

# alumni ambassador

## Intelligent Microgrids: BCIT's Power Saving Innovation



**STUDENT RESEARCHERS JOCELYN WU (LEFT) AND CHRIS MORRISSEY ARE BUILDING LOAD CONTROL BOXES FOR INSTALLATION IN BCIT STUDENT RESIDENCES, ALLOWING THE RESIDENCE MANAGER TO REMOTELY MONITOR AND MANAGE HEAT AND HOT WATER USAGE.**

BCIT received funding from BC's Innovative Clean Energy Fund and sponsorship from BC Hydro to set up BC's first intelligent electricity microgrid within the Burnaby campus. This new research project, led by the Group for Advanced Information Technology at the BCIT Technology Centre, focuses on developing solutions to automate the current electrical power grid and build a smarter, more secure power grid. An intelligent grid will allow power devices to communicate through a central system, making "smart" decisions to optimize power distribution and transmission. The intelligent grid will help to balance power generation with demand, reducing the potential for blackouts. It will also be able to integrate current energy sources such as hydro or natural gas with alternative energy sources such as biomass, solar, and wind plants.

The initial phase of the project includes installing smart meters, sensors, and controls on campus. A web-based Energy Management System will monitor these devices, enabling active management of power by helping to time demand cycles to coincide with off-peak resources. The utilities project will contribute to research and development of energy sector technologies capable of telling us when the cheapest or cleanest power is available. These advances will make it easier for us to change our household energy consumption patterns to reduce our costs and our carbon footprint.

One of the research streams is currently investigating ways to provide feedback to consumers to make educated and informed choices about how and when they use electricity at home and at work. A pilot study will use data collected from meters installed on each of the Maquinna Residence houses, and will enable students to track, measure, and to compare their electrical consumption patterns through an inter-house competition.

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# 2nd Alumni Open raises funds for students



The 2nd Annual Canadian Direct Insurance BCIT Alumni Open golf tournament teed off on July 14, 2009 at Northview Golf & Country Club in Surrey. More than 120 golfers enjoyed a bright day on the links, networking and coming together to raise money for the BCIT Alumni Association Endowment. The event raised more than \$63,000 to support student scholarships and bursaries.

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**President's Message**

Welcome to the Winter 2010 issue of *Ambassador*! As I near the end of my four-year term as President of the BCIT Alumni Association, I find myself reflecting on all that we have accomplished over this period.

Over the past four years, the Board has worked diligently and now has a compelling mission and vision by which to lead the Association and deliver value to our members. Thanks in large part to Ron Killby, to board and staff members, and to all of the participants and sponsors, we have successfully run the outstanding Canadian Direct Insurance BCIT Alumni Open golf tournament in each of the last two years, raising the profile and awareness of the Association and supporting student award funding.

We have contributed to the success of reunions and events like Schmoozapalooza through our financial support and participation, and we have established and/or renewed numerous successful affinity programs on behalf of our members. Our alignment and relationships with the Student Association, the BCIT Foundation and the Board of Governors is closer than ever. Our continued success will rely on the strength of our relationships with our partners, the BCIT community, and fellow alumni.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the huge success on all of our parts in bringing the \$1 million Alumni Association Endowment to the point where we are almost certain to succeed in reaching our target. Clearly, we have shared many successes!

I encourage every BCIT grad to get involved to ensure their legacy will live on for generations to come.



Adam G. Pion  
*DipIT '94, Financial Management  
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**PRESIDENT  
 BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

# BCIT community contributes to Olympic experience

TELL US HOW YOU'RE PARTICIPATING IN THE VANCOUVER 2010 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES!



As a Community Contributor to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, BCIT will serve as a central transit hub for those heading to events in Whistler. This means that thousands of attendees will visit the Burnaby campus during the two week duration of the Olympic Games, including BCIT in their Olympic experience!

Not only is the institute participating in the Games, some of our staff, faculty, and students are participating in unique and meaningful ways as well:

- > **Dave Tanchak, Director of Web Services**, and **Joanne Stone-Campbell, Coordinator of Aboriginal Services**, bearing the Olympic torch in Parksville, BC.

- > **Bob Ostle, Director, Alumni Association Board of Directors**, volunteering as an accreditation operator at the Vancouver Olympic Village.
  - > **Joel Pineau**, student torch bearer in February 2010
  - > **Sherri Magson, Director of Alumni Relations and Community Giving**, volunteering at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- The Alumni Association wants to know how YOU are participating in the Winter Games. Email your submission to [alumni@bcit.ca](mailto:alumni@bcit.ca) by April 1st, 2010 and be entered to win a 500 GB ultra-portable hard drive (value: \$135). For full contest details, visit [bcit.ca/alumni](http://bcit.ca/alumni).

# Welcome new board members

The Alumni Association welcomed the following appointed board members at its Annual General Meeting in May 2009.



