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## Making news in Vancouver

Allister D'Souza from India now makes Vancouver home – and the launching pad of a career in broadcast journalism.



Allister D'Souza

From the age of 16, BCIT international graduate Allister D'Souza knew he wanted to be a journalist. Now, less than one year after graduation from BCIT's Broadcast Journalism program, D'Souza works as a reporter for Vancouver's CityTV and lives that scenario every day.

D'Souza, who is originally from India, recounts how he first got the bug.

"At 16, I wrote my first article on the environmental hazards of plastic bags littering the fields and streets of Goa," he says. "After that, there was no looking back. Throughout college and university I freelanced for various publications in Bombay and Goa."

When D'Souza discovered that tuition fees in the UK were outrageous, a Vancouver-based relative recommended the BCIT Broadcast Journalism program.

D'Souza arrived in B.C. from India three years ago and immediately began preparing for the BCIT entrance exam.

"I spent a month sitting in a public library and reading four newspapers a day," he remembers. "It took a few weeks before all the news began to make sense."

"The first few months of school took a bit of adjusting," he admits. "I couldn't understand how students persistently spoke their minds and

challenged what the instructors would say, even at the risk of sounding stupid!"

Those social differences did nothing to deter D'Souza from earning a host of successes during his two years of study at BCIT. He has won the CBC Award for Best Student Radio Documentary, the CHUM-TV Student Award for Outstanding Student of the Year, the Jack Webster Award for a Promising Student, and a National Award from the Broadcast Educators Association of Canada for a two-minute news story about communal riots in India.

"I localized an international story by interviewing a Hindu and a Muslim who live here in Vancouver," he says.

D'Souza says that BCIT gave him the confidence to approach BBC's Bangkok bureau for an internship.

"That was one of the best experiences of my life," he says. "My bureau chief said, 'I am glad to see they are teaching you the right stuff at your institute. Lucky you picked a good journalism school!'"

**"BCIT prepared me very well. The journalism instructors are very dedicated, and really went out of their way to make me feel comfortable in a foreign country."**

These days, D'Souza juggles jobs as a reporter for CityTV and as a freelance associate producer for CBC Radio. He didn't expect this much success so quickly.

"I expected to be a researcher for a year or so before I would be given an opportunity to report," he says. "BCIT prepared me very well. The journalism instructors are very dedicated, and really went out of their way to make me feel comfortable in a foreign country."

D'Souza attributes his success to the BCIT education and training, a strong faith in God, and a humble approach to life. He says as a journalist, he tries to tell stories that, in some small way, make a difference to people's lives.

– Crystal Sawyer

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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## President's message

BCIT alumni, individually and collectively, are In Demand, Delivering Results. So is your Alumni Association.

April 2002 to May 2003

has seen tremendous growth for the Association. In my report to alumni at this year's Annual General Meeting on May 22, I will focus on only a few of our achievements this year, including:

- a new logo and tagline and redesigned newsletter, letterhead, and alumni pins
- our first Challenge Champion matching gift of \$15,000 for BCIT's Annual Alumni Campaign, that inspired alumni to more than double their charitable support for the Institute this year
- three new major alumni affinity programs that not only provide great benefits for our members, but more than triple our annual revenues
- conceptualization and launch of an Alumni Profile Campaign and Premiere Distinguished Alumni Awards Program
- revised Constitution and By-laws and new Board policies.

I extend my appreciation to our dedicated Board members and staff who have contributed to these, and many more, accomplishments this year.

In June, BCIT's 75,000th graduate will cross the stage at Convocation, celebrate the successful completion of a rigorous program at BCIT, and become a proud member of our Alumni Association. Did you know that BCIT now graduates more than 4,700 alumni (from programs of 21 credits or more) each year? I know that many of you return to, or are thinking of returning to campus for additional training or to complete a Bachelor of Technology degree – check out page 5 on Lifelong Learning at BCIT. I took some Marketing courses this year and thoroughly enjoyed being a student again!

It's an exciting time, both for the Alumni Association and for the Institute. If you want to keep abreast of the latest news about BCIT, visit our Web site News and Events page at [www.alumni.bcit.ca](http://www.alumni.bcit.ca) and sign up to have press releases sent directly to your e-mail address.

Please join us for the AGM on May 22 and learn first-hand about all the great things going on with your School and Alumni Association.

