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Applied research takes on larger role at BCIT

Applied research contributes significantly to the high quality of BCIT's educational programs and is central to the Institute's delivery of its polytechnic mandate. It creates practical learning opportunities for our students, provides solutions to industry's challenges, creates beneficial partnerships, and produces commercially-relevant new technology products and applications.

With this in mind, BCIT's applied research focus has recently adopted a more structured and purposeful approach towards supporting the Institute as Canada's premier polytechnic.

Each of the schools has formed research committees, which will develop Institute-wide applied research

activities with industrial and commercial relevance, where partnerships lead to benefits for BCIT, business and industry, and students.

"The committees will play an important role in identifying, prioritizing and developing skills within BCIT's schools, adding to our capacity to undertake applied research," said Jim Reichert, vice-president, Research and International.

"The applied research focus allows for a direct connection between the more basic research conducted by

universities and the immediate needs of industry," added Gary Sandberg, School of Health Sciences Research Committee chair and Food Technology program head. "Other benefits include student learning, faculty development and the increased stature of BCIT."



B.C.'s Children's and Women's Health Centre (C&W) contacted BCIT following a Health Canada notice to all hospitals warning of the risks of infant strangulation involving IV tubing. BCIT researchers developed three IV tube stabilizer prototypes that make it almost impossible for an IV tube to become wrapped around an infant's neck or limb.



With the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), BCIT is developing and implementing standards to ensure consumer products meet seniors' needs. Although many products today are tested for their safety and durability, there are no standards for assessing the usability of a product for those with special needs. BCIT and CSA have developed evaluation protocol for senior-friendly products, and conducted usability tests on commercially available products.

In the 15 years since it was established at BCIT, the Technology Centre has been a focal point for facilitating and conducting applied research at the Institute. In coming years, the Technology Centre will assist the schools in developing new research programs in a wide range of fields, and provide industry and government with access to the Institute's extensive and growing resources. Keep abreast of new developments by checking out the BCIT Technology Centre's online newsletter, *Insight*, at www.bcit.ca/appliedresearch/news/newsletters.



Bella Coola Fisheries Ltd. contracted BCIT to develop a process for extracting Omega-3 fatty acids from the liver of the West Coast Spiny Dogfish. Until now, the liver was considered a waste product and is discarded during processing. Using a cold extraction technique, BCIT researchers were able to remove fatty acids from the liver, producing a value-added product from what would otherwise be discarded.

The mission of the BCIT Alumni Association is to build and maintain relationships between graduates and the BCIT community, and to support the Institute in fulfilling its mission.

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YOU'RE INVITED!

Please join us at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2005. Details on page five.



President's message

Hello! What a glorious spring we've had. As always, BCIT has a lot happening, with one initiative of particular note being profiled as the cover

story in this issue. Applied research has always played an important role at BCIT, and Canada's premier polytechnic is now taking it to the next level.

Your Alumni Association has been keeping busy too and is currently preparing for the upcoming AGM luncheon reception on May 19, with honoured keynote speaker Nancy McKinstry, Chair and Founder of the Minerva Foundation and 2003 BCIT Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. We hope you'll join us for a very enjoyable opportunity to connect with your fellow alumni.

You may recall I mentioned in a previous issue that the Alumni Association is engaged in a process of exploring and strengthening our value to you. A postcard will be sent out shortly to ask for your participation in an upcoming alumni survey, in which I hope you'll participate.

I recently attended a meeting of the University Alumni Council of B.C., of which BCIT is a member. This council was formed as a means for B.C. university alumni associations to discuss the needs of their members and explore ideas and initiatives. It's an innovative and non-competitive environment that we feel strongly will enhance our ability to better meet your needs.

Take care, and if you do plan to attend one of our upcoming events, be sure to introduce yourself to me – I'd love to meet you!

Shantal Cashman,
Marketing Management '00

PRESIDENT
BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

25th Anniversary Alumni Campaign

Prominent alumni, campus leaders and friends of BCIT have set the pace for this year's Alumni Campaign by contributing gifts at the \$500 level. The BCIT Foundation acknowledges with appreciation the leadership of Campaign Chair Gordon Farrell and the participation of so many Alumni Association board members in the inaugural *Pacesetter* initiative, which is a cornerstone of this year's campaign and will be for years to come. The campaign goal is to build the Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Endowment Fund to \$350,000, providing perpetual support for BCIT students in programs across the campus.