**CAROLINE GAGNON**, BEP '93 (University of Ottawa), MA '00 (UBC School of Human Kinetics), MBA '08 (RRU)

Presently the Director of the BCIT Student Association, a position she has held for the past eight years, Caroline is committed to ensuring a positive relationship between the BCITSA and BCIT Alumni Association.

**Term:** 2009–2012

**CHRISTINE RAMAGE**, President, BCIT Student Association, Human Resource Management '09

Christine is the President for the BCITSA for 2009/10. She recently graduated with a Diploma in Human Resource Management and is currently taking BCIT's BBA program.

**GABBY AQUINO**, Financial Management '02

Gabby works in international tax services for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.



**AMANDA EYOLFSON**, BA '08 (Saskatchewan)

Originally from a farm near Foam Lake, Saskatchewan, Amanda attended the University of Saskatchewan, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and English. She decided to enrol in BCIT's Broadcast Journalism program and is now completing her final year. Amanda is the Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing for the BCIT Student Association and she looks forward to working alongside the Alumni Relations team this year.

**Term:** 2009–2010

Re-elected by acclamation to voting positions on the Board for two-year terms (2009–2011) were:

- Ron Killby
- Asifa Samji
- Jason Kitamura



# Creating a voice for small businesses in BC



Marketing Management—Entrepreneurship grad Adrian Duke knows a thing or two about building solid working relationships. During his final year in the diploma program, Adrian and his team of colleagues undertook a practicum project for *Make It Business*, a local bi-monthly publication for small business owners and the entrepreneurially-minded. The BCIT student team was tasked with developing a national expansion plan for the publication, to be implemented in the fall of 2010. Not only did the owners and publishers at *Make It Business* like what the team recommended, they liked Adrian’s working style and positive outlook so much that they tapped him to lead their sales and marketing efforts, including the national expansion, as their marketing specialist.

After graduating from his program in June 2009, Adrian took on the exciting new role full-time, and dedicates himself to promoting the publication to potential advertisers, subscribers, and small business owners. *Make It Business* is currently expanding their resource base for small business owners, starting with the launch of an innovative new book club. Designed to facilitate discussion, relationship building, and resource sharing amongst the small business community, the book club will review selected business books with a facilitator once per month. Meetings will take place at various Blenz coffee house locations around the Lower Mainland.

Adrian credits his mentors, BCIT Entrepreneurship program head Rick Kroetch, *Make It Business* president Josh Chicher and publisher Victor Chew Wong, for his success in his career thus far. He looks forward to the continual development and challenges at *Make It Business*, including plans to relocate to Toronto to lead the national expansion in 2010. For more information on *Make It Business* and the many resources they offer to small business owners and entrepreneurs, visit [makeitbusiness.com](http://makeitbusiness.com).




## The myBCIT Alumni Card

The myBCIT Alumni Card provides alumni with access to many on- and off-campus services and discounts. The cards are \$35 and have a five-year expiry.

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

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# Schmoozapalooza another resounding success

Students from the Marketing Communications diploma program hosted the 4th Annual Schmoozapalooza networking event on December 2nd, 2009. The event brings together current students, alumni, instructors, and graduates in hopes of pairing the students with industry practicum projects for the spring term. It also raises funds to support the Carroll Nelson Endowment which provides scholarships and bursaries to Marketing Communication students.

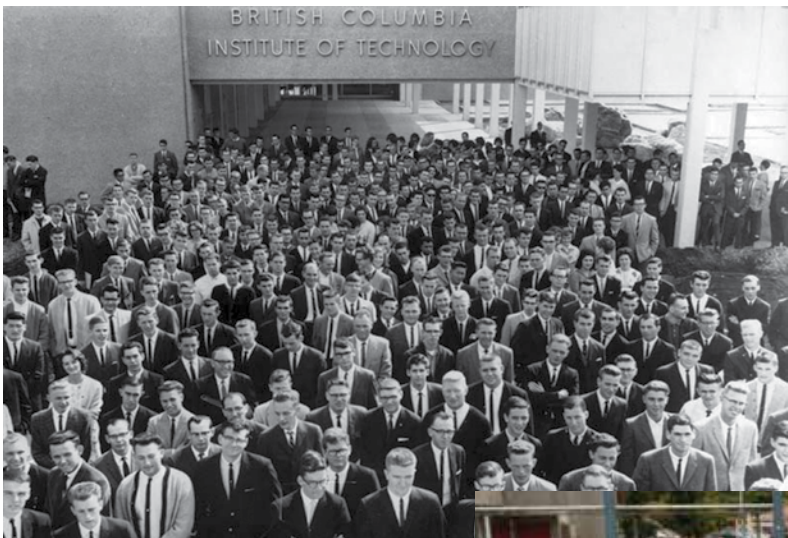
More than 180 attendees were on hand to meet, greet, reunite, and congratulate the student organizers on a job well done. The silent auction, featuring highly sought

after items such as meet-and-greets with advertising and marketing agency executives, together with event sponsorship, brought in more than \$8,000 to support the Endowment.

