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BOBOBABY: frozen, organic, Kosher, allergen-free baby food



Kalpna with her favourite customers (l-r) Kayden, Chyverne and her daughter, Juliette.

AFTER ‘GROWING UP’ IN her parents’ department store in Zambia, BCIT Alumna Kalpna Solanki is no stranger to entrepreneurship. Today she operates BOBOBABY, Canada’s first manufacturer of frozen, organic, age-appropriate baby food, recently recognized with a Burnaby Board of Trade Business Excellence Award, and named a Top Ten Innovator by *Food in Canada Magazine* — significant recognition for a company that was incorporated in 2004 and began production in 2005.

BOBOBABY is a derivative of “BOhemian BOurgeois BABY,” Kalpna explains, because she uses a wide variety of only the best ingredients.

In her Burnaby plant, she and her staff of five prepare and freeze baby food that is totally organic, Kosher, and created for three specific age groups.

Ingredients include brown rice, mangoes and bananas, quinoa and vegetables. Quinoa is a South American grain that’s high in protein and iron, Kalpna explains, “the perfect grain for vegetarians.”

All BOBOBABY products are guaranteed to be free of the top nine allergens found in food. “There are literally millions of people with food allergies,” Kalpna says, “and they are concerned about what their children are exposed to in their first solid foods.”

BOBOBABY’s 12 different products are available in more than 200 locations across Canada and, as of March 2007, they can be purchased through an online retailer that ships throughout the U.S.

Prepared baby meals are the fastest growing segment of the baby food market, which was estimated at \$796 million per year in Canada in 2003 and is growing at a rate of 26 per cent per year.

In spite of her entrepreneurial family background, BOBOBABY wasn’t always what Kalpna planned for her career.

She arrived in Canada in the early 1980s from Africa via England. In 1989, she had a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Simon Fraser University and an Environmental Health Diploma from BCIT.

“I was hired right out of my (BCIT) class,” she recalls. She worked as a public health inspector in Burnaby for eight years, and still firmly believes restaurant reviews should include a review of the kitchen. She knows where she’ll eat out (and where she won’t!).

Her work eventually evolved into a more environmental focus, both for the province and the City of Burnaby. “I enjoyed them both,” Kalpna says of the two areas. “Your health is dependent on the environment; there’s no real separating the two.”

By the late 1990s, she was working and pursuing her Executive MBA, and her husband, Martin, was back at school to earn his MBA at UBC. The inspiration for BOBOBABY, their daughter Juliette, was born in early 2002.

“We’re real foodies,” Kalpna says. “We’ve been eating organic since the early 90s, so I made all of her food — cooked it, pureed it, and froze it in ice cube trays. But when we travelled and I had to buy prepared baby food, I realized that what I made was far superior in quality to the bottled food.”

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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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Readership Survey Results

IN THE LAST EDITION of the *Ambassador*, we asked you to complete a readership survey in an effort to ensure that the newsletter is interesting and relevant to you, our audience. There were 287 respondents and overall, readers were satisfied with the *Ambassador's* length, design and content.

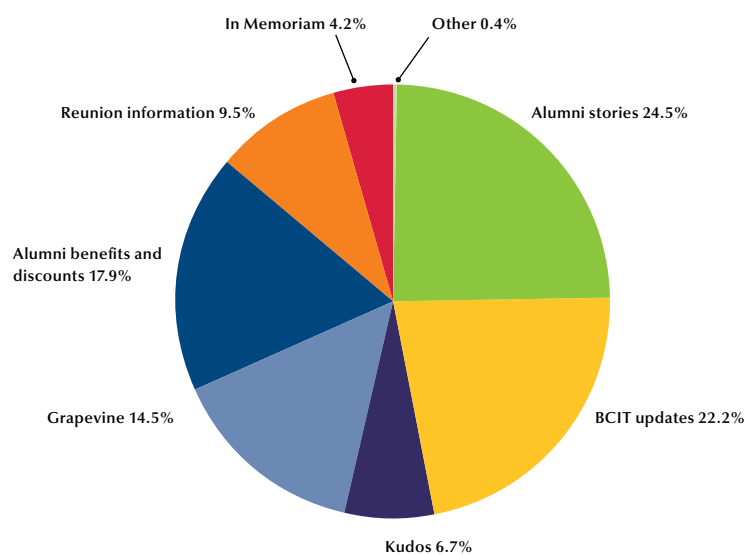
The section in the *Ambassador* that interested you the most were the alumni stories. We always like to hear from you, and what you're up to. If you have a story to share with us on how your time at BCIT has been instrumental in your career, please do not hesitate to contact the Alumni office.

Alumni benefits and discounts were also of high interest to our respondents. We are continually offering exciting deals to our Alumni with new partners such as The Vancouver Whitecaps, BCAA, and Acure Health Corporation (Medical Access Insurance). See inside for more information or visit our website at bcit.ca/alumni/benefits.

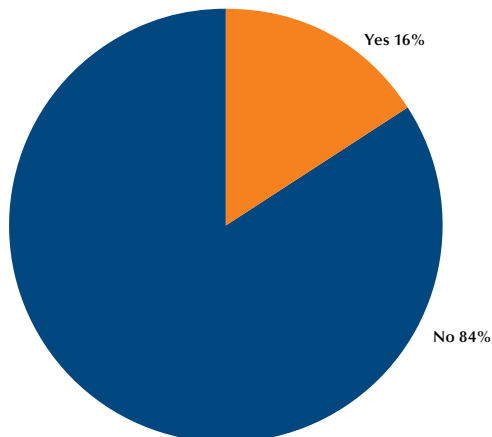
We have been working on opportunities in which alumni can stay connected to BCIT and always appreciate volunteers for events such as Open House, student-industry minglers, or serving on the Alumni Board. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested in getting involved.

