

alumni ambassador



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BCIT alumni

Sharing Success campaign sets \$1,000,000 goal

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\$1,000,000. That is the goal the Alumni Association Board of Directors has set for the Alumni Association Endowment, a fund that supports current students by providing scholarships and bursaries. The Alumni Association kicked off the Sharing Success, Making a Difference campaign by donating \$50,000, the proceeds and matching funds from the 1st Annual Canadian Direct Insurance BCIT Alumni Open Golf Tournament, held on July 15, 2008.

The Alumni Association Endowment remains in perpetuity because scholarships and bursaries are paid from the interest generated from the fund, not from the actual principal. In other words, a gift today helps students well into the future. The endowment was established in 1984 by the Alumni Association, and since then has helped more

than 580 students, who have received awards totalling over \$500,000.

“As BCIT graduates, we know better than anyone the value of a BCIT education and the difference it makes to our lives.” said BCIT Alumni Association president Adam Pion. “We can all be proud of BCIT’s continued success in providing the best education and applied training in BC and we can all be part of that success by making a donation to help students.”

Every donation to the Sharing Success, Making a Difference campaign receives a 25% matching gift of up to \$10,000 from BCIT, while funds last. To share your success with BCIT students, call us at today 604.432.8847 or visit us online at bcit.ca/alumni/supporting to make your donation.

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President's Message

As we wrap up another successful year for the BCIT Alumni Association, I am encouraged by the tremendous response we are receiving to our annual appeal for support for our student aid endowment. As you know, we set an aggressive goal to bring our endowment to \$1 Million in 2010, and we are getting there! The fund is now over \$800,000. You will note that we have dedicated a large portion of this issue of the *Alumni Ambassador* to encouraging you to participate in the quest to achieve this target and to help those students, following in our footsteps, to succeed. Thank you for your support.

The Alumni Association was also very pleased to participate, once again, in the Gift of Choice campaign on campus. An effort of the BCIT Student Association, in concert with BCIT, this campaign creates Christmas baskets for students and their families in need over the holidays.

Looking forward, the Alumni Board met in November to begin the process of developing an articulated five year strategic plan. Committees and task forces have been struck to focus efforts on key areas of opportunity and challenge for the Alumni Association, to ensure that we continue to grow in relevance and to provide outstanding services for our members. I will present our strategic plan at the Association's AGM on May 20, and we will post the plan on our website at that time. If you are interested in getting more involved with your Alumni Association, please contact me through the Alumni Office. In closing, I wish you and your families health, peace and prosperity in 2009!

Adam G. Pion
DiplT '94, Financial Management
Director, UBS Bank (Canada)

PRESIDENT
BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

BCIT named Canada's Greenest Campuses



AN INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION with a readership of tens of thousands has named all five British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) campuses Canada's Greenest. In the December issue of *Achieving Business Excellence* magazine, BCIT campuses are referred to as living laboratories, "tackling sustainability through a team approach between operations and academics."

"I am thrilled that *Achieving Business Excellence* has featured BCIT as Canada's Greenest Campuses," says Jennie Moore, director of Sustainable Development and Environmental Stewardship within the BCIT School of

Construction and the Environment. "It is thanks to the foresight and team approach between BCIT operations and academics that we are reducing our footprint."

In fact, BCIT facilities management is achieving real total energy reductions year after year. According to a Natural Resources Canada survey, BCIT achieves the lowest energy intensity per square foot of built space in campuses across the country. "Our commitment to transforming our campuses into living laboratories of sustainability will help us do even better," says Moore.

New board members

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION welcomed the following appointed or elected board members at its Annual General Meeting in May, 2007.



ANTHONY FONG, Financial Management '92, CMA. Tony is a seasoned accounting professional with over 15 years of experience in finance and administration, operations and strategic planning, project management, and information systems. He most recently served as a market manager with Telus Corp.



JENNIFER LEAMAN, Human Resource Management '06, BBA '07. Jennifer served on the BCIT Alumni Association Board as a non-voting appointed member in 2006-2007, representing the BCIT Student Association at the time. Since graduating from BCIT, Jennifer has embarked on a rewarding career as human resources consultant with The 5th Option Inc., an HR consulting, recruitment, and executive search firm.