The student organizing committee, along with BCIT staff and Marketing Communications program head Jenness Murray, worked tirelessly to ensure the event was a smashing success, and did it all at a time of year that is full of final projects and exams. Congratulations on a wonderful event! Special thanks to Global TV who again graciously sponsored this year's event.



## In Good Company... Then and Now



*A few things might have changed over the years—from jackets and ties to lab coats, hardhats and jeans—but BCIT students, faculty and staff continue to be a great community of folks who are integral to the economic, social and environmental prosperity of the province!*



### Reunions

#### Broadcast Communications Biannual Reunion

About 250 Broadcast grads gathered for the bi-annual Broadcast All-Years Reunion on Friday, April 3rd 2009. Folks from the four decades of Broadcast's existence converged on the Broadcast Centre to swap stories, raise a glass to former classmates, and compare careers.

**The next Broadcast All-Years Reunion is slated for April 2011.**



#### Broadcasting—Technical Option, 1964–68

On Friday, April 3, seven alumni of the Broadcasting—Technical Option courses from 1964 to 1968 attended the 2009 BCIT Broadcast Reunion. It had been upwards of 42 years since some of us had seen each other! Brian Antonson and his team of staff and students did a marvelous job of hosting the reunion. But we were disappointed that we didn't see any members of the Broadcast—Production Option (affectionately referred to as Production Types!) from the mid-60s there.



#### Marketing Reunion

The first annual BCIT Sales and Marketing golf tournament was held in May at Mylora Golf Course in Richmond. Past grads and current marketing students showed their golfing skills—or attempted to! A good time was had by all—and over \$1,200 was raised for student awards. The second annual tournament will be held on Friday June 4, 2010—contact [Glenna\\_Urbshadt@bcit.ca](mailto:Glenna_Urbshadt@bcit.ca) to be on the mailing list.





In Good Company ...

# BCIT celebrates the 7th Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards

## EXCEPTIONAL ALUMNI AND FACULTY RECOGNIZED AT BCIT'S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS EVENT

The seventh annual BCIT Distinguished Alumni Awards were held on Sept. 23, 2009 at the Four Seasons Hotel Vancouver. Honouring four outstanding alumni and one inspirational faculty member, the event was a true celebration of BCIT's proudest achievements: its graduates.

The sold-out event was co-hosted by BCIT and the BCIT Alumni Association. BCIT president Don Wright affirmed that, "BCIT is integral to the economic, social, and environmental prosperity of British Columbia, and nowhere is that more apparent than in the achievements of our alumni."

The crowd was delighted with the quick wit and humor in the acceptance speeches of the recipients. All five of the recipients thanked their families and colleagues for their generous support and confidence, and offered words

of wisdom to guests. John Hiebert, who received an award for his significant contributions and leadership in the construction industry, told the crowd that learning is ongoing and never-ending, and Eric Sorensen, former CEO of Sun Rype Inc., attributed his early impressions on leadership to his BCIT training.

Mike Killeen, master of ceremonies and a BCIT Broadcast grad, kept the crowd entertained with his memories of BCIT and the remarkable changes that have occurred at the institute over the past 20 years.

The evening was closed by Laurie Clarke, Vice President of Development and executive director of the Alumni Association, thanking all those that were involved in putting on yet another extraordinary evening of celebration. Lucky attendee Jack Baryluk won a \$5,000 BCAA travel gift certificate to spend on a cruise. Congratulations Jack! Video profiles of this year's award winners may be viewed online at [bcit.ca/alumni/awards](http://bcit.ca/alumni/awards).

### ANTHONY CHAN

Program Head, Biomedical Engineering Technology, BCIT  
*Excellence in Teaching and Research Award*

Anthony Chan has been training BC's biomedical engineering technologists for more than 15 years and continues to innovate and advance the state of practice. By being open to collaborations with other health programs, he ensures his students benefit from a well-rounded approach to health-engineering education. He is widely renowned by his peers for his extensive involvement in professional activities and his original research.

To share his knowledge in medical device technology, Anthony has published two textbooks within the past five years. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the BC Association for Individualized Technology and Supports for People with Disabilities. Anthony is so respected within the industry that he was the recipient of the Outstanding Canadian Biomedical Engineer Award in 2007 from the Canadian Medical and Biological Engineering Society. His students say Anthony is very thorough in the classroom, using real-world practical examples to promote higher-level understanding and critical thinking.

### JOHN HIEBERT

Building Engineering DiplT '70. President,  
TASK Construction Management Inc.

