

# ambassador

## Foam art pioneer credits BCIT with success



John Mallory's 3D Custom Foam pioneers new industry in B.C.

**JOHN MALLORY IS A BUSY GUY.** The company he co-owns with business partner Cam Stewart is hosting the Themed Attraction Association of Canada and he's working to get the shop ready for their visit. At 3D Custom Foam, that means brushing off a 10-foot tall sculpture of a winged horse, arranging clay models of mythical and monstrous creatures in the display case, and putting the finishing touches on a life-like Great White Shark.

At the same time, staff are assembling a model for a futuristic concept car, 3D laser-scanning a maquette (a small scale model for a finished sculpture), hand carving a large Chinese dragon, 3D CNC (Computer

Numerical Control) routing a foam slab and CNC hot-wire cutting a block of foam.

Just over a year since its incorporation, 3D Custom Foam is booming. The company's success is something co-founder John Mallory partially ascribes to his experience at BCIT. "I attribute my problem solving and time management skills to my two years at BCIT," says John.

John is a graduate of the Building Technology program, a program he chose after years of moving from job to job. "You name it, I've done it," John says. "I've been a bartender, a flight attendant, a computer draftsman." It wasn't until he underwent career testing that his future became focused. The tests suggested career satisfaction might be found in architecture, but at 31, John didn't want to commit to several years of schooling. BCIT's two-year Building Technology program provided a happy medium.

"My time at BCIT was the toughest two years of my life," John admits, "but it prepared me for everything to come. They throw so much at you; you have to learn to be efficient with your time. And what you put in, you get out. The first three months were really hard. Still, I definitely made the right choice, and I'd tell people who are just starting at BCIT to stick with it."

"I had eight job offers on the day I graduated. Unfortunately, I chose the highest-paying position," John laughs. "I quickly discovered it wasn't where my heart was at."

A friend from the Building Technology program had taken a position John initially turned down (with Canada's largest expanded polystyrene [EPS] manufacturer). The company "sounded cool," so John asked his friend to keep an eye out for new openings. When a position in Inside Sales became available, he applied with the intention of moving to Outside Sales as soon as he could. But it was in Inside Sales that the idea for 3D Custom Foam was born.

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The mission of the BCIT Alumni Association is to build and maintain relationships between graduates and the BCIT community, and to support the Institute in fulfilling its mission.

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## YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, May 24, 2006.

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**“BCIT was a great place for me. I met amazing people and walked away from my two-year experience with the skills I needed to work in the Broadcast industry. I have great memories of my time spent there, and highly recommend it to anyone interested in a Broadcast career.”**

**Tamara Taggart**

DiplT '91, Broadcast and Media Communications

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"Woman of the Year" 2003 Consumer's Choice Awards

"One of B.C.'s 10 Most Beautiful People" – *TV Week Magazine*

# Come to the Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006 for an informative and fun luncheon reception and Annual General Meeting. Learn more about what's happening at BCIT and with your Alumni Association. Meet and mingle with other alumni.

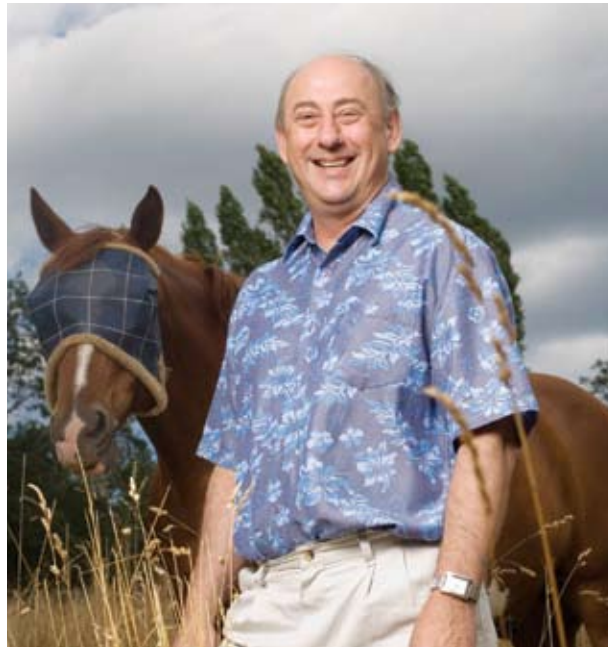
Robert Calnan, DiplT '77, Nursing, will be our keynote speaker. Rob was the recipient of BCIT's Distinguished Alumni Award for Significant Contributions to a Trade or Industry in 2005. He is a passionate nursing advocate for a Canadian health care system based on egalitarianism and social justice. Rob received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2004 for his contributions to health care and was one of four Canadian nurses on an international Council of Nurses delegation to the World Health Assembly.

**When:** Wednesday, May 24, 2006  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Where:** BCIT Downtown Campus  
555 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C.  
There is no cost to attend. Luncheon hors d'oeuvres will be served.

**Dress:** Business attire.

**RSVP:** Friday, May 19, 2006 to 604-432-8847  
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Rob Calnan will be the keynote speaker at the Alumni Association AGM on May 24.

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**HAVE YOU PARTICIPATED** in the online Alumni Survey? It takes about 15 minutes and you could win a \$1000 Best Buy gift certificate. Visit [www.bcit.ca/alumni/survey](http://www.bcit.ca/alumni/survey).

Information provided by alumni who participate in this survey will guide BCIT and the BCIT Alumni Association Board of Directors in making program decisions to best serve our constituents. Thank you for taking the time to provide your input. The online survey is open April 17 – May 12, 2006. Winner of the gift certificate will be drawn at the AGM on May 24.

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"People, especially from the movie industry, kept calling and asking, 'Do you know anyone who specializes in creating 3D foam sculptures?' 3D foam cutting technology just didn't exist in B.C. so we set about trying to figure out what it would take to make it happen. I never thought then that I would eventually end up pioneering this new market in B.C. and running a million-dollar-a-year business."

"Foam art was being created elsewhere but it wasn't like you could find out how to make it online or through a book. So we just did a lot of experimenting. There was a huge learning curve. We did a lot of stuff wrong but because of that we're now very comfortable building anything with foam."

And they do. With four full-time and 10 part-time employees, 3D Custom Foam creates sculpted foam props for film, TV and theatre, amusement and water parks, casinos, in-store advertising and trade shows, and exhibits and events. They also make architectural products such as cornice mouldings and facades, and provide signage and packaging.

John's background in Building Technology provided him with the technical knowledge of insulating properties, so he handles customers' questions about the foam itself. But mostly, he says, BCIT gave him the ability to think critically, solve problems, and manage his time. "I owe a lot of my success to BCIT and the work ethic it instilled in me," he says.

"When I was floating from job to job, my Dad used to say, 'when are you going to start a career?'" John relates. "I now realize I couldn't answer his question at the time because my industry did not exist...I had to pioneer it."

Check out 3D Custom Foam online at [www.3dcustomfoam.com](http://www.3dcustomfoam.com).