Your feedback has been valuable in helping us improve our newsletter.

Sections of Interest in the *Ambassador*



Alumni currently involved with BCIT?



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Several months of research proved that there were many other parents out there just like her, who wanted prepared food for their babies that was both convenient and healthy.

Sensing that the time was right for to launch her own enterprise, Kalpna sought expert knowledge and advice to complement her own experience. She found it in the three-month BEST (BCIT Entrepreneurial Skills Training) program.

“The faculty members’ business experience wasn’t just theory, but practical experience, and I think that’s very important,” she says.

It was stimulating to be surrounded by other entrepreneurs, all focused on their own goals, and not competing with

each other, she adds. “There was a lot of information and knowledge sharing.”

Kalpna sums it up simply: “BEST truly is the best, and was a very valuable program.” One of the most important things she learned was the need for market research and business planning.

“My advice is to talk to people in the industry you want to get into,” she says. “If you’re up front, people are pretty good at sharing information.”

One person she called for information in her research is now a member of BOBOBABY’s five-member advisory board, which complements Kalpna’s own knowledge and strengths. The five

board members each bring their own areas of expertise: food manufacturing, business development, brand development, business process improvement, and finance.

“It’s phenomenal how much people are willing to share,” she says. “I always call people back when they call me, because I reflect on the time when I was in their shoes.”

Visit www.bobobaby.com for more information about BOBOBABY’s innovative products.

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President's Message

I begin this message with an invitation to you to join me at our Association's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 24th at BCIT's downtown Vancouver campus (details on page 6). This AGM will be a particularly meaningful one, as it caps a year of orientation and introspection for the Alumni Association Board. We went back to the drawing board this year, reviewing our core beliefs and goals as an organization.

In two strategic planning sessions and with follow-up committee work, we have developed new Vision, Mission and Core Values statements which more accurately describe who we are and what we endeavor to mean to each other and to BCIT. I encourage you to visit our website to read the draft, which will be presented at the AGM for your ratification. We have also renewed and created active standing and ad hoc committees which are taking on various opportunities for the Alumni Association going forward. If you have an interest in getting more involved, this is a good time to let us know, as some committee positions have not yet been filled. For more information on our committees, please visit bcit.ca/alumni.

At the AGM it will also be my honour to acknowledge two retiring Alumni Association Board members: Gordon Farrell and Kenneth Yip.

Ken, who has served for three years, including as vice-president this past year, retires not only from our Board, but also from his position as Executive Director of Biomedical Engineering at Vancouver Coastal Health this year—all the best to you Ken in your upcoming travels!

Gordon leaves us after nine years serving on the Alumni Association Board. An "elder statesman," he has proven to be an invaluable resource. I particularly want to acknowledge Gordon's recent honour as the recipient of BCIT's Distinguished Service Award at the February 2007 Convocation ceremonies, and his role as chair of the Alumni Annual Campaign over the past several years. I am proud to announce that under Gordon's leadership and thanks to the generous support of alumni and friends, the Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund has hit half a million dollars: \$501,777 as of March 31st. To continue Gordon's good work, I will take on the responsibility of overseeing the fundraising portfolio for the Alumni Association.

Thank you to Ken, Gordon, and indeed, to all of our Board members, for all of your hard work and commitment to the Association over this past year. To all alumni out there, let me just say that I'm happy, as you all must be, to see the end of the winter season and the coming of summer. Enjoy!

Adam G. Pion
DipIT '94, Financial Management
Director, UBS Bank (Canada)
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BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Growing the BCIT Alumni Fund

WHAT DOES IT MEAN to be a BCIT grad?

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- >It means *opportunity* when we see employers competing to hire BCIT grads
- >And it means *belonging* to a community of people who keep this province moving in a positive direction.

At the BCIT Alumni Association, we are working on an important project to build an endowed fund to assist students who are struggling with the cost of their education. We want to enable more students to achieve the advantage we have—a BCIT credential.

Supporting the BCIT Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Endowment is a way of helping BCIT attract and retain the best students. Since the Endowment was established, we have provided scholarships and bursaries to 565 grateful students.

Over the past 15 years, the cost of education has become a significant obstacle. The average debt load carried by post-secondary graduates today is equal to 33 per cent of their annual income.

To avoid becoming overburdened by debt, or to bridge the gap where student loans fall short, many students take on part-time jobs to cover the costs of tuition, books and living expenses.

It's no secret that BCIT programs are demanding—that's why employers seek us out. But a part-time job, along with a full-time course load, challenging assignments and work placements make it difficult to succeed. A BCIT scholarship or bursary can provide a vote of confidence and a much needed financial boost.

If you received a scholarship or bursary when you were a student, you know how important it was. *Imagine the satisfaction of providing the same reward to a student today.*

Or maybe you're one of the lucky ones who didn't need financial help, but who understands the benefit of access to a great education.

The theme of our Alumni Campaign is Sharing Success. If you believe that BCIT helped you succeed, please consider making BCIT a priority in your personal giving.

Your donation to the BCIT Alumni Endowment will help BCIT students for years to come. This Fund is a permanent legacy that provides ongoing support, while the principal stays intact and only the interest is used to help our students, year after year.

Education opens doors for everyone. Your BCIT credential helped you get where you are today—in a position to support the causes that matter to you.

If you believe in education, and you believe in BCIT, please call 604.451.6902 or e-mail Anne_Sharp@bcit.ca to make a pledge, or you can donate online at bcit.ca/alumni/donations. (We also offer special benefits for donors who contribute \$250, and for Pacesetters, who give \$500 or more to the Alumni Fund.)

On behalf of all the students who would love nothing more than to pursue their studies at BCIT, thank you for your generous support.