*Distinguished Alumni Award for Significant Contributions to a Trade/Industry*

For over 40 years, John Hiebert has demonstrated his progressive, hands-on management style in the British Columbia construction industry. As president and a partner of TASK Construction Management Inc. since 1989, John has extended his work life to include numerous contributions to the industry that he so apparently loves, and more specifically, his preferred style and method of construction management and delivery. He continually promotes and advances the collaborative approach to constructing buildings through liaison with industry groups and seminars and lectures.



The 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Clockwise from top centre: Anthony Chan, John Hiebert, Kalpna Solanki, Eric Sorensen, and Peter Kemp.

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2009 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient John Hiebert accepts his award.

The industry has recognized John’s contributions by honouring him with several prestigious awards recently, including the Vancouver Regional Construction Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008, and the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors’ Award of Merit in 2004. He was inducted into the Institute’s Board of Fellows after having acted as the President of the Quantity Surveyors Society of BC, followed by the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors.

**PETER KEMP**  
**Computer Systems '07, BTech '09.** Junior Systems Analyst, British Columbia Institute of Technology  
*Outstanding Student Leadership Award*  
Gaining discipline and leadership skills from the Royal Canadian Army cadet program, Peter Kemp has taken dedication to a new level. Peter’s involvement with the Cadets set him on a solid course to practical training at BCIT. Learning to do by doing appealed to Peter, and his early interest in electronics brought him to the Computer Systems Technology program.  
Peter demonstrated his leadership skills and positive attitude during his time at BCIT by acting as Chair for the School of Computing and Academic Studies on the BCIT Student Association executive, volunteering his time and tutoring students. This was all done while maintaining his officer role with the Army Cadets and completing the Bachelor of Technology degree in Computer Systems, focusing on mobile and wireless technologies.

Peter’s love of technology paired with his BCIT training will launch his career in developing software applications, including several innovative new iPhone applications he developed during his final term.

**KALPNA SOLANKI**  
**Environmental Health DiplT '89.** President, BOBOBABY Inc.  
*Distinguished Alumni Award for Entrepreneurial Innovation*  
Kalpna Solanki was pregnant with her daughter when she developed the idea for BOBOBABY. At the time, she could not have dreamed that her creation was to quickly become North America’s first fresh-frozen organic baby food manufacturer. Committed to providing healthy and tasty nutrition to children of all ages, Kalpna built the company after completing the BCIT Entrepreneurial Skills Training program, utilizing her educational background in biology, environmental health, and executive management in the process.

Kalpna was voted one of the top ten innovators in Food in Canada magazine and she was recognized in the *Progressive Grocer* for her development of an age specific, organic, and nutritious line of baby and child foods. She volunteers on the boards of the Canadian Red Cross—Lower Mainland and the Small Scale Food Processors Association of BC.

**ERIC SORENSEN**  
**Marketing Management DiplT '81.** CEO & President (Retired), Sun-Rype Products Ltd.  
*Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Leadership*  
Eric Sorensen has led some renowned companies in his many years in management, including Pfizer Canada, Warner Lambert, Adams Canada, Kraft, Nabob, and most recently, Sun-Rype. After completing his BCIT diploma in Marketing Management, Eric took on several sales management and marketing roles before landing the position of vice president Sales for The Nabob Coffee Company in 1986.

After eight years of working in Toronto, Eric returned to BC in 2001 and moved to Kelowna where he started his own consultant business. Within two years, he was selected as CEO and President of Sun-Rype Foods, one of BC’s largest fruit drink and snack producers. There, he increased sales by 25% which provided a total 45% shareholder return.

Eric’s career success is mirrored by his contribution to the community. He is currently a minority owner of the Penticton Vees Junior A Hockey Club, having served as chairman and director from 2004 until 2008.

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*— Don Wright*

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# KUDOS!

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

## Centre for Architectural Ecology director wins scholarships

Congratulations to **Maureen Connelly**, director, BCIT's Centre for Architectural Ecology, who is the recipient of two awards from the University of British Columbia (UBC): The Pacific Century Graduate Scholarship (\$10,000) and the Four Year Fellowship for PhD Students (\$7,000). Both awards are offered to support full-time study and/or research leading to a higher degree at UBC.

## Nursing grad honoured with BC Nursing Award

**Katherine Gerry**, a graduate from the BSN in Nursing in 2006, received the CRNBC's Rising Star Award during National Nursing Week (May 11-17). Providence Health Care (PHC) recognized and celebrated the dedication of nurses in providing exceptional care, teaching, service and research within the organization. Kathy received the BCIT Alumni Association Outstanding Student Leadership Award in 2006.

## BCIT student smashed Grouse Grind record

**Sebastian Salas**, 22, an amateur triathlete, cyclist, and a student in BCIT's Technology Support Professional program, completed the grueling three-kilometre trail at the 19th annual BMO Grouse Grind Mountain Run with a time of 25:25, beating the former official record set by Michael Simpson by almost a full minute. Congratulations Sebastian!