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President’s Message

I write this message with a touch of sadness, for I know it is to be my last as president of the BCIT Alumni Association. When I step down at the upcoming Annual General Meeting, I can reflect with pride on the many accomplishments of our association over the six years that I’ve been involved, as president and as voting member. I hope to see you at the AGM luncheon on May 24 — details of the event are on page 3.

Our board continues to make its priority projects that are relevant to our BCIT graduates. This spring we launched a major alumni online survey, which is now live on the web. I encourage you to go on the alumni site to tell us what’s important to you. All participants are eligible to win a \$1,000 Best Buy gift certificate!

An exciting new virtual forum is available to BCIT alumni looking to improve their skills and knowledge on topics such as interpersonal skills, technical/business writing, editing, team building and presentation skills. Called the Graduate Learning Space, it enables BCIT graduates to exchange ideas with each other and with faculty of the communication department. An article follows on page 8.

We’ve just launched a welcome CD-rom to send to every graduating student at BCIT. Initiatives such as this help put us in touch with tomorrow’s alumni and enable us to share with them our aims as an organization dedicated to our alumni.

With the success of our many alumni benefit affinity programs, the Alumni Association has been able to contribute at least \$10,000 a year to match your alumni donations in support of the association’s student scholarship and bursary endowment fund. I’d like to thank each of you who has contributed, and to encourage others to visit the website to find out more. The power of our combined donations is having a real impact at BCIT in supporting students to achieve their educational goals.

It is with fondness that I say my time with the BCIT Alumni Association has been a wonderful experience. Thank you for accompanying me on this journey, and for your continuing involvement with the BCIT Alumni Association.

*Shantal Cashman*

Shantal Cashman  
Marketing Management ‘00

PRESIDENT  
BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Sharing Knowledge, Sharing Success

BCIT GRADUATES WILL REMEMBER how their educational experience encouraged them to stretch themselves, both in terms of their financial commitment and their personal growth. For today’s student, financing post-secondary education is even more difficult. Many of our students are already burdened with post-secondary debt coming from other institutions.

Alumni can help. By supporting the *Sharing Knowledge, Sharing Success* Alumni Campaign, they help to build the Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund. Their gifts mean BCIT students will receive the financial support they need to realize their goals. Many of these students will also give back in whatever way they can in the future.

The BCIT Foundation acknowledges with appreciation the Pacesetters – those alumni and friends giving at the \$500 or greater level – for the 2006 Alumni Campaign:

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Student appreciate alumni support

For BCIT Medical Laboratory student Sarah Taylor, a financial award could not have come at a better time during her education. A Kinesiology graduate from the University of Victoria and a full-time student at BCIT, Sarah received the 2005 BCIT Alumni Association Entrance Award.



Sarah Taylor

“As I’m sure you are well aware, financing post-secondary education is harder than ever,” says Sarah. “Having five years under my belt before even attending BCIT makes my situation that much more difficult. But with this generous award, I can concentrate on my studies instead of my financial situation. The support I’ve received certainly gives me more than enough reason to support the Association when I’m an alumna after 2007.”

Thanks to you

Thank you to all our generous alumni and friends who contributed to the 2005 Alumni Campaign. The Alumni Endowment Fund has grown to more than \$415,000 thanks to your support. This year, our goal is to grow the Alumni Fund to \$435,000 and continue to build this legacy to help more and more students. We need your help to get there.

Your tax deductible donation to the Alumni Endowment Fund helps BCIT students in programs across campus. The principal of this Fund remains intact. Only the interest is used to help our students, year after year.

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# Open House 2006

FOR THOUSANDS OF ALUMNI, participating in Open House is a highlight of their many great memories of BCIT. On April 7 and 8, BCIT hosted its most successful Open House ever. Nearly 23,000 people passed through Burnaby campus gates to learn how they can “choose their own adventure” with the 250-plus programs at BCIT.

Visitors to the event gathered great information about BCIT's unique polytechnic programs and courses, all while having fun. From interactive displays to musical entertainment, a kids' activity area to street entertainment, there was something for everyone at Open House 2006.

You could eat freeze-dried ice cream at the Food Technology display, take in a game of robot hockey at Robotics, build a bird house at Joinery, fly the helicopter simulator at Aviation, find the North Star at the Planetarium, learn how video games are made at Computing, do some indoor rock climbing at Recreation Services, and more!

This year, Open House contests proved to be very popular. The draw for \$3,000 tuition attracted thousands of entries. The Alumni Association's display was located in the largest ever Path Finder Tent, where visitors could enter to win a spa package from Le Petit Spa (see story, page 7).

Thanks to the hard work of a countless number of staff, faculty, students and volunteers – and two of the Lower Mainland's precious rain-free days – Open House 2006 could not have been better.

Volunteer judges bestowed honours upon the best displays at Open House, which were imaginative and fascinating.

#### Best Display (overall):

Robotics and Automation Technology

#### Best School Displays:

Human Resources, School of Business

Computer Systems Technology, School of Computing and Academic Studies

Renewable Resources Forestry, School of Construction and the Environment

Biomedical Engineering, School of Health Sciences

Robotics and Automation Technology, School of Manufacturing, Electronic and Industrial Processes

Mobile Equipment Operator, School of Transportation



## Congratulations to winners of the Alumni Association draw prizes at Open House:

Alumni t-shirts

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Backpack courtesy of Industrial Alliance Pacific  
Shameem Hameer

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Courtney Wilson

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Parminder Singh

Two tickets to the 2006 BCIT Distinguished Alumni Awards event  
Jason Wong



## Nigel A. Dodds, DipT (Hons), BBA Memorial Endowment Fund

Transportation Logistics '94  
1974 – 1999

Family and friends of the late Nigel Dodds' have established an endowment fund to honour Nigel's life and his dedication to his studies.

Nigel had great passion for life, learning, travel and flying. He graduated from BCIT with honours in 1994, and went on to complete his BBA at Lakehead University. In 1996, Nigel spent eight months travelling through Europe and the Middle East, visiting Amsterdam, Turkey, Israel, Greece, Egypt, England, Ireland, France, Spain and Morocco. Shortly after, he set out again, this time to visit Mexico, Central America and Guatemala.

He loved flying and earned his pilot's license when he was 23. Nigel was pursuing his dream to become a commercial pilot with an international airline, when he was tragically killed in a mid-air collision on November 20, 1999.

Those who knew Nigel remember his wonderful smile, infectious personality and his ability to make people laugh. He lived to embrace life, and warmed the hearts of his family and countless friends along the way.

Each year, the interest earned on Nigel's endowment will provide a \$750 award to recognize the first year achievements of a student enrolled in BCIT's International Trade and Transportation program.

Donations may be made online at [www.bcit.ca/foundation](http://www.bcit.ca/foundation), or by contacting the BCIT Foundation.

