

# Update

a newsletter for the BCIT Community



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The mission of BCIT is to build pathways for career success in the global marketplace through teaching excellence and applied education and research.

Convocation Issue



## Congratulations to the grads of 2006

OPPORTUNITIES. That is what the 2006 graduates from BCIT have to look forward to.

On June 21, 22 and 23, in five convocation ceremonies, more than 1,500 students crossed the stage to collect their hard-earned credentials – certificates, diplomas and

degrees – that will give them the knowledge and skills to grab hold of the opportunities that await them.

"You picked a good time to graduate from BCIT," said BCIT President Tony Knowles in his opening address at the ceremonies. "There is no shortage of opportunities. The economy in BC is booming. I urge you to take lifelong learning very seriously, wherever you go, so that you are ready to take those opportunities." He also encouraged the new grads to be "lifelong good citizens," who make social responsibility a priority to "improve the world."

This year, BCIT presented Honorary Doctors of Technology to Michael Harcourt, commissioner, British Columbia Treaty Commission; Patrick McGeer, professor emeritus, UBC; Marc Garneau, chancellor, Carleton University; and Michael Phelps,

chairman, Dornoch Capital Inc. Each of the honorary doctorate recipients also gave the keynote addresses at graduation (read more on their speeches on page 6).

The BCIT Student Association President's Award was awarded to Education Council's chair, Bill Howorth, who is described as a "strong advocate for students at BCIT." Teaching Excellence Awards were also given to BCIT instructors Geoffrey Bird, Barrie Yackness, Mark Hird-Rutter, Alan Isaak, Lois Doody, Phil Esworthy and Russell Oye (read their stories on page 4).

Inspiring, reflective and sometimes humorous valedictory addresses were given by Jennifer Leaman, Andrew Sutherland, Reid Schretlen, Tara Perret and Michael Louie (read more on their speeches on page 7).

Thanks to everyone who made convocation special this year.

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# Graphic Communications Technology Program

BCIT'S NEW GRAPHIC Communications Technology Diploma program will provide students in Western Canada with training leading to an in-demand career.

The new program encompasses virtually every aspect of the printing and publishing industry including pre-press, press, bindery, finishing, management and customer service.

"Previously, students had to go to Ryerson University for this type of comprehensive training," says Laura Davie, associate dean of Digital Arts at BCIT. "Students can now come to BCIT for a two-year program that gives them hands-on, practical training that also includes work placements in the field."

In 2003, the British Columbia Printing and Imaging Association (BCPIA) established an education task force to examine digital printing programs in the province, and gave

the industry a chance to identify what they needed. The BCPIA then partnered with BCIT to deliver a program that would allow graduates to go directly from school to the workforce.

"This type of program is essential in providing well-trained craftspeople in an industry that is increasingly more complex and high-tech," explains David Allan, president and CEO of Rhino Print Solutions. "We are very proud to sponsor a program that will bring forth bright new talent to our industry."

The Graphic Communications Technology Diploma is the only program of its kind west of Ontario.

The program's first intake will be September 2006.

## Students and staff work together to save trees

IN THE COURTYARD outside building SE1 on Burnaby campus, the roots of five London plane trees have lifted and cracked the concrete slabs that surround them, creating an eyesore and a safety hazard.

Instead of cutting down the trees — which are about 40 years old — an adhoc committee, made up of Bryan Clements (director of Facilities Management), Cindy McIntosh (supervisor of Custodial Services), Barbara Dabrowski (associate dean, School of Construction and the Environment) and Jace Standish (instructor, Renewable Resources, Forest Ecosystem Technology and a certified arborist) has devised an alternate plan that saves the trees and ameliorates the damage problem.

Todd Blewett and Jeff Kindree, both second-year Forest Ecosystem Technology students, surveyed the courtyard and drafted a site plan. The Architectural Drafting and Design students are presently working on design ideas for the benches and plaza, and the entire class will produce the required design drawings with input from other BCIT departments (Carpentry, Steel Fabrication and Forestry).

Work will begin this summer and will include creating expanded concrete-free areas around the trees, establishment of a grassy area, and covering the large, above-ground tree roots with easily removed materials (such as paving stones).