Scott Gray,  
Broadcast and Media Communications '88

PRESIDENT  
BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# Alumni Appeal 2002 exceeds target

BCIT alumni and friends gave generously to the Alumni Appeal 2002 in support of the BCIT library, programs across the campus, and the Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund.

The Alumni Appeal 2002 raised \$63,042 in contributions that help BCIT students through awards and bursaries, and provide support to campus programs to create the highest quality polytechnic education at BCIT.

A Challenge Grant of \$15,000 was donated by the Alumni Association to match – dollar for dollar – donations received during the Alumni Appeal. The Alumni Board's leadership inspired BCIT to pledge matching funds as well, for triple the benefit of each donation, up to a total of \$15,000.

"Contributions to the Alumni Appeal make a real difference to BCIT students," says Scott Gray, president of the Alumni Association. "We want to thank the alumni who gave so generously to this year's appeal."



Alumni contributions support achievement awards. At the Fall BCIT Scholarships and Awards Ceremony (left to right): Shiliang Chang, Leah Gowland, and Jaius Lai. She received BCIT Alumni Association Awards from Bill MacPherson, treasurer of the BCIT Alumni Association.

Visit [www.foundation.bcit.ca](http://www.foundation.bcit.ca) to make your own online contribution to the Alumni Appeal 2003. Thank you for supporting BCIT!

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# Creating a future in Web hosting



Venture Development grad Steve Jagger of Combustion Hosting changed his mind about his business idea and it changed his life.

Stephen Jagger was one young man who knew what he wanted – and what he didn't want – when choosing a career direction. For starters, he didn't want to go to school.

"I hate it," he says, matter-of-factly. He didn't have the patience for one course each term, and preferred to run things himself. That's why he entered BCIT's two-month intensive Venture Program for entrepreneurs. "It was practical, and what I wanted to do."

The 25-year-old grad of one of BCIT's shortest programs is now one of the partners running Combustion Hosting, a prospering Web hosting company that began in June 2000.

"Combusting Hosting itself didn't even have a Web site back then," Jagger reports. Today, the growing company has 1,700 clients – and counting.

Jagger had an entirely different business in mind when he stumbled upon Web hosting. Trying to find a Web host for his fledgling business idea, he grew frustrated at the lack of service with other hosts. "Everyone was e-mail based. I wanted to speak to a human being, to ask my dumb questions," he recalls. "It took me a long time to even find a host with a phone number."

Jagger eventually asked his friend Michael Stephenson (who later became his business partner) why he couldn't simply host himself?

That was how Stephenson, a Vancouver Film School graduate, became the technical side in a two-person partnership which offers Web hosting services. Jagger focusses on sales and strategy.

Today, Jagger and Stephenson head one of Vancouver's fastest growing high tech small businesses – no small achievement in the dot.com burst-bubble economy. They credit their success to the fact that they did it all themselves. No bank financing, no debts. "We're small, but we're strong and stable," Jagger says, and tries to maintain a manageable growth rate. "We get new toys as we need them."

The other secret to their success? They love what they do. Jagger and Stephenson surround themselves with talented people, and that makes all the difference.

"It's a team environment. We hang out, we eat together. People who work here love it. It's a good environment."

With no intention of going public in the foreseeable future, Jagger and Stephenson want to open more new businesses. "We have 15 or 20 business plans already written," he says.

One could expect nothing less from a BCIT Venture Program grad.

## Helping aspiring entrepreneurs

To meet the needs of entrepreneurs who have jobs during the day and cannot take three months off work to create a business plan, the Venture Development Centre (VDC) has developed a shorter version of the daytime Venture program.

In January 2001, VDC launched a part-time program called Starting Your Own Business. The first offering was so successful that the program is now running all year round: two programs in the winter, one in the spring, and two in the fall. They are held on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Jim Smyth, who developed and teaches the program, says students are very keen on starting a business; they just need the structure we offer to help them prepare for the launch. It is very satisfying to help these new entrepreneurs develop their business skills. Visit our Web site at [www.bcitventure.com](http://www.bcitventure.com) for more information or to read about our grads' success stories.

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# Nursing for a new generation



Rebecca Gladman, one of BCIT's first Bachelor of Technology in nursing graduates, tackles changing health issues in the community.

Rebecca Gladman is filling a void. With nursing shortages looming as an entire generation is poised to retire, Gladman is part of a new contingent of young nurses coming up through the ranks.

Gladman graduated in June 2002, with the first Bachelor of Technology in Nursing class from BCIT. She is now working with young families and children in two special community health teams for the Burnaby Health Department.