## BCIT student wins silver at Canadian Skills Competition



**Michael Kleywegt** won gold at the provincial BC competition in April and moved on to join others from across Canada to compete nationally where he won silver in the CNC Machining category. This Port Alberni native is receiving his Diploma of Trades Training in the BCIT CNC Machinist Technician co-op program. The Canadian Skills Competition is the only national, Olympic style, multi-trade and technology competition of its kind for young students and apprentices in the country.

## Operations Management grad wins Technology Leadership Award

**Cindy Harmel**, an Operations Management grad, won a Technology Leadership Award from Today's Woman 2009 for her work as a Chief Engineer at Kitimat Hospital.

## BCIT alumnus' film shows at the Vancouver Short Film Festival

Directed by BCIT grad **Gabriel Caldwell**, *Latte America* is a single shot short, run backwards, and it debuted at the 2009 Vancouver Short Film Festival, held October 23 and 24, 2009. Visit [vsff.com](http://vsff.com) for more information.

## Venture grad's business wins Best Spa in Vancouver



Le Petit Spa was again voted #1 Best Spa in Vancouver by the *Georgia Strait*. Owner and BCIT Venture grad **Nancy Mudford** is celebrating the spa's sixth anniversary in 2009. Visit [lepetitspa.ca](http://lepetitspa.ca) to find out more.

## Film alumni start online network

Alumni from the BCIT FilmFLEX program have established a networking site in hopes of connecting graduates with the wider industry. Visit [bcitfilmflexalumni.org](http://bcitfilmflexalumni.org) for more information.

## Ross wins Don W. Thompson Award for mentorship

Ian Ross, a faculty member in the Automation and Instrumentation program, was instrumental in twice hosting the International Society for Automation's (ISA) District 10 student games competition at BCIT. He has been the Team Champion for BCIT student teams since the beginning of its involvement in the Games. As a result of Ross's dedication, BCIT teams have placed in competition at every outing in which they took part and are viewed around the world in a positive and friendly light due to the spirit of cooperation and congeniality he fostered.

## Byers receives ISA Fellow Membership

After founding the BCIT Critical Infrastructure Security Centre in 2001, Eric Byres then shaped it into one of North America's leading academic facilities in the field of SCADA cyber security. In 2006, he and Joann Byres founded the Control System Security Certification Organization (CSSCO) and co-authored three whitepapers on standards and compliance in security which later became the foundation of the ISA Security Compliance Institute in 2007. Today, Eric Byres, chief technology officer of Byres Security Inc, is an internationally recognized leading expert in the field of critical infrastructure security, SCADA security, and industrial security.

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### BCIT welcomes new VP Finance and Administration



During the summer, BCIT welcomed a new executive member to our ranks. **Lorcan O'Melinn** comes to us from the Coquitlam School District, where he was Secretary-Treasurer and CFO. Prior to joining the School District in 2001, he was the Vice President of Finance and Human Resources at Riverview Hospital in Coquitlam. Lorcan has served on the executive of the British Columbia Association of School Business Officials for five years and is currently past president. He graduated from UBC (psychology) and BCIT (Administrative Management) and then moved on to become a Certified General Accountant.

### School of Computing and Academic Studies welcomes new dean

BCIT is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Caroline Seddon** to the position of Dean, School of Computing and Academic Studies. Caroline comes to BCIT after holding extensive leadership positions at both the British Medical Association (BMA) and at the University of Luton. At the BMA, Caroline was the Head of Science and Education for seven years, overseeing the professional development of five divisions of physicians including managing the teams of executive officers and staff.

### New director of Student Services



BCIT's new director of Student Services is **Larry Vezina**, a very skilled administrator with a wide range of experience, including previous responsibilities at Confederation College in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Larry has taught at the post-secondary level and has recently completed his doctoral studies in education. Larry joined BCIT on Tuesday, September 8th, just in time for new student Orientation! Larry is taking the helm of Student Services following the retirement of former director Jim Mitchell.



# 3 Blog Nights rides again

BCIT leads the way for online social networking in post-secondary institutions, demonstrated by ground-breaking events such as 3 Blog Nights — a 72-hour non-stop social media extravaganza, aimed at attracting future BCIT students to our many diverse programs. The first iteration of 3 Blog Nights occurred in the spring of 2009, and version 2.0 kicked off on October 25, leading up to the BIG Info event at the Burnaby campus.

Staff from the Marketing Communications and Web Services departments were up all day and night posting new videos to Youtube, blogging about our programs and students, and using Facebook, Twitter, and Linked In networks to spread the word! BCIT students were invited to enter a video contest for a chance to win a Macbook laptop and flip cameras, and two lucky potential students won \$1,000 tuition prizes!