## BCIT Earth Apple Award

MARK ANGELO, program head of Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Technology at BCIT is the deserving recipient of the BCIT Earth Apple Award for 2006. Mark's list achievements is impressive, including 30 years of inspiring graduates of the Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Technology program and contributing thousands of hours to conservation efforts throughout BC and Canada and worldwide. He also garnered many awards including the Order of British Columbia in 1998, the Order of Canada in 2001, and the United Nations Stewardship Award.

The BCIT Earth Apple Award is awarded to Mark on behalf of the Institute's Environmental Awareness Committee.

## Research Ethics Forms available online

In accordance with BCIT Policy number 6500 "Research Ethics for Human Subjects" all research conducted at BCIT or undertaken by BCIT faculty, staff or students, and which involves human subjects must be reviewed and approved by the BCIT Research Ethics Board (REB). Submissions for ethics review must be submitted to the REB using the current, guidelines and forms.

All forms related to the activities of the Research Ethics Board are now available at [bcit.ca/appliedresearch/ethics/](http://bcit.ca/appliedresearch/ethics/).

If you have questions relating to the policy or the forms, you can contact the REB and its chairperson at [research\\_ethics@bcit.ca](mailto:research_ethics@bcit.ca).

# Congratulations to our student award winners

## Lieutenant Governor's Award for Bachelor's Degrees

**Katherine Jean Gerry, Bachelor of Science, Nursing**

This award is presented to a student who has achieved an excellent academic record while contributing in a positive way to the life of the Institute or the community at large.

Katherine's contributions both to BCIT and to the community, coupled with her academic achievement in her program, make her a deserving recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Bachelor's Degrees.

At BCIT, Katherine has demonstrated strong leadership in and commitment to the Nursing program at BCIT. She was involved as the student representative to the Registered Nurses Association of BC (now the College of Registered Nurses of BC), she was a student member of the BCIT Nursing faculty's Student Affairs Committee, and she was a member of the BCIT Health Sciences Teacher Excellence Committee and her class graduation planning and fundraising committee. In the community, Katherine volunteers at the Women's Information Safe House and at the Evergreen Long-term Residential Care Facility. In 2004, Katherine received the BCIT Elizabeth D. Mackie Memorial Award.

## BCIT Board of Governor's Award for Leadership

**Reid Schretlen, Marketing Management – Entrepreneurship**

This award is presented to a student who has a record of active participation in student activities, a reputation for positive relationships with faculty, staff and students, and is in good academic standing.

Reid has demonstrated outstanding leadership and a passion for enhancing the experience of other students at BCIT. He was involved in ACE BCIT (first as a member and then as president) where he worked closely with his executive



Reid Schretlen (l), winner of the BCIT Board of Governor's Award for Leadership.

to create an organizational structure that would allow students to participate in and learn from entrepreneurial activities. In the community, Reid has volunteered 1,400 hours to ACE BCIT and its initiatives which included helping to improve conditions of the Vancouver Downtown Eastside and operating an outreach project in Mount Currie. He was also one of 100 students selected to participate in the Vancouver Board of Trade Leaders of Tomorrow program.

## BCIT President's Award

**Stephanie Slack, Medical Laboratory Science**

This award is presented to a student with a first- or high second-class standing, and who has a record of active participation in student activities, including ones that have brought recognition to the Institute.

While at BCIT, Stephanie demonstrated leadership skills in her volunteer roles as a set representative and a peer tutor for the Medical Laboratory Science students. As an exceptional student, Stephanie was always willing to help first- and second-year students achieve their learning goals. In the community, she is an active volunteer, having volunteered as a camp counsellor to children with cancer at Camp Goodtimes. Stephanie's

achievements have also been recognized with many other awards including: the BCIT Special Bursary, the BC Society of Laboratory Science Award and the BCIT Alumni Association Award.

## Governor General's Bronze Medallion

**Karen Chuang, Medical Laboratory Science**

This award is presented to the top graduating technology student who obtained the highest academic standing in a post-secondary diploma level program (minimum two-year full-time duration).

Karen achieved a 93.15 per cent GPA in the Medical Laboratory Science program. Her academic standing at BCIT isn't surprising when you look at the list of honours she has received. She was the recipient of many awards including the MDS Metro Laboratory Services Award for Clinical Excellence (BCIT), the Medical Laboratory Science Award (BCIT), the Michael Iagallo Memorial Award (BCIT), the Undergraduate Scholar Program Scholarship (UBC) and the Dean's Honour List (UBC). Karen holds a BSc from the University of British Columbia. When she graduated from John Oliver Secondary School, she was one of the top five on the Honour Roll List.