"Half the time I work with moms and babies. The other half I work with elementary schools," says Gladman.

"For example, we are teaching grades four to six about the importance of having a healthy heart – to have good nutrition, to be fit and not smoke. The kids are very enthusiastic and ask intelligent questions."

Working with mothers and babies occupies the other half of Gladman's time.

She goes on to describe how breastfeeding education, monitoring baby's growth and mom's healing – as well as children's education of nutrition and other health issues – are helping promote optimal health and using preventative measures to keep communities healthier.

The other three teams of public health are the communicable disease control team, the adult health team, and the children's services resource team. Each unit is different and nurses are assigned to one team, or two of them, tag-teamed with a partner. Gladman derives satisfaction from working with a partner on two different assignments. "It's nice to have the variety, and to have a colleague to bounce ideas off of."

Gladman, who graduated at the top of her class, credits BCIT for preparing her for a multi-faceted, demanding job. "I think BCIT is very good at giving you a realistic idea of whatever job you're training for. I wasn't walking in with blinders on. But even so, it's more than I expected."

"Going from school to actually being an employee was an easy transition," she says and is considering further education in a perinatal specialty or possibly midwifery education.

"I really enjoy what I do," she says. "It's my niche. I'm really fortunate to have found it right away."

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# Opening doors and expanding personal horizons

Lifelong learning at BCIT is about gaining new skills for job advancement or career change, although the primary focus for Bruce Duthie was personal development.

"I was looking for a new perspective," says Bruce. "I wanted to open doors that I didn't know existed."

After earning a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree in Biology from SFU, Bruce had a strong skill set but he still needed something more to fulfill his career ambitions.

"Coming from an academic background in science, I needed an industry skill set to collaborate with my existing skills," he says. "I wanted a program that focused on the latest computer skills – networking, database, Internet technologies, and contemporary business skills."

Bruce found just what he wanted in the Information Technology Professional Program (ITP), one of BCIT's High-Tech Professional programs. The work-term supplement plus the opportunity students are given to simulate an IT consulting firm were strong attractions.

Bruce completed the program in 12 months. Students are exposed to both hard and soft business skills, new technologies and project management courses, and they gain highly recognized industry certifications.

"These new skills meshed very well with my academic background," says Bruce, who accepted the position of technical analyst with a growing company, Art In Motion, a month before he graduated from BCIT. Art In Motion is a leading international fine art publisher specializing in the creation of open edition prints and handcrafted framing designs. The company has a global network of distributors, sales representatives and show rooms serving thousands of customers in 72 countries.

Bruce says his job is broadly based – everything from taking help desk calls to IT project management and implementation. He was recently involved with the implementation of a new sales order management system that allowed him to explore leading technology and travel to different cities.

Problem solving is an area where Bruce's academic background especially complements his IT business training. "As a scientist, you ask questions and search for answers to describe natural phenomenon. With technology projects, decisions are largely based on the best possible alternative, directly related to the business needs and goals. There is a lot of similar thought processes between the two environments."

The ITP program's simulated business environment was one of the best components of the program for Bruce.



Bruce Duthie

This involved students working in teams to create a simulated IT company. In the final quarter, teams worked on a real-world technical project and presented their solutions to actual clients.

At Art In Motion, Bruce is challenged to design technical solutions that enhance business operations and support the vision of the company.

"Now that I'm gaining experience in my current position, I'm setting new goals that require the skills I learned through ITP," he says.

"Those who want challenges at all levels – from group dynamics to technical labyrinths – best suit the ITP program," says Bruce. "You need to be self-motivated, take initiative in your actions, build team relationships through good communication, and be prepared to uncover your personal limits."

– Anne Sharp



## Learning for a lifetime

Once a bridge to be crossed from school to work life, learning is now a highway on which we travel throughout our careers. Increasing competition and constant changes in technology are key factors in the pursuit of lifelong learning.

BCIT has more than 34,000 part-time students, filling roughly 76,000 registrations and making BCIT the largest post-secondary institute in B.C.

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**BCIT also offers other degrees:**

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Extensive revisions to the Alumni Association's Constitution and By-Laws will be presented for ratification at the AGM. Please visit [www.alumni.bcit.ca](http://www.alumni.bcit.ca) for details.

Join us on Thursday, May 22, 2003, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The program begins at 6:00 p.m. at the Coast Plaza Suite Hotel at Stanley Park (Windows on the Bay, 35th Floor Conference Level)  
1763 Comox Street, Vancouver, B.C.