— Adam G. Pion



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A Model Partnership



BCIT grads are an integral part of Leavitt Machinery's success. Front l-r: Randy Kahlon, Todd Cullum, Chuck Dietrich, Jason Burton. Back l-r: Phillip Ayriss, Darcy Selinger, Justin Brayshaw.

LEAVITT MACHINERY DOESN'T DO anything half way. The company's success is based on a strong commitment to customers by providing quality products and services through a comprehensive network of 18 offices. Today Leavitt Machinery is a leader in the sales, rental, leasing, service, and supply of parts for new and used materials handling and aerial equipment. Every business unit at Leavitt is managed by a BCIT graduate.

One of these graduates is General Manager of Parts and Distribution, Todd Cullum, DiplT '90 (Marketing Management). When reflecting back on his days at BCIT, he remembers it as a very intense and focused two years. "As I tell many of the graduates who work at Leavitt today, you will not understand what you have learned at BCIT

until you leave and enter the industry," says Todd.

As a leading supporter of BCIT's School of Business, Leavitt Machinery participates in a multitude of ways that benefits students. The company now contributes a total of \$10,000 annually through achievement awards for Professional Sales, International Trade and Transportation and Operations Management students. Leavitt is also sponsoring eight practicums and two directed studies this year.

Todd's colleague and fellow alumnus, John Mutis, echoes his sentiments about BCIT. "Leavitt Machinery has been hiring BCIT students for 15 years," says John, General Manager

of New Equipment and Fleet Sales, DiplT '98 (Marketing Management-Tech Sales/Professional Sales). "We find that students coming out of BCIT have strong business skills and provide Leavitt Machinery with an individual who is ready and motivated to apply their skills."

The investment is paying off as 45 out of 325 Leavitt employees are BCIT alumni. Stephen Turnbull, Program Head of International Trade and Transportation, describes it as a model partnership in which Leavitt and BCIT work closely to identify each other's needs. Leavitt's participation on BCIT Advisory boards allows them to offer input that is current and relevant. As a result, students are more prepared than ever to enter the industry and with any luck, join other successful BCIT grads at Leavitt.

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By purchasing tickets for any game, a portion of the ticket price will help support the BCIT Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Fund.

Don't forget to opt-in for a pre-sale code to purchase advanced tickets for the upcoming exhibition match against the LA Galaxy, scheduled for October 3, 2007 at BC Place.

For more information, visit bcit.ca/alumni/benefits.

You're invited to the Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, May 24, 2007, for an informative and fun luncheon reception and Annual General Meeting. Learn more about what's happening at BCIT and with your Alumni Association plus meet other alumni.

Please visit bcit.ca/alumni/bod to review a new draft Vision, Mission and Core Values statements which will be presented at the AGM for ratification.

Bruce Dewar, DiplT '83 (Marketing Management), CEO of 2010 Legacies Now, will be our keynote speaker. Bruce has been very active in the Vancouver community during the last decade and a half. He is the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Laurier Institute, Chair of the BCIT Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee and an Advisor to Asian Heritage Month.

When: Thursday, May 24, 2007
11:30 am–1:30 pm

Where: BCIT Downtown Campus
555 Seymour Street, Vancouver, BC

There is no cost to attend. Luncheon hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Dress: Business attire.

RSVP: Friday, May 18, 2007 to 604.432.8847, alumni@bcit.ca or online at bcit.ca/alumni.

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BCIT training lays groundwork in evolving forensic field



“FORENSICS” HAS BECOME EVERYDAY vocabulary for most of us, but the reality isn't always what you see on TV.

As a forensic video analyst for the RCMP in Surrey, DiplT '03 (Broadcast and Media Communications) grad Martin Schouten counts himself lucky to be

part of an evolving field, one where his BCIT-learned skills have been an immense advantage to him.

He was interested in forensic video analysis before attending BCIT. The Vancouver Police Department (VPD) used video evidence extensively when investigating the 1994 Stanley Cup riots, using videos from TV crews and nearby businesses to help get multiple convictions.

Then-VPD Constable Grant Fredericks spearheaded that effort, establishing him as a forensic video analysis pioneer. In 1998, Martin's web experience led him to work with Cst. Fredericks, when they devised a multi-media tool, that for the first time, put all the evidence from a homicide case onto a CD-based browser application. As well as being an excellent archival tool, it was part of evidence presented in court that resulted in a conviction.

Today, forensic video analysis is gaining recognition worldwide.

With Cst. Fredericks as a mentor, Martin headed to BCIT to get fundamental training in video technology. “It was great,” he says. “For forensic video, the most important things I gained were understanding the technical theory behind video, and learning how to work with it in both analog and digital environments.”

After graduation, Martin produced training videos, multi-media and e-learning services for the RCMP Pacific Region Training Centre in Chilliwack, where

he worked with two other BCIT alumni, his manager Norm Torp, DiplT '88 (Broadcast and Media) and co-worker Leann Parker, DiplT '93 (Broadcast and Media).

Now, as an RCMP forensic video analyst, he and other analysts capture and enhance still images from video, and analyse and clarify video using a suite of forensic filters in Avid, the same non-linear editing program Martin learned at BCIT. Any video evidence police collect comes to his department. “This is what I started out looking for in the first place,” Martin says with a smile.

He often has to testify in court about what he's discovered, and to the validity of the evidence. “My ability to effectively communicate in the courtroom can be attributed to my training at BCIT, particularly the Communications classes,” he says.

Martin discovered another passion while at BCIT—writing and producing original drama. He has done two short films, and is working on his first feature-length script.

While Martin has hobbies—movies, his writing, watching mixed martial arts and boxing—the real excitement in his life comes from knowing he's in on the beginning of something groundbreaking.

“I know I'm contributing to something that's really important,” he says. “It's evolving all the time, and it's getting bigger and bigger.”

Making connections: BCIT grad meeting IT talent needs



CHANGE HAPPENS WHEN AN exceptional talent connects to a specific need.

