

ADVANCED RESEARCH NETWORKS EVENT SPARKS INTEREST IN BCNET

Its capacity is startling—10,000 times faster than the Internet, able to transmit terabytes of data across the world, connecting researchers, teachers and students. BC is home to the most advanced network in the world: BCNET. And BCNET plugs into the national CANARIE network, and from there, 42 countries around the globe. More than 80 faculty and staff attended the event on March 28, 2007 at BCIT's Burnaby Campus, to learn more and generate ideas on how to use BCNET here at BCIT.

"We have unlimited bandwidth from here to almost anywhere in the world," said Michael Hrybyk, president and CEO of BCNET. "Advanced networks are the backbone that enables collaboration and innovation in research and teaching." He gave examples such as the Atlas Physics Project, the largest experiment on earth, where 2,000 scientists and students worldwide share terabytes of data studying the fundamental nature of matter in our universe. And the NEPTUNE project off the coast of BC, building the world's largest underwater fibre optic network, a seafloor observatory designed to relay data and images to researchers, schools, libraries and museums around the world.

"We're putting the power in the users' hands by creating software at the edge of the network to set-up and manage your own environment," said president and CEO of CANARIE, Andrew Bjerring. "It's a peer-to-peer network infrastructure."

Genome BC president and CEO Alan Winter explained how his organization collaborates across the globe using this advanced network. It enabled researchers to map the human genome, crack the SARS virus, and unravel mad cow disease.

Dr. David Kaufman, director, Learning and Instructional Development Centre and professor, Faculty of Education, at Simon Fraser University, is using BCNET to study how online simulations and games can support learning. Through video case studies, VoIP communication tools, graphics and 3D models, WebCT and Elluminate Live, he is creating simulations and games to promote social interaction, communication and collaboration among health students. "We would like to partner with BCIT's Nursing program, and repurpose a portion of your existing curriculum to use SAGE (Simulations and Advanced Gaming Environments) for learning," said David.

Anne Andrew, program head for BCIT's Diagnostic Medical Sonography, is using



(L-R) CHRIS GOLDING, VICE PRESIDENT, LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, ANDREW BJERRING, PRESIDENT AND CEO, CANARIE INC., AND MICHAEL HRYBYK, PRESIDENT AND CEO, BCNET.

BCNET to teach students outside of the Lower Mainland. This year, four Kelowna-based students joined her Burnaby students via video conferencing. "This gives us a chance to train people in their own communities," said Anne. "Now, we can train students in their home town, and afterwards they gain employment in those communities."

"For Anne, we blended technologies and used each appropriately," explained Lawrence Parisotto, director of media and technology services at BCIT. Information Technology Services and AV Services provided IP video conferencing, Elluminate Live and WebCT. BCNET facilitated deployment, and the project was highly supported by the Interior Health Authority.

"It's the mandate of BCIT to do applied research," said Dr. Tony Knowles, president, BCIT. "As we move into providing master's degrees, research will be part of the learning environment for our grad students."

"We want this event to get your creative juices going on what kinds of projects you can do," said Jim Reichert, BCIT's vice president of research and international. "BCNET is not as well known as it could be here at BCIT."

"We are connected. It is there for you to use," said Chris Golding, BCIT's vice president of learning and technology services. "We have a talented group of staff and early adopters here and available to assist you. There is virtually no charge to your school."

BCIT is a core member of BCNET, along with UBC, SFU, UVIC and UNBC. BCNET connects our Burnaby Campus, Downtown Campus, and Kelowna location. The Marine Campus and new Aerospace Technology Campus will soon be added into the network. For information, visit bcit.ca/its and bc.net.

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BCIT HOSTS LARGEST CAREERS FAIR IN INSTITUTE'S HISTORY

BCIT's largest Careers Fair took place on Monday, March 26 at the Burnaby Campus with 96 exhibitors looking to recruit BCIT students and alumni.

The seventh annual Careers Fair was a chance for organizations and industry to recruit future employees from amongst the top polytechnic-trained students in Canada. Current BCIT students as well as graduates from all of BCIT's schools attended the event looking to seek permanent, part-time, co-op and summer employment.

Employers were there to recruit from all categories including business, computing, construction and the environment, health sciences, manufacturing, electronics and industrial processes, as well as transportation.