There is no cost to attend. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. No host bar.

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RSVP by May 15, 2003 to 604-432-8847 or [alumni@bcit.ca](mailto:alumni@bcit.ca).

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## Mark your calendar

Here are some special events to make note of. Please come out and enjoy them with us.

### BCIT JUNE CONVOCATION CEREMONY AND CELEBRATION

June 18-20, Willingdon Church Conference Centre, Burnaby, B.C.

E-mail [Michelle\\_Traynor@bcit.ca](mailto:Michelle_Traynor@bcit.ca) to volunteer for this event.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

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Wednesday, Oct. 22, 5-8 p.m.  
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### BCIT OPEN HOUSE

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# BCIT and Korean students are bringing interactive chess to cell phones

BCIT students, together with students from Korea, are working on a project that would allow games to be played between players using wireless devices such as cell phones.

"We're working on a chess game to run on cell phones," said Kerry Friesen, Abbotsford resident.

It's estimated that the world market for mobile gaming will be approximately \$17.5 billion by 2006. Mobile games, coupled with colour display handsets, may well prove themselves to be the wireless Internet's next big thing.

Friesen's partner in the project is fellow Computer Systems Technology student Gord White, of Burnaby. In recent months, they've been mentoring and working with Kyong Roh Lee and Hee Kyoung Park. Lee, a computer science major, and Park, an electrical engineering major, are among a group of 30 visiting students from South Korea's Chonbuk National University.

Dr. Benjamin Yu, computer systems technology program head at BCIT, is the client for the students' wireless network game project. Yu is a co-investigator of a larger effort to create an open SCE for Internet-distributed applications. The project involves a number of participants from education and industry. Participating educational institutes include UBC, University of Victoria, BCIT,



(L to R) CST student Gord White, program head Dr. Benjamin Yu, Korean students Hee Kyoung Park and Kyong Roh Lee, and CST student Kerry Friesen are developing a way to play chess against someone else over a cellphone.

Concordia University, and Carleton University. Industry affiliates include Telus Mobility, Magnetar Games, Proface INDE, Alctel, and Holley Communications.

Said Yu, "Network games are especially attractive to computer game players. The natural extension to this is to have these network games played on mobile phones. While the number of players is small, the number of spectators who may want

to follow the game may be huge. The task of monitoring the game can be extremely complex.

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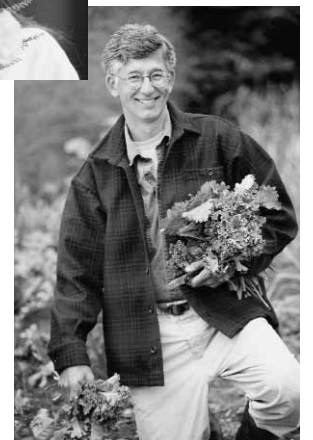
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On Sept. 19, 2002, 10 members of the Operations Management graduating class of 1980 gathered at their old watering hole (known then as "The Villa") to catch up on each other's lives. Everyone agreed it was great fun to see one another again, and it only took a few moments before we were talking and laughing together – even after 22 years!

– Karen Campbell

*Operations Management '80 Reunion:*  
(left to right, back) Paul Antonioni, Craig Nichols, Karen Campbell, Mark McLeod, Joan Keir, George Riddell; (left to right, front) Don Eldridge, Vincent Buchanan, Stephen Reid.  
Absent from photo: Colin Green.



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## Upcoming Reunions

**1966 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT** grads are beginning to plan a reunion. Provide contact information to Ken Flannagan (Admin./Finance) at tel. 250-758-3112 or e-mail [kflann@shaw.ca](mailto:kflann@shaw.ca).

**1972 COMPUTER SYSTEMS** has a 31 year reunion coming up. The party will be held in September 2003. The exact date and location are yet to be firmed up. Contact Reg Cawston at 604-501-1474 or e-mail [rege@quedsoftware.com](mailto:rege@quedsoftware.com).

**1978 NURSING** grads will be celebrating their 25 year reunion on Sept. 27 2003. Contact Carol (Boyko) Lere at

tel. 604-468-0205 or Shannon O'Brien at [Shannon.obrien@shaw.ca](mailto:Shannon.obrien@shaw.ca).