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BCIT alumni



## Kudos! *Congratulations to the following individuals and organizations for their recent honours and appointments*

**Clark Dumiel**, Director, Flight Operations, Pacific Flying Club was awarded the prestigious David Charles Abramson Memorial Flight Instructor Safety Award at the November Annual General Meeting of the Air Transport Association of Canada held in Montreal.

BCIT Instructor, **Pat McGee** has published a new book that shows how to build a computer game: Games Programming in C++ and DirectX: 3D Graphics, Animation, Modeling and Audio.



*Oleg Degtyarenko (right)*

BCIT Nautical Sciences Cadet **Oleg Degtyarenko** was recently presented with a Performance Award from Princess Cruises by Captain Nicolo Bommarco of the MV Dawn Princess.

**Bruce Vangroenigen**, of BCIT's Common Core Electronics Technician Program, received the 2005 Vocational Instructor Research Grant. The purpose of the grant is to fund the research of an instructor

to find ways of approaching excellence in instruction in BCIT's vocational programs. Bruce is using the support from the grant to help him research ways in which adults learn.

After winning the B.C. Skills Canada Regional Competition in Mechatronics last May, Robotics and Automation graduates **Bryan Matthews** and **Jason Uyeda** went on to place second at the national level Mechatronics competition held in Edmonton last year.

BCIT Tourism Marketing students wowed the judges and placed first at the Tourism Industry Conference Case Competition. Congratulations to students **Jennifer Leung**, **Becky Parker**, **John McLaughlin** and **Mike Miezlaiskis**.



*Automation and Instrumentation students take second place in Chicago*

Five Automation and Instrumentation students from the School of Mechanical Engineering and Industrial Processes took second place at the Instrumentation, Systems and Automation Society's International Student Games held in Chicago. Congratulations to team members **Nick Gallie**, **James Hurst**, **Percy Li**, **Jon Long** and **Craig Price**.

### New Appointment

Acting Vice President, Education Marsh Heinekey can finally look forward to his long overdue retirement now that the position has been secured with a new appointment. **Dr. Elizabeth Theriault** will be joining BCIT on July 20, 2006.

Since 2003, Elizabeth has been based at the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, acting as one of six science and technology counsellors representing Canada around the world. Prior to this, she was the Dean of Science and Technology at Sheridan Institute of Technology and Applied Learning in Oakville, Ontario. Elizabeth is also an experienced researcher and professor in the area of traumatic spinal cord injuries.

Elizabeth is PhD graduate in Neurosciences from McMaster University and has completed postdoctoral studies at Harvard Medical School.

If we've missed someone who should be honoured, please let us know. We'll do what we can do to include the notice in the next issue of the *Alumni Ambassador*.

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# Nancy Mudford's Le Petit Spa not small on success



*Nestled in the corner of Kitsilano and Point Grey lies an oasis in the city. Picture a warm and inviting candlelit sanctuary, where you will be pampered in luxury. You let your worries slip away on the scent of lavender, as you drift off into a Le Petit Spa experience...*

Since opening its doors in 2003, Le Petit Spa has carved out a unique niche in the Vancouver spa industry, due to owner Nancy Mudford's keen focus on building client relationships. And it's paying off. Readers of the *Vancouver Courier* chose Le Petit Spa as the premier day spa in 2005, topping the previous win of #3 in 2004, the spa's inaugural year.

Nancy earned a BCIT Marketing Management certificate in 1996. She credits the program with giving her the tools to launch a career in marketing and ultimately change her career path.

In 2002, Nancy returned to BCIT, enrolling in small business courses. "In particular, the course I took on how to start a business empowered me to realize my passion in life was to be an entrepreneur." She adds, "It wasn't long after that my dream of owning a successful business became reality."

Reflecting on the many opportunities Nancy experienced through BCIT, she says, "None proved more valuable than finding myself immersed in a community of like-minded professionals where I felt fortunate to forge resolute business relationships and long lasting personal friendships."



## Le Petit Spa's BCIT roster

Nancy Mudford,  
Owner,  
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Christina Jarvie,  
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Barb Trinidad,  
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Joanna Kowalik,  
Bookkeeper,  
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## Le Petit Spa's BCIT Alumni Incentive

As a BCIT Alumni, you are invited to enjoy 25 per cent off your first visit to Le Petit Spa. Print your Alumni coupon from [www.lepetitspa.ca/bcit.htm](http://www.lepetitspa.ca/bcit.htm).



## Spa Package Winner

Congratulations to Erica Johnson, Medical Laboratory Science '03, for winning a special Spa Package draw prize for myBCIT cardholders! The package included a sumptuous terry robe and \$100 gift certificate generously donated by Le Petit Spa.



## Mark your Calendar...

### Distinguished Alumni Awards

Thursday, September 21, 2006 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Tickets \$85/person, or \$800/table of 10. For more information, to receive a special invitation, or to reserve a table please call 604-432-8847 or e-mail [alumni@bcit.ca](mailto:alumni@bcit.ca). This spectacular event celebrating BCIT's best and brightest will sell out, so reserve early!

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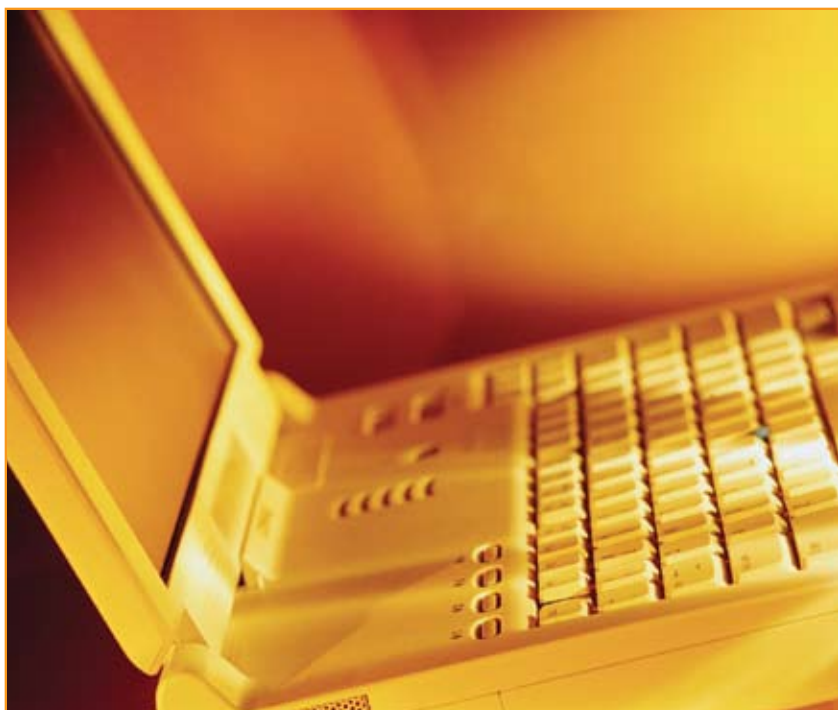
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## ALUMNI LEARNING RESOURCE

### Propel your career with improved communication skills: BCIT's new Graduate Learning Space is the virtual classroom to get you there

A NEW VIRTUAL CLASSROOM is available to BCIT alumni looking to improve their skills and share their knowledge on communication topics. Called the Graduate Learning Space, it is a forum for BCIT graduates to exchange ideas and perspectives with each other and communication department faculty.