JOHN MALLORY, Building Technology '96. John pioneered British Columbia's automated sculpted foam industry in 2002. He is co-owner of 3D Custom Foam Inc. which was founded in 2005 and voted Most Innovative New Business in Burnaby in 2006. He is an original founding member of the Themed

Attraction Association of Canada and proud supporter of many local charities.



PETER ORLANDI, Tool and Die Technician '03, Interprovincial Red Seal Machinist '05. Peter is the president of the BCIT Student Association for 2008-2009. He is currently studying Technology Teacher Education at BCIT. Peter has a long history of studying at BCIT, in both trades and technology programs. He has

worked for VM Dafoe Machine Shop, Ebco Industries, and the City of Burnaby. The board is pleased to welcome Peter and the participation of the BCITSA in helping the Alumni Association to achieve our goals of being more relevant to current students.

For a complete list of board members visit bcit.ca/alumni.

Businesses venture forth at BCIT

RENAMED CENTRE TO OFFER MORE PROGRAMS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM COMPANIES



FOR CLOSE TO TWO DECADES, the Venture Development Centre at BCIT has been starting entrepreneurs off on the right foot. Now the centre, newly renamed in memory of its former director, is helping them take the next step.

The Peter Thomson Centre for Venture Development, Founding Partner CIBC will soon be adding new initiatives to its flagship Venture and BCIT Employment Skills Training (BEST) programs, both of which have been the springboard for numerous successful businesses throughout the province.

In early 2009, through collaboration with boards of trade and chambers of commerce around the province, the new Virtual Hub will provide web-based seminars. These will be delivered using applications like video- and tele-conferencing, webcams, voiceover Internet protocol, and text chats to communicate with its clients — whatever works in a situation. Some of the

technology is advanced and gives the participants a sense of being in the same room as the presenter.

Initiatives like the Virtual Hub are designed to meet the changing needs of our time-challenged graduates and other entrepreneurs who are running small and medium sized enterprises, says Ken Takeuchi, a business advisor with the centre.

Businesses can sign up for seminars that could be as short as one hour and are based on a range of requested topics. Those leading the seminars might be from the Peter Thomson Centre, BCIT's School of Business, or other experts in their fields. From there, if they need more help, the centre can provide additional resources.

To date, the Peter Thomson Memorial Campaign has raised over \$80,000 in support of programming for the centre. For more information, or to make your gift, please visit the funding priorities section at bcit.ca/foundation or call 604.432.8302.

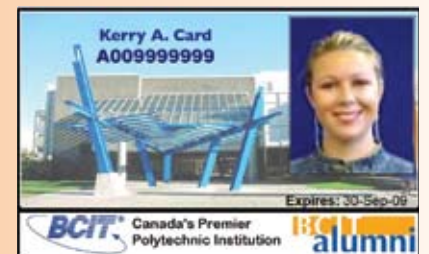
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Fitness World would like to offer all BCIT ID cardholders a discounted corporate membership. The membership provides a 15 percent savings on enrolment, with monthly dues of only \$24! Visit any Fitness World location for your first free workout. For more information go to fitnessworld.ca or email corporate@fitnessworld.ca.

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.

Drop by the BCIT Library (SE14) or visit bcit.ca/alumni/benefits to get your myBCIT Alumni Card.



Email Drive Contest Winner

MARKO VICIC

Marketing Management—Technical Sales/ Professional Sales, '93.

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BCIT's Alumni at Work!

Richard Mayer, AScT

As a youth Richard Mayer, AScT, had a sense there was a greater world to be discovered.

Fascinated with architecture, he enrolled in Building Technology (Architectural option) at BCIT when his high school academic technical stream left him short of a language course for university entrance. Choosing BCIT was the right move and he graduated at the top of his program in 1975.

Richard gained experience with two prefab housing construction companies, prior to establishing his own business – Nantucket Designs – in 1977. Moving from Salt Spring Island to Richmond in 1980, he was employed as a Senior Architectural Technologist with Swan Wooster Engineering from 1980 to 1986, the heydays of mega projects. In 1983 another technologist encouraged him to seek certification through SETBC, the forerunner of the Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of British Columbia. Richard sees registration with ASTTBC as affirmation of his self-concept that he is first and foremost a professional.

Richard's passion for design soon lead him into graphic arts. Just before the ASTT Act was proclaimed in 1985, the Association was actively promoting its new identity and Richard was called in to refine and finalize the ASTTBC logo. In 1993, he was asked by ASTTBC to join the team as Director, Marketing, to transform the Association's look and feel 'across the board'. He is currently Manager, Corporate Identity. Richard also concurrently manages his own creative business, Phoenix Studios Inc. This year he was recognized with the prestigious R. Littledale Memorial Award for outstanding service to ASTTBC.

