



Dustin Freeland (bottom) plays C.C. Showers and Nick Hugh (top) plays Buddy Layman in Douglas College's production of *The Diviners*.

## Pace of program development reaches all-time high

What do careers such as a Physical Education teacher, financial planner or child protection worker have in common?

All three careers will soon be available to graduates as Douglas College's new Bachelor's Degree programs are finalized.

Scheduled to start in Fall 2007 (pending final provincial government approvals), the trio of new degrees are: Bachelor of Physical Education and Coaching (BPEC), Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and Bachelor of Child and Youth Care (BCYC). They are just part of an impressive surge in program development at Douglas College.

"There's a dynamic and energizing environment around the College. Faculty are working hard to develop innovative new programs," says Jan Lindsay, Douglas College's Vice President, Education.

Things started getting busy on the degree front in 2002 when provincial legislation expanded degree-granting authority to colleges.

"With the advent of new degree-granting opportunities and additional funding from the BC government, Douglas College has been going through the most rapid expansion in programs over the last two years than we've seen since the inception of the College," says Lindsay.

Rapid indeed – currently 31 new credentials have either recently launched or have reached various stages of development. Lindsay notes that not every proposed program is approved as each must pass through a rigorous feasibility and analysis process. However, the long list of confirmed programs and those in advanced development includes Douglas degrees, degrees partnered with other institutions, advanced citations, and post-degree credentials. Additionally, faculty members across various departments are developing creative ways to conceptually combine courses, such as the Summer Institute in Historical Fiction and the planned Connections project which links English, Math and Geography with a common theme.

The Faculty of Child, Family and Community Studies launches two new credentials in January 2007. The Co-Occurring Disorders Advanced Citation offers skills for professionals working with people who have both mental health and addiction challenges. The Behavioural Interventionist Citation program (Classroom and Community Support) will train front-line practitioners who work with autistic children and their families. Both of these programs will be scheduled evenings and weekends to promote access for working adults.

The three Bachelors' programs planned for Fall 2007 have all completed the College's internal approval process and now await review by the province's Degree Quality Assessment Board. Once operational, the new BAs will double the number of Douglas College-granted degrees to six, joining Nursing, Psychiatric Nursing and Therapeutic Recreation. The Post-Degree Diploma in Physical Education and Building Environmental Systems programs also recently launched at the College.

Reviewing the new degrees, Sport Science's BPEC degree will focus on preparing aspiring PE teachers for the K-12 system, allowing them to ladder into fifth-year university teacher credentials. Commerce's BBA will offer two majors: Financial Services and an Applied Accounting specialty designed for graduates fast-tracking into professional accountancy credentials. The CYC Bachelor's degree will address the growing demand for degree-level staff in educational and community child- and youth-service settings. Also on the slate for Fall 2007 is a new diploma in Legal Studies.

## Playing on drought and disillusionment this fall

Redemption and disenchantment best describe the Fall Semester's Theatre and StageCraft productions. *The Diviners*, written by American playwright Jim Leonard Jr., and directed by guest director Stephen Drover sees the residents of Zion facing a shortage of water. Buddy, a misunderstood youth, with a gift for water-witching, is also tormented by the fear of water. C.C. Showers, a back-sliding preacher confronts his own haziness as he rejects the demands of a life he once lived. Together the two men join the townsfolk as they all search for something to believe in.

*Top Girls* sees director Allan Lysell bringing together seven actors – playing 16 unforgettable characters – to present this unconventional play by British playwright Caryl Churchill. The story, set in 1982, begins with five historical females sitting down to dinner and drinks with the main character Marlene. From that chaotic scene the play visits a number of modern women working their way through the challenges of career, family, love and loneliness.

*The Diviners* runs from November 3-11 in the Studio Theatre. *Top Girls* runs from November 10-18 in the Performing Arts Theatre. For ticket information and times call 604-527-5488.