This year saw 19 sponsors of the event—the largest group of sponsors ever. Two platinum sponsors were in attendance: Certified General Accountants (CGAs) of BC and Terasen Gas. Gold sponsors included BC Lottery Corporation, Certified Management Accountants of BC, CG Industrial Specialties Ltd, Colt, Earth Tech

ABOVE: (L-R) AVIN HOUGHLAND, ACCOUNT MANAGER, AND PAMELA BAINBRIDGE, HUMAN RESOURCE GENERALIST FOR ALLEGIS GROUP CANADA SPEAK TO FAIR ATTENDEES.

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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.



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NEW TO BCIT

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James Fong, *instructor*, School of Transportation (Aerospace)

Maria Hobson, *customer service representative*, Registrar's Office

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Sandra Tiramani, *clerical and program assistant*, Learning and Teaching Centre

Dick Turpin, *instructor*, School of Transportation (Marine)

Bieu Williams, *instructor*, Digital Arts Department

On the Move—Promotions and Department Changes

Darren Cook, *groundskeeper*, Facilities Management

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(Canada) Inc, Kiewit and Ledalite Architectural Products. Silver sponsors included Adecco Employment Services Ltd., ALS Laboratory Group, Cintas Canada Limited, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Fastenal Canada Company, London Drugs, McKesson Medical Imaging Group, Overwaitea Food Group, Royal Canadian Mounted Police and TD Canada Trust.

Prior to the fair, one of the most frequently asked questions by prospective exhibitors was "how many students will be in attendance?" After Monday's fair, future exhibitors can now be told that two-thousand CGA co-sponsored canvas bags were distributed within the first three hours of the event and the line-up for those wanting additional bags continued into the afternoon.

Emilia Orren, an Occupational Health and Safety student, attended the fair and was impressed by the networking possibilities it offered. "I was exposed to opportunities and contacts that would not have been possible through typical job search means," says Emilia.

"I was able to leave favourable impressions with some employers. Some even provided me with contact names and phone numbers."

As observed by the event's turnout, today's economy is booming. An average of 500 job postings per month can be seen on eJobs, BCIT's own web-based job posting system. Interested companies can recruit online by going to bcit.ca/ses and can target students and alumni by choosing up to five categories in which to post their employment opportunity. Once completed, the available position is emailed to students and alumni who have requested notification of job opportunities available within the chosen five categories. eJobs is an ideal way for employers to recruit BCIT students, demonstrated by the many employers that receive resumes and applications within hours of posting available positions.

For more information, please contact Susan Ames at 604-432-8741 or Susan_Ames@bcit.ca.

THE COUNT DOWN BEGINS

Mark your calendars, Open House 2008 will be held April 11–12, 2008.

Open House is a biennial, two-day, campus-wide event that showcases the Institute's educational and applied research offerings to prospective students, potential industry partners and the general public.

Interactive, student-created program displays that help visitors learn more about BCIT programs and the careers they lead to are the highlight of Open House. Entertainment, demonstrations and various activities at locations throughout the Burnaby campus all come together to create an upbeat, enthusiastic atmosphere.

Open House 2006 welcomed 23,000 visitors to the Burnaby campus over the two days. In 2008, the aim is to exceed that number and make it the largest Open House in institute history.

Planning and implementation is underway and is led by a working committee with representatives from the schools and service departments from across BCIT's five campuses. If you are interested in participating in Open House 2008 planning, please contact Janeen Alliston at 604.431.4973 or Janeen_Alliston@bcit.ca



VISITORS INTERACT WITH BCIT STAFF DURING OPEN HOUSE 2006.

CAAS HOLDS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

On March 21st, the School of Computing and Academic Studies (CAAS) held a Research Symposium, highlighting a number of faculty involved in some diverse projects around campus. These included: Patricia Sackville (Communications), on an engineering study-aid; Gene Homel (Communications and Liberal Studies), on the history of Canadian labour and technical education; Sheena Ashdown (Communications), on a project to support African villages; Jim Booth (Physics), on cold atom traps; Alex Tyakoff (Forensics), on systems dynamics and counter-terrorism; Katherine Golder (Communications), on standardized English testing; Eric Hiob (Mathematics), on software for teaching algebra; and David Holloway (Mathematics), on computations of embryo development.