Karen Chuang (l), winner of the Governor General's Bronze Medallion.

# Teaching Excellence Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS of this year's Teaching Excellence Awards, which recognize an outstanding faculty member in each of our Schools. The award is presented to teachers who demonstrate teaching quality, support for students, and innovation with instruction and teaching materials.

## Part-time Studies and Learner Services

### Geoffrey Bird

Geoffrey has the unique ability to engage his students and make them feel energized.

Geoffrey says the student success stories are what he likes about teaching at BCIT: "Within my first year of teaching, I had a former part-time student of mine tell me about his pay raise, promotion and new office that came about from one simple exercise in the classroom. Those [success stories] are the true rewards of teaching."

## School of Business

### Barrie Yackness, *Financial Management*

Barrie is viewed as a positive role model for his students. His well-planned lectures assist students in fully understanding the materials.

## School of Computing and Academic Studies

### Alan Isaak, *Mathematics*

Alan is described as being able to find simple analogies to convey complicated ideas so that anyone can understand. He challenges students to find answers for themselves and brings excitement and enthusiasm to his class.

## School of Construction and the Environment

### Mark Hird-Rutter, *Geomatics Engineering Technology*

It takes enthusiasm, dedication and passion to be a great teacher. Mark displays all of these traits to his students, who rave about his ability to make geomatics interesting and fun.

"I enjoy [teaching] so much," says Mark. "I get great enjoyment out of dealing with

the students and I try hard to make the lessons interesting and challenging for them."

## School of Health Sciences

### Lois Doody, *Medical Radiography Technology*

Lois has a teaching style that is both engaging and interesting. She puts a great deal of effort into making each of her classes valuable for students and is viewed as a role model.

Says Lois, "I have always been very passionate about my career and when I began to teach about eight years ago here at BCIT, I knew that I had found my 'purpose.' The students are my number one priority and I try to create a positive, fun and stimulating learning environment."

## School of Manufacturing, Electronics and Industrial Processes

### Phil Esworthy, *Teacher Technology Education*

Phil is described as being able to make even the driest topics interesting. His teaching style is clear, organized and straight-forward, making it easy for students to follow him in class.

## School of Transportation

### Russell Oye, *Marine Engineering Program*

Russell was nominated for creating an enthusiastic learning atmosphere for students. He takes a personal interest in each student's learning plan and assists them in mastering the materials required. In addition to his teaching duties, he always goes the extra mile.

"I believe in the Hear, See, and Do method of teaching," says Russell. "If students hear good things from industry and that I put effort into their success, if they see that I really want them to succeed and that I do the things that are needed for them to succeed, then they will do the same to succeed... Meeting with graduates that are three years into their career and hearing that they are enjoying what they do and

have an annual salary that exceed their expectations, is why I teach at BCIT."



Geoffrey Bird (I) and Dick Dolan, dean, School of Business.



Mark Hird-Rutter (I) and John English, dean, School of Construction and the Environment.



Phil Esworthy (I) and Trevor Williams, dean, School of Manufacturing, Electronics and Industrial Process.

# BCIT's graduating students honoured with awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO BCIT'S graduating students who received awards during three ceremonies held on June 21, 22 and 23. The various honours were sponsored by individual and corporate donations, and administered by the BCIT Foundation.



The Dal Richards Award in Tourism Management is presented by Dal Richards to John McLaughlan, Marketing Management.



Margaret Daskis, BCFT past chair, presents Ashwin Din, Food Technology, with the BC Food Technologists Award in Food Technology.



Adam Mitchell, Marketing Management, is presented the Glenna Urbshadt Award by Glenna Urbshadt.



George Heer, service manager, MCL Motor Cars Inc., presents Silas Paul Bancroft, Auto Service Technician, with The MCL Motor Cars (1992) Inc. Award.



Gary Marcuse, manager, Program Development, CBC Television BC presents Kennedy Davey, Deidre Hambly, Ara Henry, Kiranjeet Kaur Mehat and Dave Shannon, Broadcast and Media Communications, the CBC Television Production Award.