Brenda Enegren specializes in making those connections. The DiplT '83 (Marketing Management) grad is a managing partner of Optonova Technologies, offering consulting services and senior level contract IT talent to BC companies.

She and Robert Sharkey co-founded Optonova last year "because we noticed that in BC's economic environment, there is a big demand for senior-level IT professionals in a variety of industries," Brenda says. "We help companies scope the technical requirements for the project, and provide the right people from the local, national or international IT talent market, either for a specific project or for the long term."

"We have a good stable of talent locally," Brenda says, but when necessary, we'll bring experts in from anywhere in the world. Their team also includes some software developers.

Before Optonova, Brenda worked at Glenayre Technologies and Infowave Software, gaining a strong knowledge base and a network of her own in the IT and software development areas.

Her first technology-related job was marketing manager of enhanced services for Telus in the 1990s, responsible for marketing communications for then-new network-based services like voice mail, call forwarding, and call display. "I'm really proud to have had that opportunity only a decade after graduating," she says.

After spending her first 10 years upon graduation at Palmer Jarvis DDB, the advertising agency at which she'd done her BCIT internship, "I was able to take advantage of that background from the agency to springboard into a significant position at Telus," she says.

"I made a concerted effort to get into the technology business, because it interested me, and because I saw opportunities there," she adds.

Her Marketing Management diploma was key to her success. "It gives you understanding of all the disciplines in marketing, as well as the basics of running a business from accounting to market research. It all ended up being useful to me."

"At the end of the day, you've got to have strong marketing and sales skills to achieve success as an entrepreneur with a business in the BC marketplace," she says. "BCIT prepares you for that."

She adds that as Optonova grows, she'd love to offer internships like she had the opportunity to experience. "I really felt that helped me most," she says. "I could hit the ground running and play a number of different roles, always marketing-focused and customer-facing."

Today Brenda lives in Kits with her husband, Bruce, and their orange cat, Roller. She's just become a registered wine sommelier, a hobby that's expanded to include wine tours around the world as well as in BC. She insists wine will stay a hobby, not her next business venture.

Reunions

Psychiatric Nursing 1983

Renata Woodland would like to get in touch with her fellow graduates for a 25-year reunion in April 2009. Renata can be reached at 604.521.9319 or r.woodland@shaw.ca

Civil and Structural Engineering 1967

The 40th year reunion is scheduled for June 16, 2007 at the BCIT Professor Mugs pub.

For additional information, classmates can contact either Stuart Pitt or Jim McFarland at:

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or jcmcfarland@telus.net

Schmoozapoolooza

BCIT's Marketing Communications program head, Carroll Nelson, held a networking event to connect students and grads with industry, and to celebrate her 25-year anniversary with BCIT. The event, creatively titled Schmoozapoolooza, sold out, and saw everyone make valuable connections while enjoying drinks and appetizers. Aside from all the fun, the most important part of the evening was raising money for the newly established Marketing Communications endowment fund. The event raised more than \$19,000 to support future Marketing Communications students.



(L-r) André Beaudry, Director of Fund Development for the BCIT Foundation, and Carroll Nelson, Program Head, Marketing Communications and Direct Response Marketing at BCIT, accept a cheque for \$7,500 from Craig Di Rocco, Sales Representative for Molson Canada.

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CFML Celebrates 25 Years!

CFML, known as Evolution 107.9 since going to air with FM frequency last March, marked its 25th Anniversary on the air. Evolution 107.9 operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by the Radio program students as part of their two-year diploma program. On the special anniversary, a number of past grads of the Radio program dropped by to offer their congratulations, many of whom are Vancouver radio celebrities: Todd Hancock and Karen K of C-FOX, Pam Stevens of Jack-FM, John Shorthouse of Team 1040, and Kelly Grant of Z-95.3.

30 years later, circle completes with Howie's Bistro and Bar



HOWARD (HOWIE) JANG CAME full circle in the restaurant business with the November 2006 opening of Howie's Bistro and Bar, a 150-seat chicken, ribs and seafood dine-and-dance restaurant on Bainbridge Avenue in Burnaby,

When he graduated from BCIT's Hotel, Tourism and Food Service Management Technology program in 1977, Howie didn't expect to open his own restaurant right away. But his father owned some vacant commercial space, and soon Howie opened the Cask 'n Anchor in downtown Vancouver.

"It was a good thing I learned how to handle pressure at BCIT," Howie laughs now. The restaurant flourished for 11 years, until his father sold the building. Faced with a decision, Howie decided to trade the restaurant business for a job that would allow him to spend more time with his young family.

He became the food and beverage director at the newly upgraded Royal Towers Hotel in New Westminster. He revamped the ordering system, standardized the

recipes, and brought both the systems and staff from a manual to a computerized world, making full use of the business and people skills he had learned at BCIT.

After partnering in a small catering operation for almost 10 years, Howie worked in sales, initially food industry supplies, then real estate sales specializing in restaurants.

When the opportunity arose to buy the restaurant on Bainbridge Avenue in Burnaby, Howie's Bistro and Bar was born.

Now that his family is growing up, Howie says he's excited to be re-entering the restaurant and hospitality business. The whole family helps on weekends: his wife, Man Wah, his adult daughters, Taryn and Krista, and his 15-year-old son, Brendan. There are 15 other employees for now, and he'll hire more as the business grows.

He's added booking entertainment to his skill set, since the restaurant came equipped with a full dance floor and club-quality sound and light systems, great for weekly dance nights, special occasions or private parties.

Howie's enjoying himself. "I get a rush from the unexpected," he says. "The restaurant business certainly gives you that. The best part is when customers tell us how much they've enjoyed themselves — that feels good."

The business and people skills he learned at BCIT are still standing him in good stead, he says, supplemented by various courses and seminars he's pursued since then.