The afternoon was rounded out by a discussion with members of the Applied Research Liaison Office on different ways to facilitate faculty research at BCIT. It was a great opportunity to witness the types of research currently being done, and to make connections within the school and across the Institute. The Symposium will become an annual event, open to all, intended to highlight and foster the work being done in our research community.

BROADCAST THANKS DONORS

Industry support for BCIT programs often comes in the form of "in kind" donations; equipment, scholarships and awards, rather than cash. The Broadcast and Media Communications department has been the recipient of two significant such contributions recently. Telus donated used video production equipment valued at over \$42,000, and CanWest Mediaworks donated an assortment of used broadcast equipment valued at over \$25,000. While the combined impact of such contributions carries a current market value approaching \$70,000, the actual value to broadcast programs is much higher. This carefully-used gear can and will replace much older equipment, and will provide years of serviceable life to students and faculty in the broadcast centre. Donors receive a tax receipt for the appraised value of their donation, and broadcast programs can upgrade facilities, resulting in a win-win for all.

FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS MEET THE PREMIER



PREMIER GORDON CAMPBELL AND FORESTRY HEAD PETER BARSS CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS WITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS.

Ten students from the Forest Ecosystems and Forest Resource Technician programs were selected to receive scholarships from the Truck Logger Association. The students were given their award at the annual Truck Loggers Convention on January 19 at the Premier's luncheon.

Premier Gordon Campbell met with the students and, in his speech to the convention, congratulated them.

COME SAY FAREWELL TO AN OLD FRIEND

Celebrate an exciting year for the Aerospace Technology Campus (ATC) by attending the annual Aerospace Open House on April 28, 2007. This will be the last time the Open House will be held at ATC's present location. Since 1989, the BCIT Aerospace program has been operating out of its present facility currently located at the South Terminal at YVR. This October, the campus will usher in a new era by moving to its state-of-the-art, 300,000 square foot Aerospace Technology Campus.

Find out why BCIT is currently the leader in aerospace training in western North America and soon to be a premier aviation training facility worldwide. Tour the present hangar and aircraft, fly a Robinson 22

helicopter on the flight simulator, check out the Cormorant helicopter (the newest search and rescue aircraft) from CFB Comox, search through the aviation memorabilia at the YVR Aviation Collectibles Show, see a presentation of the new campus and much more.

This is an event not to be missed! There is fun to be had for aviation enthusiasts and the entire family. For more information, call 604.419.3777 or email aerospace@bcit.ca.

BCIT Aerospace Open House
Saturday, April 28, 2007
10 am to 3 pm
5301 Airport Road South
Richmond, B.C.



AN EXTERNAL PHOTO OF THE ATC HANGAR



THE NEW AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY CAMPUS

SAVE THE DATE!

ALL STAFF MIX AND MINGLE

April 27

Townsquare A/B
Burnaby Campus

ANNUAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION INCOMING/OUTGOING RECEPTION

May 2

Townsquare D
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EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

May 16

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May 24

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June 20, 21, 22

SE2 Townsquare Cafe
Burnaby Campus

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CONVOCATION RECOGNIZES GRADS OF 2007



CHRISTAIN BASANTES, VALEDICTORIAN.

Best Buy Canada Ltd., gave remarks on behalf of the Foundation thanking donors for their continued support and generosity, while Elaine Baxter, acting dean, Health Sciences, gave greetings on behalf of the schools.

A total of 273 graduates, BCIT's first of 2007, crossed the stage at Convocation on the evening of Thursday, February 15.

Highlights of the event, emceed by Mark Angelo, program head, Fish, Wildlife and Recreation, included a speech by valedictorian Christian Basantes, Financial Management, and the presentation of a Distinguished Service Award to Gordon Farrell.

Gordon has been involved with BCIT in numerous facilities, as faculty, department head, associate dean and dean in the School of Business, most recently acting as vice president of education. In his acceptance speech, Gordon instructed graduates to, "be passionate about what you do and do it exceptionally well."

An awards ceremony emceed by Brian Antonson, associate dean, Broadcast and Media Communications, preceded the graduation ceremony. Forty awards were presented to graduating students.

Catherine Smith, director, BCIT Foundation Board and vice president, Legal Services of

BCIT PARTNERS WITH NGRAIN CORP

BCIT is announcing a strategic partnership with NGRAIN Corporation, in support of its Technology-Enabled Knowledge (TEK) Initiative. NGRAIN, a BC-based company that provides 3D visualization and simulation solutions for training and maintenance of complex equipment, will be providing BCIT with software and 3D models and knowledge objects valued at more than \$2 million. NGRAIN's products will be used by instructors and students to further enhance the quality of BCIT trades and technology curriculum.