"Recent surveys of business and industry leaders, along with feedback from alumni, continue to emphasize the need for strong communication skills for career success," says Dennis Johnston, BCIT communication program head. "While we continue our efforts to provide our current students with excellent communication skills, technology has given us an opportunity to provide a virtual classroom for students after they leave BCIT. With this in mind, we created the Graduate Learning Space."

The Graduate Learning Space covers communication topics such as interpersonal skills, technical/business writing, editing, team building and presentation skills. BCIT communication faculty will add a variety of case studies and materials covering a wide range of communication topics to help stimulate ideas for discussion. As the website develops, it will link to resources now available through the department's Virtual Learning Centre.

"Often, we all find ourselves wrestling with a communication problem and only need a different perspective from others who have experienced similar situations," says Dennis. "The Graduate Learning Space can provide the answers to your questions, and further develop your strengths in communication."

The BCIT communication department developed the Graduate Learning Space as part of the TEK (technology-enabled knowledge) Initiative. TEK is a five-year undertaking to enhance teaching and learning at BCIT through the strategic use of technology. As Canada's premier polytechnic, BCIT's vision for creating an outstanding educational and information technology environment in support of global learning, research, and collaboration includes BCIT alumni.

BCIT alumni are invited to sign on to the Graduate Learning Space. Go to <http://commgrads-bcit-ca.bryght.net/> and create your free account.



## Financial Management guided Tina Burke down the road to career success

BEING NAMED ONE OF *Business in Vancouver's* Top 40 Under 40 (BIV's annual round-up of Vancouver's most outstanding business leaders under the age of 40) is no small accomplishment. One look at a list of past winners – Andrea Eng, Arthur Griffiths, Bob Rennie – and it's clear that honorees are among the best of the best business leaders in Vancouver.

So it's not surprising to hear Tina Burke, one of the winners of BIV's Top 40 Under 40 for 2005, say that the honour is what she is most proud of in her career path.

That path started out on BCIT's doorstep with the Financial Management (Professional Accounting Option) program, which Tina completed in 1995.

Tina says her BCIT education guided her throughout her accounting career. "I took courses part-time at night since 1989 – which allowed me to apply the education to my work. The combined education from BCIT and the skill-set I earned prepared me for my career," says Tina.

After earning her management certificate, Tina worked as a controller for a number of years before making the move to work as an accounting recruiter for a large international recruiting firm. But her career path would take another turn – this time, taking her from employee to entrepreneur.

"We started Dulay Burke (an accounting recruiting firm) in the worst of economies, just before 9/11 hit," says Tina. "It truly felt like a David and Goliath scenario where we were competing with these mammoth recruiting firms in a devastated economy and everyone was telling us we'd never make it."

In the first year, against all odds, Tina says the fledgling company that she started with her partner, turned a profit and has since doubled revenues and staff every year.

"We had to follow through on our dream – and it is all paying off," says Tina.



# BCIT Opens Canada's first Confucius Institute

ON FEBRUARY 7, 2006, BCIT commemorated the opening of Canada's first Confucius Institute with an official ceremony. Initiated by China's National Office for Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language, the Confucius Institute is part of China's national plan to expand its economy by assisting people worldwide in understanding the Chinese language and culture to increase both trade and tourism.

Housed on the eighth floor of BCIT's Downtown Campus, the Confucius Institute includes multifunctional classrooms, language and computer labs, and a Chinese library with support from the People's Republic of China. Its operation will follow BCIT's polytechnic vision: to provide practical, hands-on, innovative and collaborative instruction that responds to industry needs and that leads to and enhances business and employment opportunities for organizations and students.

The opening event was attended by high ranking government officials from the Chinese State Council and the Chinese Ministry of Education, along with top officials from the Government of British Columbia.

"The Confucius Institute at BCIT is an excellent addition to our Institute," said Tony Knowles, president of BCIT. "Not only does it strengthen our ties with China as we develop partnerships with other polytechnics and educational institutions there, but it provides



BCIT president, Tony Knowles (centre), along with Chinese and British Columbia government officials, cut the ribbon to officially open the Confucius Institute at BCIT's Downtown Campus.

an opportunity for Canadians – particularly those interested in doing business and tourism with China – with instruction that significantly enhances their business skills."

The Confucius Institute will continue to grow and add new program and learning options. For more information about the Institute and the latest program offerings, visit [www.confuciusbcit.com](http://www.confuciusbcit.com), [www.bcit.ca/study](http://www.bcit.ca/study) or call 604-412-7732.

## Build your skills to do business with China

Does your career have you pursuing business opportunities with China? If not, it certainly could in the near future. As business activities increase with China's economic expansion, many Canadian businesses will develop opportunities and working relationships with businesses there. The Confucius Institute at BCIT now offers courses in the skills you need to expand your skills to do business with China.

Enrol in short immersion part-time courses in Chinese language or business to take advantage of new business opportunities or to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of your current business relationships. Areas of study currently offered at the Confucius Institute include:

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- Fundamentals of Service Providers for Chinese Tourists
- Basic Chinese for Travelers.

Visit [www.confuciusbcit.com](http://www.confuciusbcit.com) for more information.

# BCIT to soar with elite Aerospace Technology Campus



BCIT Board of Governors Chair Bob Wilds (right) and BCIT President Tony Knowles (left) accept giant cheque from RBC Foundation's George Tsamis, Regional Vice President, and Dave Pohl, Vice President Commercial Markets, Richmond Oakridge at the Aerospace Technology Campus event.

IN A DRAMATIC CEREMONY at BCIT's Richmond-based Aerospace Technology Campus (ATC) on March 3, 2006, the lead donors supporting the new ATC, currently under construction on 12.2 acres at the gateway to Vancouver International Airport, were treated to everything you may expect on a first class flight: cookies, airplane-shaped chocolates, and even a pair of aviator glasses.

To top that off and as a thank you to our supporters, a plane featuring all of their logos was wheeled in through a billowing cloud of fog, accompanied by students, to the sounds of Toki Doki Taiko Drummers, not to mention the collective gasp of our guests.

At the new campus, BCIT, already the largest aerospace training school in Canada, will offer a full range of certificate, diploma and degree programs in areas such as aircraft maintenance engineering, airport management, and flight operations.

At the event, BCIT announced an additional \$6.8 million in support from government and industry, including funding from Western Economic Diversification Canada for tower simulation technology. BCIT will be the first post-secondary institution in Canada to have this technology, joining an elite handful of schools in North America and fortifying BCIT's position as the leader in aerospace training in Western North America. BCIT students will have a significant advantage in the aerospace field.