Howie manages to get his relaxation while he gives back to the community. He holds a Level 1 National Coaching Certificate for volleyball and basketball; coaching his son's volleyball team as well as others over the past several years.

From the Cask 'n Anchor to Howie's Bistro and Bar, Howard Jang is repeating his success, still using the skills he first gained from BCIT.

Technology Professionals in British Columbia

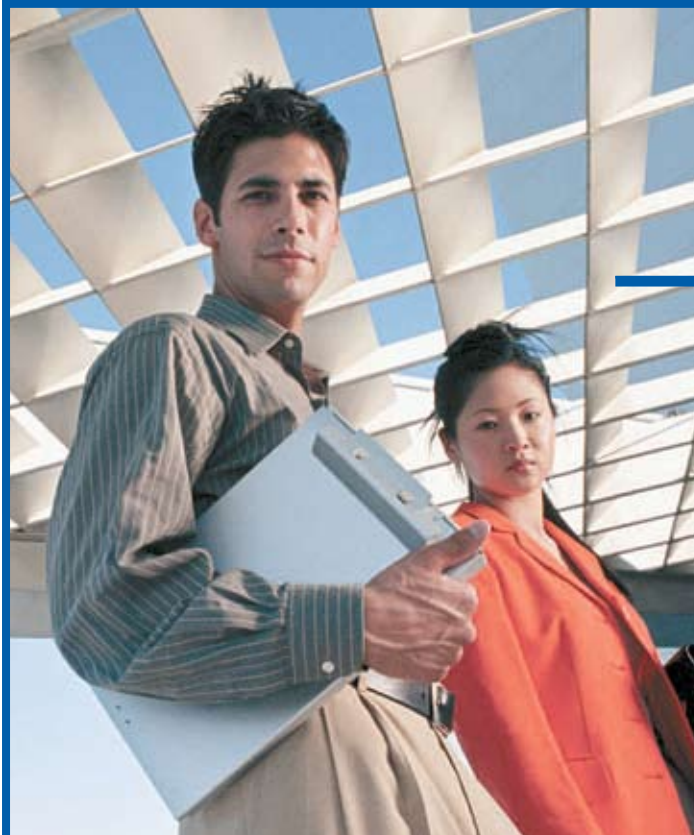
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Danny Catt embarks on Catt-Trax 2: Making Global Connections



Danny Catt traveled to Antarctica as part of Catt-Trax2: Making Global Connections.

BACK IN 2002, he traveled across Africa, Indonesia, and Europe to promote sustainability. On January 1, BCIT instructor Danny Catt embarked on the sequel to that journey, this time exploring South America and Antarctica for Catt-Trax 2: Making Global Connections, again promoting sustainability and education, while examining the delicate ecology of some of the world's remotest areas.

"I'm really looking forward to the journey," said Catt in December. "I'll be gone for nearly five months, but during that time I will be able to connect both with the students at BCIT as well as with elementary and high school students around the province."

As part of the prep work for this trip, Catt, an instructor with BCIT's Fish, Wildlife and Recreation program, had his students researching the areas he'll be exploring. Danny is picking up on these issues and questions in the countries he is visiting, expanding and investigating them in greater detail.

In addition, students and the public have been able to follow his journey online at the CattTrax 2 website, www.catt-trax2.bcit.ca, which includes information about the environment in South America and Antarctica,

as well as a blog written by Catt as he travels. Learners can navigate the regions Danny is visiting, explore the surrounding landscape and habitat, and learn about cultural values, recreational opportunities and current environmental issues that impact conservation and sustainability.

Reaching out to other students, Catt has held a number of Elluminate Live sessions throughout his journey, connecting via the internet to classrooms around British Columbia. Elluminate Live is an e-learning tool used for distance education and web conferencing.

Mark your calendars!

Distinguished Alumni Awards

This year's Distinguished Alumni Awards event is taking place on Thursday, Sept. 27, 2007 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Tickets are \$95/person or \$900 for a table of 10. For more information, to receive an invitation, or to reserve a table please call 604.432.8847 or e-mail alumni@bcit.ca. This spectacular event celebrating BCIT's best and brightest will sell out, so reserve early!



BCIT donors thanked at *Celebrating the Best* event

ON NOVEMBER 16, the BCIT Foundation held its sixth annual *Celebrating the Best* donor recognition event at the Downtown Campus. 180 donors were present at this celebration, which acknowledged their commitment and support to BCIT students and programs.

The luncheon featured special remarks from key donors and was rounded off with an appreciation speech from award recipient and Renewable Resources student Ann Marie Gorecki.

"Your contributions to student awards, scholarships and bursaries, and your support of BCIT programs and applied research projects, sends a clear message that you believe, as we do, that a BCIT education can make all the difference," said Bob Bryant, Chair of the Foundation Board of Directors in his recognition speech.

The BCIT Foundation is pleased to report a 16 per cent increase in donors during the last fiscal year. A warm thanks goes to the BCIT Foundation staff for organizing this successful event.

Many thanks to our sponsors: Genus Capital Management, BCIT Alumni Association, Crothall Services Canada Inc., BCIT Faculty and Staff Association, BCIT Student Association, BCIT Marketing and Communications and the BLJC for supporting the BCIT Foundation 2006 Donor Recognition Event *Celebrating the Best*.



From l-r: André Beaudry, Fund Development Director, BCIT Foundation; Judie Dreger, Regional Sales Director, Crothall Services Canada Inc.; Adam Pion, BCIT Alumni Association President, Director, UBS Bank (Canada); Debby McAfee, Customer Service Representative, BLJC; Christy McLeod, Portfolio Manager, Genus Capital Management and Dr. Tony Knowles, BCIT President.