Some cool alumni featured in 3 Blog Nights videos include:

- > Venture grad Pauline Sui at BC Fashion Week
- > Computer Systems Technology grads reflect on 25 years
- > Recap of the 2009 BCIT Distinguished Alumni Awards
- > Cummins Western Canada hires BCIT grads — lots of them

Visit [bcit.ca/3blognights](http://bcit.ca/3blognights) to check out all the videos and blog posts. Join the BCIT network on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn today!

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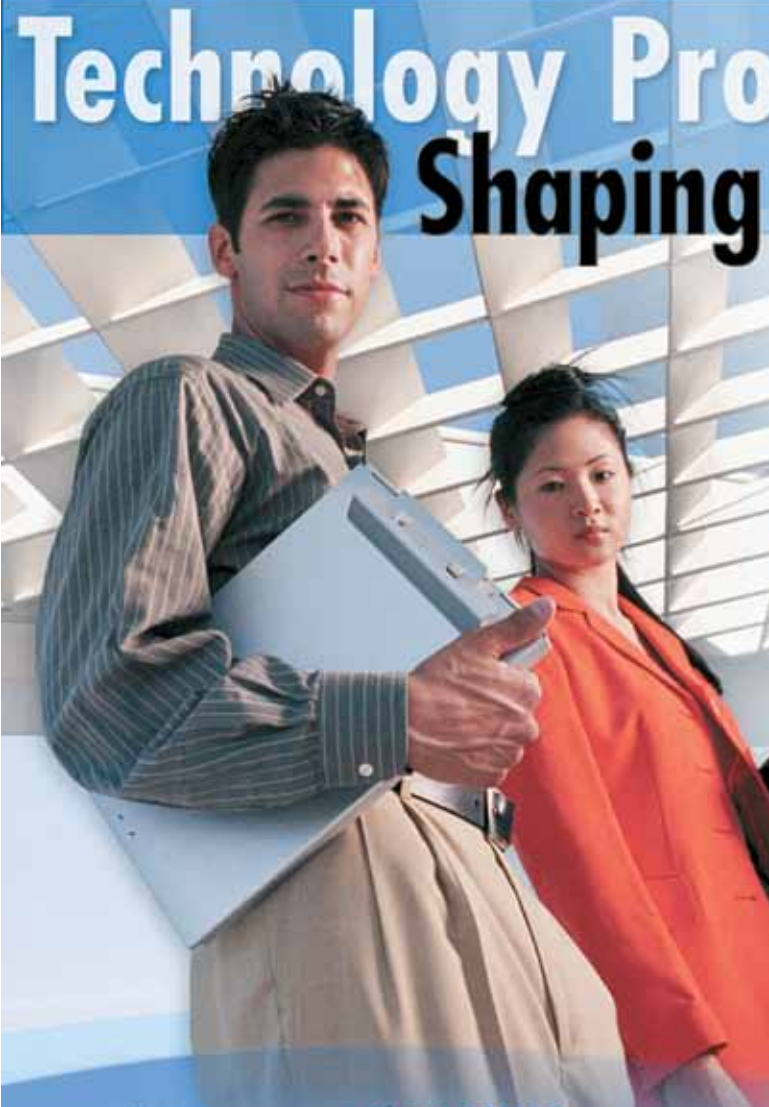
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# From nuclear medicine to wine making

## ONE GRAD'S JOURNEY



For Lanny Martinuk, his work is an absolute passion for perfection, comprised of elements of both art and science. Lanny and his family own and operate Stoneboat Vineyards, 50 acres nestled on the hills of the South Okanagan Lower Black Sage Bench in Oliver, BC. Stoneboat specializes in premium varieties of the Pinot grape, which they use to produce award-winning wines such as their Pinot Noir and Pinotage. While dabbling in winemaking sounds like a great gig, it requires a lot of hard work, persistence, and painstaking attention to detail. Just ask Lanny, who started the winery after growing experimental grape varieties during the 1980s for Brights Wine, which went on to become the province's largest wine producer, Vincor. He became a founding member of the BC Wine Institute, which now has 88 member wineries and grape producers, accounting for 95% of wine production in the province.

Lanny attributes his success to really loving what he does—farming. He credits his ability to produce a consistently premium wine product to the accuracy methods that he obtained through his training in BCIT's Nuclear

Medicine program, from which he graduated in 1976. At the time, he and his wife Julie were living in Burnaby and working in Vancouver, but they weren't happy living in the city. Julie was originally from the Okanagan and suggested they change their lifestyle with a move to a 15-acre mixed orchard in the Okanagan Valley. After several years of harvesting apples, grapes and other fruits, the market dropped after free trade took effect, and Lanny decided to make the complete move to grapes after his neighbours replanted their orchard with vines. He's never looked back, and he couldn't be happier. Says Lanny, "30 years later, it is amazing how much I still use my training from BCIT. The chemistry and specific scientific methods related to propagation and the chemical analysis of wine are still as relevant today as they were back then."