**1979 MEDICAL RADIOGRAPHY** has a 25 year reunion in May 2004. Contact Judith Holt at [jholt@bcit.ca](mailto:jholt@bcit.ca) or 604-224-0197.

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# Grapevine

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**HURT, DOUGLAS** – *Medical Radiography*

Doug was married in 2000 to Tana, a nurse. They are expecting their first child in January 2003. He completed the MRI course in June 2000.

1997

**SAYSON, DANNY** – *Broadcast–Television*

Danny was presented with the highest honour in the wedding videography industry as he walked away with the Gold Award at the 12th annual WEVA International 2002 Creative Excellence Award Competition. He won in the Pre-Ceremony Production Category with his stylistic and elegant music video montage of a bridal preparation. His video wowed thousands of videographers from around the world as it played on the big screen at the Bally's Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

1995

**COLLINS, HUGH** – *Broadcast – Television*

On Nov. 1, 2002, Hugh and his wife Cindy welcomed their new son into the world. His name is Graham Donald Hugh Collins.

1993

**HERMAN, CRAIG** – *Renewable Resources – Forestry*

After working in the forest industry on the coast for the last two decades, Craig now resides in the West Kootenays. He is enjoying the wonderful weather in that area and does not miss this ID'Salal on the west coast, or wearing raingear in the middle of summer.

1992

**MCDUGALL, KEVIN** – *Renewable Resources – Forestry*

Kevin married his wife Peggy in July 1998 and they have one daughter named Mikayla who was born in October 2001. They moved to Fredericton, New Brunswick in July 2002. Their e-mail is kevpeg@nbnet.nb.ca.

1991

**DAVIS, SHARON (CHAN)** – *Mkgt Mgt-Tech Sales/Prof Sales*

Sharon Davis (nee Chan), Angela McKay (nee Mills), and Trudi Rondou (not BCIT) incorporated Sensual Notions, a romantic and intimacy products company in 2001. They do home parties, sensual showers, gift baskets and more. Their Web site is [www.sensualnotions.com](http://www.sensualnotions.com) or you can call for more info or to request a catalogue: 604-878-8877.

1990

**GODDARD, BRUCE** – *Electrophysiology*

After graduating from BCIT, Bruce lived in Halifax for six years where he obtained his Canadian Registrations in EEG and EMG. He has been living in Kamloops, and in 1998 married Jenni. Bruce recently bought a camper for his truck so they can explore B.C.

**WONG, CYLIA** – *Administrative Management Human Resources*

Cylia is currently working on her second BCIT diploma in Fundraising. Earlier this year, she and her husband founded a charity called Maverick Cat Coalition whose mission is to trap, neuter and return homeless and feral cats in Vancouver, Burnaby and New Westminster, B.C. If you can help, call 604-521-8200.

**HUNFELD, WIM** – *Biological Sciences*

Wim is increasing his cedar hedging nursery. His oldest daughter Femke, gave birth to Wim's first grandchild, a son, Keegan, born on August 12, 2001. Congratulations to Femke and her partner, Richard.

1989

**IWANCIWSKI, SHAWN** – *Chemical Sciences*

Shawn started employment with Labatt Breweries in November 2001 as a Maintenance Planning Manager. He is getting married in May 2003 at Harrison Hot Springs Resort to LeeAnn McKergan. Shawn is currently

living in Chilliwack, B.C. He would like classmates to send him an e-mail at [shawn.iwanciwski@labatt.com](mailto:shawn.iwanciwski@labatt.com).

1988

**GOERTZ, TERESA (FLOREANO)** – *Marketing Management*

Teresa spent 13 years in the investment community in Vancouver before marrying in 1999 and relocating to the Seattle area. She switched careers and now owns her own technical/communications consulting practice.

1984

**COSTAIN, HEATHER (HAUG)** – *Psychiatric Nursing*

Heather worked at Riverview Hospital after graduating from BCIT. She moved to Kamloops in 1990 to obtain her General Nursing diploma where she worked in obstetrics, med/surg and was a charge nurse in a neuro unit before returning to psychiatry at Royal Inland Hospital. Her husband is a captain in the Kamloops fire department and they have been married 4 1/2 years and do not have children.

1982

**WANG, DAVID** – *Building Engineering Technology*

David would love to hear from his classmates. You can e-mail him at [hauthomme@hotmail.com](mailto:hauthomme@hotmail.com).

**ALABI, JOHN** – *Mechanical Systems*

John and his wife Prisca had twin boys in April 2001. He is currently enrolled in Mechanical Engineering in HVAC at the University of Benin, in Nigeria.