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Patricia Wasylynko, Broadcast & Media Communications '81

Students benefit from Alumni Association Entrance Awards

First-year Prosthetics and Orthotics student Connor Pardy was one of four students who received a \$3,000 BCIT Alumni Association Entrance Award in November 2004, a prize established for students entering trade and technology programs.



Connor Pardy

"I had had enough experience to understand that pursuing an education in prosthetics and orthotics was the right thing for me," he said. "The award re-affirmed my confidence in the decision."

Connor Pardy knew, even in high school, that he wanted a career in prosthetics and orthotics – he just never got around to pursuing his dream.

After earning his Bachelor of Science in Biomechanics and his Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering at the University of

Calgary, Connor travelled to Sydney, Australia hoping to find work in his field of study.

Connor worked for eight months at an Australian company that designed and manufactured prosthetic products. The experience reawakened his passion for prosthetics and orthotics. He had found his calling. Connor decided to follow his heart and promptly enrolled in BCIT's Prosthetics and Orthotics program.

So far, Connor is impressed with the clinical training and broad base of knowledge that BCIT provides. He looks forward to building on what he knows and contributing to the community through his work.

Thanks to generous donations from alumni and friends, 15 students received BCIT Alumni Association Awards totaling \$17,500 in 2004. You can make a difference in a student's life by donating to the Alumni Campaign online at www.bcit.ca/foundation.

Phil Henderson: a volunteer's volunteer

Since retiring from BCIT, Phil Henderson has devoted 20 to 30 hours a week to his community, earning him the unofficial title, “a volunteer’s volunteer.” It’s a title he takes very seriously, and it shows in volunteer roles with Meals on Wheels, Girl Guides of Canada, St. Leonard’s Youth and Family Services Society, Burnaby Mountain Men’s Golf Club, Lions Club, and Burnaby’s Advisory Planning Commission and the Community Issues and Social Planning Committee. In 2000, Phil was recognised as Burnaby’s “Outstanding Citizen of the Year” when he received the Kushiro Cup Award.

“Life is interesting if you work at it,” Phil explains when describing his many reasons for devoting so much time to volunteering. At 80 years of age, Phil still loves a challenge, and his many volunteer positions fulfill that need while allowing him to indulge his other love: helping others.

Even before his retirement, Phil’s calendar was crammed with volunteer commitments. As manager of the BCIT Student Association from 1971 to 1987, Phil pioneered campus activities and events that have benefited and inspired generations of students. Through his love of sports, he brought squash and racquetball to BCIT, and also personally financed the intramural games, which continue to grow – in both size and popularity.



Phil and Vivian Henderson

Another of Phil’s major contributions – both to BCIT and the larger community – was the initiation of Shinerama, a student-driven fundraising event supporting cystic fibrosis research, now in its 36th year. Shinerama, which started with students shining shoes for donations, has grown to be the largest event on campus. In 2004 alone, Shinerama raised over \$32,000 in donations, including a contribution of \$1,000 from the BCIT Alumni Association.

Phil is also credited with introducing revenue generation, entrepreneurialism and just a hint of healthy mischief in the days when suits were *de rigueur*. He opened the first This ‘N’ That convenience store and Growlies restaurant, secured a liquor licence for Friday and Saturday night events, and brought in entertainment as diverse as the Happy Hooker and the Ike and Tina Turner Revue.

Born in Calgary, Phil has lived most of his life in Burnaby, B.C., where he met his wife, Vivian, and where together they raised five children, one of whom, Jacque, graduated from BCIT in 1972 in Marketing Management. Phil and Vivian built many close relationships during Phil’s years at BCIT, and have to this day maintained friendships with several former students.

Vivian is Phil’s mirror, matching his commitment to volunteerism and supporting his many endeavours over the years – culminating in their matching bequests to BCIT.