In 2003, the Government of British Columbia recognized BCIT's importance to the province's burgeoning aerospace industry when it announced its new BC Aerospace Strategy, subsequently committing \$16.4 million in funding for the ATC. The further \$6.8 million comes from other partners who are making critical investments in the new campus. These donors include Phoenix-based Honeywell Aerospace, Raytheon Canada, WestJet, BMO Financial Group, CIBC, the RBC Foundation, YVR, HSBC, Highbury Foundation and London Air Services.

The new 300,000 square foot campus is expected to open in 2007. Follow construction by visiting our webcam often at [www.bcit.ca/planning/](http://www.bcit.ca/planning/).

## BCIT's Aerospace Technology Campus

Key features of the new facility will include:

- more than 40 classrooms and "smart" labs with the latest training computers, equipment and wireless technology;
- a lecture theatre with global teleconferencing capabilities;
- an integrated research and resource library;
- laboratories and classrooms that will support new programs in the fields of air traffic management, ambient intelligence and homeland security; and,
- a dramatic 40,000 square foot hangar for the BCIT fleet of 20 helicopters and aircraft, at the centre of the new campus.

## BCIT Alumni benefit from Canadian Direct Insurance Affinity Program

In May 1996 Canadian Direct Insurance (CDI) issued its first auto insurance policy in B.C. Now 10 years and 150,000 policies later, CDI has expanded into one of the fastest growing insurance companies in Western Canada.

CDI will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for 10 weeks starting May 30<sup>th</sup>. Part of the growth of CDI can be attributed to the affinity program with the BCIT Alumni Association. The program continues to grow every year. To date, the success of the program has allowed CDI to contribute over \$40,000 to the BCIT Alumni Association.

So CDI and the BCIT Alumni Association are benefiting from the affinity program but what about the BCIT alumni themselves? Alumni are getting the best deal of all. As a BCIT graduate you receive a 10 percent discount on your home insurance (maximum combined policy discount 60 percent) and increased limits on your coverage.

While home insurance is the primary focus of the affinity program between CDI and the BCIT Alumni Association, don't forget that CDI offers excellent rates on your optional auto insurance coverages too. With ICBC basic insurance rates increasing by over six percent there is no better time to take advantage of CDI's new lower rates on optional auto insurance.

CDI continues to be involved in the activities of the BCIT Alumni Association. CDI was a Gold Sponsor at the Distinguished Alumni Awards in 2005. This is the signature event of the BCIT Alumni Association and CDI is proud to be a part of it.

Last year Canadian Direct Insurance gave away a Sony home computer system to one lucky BCIT Alumni Association Member. The winner of the contest was not only a BCIT alumnus but also a BCIT student at the time. Henry Vis will no doubt put his new computer to good use!

Since the last contest was a great success, CDI has decided to have another. Starting May 1<sup>st</sup> BCIT alumni will have a chance to win \$2000 in Esso Gift cards. The contest will run until September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006. To enter the contest just give us a call at 1-888-CALL-CDI (1-888-225-5232) for a quote on your home or auto insurance, and identify yourself as a BCIT Alumni. You can also enter the contest by e-mailing your name, address, phone number and your home and auto expiry dates to [bcitcontest@canadiandirect.ca](mailto:bcitcontest@canadiandirect.ca).



*Alumnus Henry Vis wins Sony computer from Canadian Direct Insurance.*



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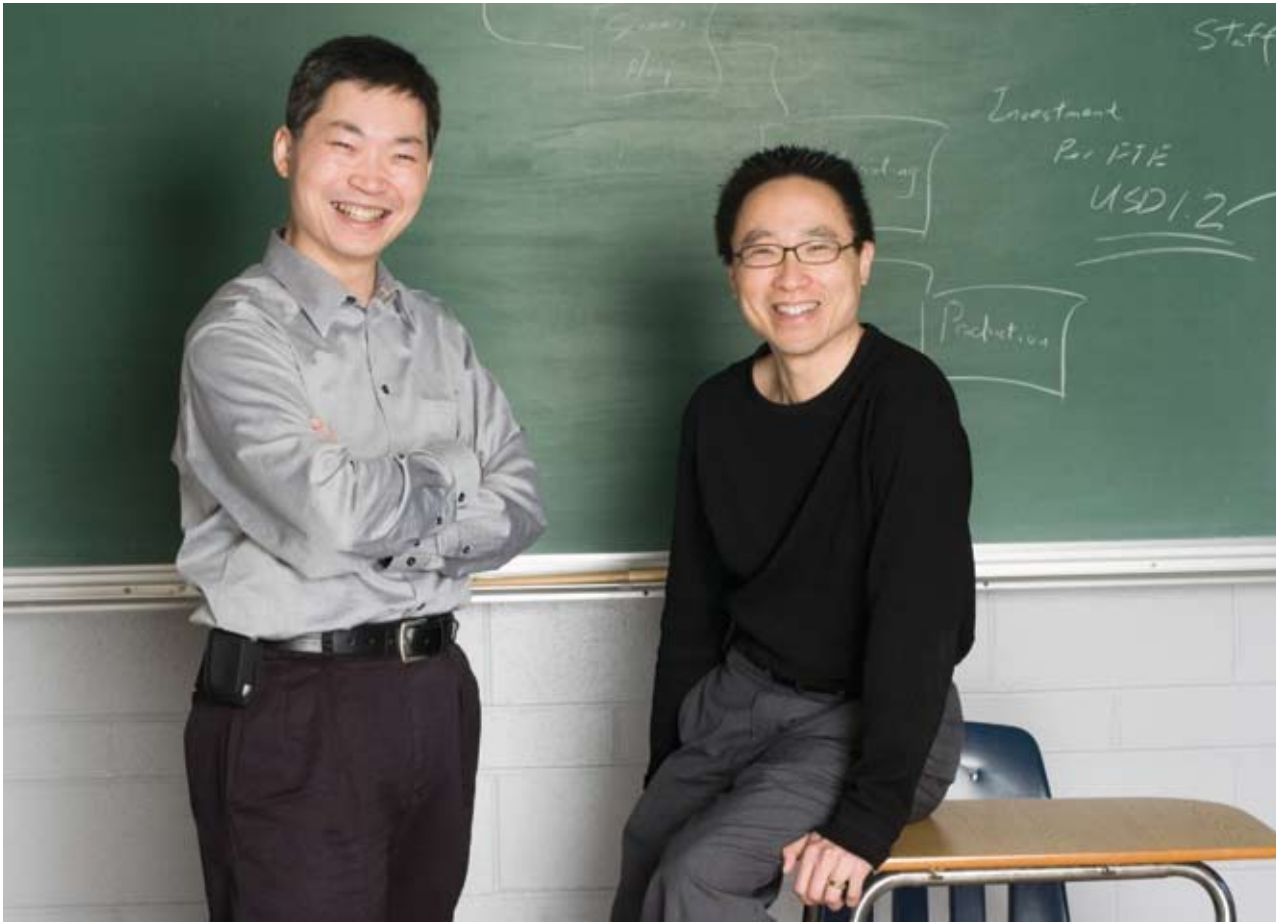
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Joe Ng (left) hired his former BCIT teacher Benjamin Yu to work with him on e-Learning research at HSBC.