Creativity is a way of life for Richard. With discovering one definition of 'technology' as... "the total knowledge and skills available to any human society" ...he is helping other people to 'put a face on technology' through the work ASTTBC is doing with respect to technology education and careers. Richard Mayer, AScT, knows his passion for creativity and that technology opened the door to the greater world waiting to be discovered... one with unlimited potential to pursue his career of choice.



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Grads and students schmooze it up



MORE THAN 230 INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, BCIT alumni, and Marketing Communications students attended the third annual Schmoozapalooza networking event, held December 3rd, 2008 at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver. This year was a record year for attendance, as Marketing Communications program head and long time mentor Carroll Nelson announced that she will retire from BCIT in the new year. Friends, colleagues, and current and former students gathered to thank and congratulate Carroll for her years of inspiration and enthusiasm. The students presented her with a scrapbook filled with photos, comments, and images from her years at BCIT and thanked her for all her support and guidance. In her speech, Carroll said that “the best part about retirement is the wonderful things people say about you!” She went on to thank her family, friends, colleagues, and students for all their support and inspiration and closed by urging guests to keep in touch.

Schmoozapalooza was originally developed as a networking event for up-and-coming Marketing

graduates to connect with industry in hopes of obtaining Spring internship placements. And while there was still plenty of hobnobbing to be had, the event also raised funds for the Marketing Communications Endowment, a fund that supports awards for Marketing Communications students and graduates. Funds were raised through a silent auction, featuring more than 50 luxury items, a social auction, where students could bid on a lunch date with a top executive in a marketing company or advertising agency, and a 50/50 ticket draw. More than \$13,600 was raised at this year’s event.

The event was organized largely by current students with the help of faculty and the Alumni Relations office, and was sponsored by Global and the Westin Bayshore.



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Let's get together to celebrate and commiserate the quarter of a century that has elapsed and catch up on where our lives have taken us. Please get in contact with Dil Sidhu (dil.sidhu@bdo.co.uk) so we can arrange a reunion in Vancouver around June 2009.

Marketing Management 1988 grads 20th Anniversary Reunion



Find us on campus

The Alumni Relations Office is located at the Royal Oak end of Burnaby's BCIT campus. We can now be found in SE40, Room 230, 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, BC, V5G 3H2.





Five pre-eminent alumni recognized at BCIT's Distinguished Alumni Awards event

The sixth annual BCIT Distinguished Alumni Awards took place at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver and was presented with the support of our Diamond Presenting Sponsor, Wellington West ClearSight. CityTV broadcaster and Breakfast Television news anchor Mark Docherty acted as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, adding that he too was a proud graduate of BCIT and was excited to celebrate the many accomplishments of his fellow alumni. More than 400 guests were on-hand to share in the celebration and enjoy a superb evening of recognition. Don Wright, president of BCIT, took in the gala for the first time and commented "BCIT's Distinguished Alumni Awards is an opportunity for the institute to celebrate the graduates of our programs as well as their impact on the social and economic development of this province. Our grads become leaders in their field, making strong and successful contributions to business and industry that clearly reflect the value of technology and trades studies at BCIT."

"The BCIT Distinguished Alumni Awards showcase inspiring individuals," says Adam G. Pion, president of the Alumni Association. "Through this program, the Alumni Association is proud to honour graduates who so compellingly demonstrate that a BCIT education will get you far along the path to career success and community impact."

Each recipient was introduced with a video presentation prepared by the BCIT Media Technology Services producers. Celebrating their accomplishments and highlighting the significant impact each award winner had made in their professional and personal lives, many award winners were overwhelmed with emotions when accepting their award. "My family encourages me to be passionate with my work and with the students, and for that I cannot thank them enough" said Jason Goodnough, recipient of the Excellence in Teaching and Research Award.

The evening came to a close with Laurie Clarke, vice-president of Development and executive director of the Alumni Association, thanking all those involved in producing such a successful awards event. Lucky guest Betty Bell was the winner of the raffle prize draw for a fabulous excursion to Costa Rica. Videos of this year's award winners may be viewed online at bcit.ca/alumni/awards.