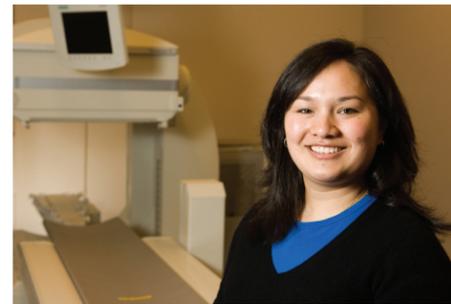
BCIT's TEK Initiative is a five-year project to enhance teaching and learning at BCIT through the strategic use of technology. Through TEK, BCIT intends to continue its leadership role in the use of advanced

educational and information technologies to provide its students with a world-class technical training curriculum. As a result, BCIT students will be better prepared to enter the workforce with the best skills.

Commercially available since 2003, NGRAIN's 3D technology runs on standard PCs, laptops, tablets and PDA devices, and is optimized for distribution over the internet. NGRAIN's products have been widely used in the defense, aerospace and energy market where they have shown to reduce training times by up to 60 percent.

"The addition of this innovative and exciting software to our collection of teaching tools will propel our programs forward, giving our students experience with new technology and new methods of learning," says Dr. Tony

NUCLEAR MEDICINE STUDENT GRANTED SCHOLARSHIP



ERIN OBSNIUK, PAUL COLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.

Two congratulations are in order for Erin Obsniuk. The second-year Nuclear Medicine student has been selected to receive the Paul Cole Scholarship (USD\$1000), an international award funded by the Education and Research Council for the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

This year, 30 students were selected to receive the award, BCIT being the only Canadian post-secondary institution to have a student recognized. These scholarships are based on financial need, statement of goals, academic performance and program director recommendations.

"Nuclear medicine is a field that combines both science and social interaction," explains Erin when asked why she chose to go into nuclear medicine. She attributes her success to a strong work ethic, volunteer experience and passion. Once she's received her Diploma of Technology, Erin plans to continue her studies in other medical imaging techniques and advance further in the field of nuclear medicine.

Knowles, president of BCIT, "and we are pleased to be able to work with NGRAIN, a global leader in 3D simulation-based learning headquartered right here in BC."

"Integrating 3D animation technology into the learning toolbox provides students and teachers with new ways of exploring information, and brings excitement to the learning process that cannot be matched by traditional teaching methods such as text and PowerPoint slides. As a company committed to improving students' ability to learn and retain information we're very pleased to enter into a partnership with BCIT, in support of the TEK Initiative," says Paul Lindahl, President & CEO of NGRAIN. "We look forward to the benefits students will realize with our software."

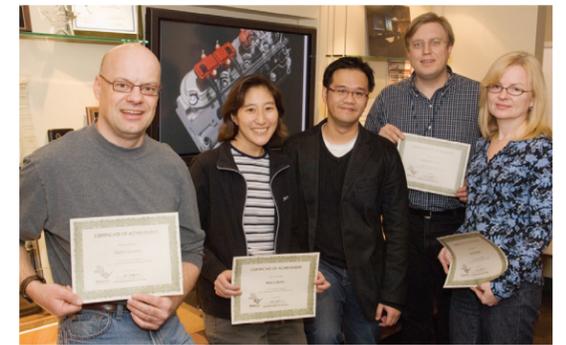
LTC STAFF TRAINED IN 3D INTERACTIVE GRAPHICS

Through the TEK Initiative, BCIT is enhancing the use of educational technology and media by students and instructors in our learning environments. Enhancing teaching and learning through strategic use of technology and learning environments has been a focus of first and second year students of the TEK Initiative through the Learning and Teaching, Web and Collaboration, and Smart Learning Spaces portfolio projects. TEK Grassroots projects have encouraged instructors to experiment with and adopt a variety of collaborative technologies in their teaching, while the TEK Smart Learning Spaces Project has provided technology-enhanced classrooms, labs and lecture theatres for teaching and learning at all BCIT main campuses.

In year three, the goal of promoting development and integration of rich media into trades and technology curriculum will

advance the use of our new teaching and learning technologies and environments, for both on site and distribution delivery.