## Former student and teacher join forces to innovate

**WHEN JOE NG GRADUATED** from the Computer Systems Technology (CST) Software Systems Development program in 1999, he came away with more than just a great BCIT credential. He gained Benjamin Yu, then acting associate dean of CST, as an employee.

It's a simple case of innovation attracting innovation.

"After graduation, Joe took a job in software development with HSBC right away and in a couple of years was promoted to Global Manager of HSBC's e-Learning Centre of Excellence in Group IT Training," says Benjamin. "We would meet up from time to time, either over lunch or a game of golf and Joe would tell me about the projects he was working on. When he told me about his project on e-Learning at the centre, I was fascinated by HSBC's innovation in this area. I thought, I could learn a few things from him."

Joe expresses a similar sentiment when recalling the first time he met Benjamin at BCIT.

"When I first met Benjamin, I thought he talked more like a visionary than a teacher," says Joe. "He was always talking about innovative ideas – about things that didn't even exist in the marketplace yet. That's when I knew I wanted to learn from him and enrolled in the CST program." A recent immigrant to Canada with many years of experience as a business owner in Asia, Joe made a BCIT education the first step toward establishing his career in a new country.

In 2006, Benjamin took a leave of absence from his associate dean duties to work with Joe at HSBC's Centre of Excellence to focus on e-Learning research.

"E-Learning had not been successful at HSBC in the past," says Joe. "All learning contexts were canned. We needed our own contexts, technical, soft skills and learning perspectives, a senior executive communication channel, and marketing in order to be successful."

At the Centre, Joe and his team are working to develop technology to improve the learning experience of HSBC's 25,000 IT staff (of 240,000 employees worldwide) that require IT training.

"We are focused on developing e-Learning solutions that promote independent learning online," explains Joe. "We are working to set up a unique and effective learning context or infrastructure for HSBC to make the most of the learner experience." For example, the e-Learning Centre of Excellence team is working on the idea of merging education with entertainment (or 'edutainment') because ultimately an engaged learner who also finds entertainment value in the learning experience is more likely to be committed to the learning process.

It's not just the learner who will benefit from this research – business managers will benefit too. The team is also developing a system that can track the return on investment (ROI) in e-Learning which is of much interest to business managers.

"Business managers are always interested in the ROI of their training budgets," says Joe. "We are coming up with metrics for learning that can provide some indications on how training budget can be measured against employee productivity," further explains Benjamin who says this research will also benefit BCIT students as well. "Students will want to know what their ROI is given the cost of tuition and other expenses to earn a credential."

Fuelled by an innovative mind and a CST credential, Joe's new career in Canada has taken off since graduating from BCIT. But his days at BCIT may not be over: "I am more than happy to come back to BCIT to teach one day," he says.



### The myBCIT alumni card

The myBCIT Alumni Card provides alumni with access to many on- and off-campus services and discounts. myBCIT Alumni Cards are \$35 and have a five-year expiry. You can have a photo-id card or one without a photo — the choice is yours.

A premier benefit of the myBCIT Alumni Card is a 20 percent discount off of one BCIT part-time course, up to a maximum of \$100. Please Note: Registration must be in person to qualify.

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### BCIT at the Mall!

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This is an opportunity for us to reach people in the general community who support BCIT and the contribution this institution makes to the Province of British Columbia.

Take a look next time you're in these malls, and if you haven't got your BCIT Mosaik MasterCard yet, consider applying when you see the promotion! Every time you use your BCIT Mosaik Mastercard, BMO Bank of Montreal supports the BCIT Alumni Association, and we, in turn, support alumni and student programming and the Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund.

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For further information contact Michael Crowe toll free at 1-866-380-1990 (in Victoria phone 250-380-1990) or check under Benefits at our website: [www.bcit.ca/alumni/benefits.shtml](http://www.bcit.ca/alumni/benefits.shtml).



## A TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL FROM BCIT BCIT's Alumni at Work!

### Michael Bryan Tarr, AScT

Mike hails from London, England, and made the move to Canada in his teen years. Completing high school by correspondence while recuperating during an extended stay in hospital, he pursued his interest in electronics working for Air Canada in the navigation and avionics department. Following a visit to Expo '67, Mike embarked on his chosen career path... engineering.

A graduate with honours from BCIT's Engineering – Instrumentation and Systems program in 1970, he accrued the prerequisite experience and achieved professional registration as an Applied Science Technologist (AScT). He is also affiliated with several industry associations in Canada and the USA.

Advancing from his position as Senior Designer with BC Hydro, Mike gained extensive experience in operations and management with BC Gas/Terasen Gas, earning a reputation for his commitment to excellence in the energy and utility industry sectors. In addition to his work in distribution operations, emergency preparedness, environmental affairs, security, measurement, construction and maintenance, Mike acquired considerable expertise in government relations, strategic alliance and joint venture business development through the interface with all aspects of the energy sector.

Appointed in 2002 by the Canadian Gas Association as the industry spokesperson to work with Industry Canada and Measurement Canada to improve standards and regulations pertaining to natural gas utility operations, Mike continues to serve on numerous industry committees. The results of his work speak volumes and have earned him recognition from industry and ASTTBC.

His desire to make a difference has also rubbed off on Sean, his son, a BCIT grad from Operations Management (1998). Mike, and his wife Robina, reside in Richmond.

- BCIT grad in 1970
- Professional registration as AScT
- President, MB Tarr & Associates Consulting Ltd.
- Awards... Outstanding Achievement to the Canadian Natural Gas Industry (2004); Outstanding Performance in Technology (2005)

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## Anthony Cavanaugh: BCIT diploma, certificate and bachelor's degree propel career in real estate

ASK ANY LAY PERSON about the relationship between broadcasting and real estate and they will probably tell you that the two professions are completely unrelated. Anthony Cavanaugh knows better: after receiving a first class education in BCIT's Broadcast Communications program, Anthony now enjoys a successful career in the real estate industry. And for Anthony, the two professions are very closely linked.

Anthony grew up in the real estate industry. His mother, uncle and several other relatives were all actively involved in the selling and development of property. "There's just something about real estate that has always drawn my family," muses Anthony.

As a young man striking out on his own, however, Anthony wanted to try something different. He enrolled in BCIT's Diploma in Broadcast Communications with the idea of starting a career in media.

BCIT gave Anthony the solid foundation he needed to work in British Columbia's broadcast industry. "The skills I learned at BCIT gave me the opportunity to work closely with media types as I had a very good understanding of what they were looking for in print, radio and TV stories," he says.

Still, by the time he graduated in 1994, Anthony was already starting to miss the old family business. He immediately began looking for ways to return to the real estate industry.