To learn more about Lanny and the family at Stoneboat Vineyards, visit their website at [stoneboatvineyards.com](http://stoneboatvineyards.com).

## BCIT grad makes a difference to Afghan orphans

BCIT Broadcast and Media Communications – Radio grad Natalie Carney is in Afghanistan working on a documentary about the orphans of the war-torn country. Natalie, who currently lives in Dubai, spent the month of September visiting orphanages, conducting interviews, and gathering footage for the documentary, *Forgotten Victims*. Through the words and actions of Afghan orphans, Natalie hopes "to be able to capture the essence of these children, who live such different lives than the ones we know."

Natalie first visited Afghanistan last year, when she needed to escape "the materialistic, superficial environment [Dubai] offers" she says. Kabul seemed to Natalie to be the opposite extreme, and when a friend suggested she bring over some old clothing for an orphanage there, she "contacted an orphanage online, collected five suitcases worth from myself, friends and colleagues and headed over."

Another visit a year later convinced her that Afghanistan "is not that scary place" depicted by news networks, she says. "There are some absolutely terrific people amongst [the poverty, fighting and suffering] living very comfortable, happy lives. I was fortunate enough to meet many of them."

Natalie is staying at the Mehan orphanage in Kabul, from which she regularly posts video blogs detailing various aspects of her Afghan experience. Often she is joined on screen by girls from the orphanage, and there is an obvious affection between them. Her video blogs take the viewer into the streets of Kabul, behind the scenes at the city's orphanages, and into the lives of average Afghan citizens.

"I hope to achieve something positive for the country with this documentary," says Natalie. "Whether it's sponsorship for another orphan or simply that someone may open their mind more to the lovely aspects of Afghanistan and its people."

In the meantime, she says, "I am thoroughly enjoying my time around people who take nothing for granted and appreciate every moment of life for what it is!"

Watch Natalie's latest video at [bcit.ca/update](http://bcit.ca/update), and then head over to YouTube to watch the rest of her video blog entries. You can also join the Forgotten Victims Facebook group and follow her on her blog.



# We called and you answered —thank you!

## \$1 MILLION GOAL IN SIGHT AS ALUMNI GIVE BACK IN RECORD NUMBERS.

In November, BCIT launched its first Alumni Calling Program to reconnect with graduates of all ages. Our goals were simple; talk to 5,000 alumni; update their contact information; talk about the great benefits available to alumni, and raise \$50,000 towards our \$1 million goal to support scholarships and bursaries.

Twenty-three outstanding students currently in full and part-time studies worked evenings in November and early December making calls from the Burnaby campus Alumni Association and Foundation offices.

In just five weeks, they talked to a staggering 4,500 graduates and helped raise more than \$30,000 through donations and pledges, bringing the Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Endowment total to over \$955,000.

“It was great interacting with the graduates who helped this campaign because they care about current and future students’ education,” said Rosie. “Raising money for student scholarships and bursaries is a great cause, and by making past graduates aware of how much their donations make a difference was the best part of being a student caller.”

Many alumni updated their contact information, especially email addresses, enabling them to stay better connected to BCIT, while others took the opportunity to request information on their programs and reunions. We also received many helpful suggestions for Ambassador newsletter articles.

“We are delighted by the results of our first calling program,” said Sherri Magson, Director of Alumni Relations and Community Giving. “As we head towards BCIT’s 50th Anniversary in 2014, it’s important to reconnect with the alumni whose career successes helped create BCIT’s reputation for teaching excellence.

“We also want to thank the many graduates who took the time to talk with the students and encourage them as they begin their careers.”

There is still time to make your special gift to help us reach \$1 million. To make your gift for students today, complete the form below or give online at [bcit.ca/alumni/supporting](http://bcit.ca/alumni/supporting). All gifts made by the end of March, 2010, will receive a 100% match.



“It was nice speaking with so many graduates and hearing about the great careers everyone had after BCIT. It made me proud of my school and it inspired me deeply. Thank you.”  
—Sebastien Leblanc, student caller

### WE MISSED YOU!

To reach 4,500 alumni, the students called more than 10,000 alumni. The two main reasons not to reach someone were an invalid phone number or there was no one home.

If you didn't receive a call and haven't updated your phone number in a while, please complete the “Stay in Touch” form on page 15. And don't forget your email so we can keep you better updated on events and alumni benefits.

### Thank you for sharing your success to help BCIT students.

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(please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

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#### 2. I would like to give monthly:

#### Decide how to give

- a. ☐ I authorize the BCIT Foundation to arrange a monthly gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from my bank account. I have enclosed a void cheque for the account.
- b. ☐ I authorize the BCIT Foundation to arrange a monthly gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from my credit card. Please complete the details in section b above (Gifts will be withdrawn on the 20th day of each month).