OUR GRADS BECOME LEADERS IN THEIR FIELD, MAKING STRONG AND SUCCESSFUL CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY THAT CLEARLY REFLECT THE VALUE OF TECHNOLOGY AND TRADES STUDIES AT BCIT.

— Don Wright



2008 BCIT Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Clockwise from top: Jason Goodnough, Donald Kayne, Ian Robertson, Julia Paskovic, and John Leech.

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Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Achievement

A native British Columbian and graduate from BCIT, John Leech is a registered Applied Science Technologist with Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC (ASTTBC). As the executive director of ASTTBC since 1974, John helped grow the organization from a membership of 1,200 to 9,000 and has led efforts to achieve professional legislation and recognition for technologists and technicians and in promoting technology education and careers.

John has also been a member of the BCIT Board of Governors, was president of the BCIT Alumni Association and of the BC Chapter and chair of the National Board of the CSAE, and has held numerous professional and industry association affiliations. John has traveled extensively, particularly in Africa where he worked in support of technology education, careers, and professional associations.



John Leech accepts the Distinguished Alumni Award for Lifetime Achievement.

JASON GOODNOUGH

DipIT Prosthetics & Orthotics '94. Program Head and Instructor, Prosthetics and Orthotics, BCIT
Excellence in Teaching and Research Award

Jason Goodnough has been a dedicated orthotics and prosthetics practitioner for over 12 years and has contributed significantly to his field. Having completed the Prosthetics & Orthotics (P&O) Diploma program at BCIT in 1994, he started his career at Wascana Rehabilitation Centre in Regina, where he was Saskatchewan's primary pediatric orthotist. He moved to Texas in 2000, where he oversaw the clinical, technical, and administrative details of two busy clinics, before returning to BCIT to take on the role of program head of the P&O program.

Jason was recognized with the AMTEC Award of Excellence and the Canadian Education Association (CEA) Achievement Award for the development of the web-based teaching tool GOAL (Gait Observational Analysis Laboratory), an innovative online repository of the human gait.

Jason believes a positive and fun environment facilitates the learning process. His passion is apparent in all of his classes and he is always available to his students.

DONALD KAYNE

DipIT Wood Products '78, DipIT Business Administration '79. Vice President, Canfor Corporation

Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Leadership and Significant Contributions to a Trade or Industry

Don Kayne has provided outstanding leadership during his 30 years with Canfor Corporation, helping to establish the company as Canada's largest lumber producer and one of the top three worldwide. In his current role as vice president, Wood Products Marketing and Sales, Don is responsible for \$5 billion in sales and marketing revenue and a worldwide transportation and distribution budget of approximately \$600 million.

Don's leadership and in-depth understanding of the global wood products retail supply chain is widely respected amongst his peers, and has led to numerous honours and invitations to serve on advisory boards in industry, education, and government. Throughout his career, Don has remained a strong and vocal supporter of BCIT. Working in partnership with the School of Construction and the Environment, he was instrumental in the creation of an industry-education partnership that has won a Global Best Award from the Conference Board of Canada.

IAN ROBERTSON

DipIT Marketing Management '78. Executive Director, Corporate Communications and Public Affairs, Armstrong Group (Rocky Mountaineer Vacations)

Distinguished Alumni Award for Public Service and Service to the Community

Ian Robertson has worked tirelessly to advance his career and to give back to the community and city that he loves. First elected to the Vancouver Park Board in 2005, Ian has served three terms as either chair or vice chair of the Board. During his terms, Ian has advocated strongly for enhancements of recreation and park spaces, including the Vancouver Aquarium, Van Tech High School, Trout Lake, and Trillium lands. Ian has also demonstrated leadership in his community, acting as coach and president of Dunbar Little League, serving over 600 children and 150 volunteers.

Currently, Ian is executive director, Corporate Communications and Public Affairs with Armstrong Group, owners and operators of the world renowned Rocky Mountaineer and Whistler Mountaineer trains. As well as being responsible for corporate communications and public affairs for the Armstrong Group, Ian Robertson oversees the sustainable development of all of its companies.

JULIA PASKOVIC

Mediation '05, Marketing Management—Communications '08. Account Coordinator, Quay Strategies

Outstanding Student Leadership Award

Over the past two years, Julia juggled a full-time course load, was the president of the BCIT chapter of the Association of Integrated Marketers (AIM), and worked as a marketing intern for Quay Strategies. Despite her busy schedule, Julia's colleagues commend her as natural leader and supportive friend in challenging situations.