Shawn Parhar, vice-president of BC Branch Certified Institute of Public Health Inspectors, Todd Baxter, Environmental Health Technology, with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors, John A. Stringer Award.



Peter Heubner, general manager of Spectrum Mapping Corp., presents Guy Fletcher and Christopher Bryenton, Geomatics Engineering Technology, with the Canadian Institute of Geomatics Membership Award.



Jason Jung, manager of Membership Development, presents Reid Langstaffe, Architectural and Building Technology, with the FEAT/BDIBC Award.



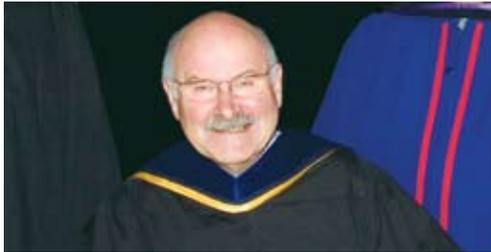
Diane Hick, CRNBC Regional Nursing Practice advisor presents Aharon Armstein, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, with the College of Registered Nurses of BC Student Professional Award.



Charles LeBlanc, manager, Cantest, presents Kanchana Ariyaratne, Chemical Sciences Technology, with the Cantest Ltd. Award.

# Keynote speeches urge grads to look ahead

## Mr. Michael Harcourt



IN HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS, Mr. Michael Harcourt urged the recent graduates to participate in the success of our province and country. "The best investment we could make in BC is in our young people," he said. "We want Canadian cities to be among the 100 or so cities that drive the world. And you graduates are a big part of our success." That success is the active partnership between business, workers and entrepreneurs, which Mr. Harcourt said is working with the co-operation of post-secondary institutions like BCIT.

"BCIT is the epitome of what you want: innovation, striving for excellence, never resting on your laurels," stressed Mr. Harcourt as he encouraged the graduates to continue to stand for these things as they go out into the world.

*Mr. Michael Harcourt is commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission but is publicly known as Mayor of Vancouver from 1980 – 1986 and British Columbia's Premier from 1991 – 1996.*

## Dr. Patrick McGeer



DR. PATRICK MCGEER ASKED the graduates to remember that with their earned credentials, they now have a lifelong obligation to make their BCIT degree, diploma or certificate stand proud. "The way has been paved for you by previous BCIT graduates and the reputation they leave behind," he said.

"When you go out to work in different organizations, you'll find three types of people," he said. "You'll find managers who are given a mission and deliver on time and on budget. Then there are the directors who have some sense of the vision that created that mission. Then there are the innovators who will destroy that vision for something else to make life better." Dr. McGeer encouraged the graduates to be those innovators.

You won't get rewarded or be welcomed for it and you'll probably get controversy for your ideas," he said, stressing that striving to make the world a better place is reward in itself.

"Become the innovators," he said, adding jokingly, "And for those who do, please build a bridge to Vancouver Island... and floss your teeth."

*Dr. Patrick McGeer is professor emeritus at the University of British Columbia, a leading researcher on Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases, and was a member of the BC Provincial Cabinet.*

## Dr. Marc Garneau



DR. MARC GARNEAU ASKED the new graduates to reflect on their graduation by asking themselves four questions:

- 1) "Why did I devote so much energy to getting my degree, diploma or certificate today?"
- 2) "Where do I want to go from here?"
- 3) "Where specifically do I want to end up?"
- 4) "How will I approach the rest of my life?"

Answering the last question himself, Dr. Garneau identified four attitudes that shape the way he approaches life and asked the new graduates to adopt them as well.

"Be passionate, be curious, be humble and

be a team player," he said. "Your aim is to arrive at the end of your life with the flame of passion still bright, your curiosity still strong, and a sense that you helped humanity."

*Dr. Marc Garneau holds the distinction of being Canada's first astronaut, with a career that includes a background in engineering physics, being appointed as Deputy Director of the Canadian Astronaut Program, and becoming executive vice-president, and later president, of the Canadian Space Agency.*

## Mr. Michael Phelps



MR. MICHAEL PHELPS OFFERED students four lessons based on his own views of what he looks for when hiring people.