## Eat, drink – it's all for a good cause

If you enjoy wine and/or Scotch, gourmet hors d'oeuvres, great music and the chance to win prizes, then you will want to attend the ninth-annual A Class Act, Douglas College Foundation's major annual fundraiser.

Set in the majestic atrium of the David Lam Campus you can taste wines from more than seven distinct wine distributors as well as a number of excellent Scotch whiskies. There will be a live and silent auctions and scores of great raffle prizes. Music from the Jeffrey Laing Trio will also

be featured. Proceeds go to assist students in our Hotel and Restaurant Management, Athletics and Dispensing Optician programs.

A Class Act takes place on November 17 from 7 to 9:30pm. Tickets are \$55 each and can be ordered by calling Sarah Lock at 604-777-6176, locks@douglas.bc.ca Payment can be via cheque or Visa or M/C.

## Teaching and learning research alive and well

This fall saw the launch of the innovative research initiative, the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Project at Douglas College. Convened by Douglas Development, SoTL is different from discipline-based research in that it focuses on questions related to broader issues of teaching and learning.

The first step in the process was a meeting of College faculty members in the New Westminster Board Room on September 27. Instructors brainstormed ideas and generated stimulating research questions about teaching and learning. Three main themes arose from the discussion.

Who are our students? What are they learning – both inside and outside of the classroom? Are we equipping them with the essential skills they need?

"It's all about connecting to the learner's experience. Life-long learning is not about just sitting in a classroom but also about what happens when students interact



Douglas Development's Lin Langley convenes a meeting of Douglas College faculty for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Project.

with one another and with the instructors," explained Douglas Development's Lin Langley.

The SoTL Steering Team is a multi-disciplinary group that will work closely with participants to help define a research question. Over a one-year period, participants will come together in monthly cohort meetings and work with others to engage in all aspects of the research process. Individuals can apply their research findings to activities such as conference presentations,

peer-reviewed articles for publication, or completion of the post-probationary faculty evaluation.

If you are interested in joining the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Project contact Langley or Julia Robinson in Douglas Development at 604-527-5411.

### Quote of the Month

"Fallen leaves lying on the grass in the November sun bring more happiness than the daffodils," - Cyril Connolly (English critic and editor, 1903-1974)

# Events Calendar

## November 6 and 7

Students can meet working professionals and discover new career and educational paths at the **Educational Opportunities Fair**. November 6 from 10am to 4pm at the Westminster Campus (Room 1806). November 7 David Lam Campus, (Room A1060). For more information contact Kyle Bailie at 604-527-5814, bailliek@douglas.bc.ca

## November 16

The Arts at One presents **Student Showcase Recital** 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre

## November 20

**Cinema Politica** presents a free screening of *Loose Change 2*. Films in the Cinema Politica series are free of charge and open to the general public.

Screenings start at 7pm at the New Westminster Campus (Room 1614). For further information, contact Criminology instructor Heidi Currie currieh@douglas.bc.ca or Scott Shaw: sshaw14@portal.douglas.bc.ca or visit [http://cinemapolitica.org/new\\_westminster/](http://cinemapolitica.org/new_westminster/)

## November 23

The Arts at One presents **Student Showcase Recital** 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre

## November 28-30

The Occupational Health & Safety Committees are sponsoring flu shots again this year. There is no cost to employees. All shots are by appointment only. November 28-30 from 8:30am to 4:15pm at the New Westminster Campus (Room 2212) and on November 29-30 from 12:30pm to 4:15pm at the David

Lam Campus (Room B1201). Call 604-527-5337 or email [mckinleys@douglas.bc.ca](mailto:mckinleys@douglas.bc.ca) to book a time.