1979

**FOLINSBEE, JOHN** – *Mining*

After 3 1/2 years at Placer Dome's head office in Vancouver, John returned to operations at the Dome Mine in Ontario. He is once again mill manager, as he was from 1990-1995. While living in Vancouver, his partner Susan updated her class list in Psychiatric Nursing 1981 and enjoyed talking with all her old classmates.



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**HUNT, SIDNEY** – *Building Engineering Technology*

Sidney has been a practicing architect in Portland, Oregon for the past six years. He has been married 18 plus years to Ingrid Amirault and they have three boys: Theo 14, Marshall, 12 and Karl, 10. They love living in Oregon.

**1977****GIBSON, CATHERINE** – *Environmental Health*

After 25 years in Public Health, Cathie opened a gift shop at the Westminster Quay Public Market. Her three daughters have all grown up and she now has six grandchildren.

**SIMONS, VICTOR** – *Marketing Management*

Victor was hired by The Bay before graduation. He worked for them as an assistant manager, then as a sales manager for five years. Victor then changed careers and went to work for Shell as a marketing representative in 1976. In 1981 after growing weary of corporate life, he found an opportunity as an entrepreneur. He says working for yourself, even with all the associated headaches, beats working for someone else six times out of seven. He has been married for 32 years. His daughter is working in New York, marketing digital and Internet sales, and his son is doing his master's degree in Forestry at UBC.

**1970****ATCHISON, MICHELE (LANTHIER)** – *General Nursing*

Michele moved to Victoria from Fort St. John where she worked in a home care facility. She remarried in September 2002 and is now employed casually in home care. She has three grown children and two grandchildren.

**PETERSON, BARBARA (CAMPBELL)** – *Medical Radiography*

Barbara graduated in 1970 from Medical Radiography and enjoyed 13 years as an X-ray technician. In 1977 she and her husband David started TJ's the Kiddies Store Ltd. which has grown into a successful chain of children's stores.

**1966****LIM, DON** – *Medical Laboratory Science*

Captain Don Lim was a recipient of the Golden Jubilee Medal for volunteer contribution to the community and service to Canada via the Canadian Forces, which was presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

Join us at the AGM!  
May 22, 2003  
For details see page 7.

**KUDOS!**

**Congratulations from the BCIT Alumni Association to the following for their recent honours and appointments:**

**DAVE MITCHELL**, *BCIT Associate Dean of Aviation and Aerospace Programs* presented with BCIT's Distinguished Service Award on Dec. 20, 2002. Dave has worked tirelessly promoting BCIT programs to the aviation industry and has worked on the development of national standards through the Canadian Aviation Maintenance Council (CAMC). His work at BCIT has provided aerospace students with a lifelong learning path that will allow them to progress into leadership and management roles within the aviation industry.

Province of British Columbia Queen's Jubilee Medal winners, presented at Government House in Victoria on Feb. 11 to individuals who, over the past 50 years have helped create the Canada of today:

**TONY KNOWLES**, *BCIT President*, "Leader in Education"

**NANCY MCKINSTRY**, *Marketing Management '70*, "Service to the community and business leader"

**G. WYNNE POWELL**, *Administration Management '68*, "Service to the community and business leader"



*Dr. Tony Knowles is flanked by Premier Gordon Campbell and Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnollo*

**JEFF SKOSNIK**, appointed Dean, School of Electrical and Electronics Technology effective April 1, 2003. Jeff brings to his new role a variety of accomplishments at BCIT as a researcher, instructor, program head and associate dean. Jeff succeeds Dennis Duffey, who retired from BCIT at the end of March.

**GEORGE DOUGLAS**, appointed Dean, Trades Development effective April 1, 2003. As part of BCIT's commitment to ensure the maintenance and enhancement of activities in apprenticeship and trades training, this new position will coordinate and plan future training activities and program developments in the trades area. George comes to BCIT from ITAC (Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission) where, since mid-1999 he held a variety of positions, most recently as CEO.

**SARAH KOPINYA**, 17, hopes to join Canada's 2006 and 2010 Olympic team in Snowboarding. She recently won bronze at the FIS Junior World Championships in Italy for half pipe. Sarah's proud dad, Paul Kopinya, is a director on the BCIT Alumni Association Board.

If we've missed you, please accept our sincerest apologies. Let us know about your honour and we will print it in the next Alumni Ambassador.

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