- 1) "If you're not a communicator nothing gets done. Develop your oral and written communication skills."
- 2) "In a technical world, remember the importance of the humanities – language, arts, literature – they expand our world and help you understand the bigger picture. If you don't understand the wider world, your contribution to it will be limited."
- 3) "Don't be too narrowly focused. You need as broad an education as you can get. Be flexible and take advantage of opportunities to broaden your education."
- 4) "Learning and education are lifelong exercises. Keep up and adapt. If you stop, your life as a contributing human being is over."

*Mr. Michael Phelps is chairman of Dornoch Capital Inc., and sits on the board of directors of Duke Energy, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Canfor Corporation, Fairborne Energy Trust and the Vancouver Organizing Committee for 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.*

# Valedictorians inspire grads with speeches



Jennifer Leaman



Andrew Sutherland



Reid Schretlen



Tara Perret



Michael Louie

## Jennifer Leaman, Human Resources Management

JENNIFER BEGAN HER speech by asking her fellow graduates, "Do you remember how excited you were to be here when you started studying at BCIT? How long did that feeling last?" The knowing laughter from the audience said it all. "For me," Jennifer continued jokingly, "that excitement lasted for about the first week and after that I wondered why I ever decided to go to BCIT." While she recalled the challenges of studying at BCIT – late nights trying to finish projects, rarely seeing family or friends, and weekends spent doing homework – she also noted that opportunities will come as a result of having attended BCIT. Jennifer concluded her speech with a quote from Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world; indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

## Andrew Sutherland, Financial Management

"OUR EXPERIENCES AT BCIT will be our ladder, our solid foundation, our basic skill set that allows us to succeed in our chosen fields," began Andrew.

He went on to thank family, friends, faculty and classmates for their support in helping him complete his education at BCIT, but also

noted that there are more challenges ahead. "Many of us came to BCIT for its reputation for producing highly regarded graduates. We are now them. We will forever be BCIT grads and as such will forever be part of continuing that reputation. It's time to take our ladder and start climbing."

In conclusion and in keeping with his newly-acquired knowledge in financial management, Andrew jokingly wished everyone "a spouse who is a farmer/fisherman who operates as a CCPC."

## Reid Schretlen, Marketing Management – Entrepreneurship

"IT IS SAID THAT FAMILIES are like fudge," Reid began. "Mostly sweet with a few nuts. I think I'm the nut in my family but they love me anyway. Our families believed in us when we didn't believe in ourselves. They pushed us to keep going when we struggled... To all the family that support us, thank you."

He reminded his fellow graduates that knowledge without action will take you as far as a car without gas. "Do something and if you aren't happy, stop and do something else," he said. "Explore, experiment and try. You never know when you'll find something you love to do."

## Tara Perret, Civil Engineering

TARA THANKED THOSE who provided guidance and support including family, friends and BCIT faculty to whom she said, "We are forever in debt to you for sharing your knowledge with us." She also thanked those who "funded bursaries" and her fellow graduates to whom she said, "We've been challenged. But we're tenacious and that's why we're sitting here in our gowns today."

Tara ended her address by asking the audience to remember the quote, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

## Michael Louie, Technology Teacher Education

MICHAEL COMPARED THE experience of students at BCIT with the building of a table. "We arrived at BCIT just like raw materials – fresh, unshaped lumber, with a world of potential and possibility. After countless hours of process, careful measuring, cutting, we started to take shape. Along the way we needed to stop and check to see if we were well-balanced. If we were wobbly or unbalanced, we got support where we needed it from family and friends. Once we were balanced, we paid attention to the small details. The rough edges were smoothed out and we put on a nice finish." He thanked the instructors, family, friends and colleagues who helped bring these "tables" to completion.

# Dean's Award winners for 2006

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL the Dean's Award winners on their outstanding achievements.

These awards were presented to students who have demonstrated a positive attitude; leadership and/or effective team behaviour; participation in BCIT and/or community activities; and outstanding academic achievement.