To support the goal of blending rich and interactive media such as animation and 3D interactive objects with curriculum, the Learning and Teaching Centre has trained several of its staff in 3D graphics and rendering. Kathy Rogers, Nancy Berke and Alistair Boakes, Technical Illustrator/Graphic Artists; Ken Zupan and Elena Underhill, Media Specialists and Graphic Artists from MediaWorks; and Daniel Joaquin, Multimedia Developer, have completed training in Rhino 3D graphics software. These graphics can then be rendered and imported to an interactive 3D software platform called NGRAIN. The result is



LTC GRAPHICS STAFF WITH CERTIFICATES (L-R) – ALISTAIR BOAKES, NANCY BERKE, TERRY WONG (PROVIDED RHINO 3D TRAINING), KEN ZUPAN, KATHY ROGERS. MISSING FROM PICTURE: ELENA UNDERHILL, DANIEL JOAQUIN.

a 3D object that can be viewed from any angle, disassembled, reassembled, or have a mechanical procedure attributed to it.

THE BUSINESS OF BCIT — AN IT SERVICES PERSPECTIVE



(L-R) E-HIRE PROJECT: RON TUCKEY, ANDREW JACKSON, BEATA GNATOWSKA; TEAM LEADERS: GARY LAKE, MANAGER, MURRAY SMITH, JEANINE JAMES, DENNIS DUFFICY; PART-TIME STUDIES PROJECT: MARGO SLATER, DARYL YOUNG.

Business Application Services (BAS) is the part of Information Technology Services (ITS) that specializes in support to our major business and educational learning technologies. These technologies range from myBCIT, Banner, Cognos, Lotus Notes to learning management systems such as WebCT.

Within ITS, BAS works closely with Web Services to develop custom applications made available through the BCIT public website. Often, customized solutions are the result of working closely with client departments to explore business improvements.

BAS is organized into three teams: Email, Collaboration and Portal team led by Dennis Dufficy, Application Development team led by Jeanine James, and Business Application Support team led by Murray Smith.

Email, Collaboration and Portal—This team provides support to our Lotus Notes e-mail system, in collaboration with tools such as Quickplace, Sametime and the myBCIT portal. WebCT and The Learning Manager (TLM) are also supported by this team.

The Lotus Notes team worked closely with other ITS staff to introduce the Sophos anti-spam software. This has helped ITS dramatically reduce the amount of e-mail traffic.

Peter Simon has been the lead analyst in bringing Quickplace and Sametime to the BCIT TEK environment. QuickPlace is a business-ready, self-service work space expressly designed for team collaboration. Sametime is an instant messaging and web conferencing tool that integrates right into the Lotus Notes environment.

Application Development—The developers in this team support a range of technologies used to develop customized solutions for the

business needs of BCIT. The majority of the work undertaken these days involves web based solutions. Three projects have recently been completed by our group. The first project created a web-based system for the online entry of grades, failure reports and attendance requirements for part-time studies courses.

The second major project completed recently was the e-Hire project under the guidance of the Human Resources department, to create a hiring workflow process to automate the hiring, approval and selection process at BCIT.

In the third project, Brandon Bell and Jasmit Chilana worked with the library to develop a more efficient process and database structure for hosting library specific content on the BCIT public web.

Business Application Support—This team provides database, security, project management and business analysis support. ITS currently supports three database platforms: Oracle Microsoft, SQL server and MYSQL. In addition, basic support for Banner and Cognos applications are provided.

Although the responsibility for data quality rests with many operational areas at BCIT, the BAS team works closely with many of these areas to try to improve their business processes so that data can be collected or shared in the most efficient manner with the highest degree of accuracy. Ivan But works closely with Institutional Research and Planning (IRP), the Registrar's Office and Enrollment planning for bi-annual data submissions to the Ministry Data warehouse.

AWARDS PAY TRIBUTE TO RECIPIENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

BCIT HONOURS STAFF, ALUMNI, AND DISTINGUISHED INDIVIDUALS THROUGH A NUMBER OF AWARDS PROGRAMS. THESE AWARDS HIGHLIGHT RECIPIENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INSTITUTE, THE COMMUNITY, OR THEIR FIELD OF EXPERTISE.