Phil and Vivian have impacted the lives of so many – not only through the money they’ve raised and personally donated, and the time they’ve taken to show they care – but they are also important role models and a true inspiration to others.

For more information on making a planned gift to BCIT, please call 604-432-8833.

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Contest winner Mr. Roland Bircher is joined by his family and Trisha Tyrrell, Senior Manager, Business Development, Canadian Direct Insurance (far left).

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A portion from every policy bought by a BCIT Alumni Association member, BCIT faculty member, staff or student goes back to the Alumni Association. So far, Canadian Direct Insurance has contributed \$20,000 to the BCIT Alumni Association. This allows the Alumni Association to put on events like the Distinguished Alumni Awards and provide

scholarships to current BCIT students.

For the last two years Canadian Direct Insurance has been a Silver Sponsor of the BCIT Distinguished Alumni Awards. Last year, Canadian Direct Insurance participated in the

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Alumni Association Annual General Meeting



Nancy McKinstry

Join us on Thursday, May 19, 2005 for an informative and fun luncheon reception and Annual General Meeting. Learn more about what's happening at BCIT and with your Alumni Association. Meet and mingle with other alumni.

Nancy McKinstry, DiplT '70, Marketing Management, Chair of the Minerva Foundation and recently retired from her role as Vice President, Odlum Brown Ltd., will be our keynote speaker. Nancy has received many accolades, including the Queen's Jubilee Medal and BCIT Distinguished Alumni Award for Community Service in 2003. She has just been named to the Order of Canada.

There is no cost to attend. Luncheon hors d'oeuvres will be served.
Dress: business attire.

RSVP by Friday, May 13, 2005 to 604-432-8847 or alumni@bcit.ca.

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Kudos!

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

2004 Jack Webster Award nominees and winners included alumni and past students **Steve Lus**, DiplT '98, Journalism, **Sandy Heimlich-Hall**, DiplT '80, Journalism, **Raffelina Sirrianni**, **Teena Monteleone**, DiplT '02, Journalism, **Larry Read**, DiplT '82, Journalism, **Jasmin Doobay**, DiplT '92, Radio, **Kenn Dixon**, DiplT '95, Radio, **Clayton Smailes**, DiplT '97, Television, **Anna Gebauer**, '98, Journalism.

Alumni **Kate Corcoran**, DiplT '85, and **Pamela Post**, DiplT '83, were both awarded Broadcast Journalism Fellowships at the event.

Graduates of the BCIT Entrepreneurial Skills Training (BEST) program made an impressive showing at the seventh annual Inspiration 2004 Entrepreneur of the Year Awards in October. Six BEST alumni won awards and an overall award was presented on behalf of the BEST program. Winners were: **Marcel Newell**, Avidworx (BEST Program Overall Entrepreneur of the Year), **Chindi Varadarajulu**, Chutney Villa Restaurant (Food/Beverage), **Helen Tomei**, Sacred Earth Journeys (Tourism), **Ted Schredd**, DiscoverFun.com (Education), **Corrie Clarke**, Oh Baby! A Store for Children (Perseverance) and **Deb Vandenakker**, Fresh Design (Artisan).

The Prosthetics and Orthotics Association of British Columbia has established at BCIT a scholarship in honour of **Dave Kenyon**, program head, Prosthetics and Orthotics in the School of Health Sciences.

This year's Top 40 Under 40 presented in *Business in Vancouver* (January 4, 2005) included two prominent BCIT alumni: **Mark Chaplin**, DiplT '93, **Drafting – Mechanical**, CEO of Disc Go Technologies Inc., and **Rob Kouwenhoven**,

DiplT '90, Operations Management and DiplT '92, Marketing Management, co-owner and vice president of marketing, Generation Printing.

Special thanks to **Portables**, Canada's largest supplier of exhibit marketing products and services, for supporting the BCIT Alumni Association.

NEW BCIT APPOINTMENTS:

Matt Mintz was appointed director, BCIT Technology Commercialization Office in October, 2004. This is a new office at BCIT aimed to expand the Institute's industry alliances and strengthen technology commercialization activities. Matt comes to BCIT with 17 years experience in research and global commercial development in the life sciences. He holds a BA in Biochemistry and Cell Biology and a Masters in Pacific International Affairs, both from UC San Diego.