## School of Business

### Dean's Award for Bachelor of Technology

Darcie Addison,

*Bachelor of Technology in Accounting*

### Dean's Award for Diploma of Technology

Peter Zednik, *Financial Management*

## School of Construction and the Environment

### Dean's Award for Bachelor of Technology

Christopher Forrest, *Bachelor of Technology in Architectural Science*

### Dean's Award for Advanced/Post Diploma

Christopher Thompson, *Geographic Information Systems*

### Dean's Award for Diploma of Technology

Megan Chambers, *Civil Engineering Technology*

### Dean's Award for Certificate of Technology

Dana Fresik, *Forest Resource Technician*

### Dean's Award for Certificate

### of Trades Training

Andrew Chase, *Joinery ELTT*



## School of Health Sciences

### Dean's Award for Diploma of Technology

Minh Lu, *Nuclear Medicine*

### Dean's Award for Advanced/Post Diploma

Adrian White, *Radiation Therapy*

## School of Transportation

### Dean's Award for Diploma of Trades Training

Gurpreet Bhatti, *Auto Collision Repair Program*

### Dean's Award for Diploma

### of Technical Studies

Bill Liotscos, *Airport Operations Class 5*

### Dean's Award for Certificate

### of Trades Training

Michael Lydiatt, *ELTT Inboard/Outboard Mechanics program*

### Dean's Award for Certificate of Technical Studies

Michael J. Witton, *Aircraft Gas Turbine Technician class 27*

### Dean's Award for Bachelor Degree

Sandra Swanson, *Bachelor of Technology in Technology Management*



## School of Computing and Academic Studies

### Dean's Award for Bachelor of Technology in Computer Systems

Jeremy Parr Pearson, *Bachelor of Technology in Computer Systems*

### Dean's Award for Diploma of Technology

Calvin Dalimore, *Computer Systems Technology*

## School of Manufacturing, Electronics and Industrial Processes

### Dean's Award for Diploma of Technical Studies

Tyler Price, *Power and Process Engineering*

### Dean's Award Diploma of Technology

Bo (Brian) Li, *Mechanical Engineering Technology – Systems*

### Dean's Award Certificate of Technical Studies

Ivan Preanicov, *Electronics Common Core*

### Dean's Award Advanced/Post Diploma

Laris Papirovskaia, *CAD Programming Post-Diploma*

### Dean's Award for Bachelor's Degree

Sherri St. Cyr, *Bachelor of Technology in Manufacturing*



# Investigation into e-Portfolios leads to successful program



WHEN PAT SLATTEN, a work search coach with Student Employment Services, conducted a seminar called The Power of Portfolios, many students asked her if BCIT would ever host electronic portfolios. Electronic – or e-Portfolios – are like online CVs: students can post resumes, projects, publications and images that can be seen by prospective employers all over the world. In many cases, e-Portfolios eliminate the need for burning and distributing CDs or producing costly printed portfolios. Naturally, students like the idea of a no-cost online showcase of their work – but would faculty and industry like the idea too? And do e-Portfolios really help

the recruitment process? Pat decided to investigate. Pat selected 23 part-time students and graduates representing many programs to participate in her pilot project. She then assigned four Communication instructors to help her mentor the students to help them write and structure their e-Portfolios. At the end of the four-month project, the completed e-Portfolios were shown to 571 industry representatives. The results? Within hours of the e-Portfolios being shown to employers students were being called for interviews. Many employers stated that e-Portfolios were "a valuable

tool to be used in the recruitment process." Other instructors began asking Pat to give e-Portfolio presentations to their classes. The Nursing faculty even considered making e-Portfolios a part of accreditation. Clearly e-Portfolios are a useful component of a job search, especially when an employer can see a student's progress, communication style and hard skills. But for Pat, the highlight of the project was the mentoring aspect of the process: "This project confirmed my perception that faculty really care about their students' success, and can show it when given the time and support to engage in effective communication."

## New to BCIT

- Laura Billing,**  
*faculty, Mathematics*
- Claro (Dennis) Dejes,**  
*Industry and Community Liason,  
Green Roof Technology*
- Jacqueline Donald,**  
*faculty, Health Sciences*
- Ross Dunn,**  
*instructor, Transportation*
- Elsie Friesen,**  
*faculty, Health Sciences*
- Carly Haddon,**  
*web content coordinator,  
Learning Resources Unit*
- Curtis Issel,**  
*faculty, Health Sciences*
- Cheryl Kilback,**  
*faculty, Health Sciences*
- Jody Little,**  
*faculty, Health Sciences*
- Janet MacDonald,**  
*faculty, Health Sciences*
- Herman Mah,**  
*campus manager, Downtown Campus*
- Lynne Martel,**  
*switchboard operator,  
Facilities Management*