DR. MARC GARNEAU

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Each year at our Convocation ceremonies in February and June, BCIT grants two types of Awards of Distinction: Honorary Doctor of Technology, and Distinguished Service Award. The BCIT Tributes Committee invites nominations for these awards. Nominations are due the last Friday in October for awards to be acknowledged at the following June convocation, and the last Friday in April for awards to be acknowledged at the following February convocation.

Dr. Marc Garneau

Honorary Doctor of Technology recipient, June 2006

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.

In his keynote speech at BCIT's convocation ceremony, 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."



SANDRA WILSON

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

The BCIT Alumni Association recognizes individuals who bring acclaim to BCIT. Awards are presented in the following categories: Distinguished Alumni, Excellence in Teaching, and Outstanding Student Leadership. Nominations begin in the early spring, with a deadline of April 30. Awards are presented at a gala ceremony in September.

Sandra Wilson

Distinguished Alumni Award for Entrepreneurial Innovation and Service to the Community recipient, September 2006

A BCIT Financial Management grad, Sandra Wilson founded Robeez Footwear in 1994. As sales grew, Sandra recognized the importance of surrounding herself with talented people—a strategy that she credits with much of the company's phenomenal success.

Robeez is now the leading worldwide manufacturer and marketer of soft-soled leather footwear for newborns to four-year-olds and is sold internationally at over 6,500 boutiques and specialty stores.

Upon receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award, Sandra Wilson attributed her success to BCIT by saying, "There's no doubt in my mind that BCIT contributed to building my strong work ethic and if anyone is thinking of starting a business, this is definitely a requirement."

EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Celebrating Employee Excellence is an annual staff awards program to recognize the many and varied contributions our staff members make to the success of the Institute. Administered by Human Resources, the awards include: Extra Mile Award (individual and departmental), Teaching Excellence, Applied Research, Leadership, Team Effort and more. Nominations are due in early April.

Louise Routledge

Employee Excellence Award, Leadership, recipient May 2006

Lifetime educator and founder of BCIT's annual, institute-wide Professional Development Day, this tireless, dedicated and gracious employee received the BCIT Excellence in Leadership Award.

Louise joined BCIT in 1983 as faculty, and has been program head of the Mathematics department for the past 10 years. She teaches technical math, statistics and statistical quality control. "One of the most appealing aspects of BCIT is the mixture in my workload. I can be teaching statistical process control to mechanical students, and dissecting journal articles about CT and PET scans with my nuclear medicine students," says Louise. "There is a wonderful contrast and richness of applications that I experience being part of a service department."

One of Louise's many memorable experiences is the month she spent working with Don Mallory from Operations Management at the Israeli Aircraft Company in Tel Aviv as Advanced Quality Systems instructors for the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group. "There were only 20 of us worldwide who received this training and were able to do this work for Boeing. It was great to be associated with the leading edge in the aerospace industry," Louise adds, "I was in the right place at the right



LOUISE ROUTLEDGE

time, and truly appreciated this incredible professional development opportunity."

Louise is co-chair of BCIT's Professional Development Day and longtime chair of the Instructional Development Committee which champions teaching and learning and each year awards many instructional enhancement grants and departmentally initiated special interest grants. She is also an ASQ certified quality engineer and received an Excellence in Teaching Award from BCIT's School of Engineering in 1992.

"One of my favourite quotes is from Louis Pasteur, 'Chance favours a prepared mind,'" says Louise. "It's a cool thing to think about when you work at BCIT and all of the great opportunities and luck you find along the way."



LYNDA BENNETT

SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

BCIT honours employees' service milestones in two ways. Employees with 10 and 15 years of service are recognized at an annual ceremony in the Great Hall. Employees with 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service attend a banquet dinner celebration.

Lynda Bennett

Service Recognition Award recipient, 25 years, November 2005

Operations Supervisor at BCIT imaging, Lynda Bennett received three awards in 2005. In November, she received the Service Recognition Award for 25 years of service, and in April, the Employee Excellence Award, Extra Mile (both Individual and Team Effort categories).

Lynda began her career at BCIT as a clerk typist for the part-time studies catalogue, and also worked as desktop publishing coordinator before moving into her current role. "I have truly enjoyed my career here at BCIT over the past 27 years. It is a great community, and I love the campus atmosphere," says Lynda.

For more information about BCIT Awards programs, visit bcit.ca/about/awards