As president of AIM, Julia modernized the Association's constitution and led the effort to raise \$6,500 in 2007 to donate to the Dr. Peter Centre, a care facility for people living with HIV and AIDS. She also spearheaded a membership recruitment effort that more than doubled AIM's membership.

Julia's instructors say that it has been a wonderful experience to work with her, and insist that there is no other student at BCIT that fits the description of an outstanding and distinguished person more deserving of the Student Leadership Award.

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(L-R) Don Wright, BCIT President, Silvia Raschke, BCIT Faculty and Staff Association, Katy Anderson-Carr, Compass Group on behalf of Crothall Services Canada Inc; Margaret Lanthier, Genus Capital Management, Allen Soltan, Davis LLP, Adam Pion, BCIT Alumni Association.

ON NOVEMBER 13, THE BCIT FOUNDATION'S eighth annual Celebrating the Best donor recognition event acknowledged our donors for their support in helping BCIT continue to deliver the best applied training in the province.

Thanks to donor contributions, the Foundation's 2007/2008 revenue grew from \$7.6 million to \$11.7 million towards student support, and school-centric funding priorities, such as upgrading campus facilities.

At the luncheon, first year trades student Keith Roberts expressed sincere appreciation for the financial assistance he received from the Concert Properties and Industry Partners Trades Discovery Program.

His speech was reinforced by the chair of the BCIT Foundation, Bob Bryant, who appealed to the audience to provide more financial support during the economic downturn, when BCIT enrolment tends to climb. "We need to increase our efforts to assist these students, so that the BC workforce will be better trained and ready to respond when the economy recovers," said Bryant.

Many thanks to our sponsors: Genus Capital Management, BCIT Alumni Association, Crothall Services Canada Inc., Davis LLP, BCIT Faculty and Staff Association, and BCIT Marketing and Communications for enabling us to host this important event.

Forestry gets greener at BCIT

IT'S BEEN SAID THAT CHANGE STARTS when someone sees the next step. And for forestry, BC's most important industry, creating an educational program that looks forward and takes strides towards sustainability has already been a decade in the making. At BCIT, the staff, steering committee, students, and a handful of industry experts worked together to change the future of forestry by developing the Sustainability Resource Management (SRM) program.

"Our forests and other natural resources are becoming more and more valuable with time and in ways that no one could have imagined, even 20 years ago," explains Peter Barss, program head for the Forest Ecosystems department at BCIT. "As these values increase the motivation and need to manage resources, there will be more opportunities for the natural resource technologists that we're training today."

Barss heads up the SRM Program, which was created both as a reaction to industry needs and an assessment of future opportunities.

"In addition to the traditional forestry jobs, our graduates were being hired by oil and gas exploration companies, by developers of hydroelectric projects, by municipalities to help manage natural areas in and adjacent to urban and industrial developments, and so on," notes Barss. "We recognized that the training needed to reflect a much wider application of skills."

The SRM program aims to educate students on the balance between traditional forestry resource sectors and a wide set of sustainable resource management concepts. In the simplest terms, they study the relationship between the social, economic and environmental needs and apply them to an industry and a province where all three of these forces factor heavily. It's about meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

While creating new programs is nothing new for BCIT, designing a viable SRM program meant throwing out the rule book.

"To be successful we had to add features that would attract and retain students, while ensuring that they are job ready," adds Barss. "In the end, we designed a unique program in terms of content and delivery method."

The SRM program is offered on a part-time basis to meet the needs of students who wanted to study and work at the same time. With the option to exit after one year or continue on in one of two Diploma of Technology options and gain industry accreditation, the program offers an equal mix of academics and hands-on skills.

The first group of graduates from the SRM program will enter the workforce in the summer of 2010.

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

The Alumni Relations Office is pleased to help prepare a nomination package for review by our Adjudication Committee in May. The deadline for the nomination package is April 30. Please contact us to begin the process of preparing a nomination or if you have any questions.

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- › Public Service
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- › Significant Contribution to a Trade or Industry



KUDOS!

Congratulations to the following individuals and organizations for their recent honours, achievements and appointments

STUDENT AWARDS

BCIT PCMA captures Student Chapter of the Year Award

For the second year in a row, the BCIT Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) chapter has claimed the Chapter of the Year Award from the PCMA Education Foundation. BCIT PCMA is the student led business club for tourism marketing students in the BCIT School of Business.