## November 30

The Arts at One presents **Student Showcase Recital** 1pm, Performing Arts Theatre

## December 3

Plan to attend the second annual **Envision Financial Light the Lake Christmas Festival**. Light the Lake is a fundraiser benefiting Douglas College and Eagle Ridge Hospital. Graduates from the Self Employment program will be out in force to sell their crafts and other festive items as they showcase their businesses in tents along the lake. Steve Darling of Global TV will assist Santa in turning on 30,000 LED lights that will sparkle and shine from trees and tents from

Evergreen Center - where there is a lantern-making craft session - to the parking lot north of the lake where the Rotary Club of Coquitlam Sunrise is hosting the decorated vehicle display. En route are carol singers, hot apple cider, gingerbread cookies and popcorn as well as a range of Christmas crafts.

Bring your family and enjoy a Christmas festival that is designed to support education and health care in our community. The event runs from 5 to 8pm at LaFarge Lake, opposite the David Lam Campus. For more information or to volunteer, call Yvonne Mostert at 604-777-6168.

## Witter elected as Elizabeth Fry Society president

Douglas College President Susan Witter was recently elected as president of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver.

The Elizabeth Fry Society provides housing, support and counseling for vulnerable women, youth and children whose lives have been altered by the criminal justice system.

"I've worked with the society for three years now. We run our Board meetings in the housing projects we support. Getting to hear people's stories and help support their needs keeps me balanced and grounded," says Witter, who will serve a two-year term in the new position.

For more information about the Elizabeth Fry Society visit [www.elizabethfry.ca](http://www.elizabethfry.ca)

## Understanding depression

A New Day! The Power of Hope! - was the title of this year's national Mental Illness Awareness Week held in October and which included the Depression Screening Day at the David Lam Campus on October 5.

The event attracted almost 500 visitors to the campus atrium where various community agencies provided a wide array of information about mental health topics. In their presentations, Dr. Art Hister and Dr. Jeremy Sable discussed depression in the elderly and the appropriate assessment and treatment for this age group.

The event also provided the opportunity for community visitors to complete voluntary screenings for depression and anxiety. In all, 45 people finished screenings, provided by clinicians from New Westminster Mental Health, Tri-Cities Mental Health and Douglas College staff who volunteered their time.

## Run to aid Uganda project

It's a great time at a great location for some great causes. Douglas College's first five kilometre Run/Walk to Uganda goes at 9am on Sunday, November 19 at Coquitlam's LaFarge Lake - right across the street from the David Lam Campus.

The event will support the Uganda Endowment Fund, developed by the Community Social Service Worker (CSSW) program to assist health, education and social services projects in Masaka, Uganda. Proceeds will also help fund CSSW student fieldwork placements in Uganda as well as Douglas College Athletics.

The Uganda Endowment Fund was established after four CSSW students completed Douglas College's first three-month fieldwork placement in the African country this year.

"The time in Uganda was a powerful learning experience for the students. They all want to go back and they wanted to give back, so the fund was established," says CSSW co-coordinator John Fox, who helped organize and supervise the Uganda project.

Early entry fee is \$25 (including t-shirt, by November 9), \$30 for late registration (no t-shirt) and \$15 for children under 12. Pre-registration is accepted at the New Westminster Campus Registrar Cashier (concourse), David Lam Campus Foundation Office (B3080), Port Moody Runners' Den as well as the start area (7:30am-8:30am on event day). For additional information call 604-527-5745.

## Reaching for the stars at Quantum Leaps

Career-seeking young women can learn how to become shining stars at the 15th-annual Quantum Leaps conference.

This annual event, billed as Women Working in Math, Science and Technology, gives Grade 11 students a chance to be inspired by successful women in science-related industries.

The goal of the conference is to encourage women to stay in math and science so they can enjoy more career options after they graduate.

"Participants will meet women who have successful careers in science, high-tech, business and computer applications," says conference organizer and Physics instructor Jennifer Kirkey.

"This year our panelists include a meteorologist, a motorcycle mechanic, a chemist that works

for the RCMP and a computer games programmer."

Keynote speaker Sandy Eix is a prime example of what young women can achieve when they focus on a career in science. With a MSc and PhD in Physics from Simon Fraser University, she has gone on to become the curator of Science World's Eureka! gallery and Centre Stage.