Barbara Dabrowski has been named associate dean, Natural Resources, School of Construction and the Environment. Along with this portfolio, Barbara will oversee research projects undertaken by BCIT's new Centre for Energy Systems Applications. Barbara is a UBC civil and environmental engineering graduate and has worked as a consultant for provincial and local government agencies.

Hua Ge joins the School of Construction and the Environment as Director of the new Building Science Centre of Excellence. Dr. Ge has seven years of experience in building-related research and has co-authored 14 technical papers. She is a professional engineer and earned her PhD in Building Studies at Concordia University.

If we've missed someone who should be honoured, please let us know. We'll do what we can to include the notice in the next issue of the *Alumni Ambassador*.

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2002

THINGVOLD, KEVIN – *Electronics-Telecommunications*
Kevin has been working for BC Hydro in Terrace, B.C. for the last year of his apprenticeship (Telecontrol Technologist). His second daughter was born October 7 and his other daughter will be three in November. Kevin is loving his job (helicopters and snow cats are a bonus, and the work is always challenging).

2001

DEPACO, KIMBERLEY (PARROTT)
Computer Systems – Data Communication Option
Kimberley is developing LIDAR satellite ground station software. She married Greg DePaco (nee Dickey) in July 2004. They are expecting their first child in June 2005.

2000

SWETLIKOE, JAMIE – *Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio*
Jamie and Shawn Killam welcomed their first child, daughter Mackenzie Jaye, in July 2004. Jamie's enjoying maternity leave from her position as Program Director at BKRradio in Castlegar, B.C.

1999

STUBBINGTON, ANDREA
Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio
Although Andrea has left the media business for a better paycheck, she enjoys keeping in touch with former colleagues. Drop her an e-mail andrea.stubbington@fortisalberta.com.

1998

PICARD, HAYLEY (MCCREARY)
Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio
In 2002 Haley married Dave (Automotive 2002). She just received her BA in Communication Studies from SFU. After some great co-op experience with the YWCA & HSBC she landed an incredible PR position with Rogers Video.

1997

HAYHOE, BETH – *Specialty Nursing*
Beth finished her Master's degree to become an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (Emergency Focus). She has taught part-time at U of T in the master's program and for the past nine years has done volunteer work with street youth. Beth has three children (some of her greatest blessings!)

MCQUARRIE, GOWAN

Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio
Gowan is going to use his experience in radio and classical music to form his own metal show on the mainstream frequencies.

1996

HOFFMANN, JUSTIN – *Management Systems*
Justin has completed a Bachelor of Commerce Degree in International Business and Management Information Systems from UBC. He continues to work at Scotiabank and is currently a Branch Account Manager in the Commercial Department.

1995

HORN, JOHN – *Broadcast & Media Communications – Radio*
“The Hornman” has been working for the past five years for SportsPage on CH as a producer, writer and reporter. It's the best job in sports.

1994

FURLOT, DORIS (MOCNIK)
Broadcast & Media Communications – Journalism
Doris is the weekend news anchor for CHBC Television in Kelowna. As well she does freelance print and video journalism for her company, Media Maven Productions and is enroled in BCIT's part-time Technology Management degree program. Her daughters are Emily, 8 and Megan, 6.

GRANTHAM, IAN – *Marketing Management – Technical Sales*
Ian and his wife Alison (Marketing Management - Advertising Promotion '93) live in North Vancouver with their kids Mackenzie, 8, Avery, 5, Luke, 3 and dog Kayla, 4. Ian is now director, retail sales, Western Canada for a large generic pharmaceutical company.

QUADROS, PAMELA

Marketing Management – Technical Sales/Professional Sales
Pamela Quadros, Vice President and Seattle Market Manager, joined the Titan Outdoor team with over 10 years of media sales. In November 2003, she was named one of Clark Counties “Successful 40 under 40.” Currently she is a member of Rotary, the Canadian-American Society of Seattle, SODO, and the Portland Ad Federation.