22nd Annual Jack Webster Awards

Three BCIT School of Business Broadcast Journalism grads were winners at the 22nd Annual Jack Webster Awards held November 6 at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver.

Anne Gebauer, DiplT '98 (Broadcast Journalism) of Global Television received the Jack Webster Science and Technology Award for her story titled "Forensic Botany." **Lisa Rossington**, DiplT '95 (Broadcast Journalism), and **Kate Corcoran**, DiplT '85 (Broadcast Journalism) of CTV British Columbia were co-winners of the Jack Webster Award for Excellence in Legal Journalism for their work on the "Pickton Verdict." Lisa Rossington was also a co-winner of the Best News Reporting—Television award for "Taser Death."

In addition, three other Journalism grads were finalists in their categories.

Robert Zimmerman, DiplT '03 (Broadcast Journalism), **Melanie Nagy**, DiplT '03 (Broadcast Journalism), and **Miyoung Lee**, DiplT '02 (Broadcast Journalism) of CBC Television for Best News Reporting—Television.

Current second-year student **Emma McLagan**, DiplT '09 (Broadcast Journalism) was also a co-winner of the Jack Webster Foundation BC Hydro award. Recent grad **April Lawrence**, DiplT '05 (Broadcast Journalism) of CHBC Kelowna received a Jack Webster Fellowship. **Gregg Carmichael**, DiplT '73 (Broadcast Journalism) of CTV British Columbia was awarded a research grant to study at the prestigious Poynter Institute in Florida.

BCIT Journalism instructors **Mary Kay Thurston** and **Connie Monk** played prominent roles during the events of the evening with Mary Kay as a jury member and co-presenter of a major award and Connie as producer of the video introductions to the individual awards.

BCIT researcher receives Silver Award of Excellence

For his work on the Heavy Tool Support Arm, BCIT research associate **Gordon Thiessen** DiplT '81 (Mechanical Systems) received the Silver Award of Excellence from the Vancouver Regional Construction Association (VCRA). Gordon was honoured with the award at a banquet on October 30 at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver.

The Heavy Tool Support Arm, specifically designed for construction and related industries to help reduce back, shoulder, and neck injuries suffered when workers are holding heavy tools for extended periods of time, is now being manufactured by GT Automation Inc., a local company owned and operated by the inventor himself, under licence from BCIT.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Broadcast grad elected mayor of Prince George

Dan Rogers, DiplT '83 (Broadcast Journalism), was elected mayor of Prince George in November 2008. Dan brings more than 20 years of broadcasting, communications, and marketing experience to his new position, and is looking forward to making a positive impact on the city of Prince George and its citizens.

New role at BCIT for Management Systems grad

Mark Adams, DiplT '97 (Management Systems) has assumed the position of acting manager, BCIT Ancillary Services, consisting of the Bookstore, Food Services, and Imaging. Mark is an Honours graduate of BCIT's Management Systems Program. He is currently undertaking a Master of Business Administration through Athabasca University and will graduate in June 2009.

Mark has been employed at BCIT since graduation in 1997. His BCIT career path has included customer service at Registration, as well as clerical and coordinator positions in the Bookstore, with the past four years spent as bookstore manager.

Rossetti taps Diana Murphy as director of Interior Design

The architectural firm Rossetti announced that **Diana Murphy** DiplT '92 (Interior Design) has joined their company as an associate and director of Interior Design in the firm's Los Angeles office. In her new role, Diana will lead the expansion of the firm's sports, corporate, and hospitality interior design studio. She joins Rossetti after ten years with Los Angeles-based Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG), where she was the executive director of Facility Planning & Interiors. Her portfolio includes designing interiors for Staples Center, Home Depot Center, GM Place, Toyota Park, and Red Bull Park.

Kim Cameron leaves presidency of the Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber

Kim Cameron, DiplT '98 (Broadcast Journalism) — who has served as the president of the Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce for nearly five years — announced that she will be leaving her position with the chamber. Cameron, who is originally from the Long Plain First Nation in Manitoba, will pursue other ongoing projects, including the Indigenous Women's Leadership Training Program, indigenous youth mentoring, implementing unresolved historical grief workshops in Native communities in Canada and the U.S., and the expansion of an indigenous arts development project. Cameron has become renown for her annual fundraising gala for the chamber, an organization that promotes and advances American Indian owned businesses in the Rocky Mountain West.