- Valerie Murray,**  
*faculty, Health Sciences*
- Karen Plesner,**  
*faculty, Business*
- Kamel Qiasi,**  
*faculty, Civil Engineering*
- Kadi Rae,**  
*administrative assistant,  
School of Business*
- Bob Roberts,**  
*instructor, Transportation*
- Mike Safoniuk,**  
*instructor, Power Engineering*
- Teresa Sharp,**  
*manager emergency planning,  
Safety and Security*
- Serey Sinn,**  
*marketing and communications strategist,  
Marketing and Communications*
- Carol Sliziak,**  
*technical support representative,  
Learning and Teaching Centre*
- Cheryl Sokol,**  
*vocational rehabilitation specialist,  
Disability Resource Centre*
- Merry Van der Gracht,**  
*faculty, Health Sciences*

## Thank you

THANK YOU to everyone – volunteers, staff, faculty and students – who made BCIT's Convocation 2006 a success.



# Recognizing employee excellence

SOME OF BCIT'S hardest working employees were honoured at the annual Employee Excellence Awards event which was held on May 17, 2006. The awards were given to staff and faculty members of BCIT who have contributed an extraordinary level of hard work, dedication and achievement to the Institute. Nominees and winners alike have the satisfaction of knowing that their contributions to BCIT have been recognized and rewarded by their peers and students. Congratulations to all the winners of 2006.



## Extra Mile Awards

THE EXTRA MILE AWARDS are given to individuals and a department in the following categories: 1) Education; 2) Student Services and Research; and 3) Finance, Human Resources and Administration. Criteria include attitude, skill, productivity, judgment, innovation, communication skills, customer service, or a demonstration of going the extra mile on a regular basis.

### Winners:

#### Extra Mile Individual – Education

Ted Simmons, *School of Construction and the Environment*

Sandra Caktas, *School of Construction and the Environment*

#### Extra Mile Individual – Student Services

Diana Stefanescu, *Student Services*

#### Extra Mile Individual – Finance, Human Resources and Administration

Ser-Khee Lee, *AV Support and Facility Operations*

#### Extra Mile Department – Education

Machinist Department

#### Extra Mile Department – Student Services

Student Housing Office

## Team Effort Award

THE TEAM EFFORT AWARD is presented to a cross-departmental group, task team or committee that has made a significant contribution to BCIT's business processes, student success or employee morale.

### Winner:

Power Engineering

## Applied Research Award

THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to BCIT in terms of advancement of knowledge, or advancement of economic and/or societal well-being, through the development, application and/or implementation of technology.

### Winner:

Bruno Jaggi, *School of Health Sciences*

## Teaching Excellence Awards

THE TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS are presented to BCIT instructors who are doing an exceptional job. Winners are nominated by peers, students, managers, Advisory Committee members and industry partners.

### Winners:

#### School of Business

Barrie Yackness, *Financial Management*

#### School of Computing and Academic Studies

Alan Isaak, *Mathematics*

#### School of Construction and the Environment

Mark Hird-Rutter,  
*Geomatics Engineering Technology*

#### School of Health Sciences

Lois Doody,  
*Medical Radiography Technology*

#### Part-time Studies

Geoffrey Bird, *Learner Services*

#### School of Manufacturing, Electronics, and Industrial Processes

Phil Esworthy, *Technology Teacher Education*

#### School of Transportation

Russel Oye, *Marine Engineering*

## Leadership Award

THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES a BCIT employee who demonstrates exceptional leadership qualities.

### Winner:

Louise Routledge, *School of Computing and Academic Studies*

## Employee Fundraising Award

AS A WAY OF HONOURING staff members whose efforts resulted in donations of money or materials to BCIT.

### Winner:

Ed Prezlaff, *School of Manufacturing, Electronics, and Industrial Processes*

## Innovative Teaching with Technology Award

THIS AWARD HONOURS and recognizes an individual who has demonstrated innovative use of educational technology that has had a positive impact on the education of students.

### Winner:

Elizabeth Gray, *School of Computing and Academic Studies*

# Alumni Association AGM

AT ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held this past May, the BCIT Alumni Association welcomed eight new members to the Alumni Association Board and said goodbye to Shantal Cashman, who resigned from the board after three years as president and three years as a voting member, but who will remain on the board as Past President.