Quantum Leaps will run from 4pm to 8:30pm with a panel discussion at 6pm on Wednesday, November 22 at the New Westminster Campus. Spaces are still available for interested students. For more information, please call 604-527-5630 or e-mail Kirkey at [kirkeyj@douglas.bc.ca](mailto:kirkeyj@douglas.bc.ca) or visit the conference website at [www.douglas.bc.ca/events/quantum-leaps.html](http://www.douglas.bc.ca/events/quantum-leaps.html)



## Chamber networks in New West

Former Computer Information Systems instructor John Blackwell is welcomed by Co-operative Education Co-ordinator Dana Wakabayashi and Douglas College Foundation's Alexis Smith at the October 19 New Westminster Chamber of Commerce networking event hosted at the New Westminster Campus.

## Briefly

### Welcome to new Board members

At the September Douglas College Board meeting, **Nauvneet (Nav) Dardi** from the Business Administration Program and **Alan Yang** from the Associate of Arts Program were welcomed as elected College Board Members representing students. Their term of office is from September 1 to August 31, 2007.

### Spirit of Community Awards winners

The Coquitlam-based Society for Community Development gave out its Spirit of Community Awards on October 12. **Ted Kuntz**, a Tri-City news columnist and psychotherapist, was awarded the Myrna Popove Lifetime of Leadership Award presented on behalf of Douglas College. **Aaria Rahim**, a Douglas College \$1,000 tuition winner, was presented with the Youth Award on behalf of Share Family & Community Services.

### Thank you from the Alumni Association

The first Douglas College Alumni Association Marketplace on October 4, was a huge success! The Alumni Association raised more than \$600 thanks to your support. Money raised from the event will go directly to student aid, in the form of scholarships, awards and bursaries. The Alumni Association will be hosting another Marketplace in the Winter Semester at both campuses with many of the same vendors as well as some exciting new ones.

### Library Launches AskAway

The Douglas College Library is now a part of the AskAway province-wide virtual reference service for college and university students. This on-line, real-time help service for students or faculty is available seven days a week. For more information about how this service can help your students, please contact **Carole Compton-Smith**

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### Celebrating the "Best of the Best"

The Training Group's Practice Firm project was selected as a "Best of the Best" presenter for employment services at the recent Shifting Directions Conference (October 1 to 3) in Vernon. Selection criteria for the "Best of the Best" designation were based on program innovation and the shifting directions required in employment services to address the challenges presented by the current robust labor market. There were over 200 delegates from BC, Alberta, and Saskatchewan who attended the conference. The Practice Firm program is offered at the Surrey Training Centre and is funded by Service Canada (HRSDC).

**Events poetry editor nominated for Governor General's Award Elizabeth Bachinsky**, former Douglas College creative writing

student and *Event* magazine's poetry editor, has been nominated for the Governor General's Award for Poetry for her collection *Home of Sudden Service*.

### Corrections

Pictures in the September issue of *INside*, in the Celebration of Excellence article contained errors in the captions. Developmental Studies should have read Student Development and the Faculty of Language, Literature and Performing Arts was mislabeled as Faculty of Humanities and Social Science.

### Employee News

**Shelly Graff**, Records Supervisor in the Registrar's Office, welcomed granddaughter Olivia on September 15, compliments of daughter Candice.

On the way to becoming permanent Records Assistant in the Registrar's Office, **Cheryl Smith** also became a first-time grandmother. Daughter Jennifer gave birth to Chevy on September 28.

**Laury Debow**, former Records Assistant in the Registrar's Office, moves to Commerce and Business Administration as a Program Assistant.

**Jennifer Whitlock** moves from temporary to permanent Admissions Officer, replacing **Suzanne Elson** who moves into the newly created position of Senior Admissions Assistant.

Sport Science welcomes **Dr. Paul Kennedy** as an instructor.

**Patricia O'Hagan** joins the Health Sciences Faculty as the new Continuing Education Programmer in Health Courses.