School of Business welcomes new dean

DURING THE SUMMER, the BCIT School of Business announced the appointment of Robin Hemmingsen to the position of dean, School of Business. Robin has taken on the role from Dick Dolan, who retired in June 2008 after ten years at the helm of the School of Business.

Robin has had an impressive career in both the private sector and in education. Her education leadership experience includes chair, School of Accounting and Finance at Seneca College, chair, Management Studies, and chair, e-Business and Network Technologies at Centennial College. Robin brings with her, academic leadership, ten years of post-secondary teaching, and senior financial management experience in the private sector, most notably at Nabisco Brands

in Canada, and at a fund management company in the United Kingdom.

With a successful track record in leading new program development, expanding partnerships with industry and government, and building collaborative teams, Robin brings to the position enthusiasm, energy, and a strong commitment to both education and to students.

Robin holds a BComm from Carleton University, MEd from the University of Toronto and is currently a PhD candidate in Higher Education at the University of Toronto. She is also a Certified Management Accountant (CMA).



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Grapevine

2005

Belzer, Amber

Broadcast & Media Communications — Radio

Amber is currently working at Canadian Traffic Network as a radio traffic reporter for The Buzz 1410 and The Team 1040. She also, through CTN, tapes breaking news from the helicopter for Global BC and is their back up helicopter radio reporter.

2003

Boersma, Bart

Welding—Level B

Bart completed the Level “A” Welding program in 2003. He has been working for CPR for four years. Two of those years as a welder and two years as a technical specialist, designing and drafting structures and bridges in Calgary, AB.

2001

Nunn, Michael and Kylie

Marketing Management—Tourism Management

Soon after graduating, Mike started his career in the pneumatics industry focusing on inventory, inside sales, and customer service. In 2002 Mike joined Ideon Packaging, in South Richmond focusing on custom packaging solutions. Mike has grown from inside sales to operations manager. Kylie jumped into the tourism industry shortly after graduating, working in the Catering Department for the Executive Inn Coquitlam. In 2006, Kylie moved downtown to join the Sutton Place Hotel as catering and conference services manager. Mike and Kylie, who met at BCIT, were married in 2005 and live in South Surrey.

2000

Seto, John

Electronics — Telecommunications

For the past four years, John has been working at Research In Motion (RIM) manufacturing the latest versions of the BlackBerry. Starting as a test engineering tech John has worked his way up to product engineer. The ride has been exciting and rewarding. John sends special thanks and hello to Enrico and Bob for all the RF knowledge which he uses to this day.

Zeviar, Anna-May



Broadcast & Media Communications — Journalism

Anna-May is currently working as a television news producer at CBC in Regina, SK, where she has lived for the past three years with her husband Peter. She is having fun looking after her daughter Sadie, who was born in November of 2007.

1999



Yzerman, Timothy

Civil & Structural Engineering

Timothy has been working at BC Hydro since 2001, and has since graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science from UBC. He finished the EIT program in 2007 and is hoping to obtain his P.Eng in 2009.

1998

Barden, Blaine

Financial Management — Finance

Blaine is presently employed by the District of West Vancouver as a financial analyst and is currently enrolled in his last CGA course! He also keeps busy with hiking with a local hiking group called Meet Up.

Wolak, Arthur

Financial Management — Professional Accounting

Arthur Wolak received his PhD from Macquarie University’s Graduate School of Management in Sydney, Australia in 2008. Dr. Wolak, whose dissertation compared Australian and Canadian managerial cultures from a historical perspective, was the recipient of the Academy of Management’s 2008 Most Promising Dissertation Award in Management, Spirituality, and Religion. His journal article, “Australia’s ‘Irish Factor’ as a Source of Cultural Difference from Canada,” was published in *Australasian-Canadian Studies*.

1986

Mutsaerts, Michael

Business Management

Since graduating Michael has held senior management positions with Black & Lee Tuxedos, Please Mum, and currently VP Franchising for Expedia CruiseShipCenters. Michael resides in North Vancouver with his wife, Pamela and children: Paul, Amanda, and Rachael. Michael is actively involved as a member of the CFA (Canadian Franchise Association) Pacific Council, Education Committee member with his children’s high school.



1980

Saunders, James

Broadcast & Media Communications

Jim and Christine have retired!! Now they have some time to travel — Hawaii in September and Southern France, UK, and Ireland next September. They couldn’t convince their younger son, Huw, to go to BCIT, he’s a SAIT grad. Their older son Matthew is getting married.