BCIT Open House 2008

On April 11 and 12, 2008, BCIT will host Open House 2008, an enormous showcase of the Institute's cutting-edge programs and facilities. BCIT's current students work hard to create program displays that demonstrate what they are learning and how they will apply their newly developed skills when they graduate. During the event, they will be on hand to discuss their studies and career ambitions.

There will also be ongoing welcome sessions, campus tours, contests, prizes and more!

If you are interested in getting involved, visit bcit.ca/openhouse and stay tuned for further details.

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



L-r: BCIT Automation and Instrumentation team; Isabel Krueger.

Diana Wood, DiplT '80 (Forest Resource Technology), RPF, was elected to the Association of BC Forest Professionals' (ABCFP's) 60th council and officially took office at Expo For 2007, the ABCFP's annual forestry conference and annual general meeting. The council governs the affairs of the ABCFP and works to fulfill the association's mandate as spelled out in the Foresters' Act. She is currently working as a forestry supervisor for Forsite in Campbell River.

Isabel Krueger, DiplT '97 (Occupational Health and Safety), Corporate Safety Manager, Coast Mountain Bus Company, recently received the National Safety Council's Distinguished Service to Safety Award at its Annual Congress in San Diego, California.

The Instrumentation, Automation and Systems Society (ISA) held their 2006 EXPO conference and exhibition in Houston, Texas. A team of **BCIT Automation and Instrumentation students**, were joined by 10 other teams from Italy, Russia, Mexico, the USA and Canada in the ISA International Student Competition. The BCIT team took first place in the SIS control problem set and placed third overall.

The **BCIT Marketing Association (BCITMA)** represented Canada in the American Marketing Association Collegiate Conference finals in New Orleans. With 47 teams from across North America competing, BCIT was the only school

in Canada to make it into the final eight. The team, consisting of BCIT Marketing Management students, presented their integrated marketing communications plan to to re-establish New Orleans as a premier vacation destination for 18-30 year olds and took second place.

At this year's **ACE** national exposition, student teams from across the country competed in the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) competition.

Of the 43 teams from across Canada, the BCIT ACE students returned home with a first place win in the Financial Literacy competition, an award for the most supportive administration, and overall second-place finish.

Marketing: An Introduction recently received top honours as the 2006 Book of the Year by publisher Pearson Education. BCIT instructor, **Peter Mitchell**, was the principal Canadian author on the first edition of the text and this most recent second edition. The marketing text has been adopted by 30 colleges and universities from across Canada.

New Appointments

Kathy Kinloch, B.Sc. (Nursing), MA (Leadership and Training), has been appointed BCIT's Dean of the School of Health Sciences.

Kathy possesses extensive senior executive health care experience. Through her progressive positions in the field, including most recently as Senior Advisor, British Columbia Ministry of Health, and Chief Operating Officer, Fraser Health Authority, she has worked with a wide range of health professionals and health agencies. She is an Associate Faculty member at Royal Roads University and is actively involved in numerous professional associations and community organizations.

Will Hopkins recently assumed his role of Director, Information Technology Services at BCIT. Will has held a number of leadership positions during his career including Technology Leader at Telus Sourcing Solutions Inc., VP Information Technology for Canwel Distribution Ltd., and Executive Director, Corporate Policy and Strategic Planning, BC Liquor Distribution Branch.



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

Pej Namshirin, Graduate Technologist

Pej Namshirin, GradTech, is in on the high tech evolution of catheterization imaging systems at Vancouver General Hospital. Less than two decades before, he was learning English as a new immigrant to Canada.

Pej works for the biomedical engineering department at VGH. He is assigned to the diagnostic team which supports the cardiac care units, catheterization lab, neurological facilities, ophthalmology and several other labs. The diagnostic team has a strong 'systems based' expertise, which led to Pej being involved in a large-scale upgrade of the cardiac catheterization x-ray labs.

Pej sees a transformation underway in almost all aspects of biomedical engineering technology, with less time spent working on individual pieces of electronic equipment, and more on network issues and software. For example, the VGH biomed department has been involved in integrating a drug library with infusion pumps that patients use to increase their comfort level. No matter how much a patient pushes the button, the integrated system will not release medication outside of an acceptable range.

The training Pej received at BCIT enabled him to step into this complex work. Courses in anatomy, chemistry, physics, electronics and information systems provided an understanding of the needs of medical practitioners and the knowledge of how to get the equipment and software to meet those needs. Pej chose BCIT because of its reputation.

While at BCIT, he joined the Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of British Columbia as a student member. Even then he recognized the importance of having professional recognition. Now he has almost enough work experience to apply for his ASCT designation.

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Technology Careers, It's Time! Campaign hopes to increase awareness

BCIT STUDENTS AND GRADS know a good thing when they see it. They know that technology careers are in demand, interesting, and well paid. Why then are only a fraction of high school students planning on becoming technologists or technicians?

Trades and professional groups have conducted campaigns to promote their profession for years. Since technology careers are not highly visible, the Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC) is launching an awareness campaign: Technology Careers, It's Time! The campaign will include advertising, tie in employer and government relations, and promote careers in technology. It will link to initiatives like National Technology Week which is held the first week of November each year.

"The demand is high," says Jason Jung, ASCT, Manager, Technology Careers at ASTTBC, "but at the same time, enrolment in technology programs is declining. This disconnect will create a real shortage of skilled people and, on the flip side, a real opportunity for BCIT grads," continues Jason who himself is a BCIT grad, DiplT '95 (Mechanical). Technologists and technicians work in a variety of fields such as engineering, building design, construction, electrical and electronics, bioscience and environmental, IT and telecommunications, mining, manufacturing, and more.

"Post-secondary technology programs must become equally viable to university or trades training," says John Leech, ASCT, CAE, Executive Director and Registrar at ASTTBC (Surveying '70 and Photogrammetry '71). "Career opportunities as a technologist, technician or technical specialist in applied science and engineering technology should be mainstream. I am certain the public, government, and employers will come to better know who we are and what we contribute to BC as a result of our campaign."