SHORTER, COLLEEN

Marketing Management – Advertising & Sales Promotion
Colleen received her real estate license and is working at Royal Lepage – Wolstencroft Realty in Langley, and living in Abbotsford. Before this she lived in Clearwater, B.C. for a year and worked for a fishing resort. She would like to say hello to everyone and can be reached at her website www.shorter.ca.

SOTHAM, JOHN – Operations Management

John is currently employed by KPMG in the field of public accounting. He received his professional designation as a Chartered Accountant in January 2005.

1993

PULLEM, HEIDI – *Financial Management – Financial Planning*
Thanks to BCIT's program, Heidi achieved her CFP designation and is enjoying a successful career in wealth accumulation investment strategy and financial planning with one of Vancouver's top financial firms.

WOOTTON, RONALD – Electronic – Power

Ron is celebrating the recent birth of his second daughter. He is extensively renovating a character home in the West Point Grey area. He works at a container handling terminal as an electrical supervisor.

1992

WINTERBURN, PAMELA – *Building – Architectural Option*
After years in the regulatory world, Pamela has left Municipal Government (Building Inspector) to pursue a passion for Architectural Design. Her company, Zimba Designworks, offers new home design, commercial interiors and municipal process consulting.

1991

MORGAN, ALAN – *Marketing Management*
Alan has had an interesting career path since graduating from BCIT. Currently he is launching a new company called Outside the Box Puzzles Inc. which will market his library of graphical interpretation puzzles into about a dozen divergent markets.

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BCIT Alumni Win “Funspiel”



The BCIT alumni team, left to right: Pat Love, Medical Radiation (1977); Jackie Stevenson (Pigeon), Nuclear Medicine (1974); Tanis Sawers (Sandgren), Nuclear Medicine (1974); Randy Singer, Nuclear Medicine (1974).

First- and second-year BCIT students will be the eventual winners of the British Columbia Association of Medical Radiation Technologists (BCAMRT) Foundation Funspiel – but a team comprised solely of BCIT alumni ruled the curling rink.

The BCIT Alumni Association was a sponsor of the fundraising event that generated \$1,600 toward scholarships and bursaries for student and graduate members of the BCAMRT.

BCAMRT is the provincial body that includes over 1500 X-ray, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy, and magnetic resonance imaging technologists. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of patients with a variety of illnesses.

WOOD, BLAIR

Marketing Management – Technical Sales/Professional Sales
Blair and his wife Christy, along with daughters, Emily, 7, and Megan, 5, have just transferred from Smithers to Blair's hometown of Prince George. He has been working in claims and licensing with ICBC since 1992. They opened their company, Specialty Tooth Supply Ltd., in 1996 and have been supplying artificial teeth to denturists, dentists and dental labs throughout Canada ever since.

1990

CAMPAGNOLO, DON – *Plastics Engineering Technology*

Don has been working for the past 12 years at International Polyurethane Systems in Salmon Arm. He and his wife Lorrie (Nuclear Medicine ’88) have three children: 11, nine and six. Don would like to hear from all Plastics ’90 grads so he can start planning for the 20th reunion, and can be reached at dlcampagnolo@sunlite.ca.

HOUGHTON, DANIEL – *Computer Aided Design*

Dan is working in Prince George for BC Hydro as a Design Representative. He is working towards his Master's Degree in GIS and will start his thesis in September 2005. He knows he has lots of work ahead and hopes he has enough brain cells left!

PETERS, THOMAS – *Marketing Management*

Thomas was the one who brought all the cute baby birds to lectures. After graduation, he became the corporate manager for the retail pet store chain, Pet Habitat. In 1999 he took over one of the franchises as his own, and for the last five years he has been running a successful store at Brentwood Mall. Drop by or send him a line at www.pethabitat.com.

1988

DERBY, WILLIAM – *Architectural Drafting*

Bill is married to Kara and has one daughter, Alexis. They currently reside in the Ladysmith area. In 2004 Bill joined David Poiron Architect Inc. as a partner and is currently working on a number of exciting projects, both large and small. Check out the website at www.poiron.com.

