*, *Polish Hymns from St. Hedwig's Choir*, and *Songs and Dances from Canada's Oldest Polish Community*.

April Morrison, secretary in Employee Relations, is getting ready to "jump" from a 16-story building located at 1185 West Georgia Street as a part of the Easter Seals "Sponsor a Superego" program. Donations to support Morrison's jump can be made online at www.thedropzone.ca choose.