1976

LeClair, Ronald

Chemical Sciences — Industrial Chemistry

Ronald has spent the last five years developing a new concept in consulting. Specifically, lab design and proper utilization of high-end instrumentation related to heavy metals analysis in drinking water. He will be writing several books in 2009/10 related to the commercial chemistry industry.

Patterson, David

Hospitality — Administration

David graduated from BCIT from the Hotel Motel Restaurant program. He worked for three years at the Georgia Hotel, then attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science in Hotel Administration. He began his hotel sales career at the Westin Edmonton. After working as sales director at the Sheraton Landmark, then regional sales director based in Vancouver for the Empress Hotel, he moved to Palm Springs in 1987 to get out of the rain and has been with the Palm Mountain Resort for six years as director of sales. In 2005, he was awarded the Outstanding Sales Person of the Year Award from the Palm Springs Desert Resorts Convention & Visitors Bureau.

1970

Merchant, Peter

Electronic — Engineering Technology

Peter is currently a lecturer at Bournemouth University. He will be taking a voluntary redundancy in August, and then teaching part-time in the next academic year. He would love to hear from friends, especially the Bridge players.

1967

Phillips, Andrew

Hospitality — Administration

After over 35 years in the hospitality field, mostly in senior management positions and five years recently in a teaching hospitality role — finally, Andrew has retired! He is still very active in travelling, golfing, music, and gardening.

In Memoriam

The Alumni Association Remembers

Philip Henderson, 1920–2008

Beloved former director of the BCIT Student Association, Phil passed away suddenly at his home in Pleasant Valley Manor, Armstrong BC. A long-time resident of Burnaby, he had a strong desire to help others as bourne out by his volunteer work. He was founder of the Burnaby Santa Claus Parade, Burnaby's Citizen of the Year in 2001, and the recipient of BCIT's Distinguished Service Award in 2005. Predeceased by his loving wife Vivian, he is survived by his 5 children, Penny Hoy (Lloyd Abbott), June Hartley (Ken), Diane Findlay (Fred), Stuart Henderson (Lawanda), and Jacqueline Jones (Bruce). He has 9 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Phil and Vivian were made honorary members of the BCIT Alumni Association in 2006. Phil left a legacy gift to BCIT to establish the Philip and Vivian Henderson Memorial Endowment. Any additional gifts would be greatly appreciated.

Orion Hutchison

Trades Discovery General program, 2008

Orion graduated from the Trades Discovery General program on Oct. 21, 2008. He will be dearly missed by family, friends, and his classmates.

Patrick John McSorley, 1927–2008

Instructor, Operations Management

Pat passed away peacefully at the Quayside home he loved, with the sights and sounds of the Fraser River at his window and his loving family nearby. Pat is survived by Jean—his wife of 57 years, daughters Suzanne, Karin (Ken), Nancy, Britt (Dave), and eight cherished grandchildren; Nick, Lili, Will, Cristina, Ben, Cooper, Max and Lucy. Pat wore many hats during his lifetime, including those of truck driver, freight sales manager, transportation executive, and ultimately passing on his transportation systems knowledge as an Operations Management instructor at BCIT. He will be greatly missed for his knowledge, good humour and wide-ranging curiosity by all who were fortunate enough to know him.

Herb Nelson

Instructor, School of Construction and the Environment

Herb was instrumental in the success of the Carpentry Foundation program at Port Simpson, BC. He was well-respected by both his students and the community. He is survived by his wife, Karen,

and three children, Jorden, Justin, and Claude. Herb will be missed by all who knew and worked with him.

Keith Purvis

Marketing Management, 1969

Keith passed away October 17, 2007, following a long struggle with throat cancer.

Russell Sankey, 1949–2008

Environmental Health, 1975

Russ passed away suddenly at the age of 59 due to complications arising from cancer. He was born and lived all his life in the Lower Mainland.

Russ graduated from BCIT's Environmental Health program in 1975. He joined the City of Vancouver's Health Department as a Public Health inspector until his retirement in 2002. Those who knew Russ deeply appreciated his wry and insightful wit. Russ will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Elaine Ferrero, step-son Scott, daughter-in-law Donna, much beloved grandson Tyler, sister Barbara, brother Neville, his niece Andria and family, and nephew Todd and family. He will also be dearly missed by many friends.



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