ASTTBC is a self-governing professional association whose primary role is to certify technologists, technicians and technical specialists using high standards of education and experience. ASTTBC works to increase awareness for careers in technology with campaigns such as 'Technology Careers, It's Time!'. BCIT grads and ASTTBC members are invited to contact the Association to see how they can be involved. Visit www.asttbc.org for more information. We can only build for tomorrow by action today.



Call for Aerospace Grads!

The grand opening of BCIT's Aerospace Technology Campus is set to take place this fall and we want to invite you!

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Ambassador readership survey winner

Congratulations to Tien Dang, DiplT '01 (Marketing Management – Small Business/Entrepreneurship) winner of the \$500 Best Buy gift certificate for participating in the Ambassador readership survey pictured here with Sherri Magson, Director, Alumni Relations.

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Ricki Sahota's career ripens with a thriving blueberry business

THE PATH THAT LED Ricki Sahota to owning and operating his own successful business was a growth experience—literally. In November 2005, Ricki, in partnership with his twin brother Newton, incorporated Twin Berry Farms Inc., growing and selling blueberries to the BC market. The business has been bearing fruit ever since.

It all started when Ricki was a child helping his parents on their blueberry farm years ago, only he didn't know it yet. "I worked there since I was eight years old, and although I appreciated the work my parents did, I was not sure how I would fit in," he recalls.

In fact, Ricki says he had always thought he would pursue a career in medicine but realized early on that it wasn't the right fit. Still, he wasn't sure that agriculture would be in his future.

"I have always been interested in science, but I wasn't sure where I would go," says Ricki. "I was lucky enough to be chosen to participate in BCIT's Environmental Technician Certificate program. It was like a path was chosen for me."

In addition to preparing him to work as an environmental technician, Ricki says BCIT also taught him important soft skills including how to work as part of a team and working with different types of people. He adds, "BCIT has also taught me to be resilient under pressure, to think on my feet and most of all to not forget about the small details."

Ricki has taken his education even further by studying to complete a Bachelor of Technology in Environmental Engineering Technology from BCIT.

Ricki says the principles of sustainability and environmental stewardship that he has learned at BCIT have a lasting impact on the development of the business.



He wants to make Twin Berry Farms Inc. into more than just a profitable endeavour.

"My brother and I would like to diversify into as many places as possible with blueberries," says Ricki. "We are working on some interesting partnerships so that we can make a great impact on the local market. And we are continuing our commitment to giving back to the community as we develop and build a blueberry processing facility that is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified."

Running his own business and shaping his own destiny in the process are privileges that he doesn't take for granted. "There is something wonderful about being able to direct my career each day," Ricki says.

New Bachelor programs

THE PAST YEAR HAS been a busy and exciting year for the engineering departments at the School of Manufacturing, Electronics and Industrial Processes. Last November, the Degree Quality Assessment Board, a branch of the Ministry of Advanced Education, recommended to the ministry that their proposal for a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Mechanical Engineering be approved. This approval was granted in February. According to Mick Andic, who has been leading the development of the new degree program, faculty have been developing courses and are prepared to deliver the third year of the program in September 2007. Students in the second year of the Mechanical Engineering Technology diploma program who are interested in the degree path have been taking additional courses in anticipation of completing their degree studies at BCIT.

Not far behind in the process is the Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electrical Engineering. This proposed program recently passed a major hurdle in the proposal process, which involved an external review panel consisting of representatives from the engineering community as well as educators. It is expected that the approval process will be completed this spring. The two new engineering programs in our school will complement the existing Civil Engineering program giving BCIT three bachelor of engineering programs.

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2006

Schretlen, Reid

Marketing Management — Entrepreneurship

Reid has been working with Oxia Group Ltd., the world’s first manufacturer of personal, refillable, portable oxygen. Reid wears many hats and works closely with everyone from the CEO to the warehouse manager to help facilitate the strategic growth of Oxia’s global operations. Reid also volunteers with the Leaders of Tomorrow program, an initiative of the Vancouver Board of Trade to help develop the next local and international leaders. Reid is always open to connect with other alumni and can be reached at reid.schretlen@oxia.com.

2002

Popoff, Stephanie (Wiebe)

Medical Laboratory Science

Since graduation, Stephanie had been working at BC Children’s Hospital in Vancouver in the Chemistry and Hematology labs. She returned to school for a Medical Laboratory degree and in 2005, got married to Brad Popoff (whom she met at BCIT). Stephanie then took a job at BCCDC for a short while until recently moving up to Prince George. She is currently taking the Education Program at UNBC and working casually at PGRH.

2000

Wong, Victoria

Computer Systems Technology — Information Systems

Upon graduation from the CST program, Victoria obtained a Criminology degree from SFU and studied photography at Langara College. She is currently working as an Information Administrator with the RCMP. Classmates are welcome to get in touch with her through e-mail.

1997



Munnis, Paul

Marketing Management — Tourism Management

Paul recently got married to Katie Haslett in Naramata. He is a graduate of the

Marketing Management program in 1997 and is currently employed as a lumber trader with a wholesale distribution company in North Vancouver. Former classmates are welcome to reach him at paulmunnis@telus.net.

1994

Quadros, Pamela

Marketing Management — Technical Sales/ Professional Sales

Pamela has been living in Seattle WA for the past two years and is the Vice President for the Pacific NorthWest for Titan Worldwide. She lives in West Seattle and has been remodeling a 1950s home for nearly as long as she has lived in the Puget Sound. Pamela will be getting married May 27, 2007 to Andrew, who is in commercial real estate.