During the meeting, Shantal presented the highlights of the association's activities and accomplishments in 2005 – 2006, which are also outlined in the Alumni Association's annual report.

Keynote speaker Robert Calnan (Diploma of Technology in Nursing, '77) who urged everyone to help build a community by being leaders and models of social responsibility. "Serve on a committee group, volunteer to help with fundraising for bursaries... It's important we have meaningful work in order to achieve a better future. As alumni, we can achieve that future."



BCIT Alumni Association Board of Directors (2006 – 2007). From left top row: Shantal Cashman, Adam Pion (President, 2006), Anthony Cavanaugh, Bob Ostle. From left second row: Laurie Clarke, Kenneth Yip, Edward Shawchuk, Gordon Farrell, Jason Cooledge. From left front row: Jennifer Leaman, Valerie Wan, Asifa Samji, Rob Killby and Scott Blythe. Missing: David Yochlowitz and Robert Deverall.



Ranbir Kang, Industrial Alliance Pacific (AGM sponsor), Laurie Clarke, vice president, Development and Executive Director of the Alumni Association, Shantal Cashman, president of the Alumni Association (2003 – 2006), and Robert Calnan (keynote speaker).



Shantal Cashman presents the association's annual contribution (this year increased to \$15,000) to Laurie Clarke and Bob Wilds, chair, BCIT Board of Governors, to support student scholarships and bursaries. Revenue from the association's alumni affinity programs provided these funds.

## BCIT 2006–2007 Alumni Association Board of Directors:

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### Appointed Directors (non voting)

Scott Blythe  
*(BCIT Student Association)*

Laurie Clarke  
*(Executive Director Foundation and Alumni Association)*

Jennifer Leaman  
*(BCIT Student Association)*

# Students ACE competition

STUDENTS FROM BCIT aced their competition at a national event in Toronto this past May, returning with three top prizes.

ACE (Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship) is a national not-for-profit organization that organizes and motivates teams of university and college students to practice and teach others the principles and values of entrepreneurship. Each year at its national exposition, student teams from across the country compete in the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) Competition, and this year BCIT's team took second place in the overall competition, out of 43 teams from across Canada.

BCIT excelled in the Financial Literacy Education Challenge, coming in first, and BCIT brings home the award for Most Supportive Campus Administration. In the final rounds, student teams are judged by some of Canada's top businesspeople, including CEOs from 40 of the country's top companies. Following BCIT's presentation, several judges

were so impressed that they approached the team to ask for resumes.

"We are extremely proud of our students," says Dick Dolan, dean of BCIT's School of Business. "The success of BCIT's SIFE team reflects the high quality of the work they complete in their studies, and the tremendous support of our faculty for the ACE program."

As part of the SIFE competition, teams prepare and deliver in-depth presentations on their education outreach projects, which encourage students to take their business knowledge to their communities. For the past four years, students in BCIT's ACE program have been operating an outreach program in Mount Currie, a First-Nations community north of Pemberton, among other projects.

This year, BCIT's ACE students worked with Mount Currie high school students to teach them about entrepreneurship and business principles through a program called Opening Doors.

## Do you have a story to tell?

HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN touched by the United Way? Perhaps you have an aging parent, or a child with a disability, or you or your parents are immigrants. For this year's BCIT United Way Fall campaign we would like to focus on the personal impact of United Way dollars.

If you would be willing to tell your story, call Lynne Cruz (Local 8547), 2006 United Way Campaign Chair. Your story could make a difference.



## LTC staff win AMTEC awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STAFF members of the Learning and Teaching Centre (LTC) whose work was nationally recognized at the recent Association for Media and Technology in Education in Canada (AMTEC) Media Festival Awards.

### Award of Merit – Video production

Presented to William Mah

Winning entry: *BCIT Aerospace and Technology Campus – Leaders in Training and Technology*

### Award of Excellence – Video production

Presented to William Mah

Winning entry: *Pathway to Forensics*

### Award of Merit – Video production

Presented to Ian Cameron

Winning entry: *Mission Possible: Research at BCIT*

### Award of Excellence – Courseware and video production

Presented to Tom Mills

Winning entry: *Tools of the Trade*

## Publishing information

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