He found the perfect match when he joined the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver (REBGV) in October 1994. The Real Estate Board is a trade organization that operates the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) of property listings and it is here Anthony launched his public relations career, using the training he received from BCIT.

"While I wasn't practicing Broadcast Communications per se, my education in broadcasting taught me how to put together stories and made me a far better PR person," he explains. "I was doing something I loved in an industry that was very important to me."

In 1997, Anthony returned to BCIT and enrolled in the Marketing Management (Marketing Communications Option) certificate program. He graduated with his certificate in 1999, ready to make a new career move.

Anthony pursued a job with the Real Estate Council of B.C., the public watchdog in the province's real estate industry and the regulatory and licensing body charged with administering the provincial Real Estate Services Act.

"The senior management at the Real Estate Council looked very highly upon my BCIT designations when going through the hiring process," he says. "In



Anthony Cavanaugh reaps rewards of multiple BCIT credentials.

fact, our Executive Officer, Robert Fawcett, is a former BCIT graduate and served for many years as a board member of the BCIT Alumni Association. I am confident that one of the main reasons I was hired was because of the job-ready skills I brought with me from my BCIT designations."

His new job brought him a whole new level of responsibility: "my move from the REBGV to the Council meant that I was moving from a department of five PR individuals who served the greater Vancouver area to running my own department at the Council which covered all of B.C.," he explains.

Now in a position of authority, Anthony knew that it would be important for him to hone his management skills. Once again, he turned to BCIT; in 2001 he enrolled in the BCIT Bachelor of Technology in Management degree program.

"I finished my degree in late fall of 2005," exclaims Anthony. "and the result is that I have not only rapidly accelerated my career as a competent public relations professional, but also gained the necessary skills to effectively manage people at a high level."

"The BCIT experience definitely helped me to find the path I wanted to go down. I would tell anyone: 'Don't be afraid to go out there and give it a try.'"

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# Grapevine

BCIT Alumni are In Demand, Delivering Results — and we're hearing more and more about you! As space prevents us from printing all the information and updates we've received, we invite you to visit [www.bcit.ca/alumni/grapevine](http://www.bcit.ca/alumni/grapevine) to read up on all the latest news.

## 2004

### Jackson, Bradley

*Computer Systems*

Brad is now living and working in Southern California as the Senior Development and Design Architect at 2Advanced Studios, LLC. [www.waveofthought.com](http://www.waveofthought.com).

## 2003

### Boersma, Bart

*Welding Level B*

*Drafting Mechanical '99*

Bart is working for Canadian Pacific Railway as a Welder/Rail Car Mechanic in Golden, BC. It is a beautiful place to live.

### Lapinsky, Julie

*Specialty Nursing Bachelor of Technology*

*Specialty Nursing Perinatal '01*

Julie works at BC Women's Hospital as a Program Coordinator. She is nearly finished her Master's program in nursing at UBC.

## 1998

### Barden, Blaine

*Financial Management – Finance*

Since graduating from BCIT Blaine transferred all his courses into the CGA program and is currently working towards his designation.

### Duley, Catherine (Matthew)

*Administrative Studies*

*Marketing Management – Advertising & Sales '91*

Raymond (International Trade '91) and Cathy were married in August 2000. Son Logan was born September 26, 2005. Contact Catherine at [catherine.duley@heidelberg.com](mailto:catherine.duley@heidelberg.com).

## 1996

### Lunsted, Nicole (Mandryk)

*Environmental Health*

On January 19, 2005 Nicole and Len (along with daughter Allison) welcomed twins, Christopher and Kyle, into their family.

## 1995

### Parker, Elizabeth

*Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio*

Liz is up to her old snooty tricks, as Public Relations Manager for the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. (She has to admit that she does miss Radio.)

## 1994

### Laarz, Dale

*Operations Management*

Dale has moved from Kodak (formerly Creo Inc.) to Electronic Arts in the spring of 2005. The kids are now 8 and 5.

## 1993

### Moat, Alan

*Occupational Health and Safety*

*Wood Products '87*

*Forest Resources '83*

Alan is working as an Occupational Safety Officer with the Worker's Compensation Board. He can be reached at [ajmoat@telus.net](mailto:ajmoat@telus.net).



### Myers, Chad

*Telecommunications Technician*

*Financial Management*

*– Financial Planning '00*

Chad is now working at Electronic Arts Canada (EA Sports) overseeing their Telecom and Audio Visual infrastructure.

## 1993

### Cheng, Hon-Nin

*Financial Management – Professional Accounting*

Louis is currently working as an accountant in Rescan Environmental Services Ltd. He received his professional designation as a Certified General Accountant in March 2005.

### Pullem, Heidi

*Financial Management – Financial Planning*

Heidi has launched a successful career providing financial solutions and now divorce settlement analyses, with one of Vancouver's top financial firms. Thanks BCIT!

## 1990



### Hui, Sidney

*Financial Management*

Sidney is an Associate Broker with Sutton Group Killarney Realty where he provides real estate sales services in Vancouver. He received the Sutton Platinum Award for 2005.

## 1987

### Barchard, Michael

*Administrative Management*

After eight years in Calgary as a Corporate Controller, Michael is moving to a General Manager position within the same company in Edmonton.

## 1981

### Tsang, Grace (Lai)

*Marketing Management*

Grace married Danny Tsang (Mechanical Design '80.) She was elected as a Richmond School Trustee in November 2005. As well she is a Certified Financial Planner who runs her own company, Grace Tsang

# Alexis Mazurin Remembered

by Tetsuro Shigematsu

Young people die all the time. It's a common tragedy. But imagine the death of someone who caused the following scenes to take place: journalists staring blankly at computer screens finding themselves unable to write. Broadcasters leaning into their microphones trying to steady their voices. Graffiti artists shaking cans of spray paint wondering, what is the color of life?

When Alexis Mazurin died at the age of 27, tears were shed all over the world. People bowed their heads and held hands in Brazil, in the Amazon, in Japan and in Afghanistan. The service held in Vancouver was attended by close to 500 people.

Who was this young man, who in such a short period of time touched so many people? Most Canadians came to know Alexis as a broadcaster for CBC Radio.

Born in Penticton, B.C., to Dr. Alexander and Margaret Mazurin, Alexis studied journalism at BCIT. His first job out of school in 2001 was hosting Pass The Mic on CBC Radio One. In 2002, he created the traveling radio show Out There and, a year later, joined the team at CBC Radio 3, the network he helped power as an engaging host, an adventurous reporter, and as an innovative producer.

Within the CBC, Alexis was considered one of its brightest young stars, an exceptional talent being groomed for greatness. And just as Alexis' booming voice was on the verge of being heard by the rest of the world through Radio 3's new satellite radio service, he fell silent.

In early September 2005, Alexis suffered a massive heart attack in his sleep while attending the Burning Man festival in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. He was rushed to a hospital in Reno where he fell into a coma and was later transferred to St. Paul's where he passed away on October 20th.