1988

Skiffington, Sean

Operations Management

Sean is working as a Project Controls Manager with SNC-Lavalin, Thermal Power Division. He currently lives in Vancouver but has taken project site postings in Indonesia, Edmonton and Saskatoon over the years. He is currently building a holiday/retirement house on Mayne Island. Sean got married in 1991 and has two dogs.

Warren, Jay

Operations Management

Jay graduated from Operations Management in 1988, and has since started his own Lean and Quality oriented consulting company helping companies with implementations and effective training.

1976

Copley, George

General Nursing

George Copley graduated from General Nursing in 1976, and has lived in Vernon ever since. In 1989 he graduated from the University of Victoria with a B.Sc.N. Daughter Michelle Whibley attained a Diploma of Technology in Medical Laboratory at BCIT in 1992. George has also taught nursing at UBCO and retired from Independent Nursing Practice in 2004. Classmates are welcome to get in touch with George at gccopley@shaw.ca.

1972

Lundeen, Deborah (Marchment)

General Nursing

Deborah is winding down her nursing career and is getting ready for retirement. She is expecting her first grandchild and plans to enjoy retirement near them in the Okanagan.

Wisniowski, Walter

Marketing Management

After running his own carpet retail and restoration company in Ontario for 30 years, Walter is happy to be back in BC. He is still working in Disaster Restoration with On Side Restoration Services as their Quality Control Manager. Walter is still in touch with Phil Henderson and Grant Crittenden who is currently in Japan. Class of ’72 grads are welcome to contact Walter at waldo@shaw.ca.

1970

Beetlestone, Jim

Business Management

Going to BCIT was the best career decision Jim ever made. The expectations of the students were high and it resulted in a strong work ethic. In 2006, he completed 36 years of service with the federal government and retired. Working for the federal government was another very positive career move because it afforded him many opportunities to do a variety of jobs. Jim is now happily retired and living in Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island.

1968

Kornze, Larry

Mining

After graduation from BCIT, Larry worked for Newmont Mining of Canada Ltd. out of their Vancouver office. He continued his education at the Colorado School of Mines in where he obtained his B.Sc. in Geological Engineering in 1972. Larry then worked for Barrick Gold for many years and retired in 2001 before moving to Idaho. He has since built a new home and planted an acre of wine grapes. In his spare time, he makes wine and does geological consulting.

1966

Bowyer, Terry

Mechanical Systems

After a long career at TRIUMF UBC, Terry is enjoying early retirement on Pender Island.

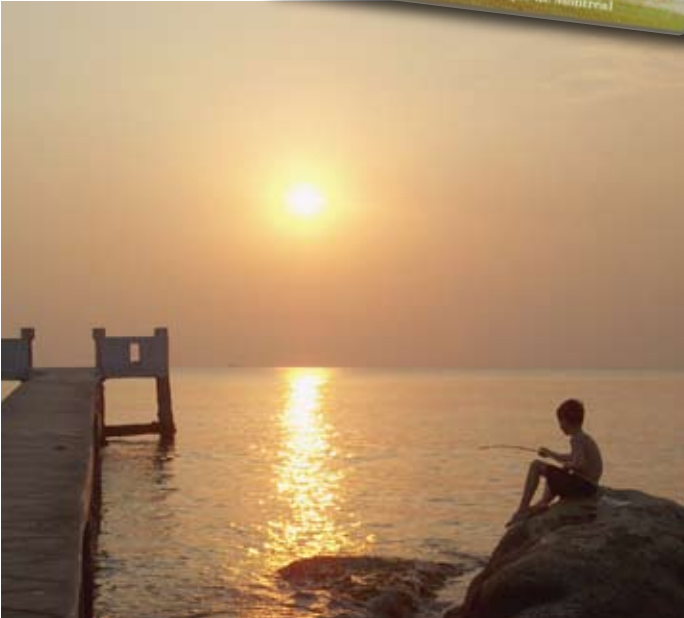
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In Memoriam

The Alumni Association Remembers

Blair Donald Kolinsky, 1964–2006

Marketing Management '86

Blair passed away suddenly in a motor vehicle accident on January 9, 2006. He was predeceased by his infant son Nathan in 2002. He leaves behind his young family; his then expectant wife Karen and son Chase. He also has many friends, co-workers and family members that will miss him deeply. He attended BCIT and graduated from the Business Administration program which led him to an 18-year career with ICBC, where he attained his CIPS (Chartered Insurance Professional Society) designation.

Owen Lloyd Romaine, 1973–2006

Broadcast and Media

Communications — Journalism '00

Candice Shonah Chisholm, 1974–2006

Marketing Management — Marketing and Communications

Owen Lloyd Romaine, 33, and Candice Chisholm, 32, passed away suddenly and tragically in Hawaii on November 10, 2006. He is survived by mother Margaret, brothers Sion, Patrick and Daniel Glyn, predeceased by his father John Patrick. Besides Candice, his friends and his family, Owen loved travelling, camping, the outdoors and anything to do with sports. His commitment to his family, his sharp sense of humour and his charismatic, easy-going nature will be deeply missed.

Candice is survived and remembered by her mother Penny, father John, sister Colleen, grandfather Ken, grandmother Rose, nephew Eden, Chikara, Meghan, Sylvia, Asa, several extended family members and friends. Candice is predeceased by her grandmother Betty and her grandfather Llewlyn. Candice loved life and lived it to the fullest. She loved Owen, her family, the outdoors, travel, music and her friends.

Owen and Candice shared a powerful bond that was clearly visible and stood out to all who knew and loved them. They will be sadly missed by all.

Keith Carl Graffunder, 1978–2007

Machinist ELTT '96

Keith Carl Graffunder, 29, passed away suddenly as a result of a logging accident in Clearwater, BC, January 20, 2007. He will be remembered as an honest, caring, humorous person who lived life to its fullest. Keith will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife, Candus, two children, Isabella and Jackson, along with several family members and friends.

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