You can cancel your monthly bank or credit card gift at any time by calling 604.432.8847.

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Please provide us with your home address and we will mail your tax receipt to you.

Name _____	Address _____	
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# Grapevine

2001

**Chan, Francis**

*Human Resource Management*

Currently working in the Holiday Inn as a Banquet Server. Working towards the Hospitality Management degree in Vancouver Community College (June 2009). Hoping to find a Management Trainee job upon graduation.

1996

**Willson, Philippe**

*Machinist – ELTT*

Married for seven years to Thea Willson—had triplets on February 29, 2008—3 identical girls, Daniella, Alexis and Gemma.

1995

**Duncan, Tara**

*Marketing Management – Technical Sales*

Rob has been with General Mills for almost 13 years. He has just accepted the position of Western Regional Sales Manager, based out of Calgary. Tara was last with Revlon as a Sales Representative, but has been at home with their two girls, Emily and Abby, for the past four years. They were excited to start another adventure in Calgary in July.

1993

**Myers, Chad**

*Telecommunications Technician*

Moved to Port Moody two years ago and loves the lifestyle the community offers. Spends much of his time golfing, hiking, biking, and skiing. When the weather is uncooperative you can find him learning to play the six-string at Electronic Arts (EA Sports) in Burnaby for over six years now, working as an audio visual/telecom engineer.

1987

**Harris, Stephen Lachlan**

*Hospitality – Administration*

Loving life and living in Adelaide, South Australia. After 22 years of Front Line Management, (working for Toseki Ent. in Vancouver, owners of Salmon House and Aqua Riva) and numerous F&B operations here OZ, now lecturing in Hospitality Studies at TAFE SA. Hi to Lianne R. and Andrea R.

1969

**Allan, Bruce**

*Geomatics*

Bruce has retired from the BC Ambulance Service, although he still works part time. He also has his own business: Allan's Digital Media Memories. There is no such thing as true retirement.

1966

**Chorley, Gordon**

*Administrative Management*

Retirement has been great. My wife Sandra and I have travelled 25,000 miles in the last 4 years. Our interest has been family, historical and geographic interests in both Canada and USA.

## Have some news to share?

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# In Memoriam

The Alumni Association Remembers

Dr. Donald Rix



On Nov. 6, philanthropist, physician and visionary entrepreneur, Dr. Donald Rix, passed away at the age of 78.

Don Rix was a truly inspiring Canadian. As Chairman and President of former MetroLabs (now LifeLabs), he grew Cantest from a small company to a leading-edge testing facility. He held orders of BC and Canada and was the recipient of numerous prestigious awards. Don was the recipient of many honorary doctorate degrees, including BCIT’s Doctorate of Technology.

Don’s positive influence on the institute is something from which we have all benefited and continue to benefit. One of the most visible legacies of many his contributions to BCIT comes in the form of The Rix Club, used daily by faculty, staff, and students, to which Don and his wife Eleanor contributed \$90,000 in 1991.

In 1994, Don established The Rix Family Endowment. The annual income is used to provide bursaries to second-year Health Sciences students

in financial need. Don upgraded his endowment continually, and it is now one of the largest at BCIT with a value in excess of \$740,000.

Don also made significant contributions from 1997 to 2000 to establish the Tong Louie Living Lab at BCIT’s Downtown Campus. The lab, named after the late Dr. Tong Louie, is a unique applied research facility in North America. The lab’s mandate is to facilitate better, independent, and safer lives for older adults, persons with disabilities, and healthcare workers through the creation and evaluation of effective assistive and medical devices, consumer products, technologies, and environments.

Don was a founding member of the BCIT Foundation Board of Directors in 1999 and, prior to that, was a member of its predecessor the BCIT Development Council. He was also a member of the BCIT Board of Governors in the early 1980s.

He continually supported BCIT both financially and through his participation on a variety of boards and in a number of committees. With his passing, we are honoured to have such a legacy of support from him over the past 30 years. In remembrance BCIT lowered its flags to half-mast on November 18th, the day of his memorial service.

Bernadette Ratsoy

If you were perusing the paper over the Thanksgiving weekend, you may have read of Bernie Ratsoy’s passing following a lengthy illness. Many of you, particularly in BSN and Specialty Nursing programs, will have known Bernie in her capacity as either a provincial healthcare leader and/or as Associate Dean in the BCIT School of Health Sciences. She made a tremendous positive impact on the nursing profession at both the provincial and national level.

Bernie’s legacy at BCIT includes the advancement of nursing to a BSN degree and the advancement and recognition of BCIT’s Specialty Nursing certificates and degree. She also set the stage for considerable innovation in other program areas — always with a central passion about quality patient care through sound post-secondary education.

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