1984

TILLMAN, SUZAN (GILSON) – *Psychiatric Nursing*

In 1993 Suzan moved to California with her two children. She has her AA degree in General Education and is now working on her BA to go to law school. She thought a second career would be perfect, since she retired from nursing in 1993 and has lots of time on her hands with her kids grown and grandkids running around.

1980

YEE, EDDY – *Mechanical Systems*

Eddy went on to get a BASc from UBC and a MSME from USC. He is currently living in LA and doing consulting work for Boeing. Eddy is looking to return to Vancouver one day. He can be reached at eyee_1@yahoo.com.

1978

WATKINS, LEONARD – *Marketing Management*

Lennie has been an owner operator in the cedar shake and shingle industry since 1981. He lives in Maple Ridge and owns www.swforest.com. In 2004 he started a new business specializing in custom choppers and preowned Harley Davidsons. Son Mike is applying to BCIT in 2005 and daughter Courtney is at college in L.A.

1977

GAYLE, MARLAINA (BETNAZA)

Broadcast & Media Communications
Marlaina Gayle has had three careers since leaving BCIT – media, politics and business. She is based in New York City, where she and husband Greg Kinch own a commercial photography business called Greg Kinch Photography Inc., which received a 2004 Mercury Award Grand Prize. Gayle was named Member of the Year by the National Association of Women Business Owners – New York City chapter in June 2004 and last year received the New York Women's Agenda Galaxy Award.

1969

BURRILL, GLENDA (SPICER) – *Medical Laboratory Science*

After living in Yellowknife and other communities of Nunavut and the N.W.T., Glenda and her husband Brian now reside in Smithers, B.C.

1967

GRANEY, BRUCE – *Mining*

Bruce is the Chief Safety Officer for the N.W.T. WCB. He says he misses the rain on the B.C. Coast as it sure slides off the shovel well.

JACKSON, ERIC – *Chemical Sciences*

After 37 years in the environmental field, Eric is now enjoying teaching water and wastewater courses, as well as private consulting.

ARNOLD, HEATHER (MASON)

Administrative Management
Heather and her husband have lived in Salmon Arm since 1977, where they raised their two sons. She retired from the District of Salmon Arm development services department in December 2003 where she had worked since 1987. They sail and camp on Shuswap Lake in the summer and ski Big White in winter!

1966

CHORLEY, GORDON

Administrative Management
After 45 years retail service in many capacities in management positions, Gordon is completing the last of a five year business plan and is looking forward to retirement in the year 2005.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2005
(see page five for details).

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Thursday, September 29, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Tickets \$85/person, \$650/table of eight or \$800/table of 10. For more information, to receive a special invitation, or to reserve a table please call 604-432-8847 or e-mail alumni@bcit.ca. This spectacular event celebrating BCIT's best and brightest may sell out, so reserve early!

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25th Anniversary
June 4, 2005
BCIT Burnaby Campus
For more information please contact Anne Andrew at 604-432-8447.

BUILDING TECHNOLOGY 1995

The 1995 Building Technology committee is planning a 10-year reunion for this summer/fall. Please e-mail bldgtech95reunion@hotmail.com if you would like to request or provide information.

IN MEMORIAM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REMEMBERS

ALEXANDER, NORMAN EUGENE
Norman was an instructor in the Natural Resources Department from 1967–1993. Always an ardent outdoors person, he had his own forestry consulting firm and was well known throughout B.C. for his teaching and community activities. A memorial was held in Norm's honour in Chilliwack and Victoria in January 2005.

ANDRONIK, PAUL ALLAN
Hospitality Administration '88
Paul passed away peacefully on July 19, 2004 in Vancouver following a courageous and heroic 16-month struggle with stomach cancer. He will be sadly missed.

GRIERSON, DAVID
Broadcast & Media Communications '76
David passed away from a massive heart attack in November 2004. He will be sadly missed by family and friends.

MAGNOLO, NICKI
Hospitality Administration '81
Nicki passed away on November 19, 2004. She was the Executive Director of the Alumni Association in the 1980's, and the first student representative on the BCIT Board of Governors. She was a gifted student and teacher. Nicki was a passionate traveler, cook and lifelong learner. She will be remembered for her lively conversations, love of India, and compassion for others.

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