Alexis was the at centre of many communities. In addition to being a broadcaster, Alexis was a capoiesta, an entertainer, a comedian, a dancer, and each of those groups he belonged to felt they lost one of their best.

But for all his ferocious talent, for all his dazzling charisma, for all his radiant energy, it was his kindness that people remember. Over and over again, at all the various memorials people spoke about how Alexis always took the time to make you feel included, important and loved.

Apart from the memories people now cherish of Alexis, he also has another legacy.



A brand new state of the art recording studio at the CBC has been named in his honor. It is from this facility that CBC's Radio 3's satellite service is now broadcasting.

And to keep the spirit of Alexis alive as a uniquely talented and fearless broadcaster, a new scholarship for young students has been established in his honor. It's called the Alexis Mazurin Legacy Project.

For information or to contribute, contact the Vancouver Foundation at 604-688-2204.

Financial & Associates Inc. Grace can be reached at Gtsang@richmond.sd38.bc.ca in regards to public education issues in Richmond.

1981

MacNeill, Richard

Computer Systems

In April 2005 Richard moved his family to Ottawa, where he and his business partner launched a financial management consulting company [www.otusgroup.com](http://www.otusgroup.com). You can reach Richard at [rmacneill@sympatico.ca](mailto:rmacneill@sympatico.ca).

1977

Woodworth, Richard

Broadcast and Media Communications

Rick joined the District of North Vancouver Fire Rescue in January 1979, and was promoted to Captain Training Officer in November 2005.

1976

Clow, Gary

Administrative Management

Gary oversees World Team Missionary work in Cuba and administrative functions in countries all over North America, South America and the Caribbean.

Davis, Colleen (Lecky)

Biological Sciences

Colleen and her husband moved to Summerland, BC and have built a beautiful Southwestern style B&B called La Punta Norte [www.lapuntanorte.com](http://www.lapuntanorte.com).

1975

Hood, Robin

Broadcast and Media Communications

Rob just celebrated 31 years with BCTV/Global TV. He is in charge of the robotics operation for all local newscasts and the the National News with Kevin Newman.

Malcolm, Douglas

Electronic Engineering Technician

Doug is living in San Jose and is the General Manager for Sumida Corporation. He is married and has two children that are in university.

1974



Smith, Randy

Computer Systems

Randy lives in Victoria and is working for IBM Business Consulting as a Managing Consultant.

Meyer, Nicholas

Hospitality Administration

After graduating, Nic continued to travel and work around the world, visiting 68 countries in all. In 1978 he entered the real estate vocation. He and Margaret Olney started their own real estate brokerage called Downtown Suites Ltd. [www.downtownsuites.com](http://www.downtownsuites.com). Nic currently lives in Kitsilano and would be happy to hear from any of his old colleagues at [nic@downtownsuites.com](mailto:nic@downtownsuites.com).

1970

Merchant, Peter

Electronic Engineering Technician

In 2005 Peter achieved a Masters Degree in Academic Practice from Bournemouth University and is now a Senior Lecturer in the Business School there.

1969

Hutchinson, William

Geomatics

Bill is currently enjoying boom-times in real estate development on the best island on the Pacific Coast. He is still big on sports, especially cycling. Look out Lance Armstrong.

1968

Grahn, Anne

Bio Science Food Processing

Anne retired from working at Island Farms Dairy in Victoria and moved to Ontario to be near her grandchildren. She enjoys riding her horse and attending horse shows.

# In Memoriam

## The Alumni Association Remembers



John G.E. Lindenlaub, 1920 – 2005

Former BCIT Instructor,

Hospitality Program

John G.E. Lindenlaub passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 19 with his sons Marc and Peter at his side.

Born November 18th, 1920 in Paris, France, John is survived by his wife of 55 years, Irene, sons, Marc, Martin and Peter, daughter-in-law Tena, and grandchildren Danielle and Bradley. John came to Canada with his wife in 1950. After spending his initial years in Montreal, he later moved to Vancouver, where he taught at BCIT for more than 20 years. He has the legacy of students around the world to remember him.

George Balfour, 1932 – 2006

Former BCIT Instructor,

School of Business

George Balfour passed away January 1 at the age of 74. George taught labour relations and management at BCIT for 15 years, and also served on several advisory committees for the School of Business. While Director of Human Resources at the Workers' Compensation Board of B.C., George sponsored numerous BCIT Directed Studies projects for Business and Human Resource Management students. George is remembered by his wife Ella, daughters Brenda and Ruth, son Jim, and six grandchildren.

Tadija Jozic, 1980 – 2006

Aircraft Maintenance '02

Tadija and his brother Nikola died tragically in a car accident on January 28. After graduating from Vancouver Technical Secondary in 1999, Tadija studied Aircraft Maintenance at BCIT and later took tremendous pride in his position with ConAir. He is remembered for his love and support of family, quirky sense of humour, love of all things mechanical, and unabashed honesty.

Robert Staines, 1984 – 2006

Mechanical Engineering '04

Robert lived in Port Coquitlam for all of his 21 years. Rob is lovingly remembered by his parents, Stephen and Jocelyn, and his younger brothers Ian and Andrew, and all of his family and friends. Rob graduated from BCIT as a Mechanical Engineer, and went on to work with ASCO Aerospace, operating complex machines to produce aircraft components. Rob enjoyed mountain biking, and was a member of the Poco Lightening Speed Skating Club for many years. If you would like to leave a personal message of condolence at the family's online memorial register, visit [www.personalalternative.com](http://www.personalalternative.com).

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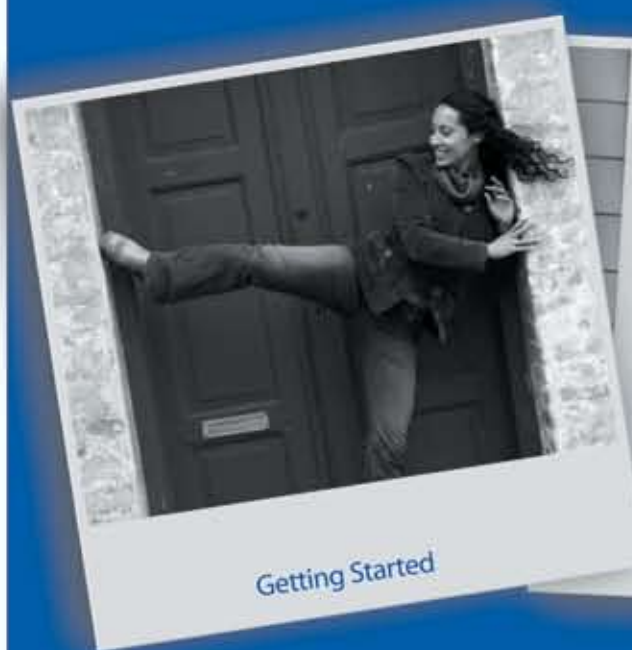
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