

alumni ambassador

Aerospace campus makes its mark on the ground



“AEROSPACE AND AVIATION IN BC IS A GROWING, MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR INDUSTRY, AND THIS ADVANCED CAMPUS WILL HELP ENSURE THE SECTOR HAS THE SKILLED LABOUR IT NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO GROW AND THRIVE.” —GORDON CAMPBELL

BCIT HAS BEEN RUNNING AN AEROSPACE PROGRAM in Richmond for 50 years, which is news to many in the community, but with the opening of the \$70 million, 300,000-square-foot facility and its distinctive glass hangar, the word is out.

The BCIT Aerospace Technology Campus (ATC), strategically situated at the gateway to the Vancouver International Airport, will continue the school’s “long, proud history as a leader in aerospace training, having supplied the aviation industry with more than 5,000 graduates over the past five decades,” said Dr. Verna Magee-Shepherd, acting president of BCIT. “This spectacular new facility will ensure that we continue to

meet industry demand for workers by providing hands-on, technology-driven education, the cornerstone of our polytechnic mandate.”

On October 12th, before a standing room only crowd, British Columbia premier Gordon Campbell, officially opened the new building — but the move from the original aerospace campus in YVR’s south terminal began months earlier when the program’s aircraft were brought over. A one-night annual airport closure for runway repairs created an opportunity for BCIT staff and 100 assembled crew to get 12 of the larger aircraft across the road into the new hangar. Residents returning from the HSBC Celebration of Light festivities got the rare opportunity to see a Boeing

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The BCIT Alumni Association connects and engages alumni in a lifelong relationship with the BCIT community by providing innovative programs and services which support alumni and student success.

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737 travelling down Russ Baker Way during the four-hour affair.

At the opening, the dean of BCIT's School of Transportation, Lane Trotter, noted that, "this is a great day for our students, staff, and instructors as we cement our place as one of the top aerospace training schools in North America." Already the largest training school in Canada, the opening of the new campus allows the institute to increase student capacity to 1000 and expand program offerings thanks to new equipment like the FIRSTPlus air traffic control training tool that simulates tower operations in real-time 3D graphics.

The ATC is visually stunning, having been designed by Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning Ltd., and built by Ledcor Construction Ltd. It has more than 1,700 glass panels and used more than 11,000 cubic metres of concrete. Challenges were plenty as both the designers and builders worked between the environmentally sensitive riverfront, proximity to the highway and overhead YVR flight path.

While the 43,000-square-foot Honeywell Aerospace Education Hangar is certainly the focal point of the ATC, its central gathering place is the Pratt & Whitney Canada Hub. The Hub leads staff and students into three distinct zones: an administrative zone, an office and workshop zone, and a classroom zone that includes the cafeteria and library. The campus boasts an impressive



Students get their hands on an aircraft prop.

80 seat test centre, 25 workshops, 24 classrooms, computer labs, an innovation studio, and the air traffic control simulator. On-site conference facilities are also available thanks to a donation from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC).

As part of the official opening, the BCIT Foundation hosted their annual Celebrating the Best event which recognises donors, some of whom provided funds for the new campus. A capacity crowd of over 300 past and present donors gathered alongside alumni and other invited guests to be the first to celebrate the start of a new era in BCIT aviation.



Aircraft arrive at ATC after midnight drive from YVR.



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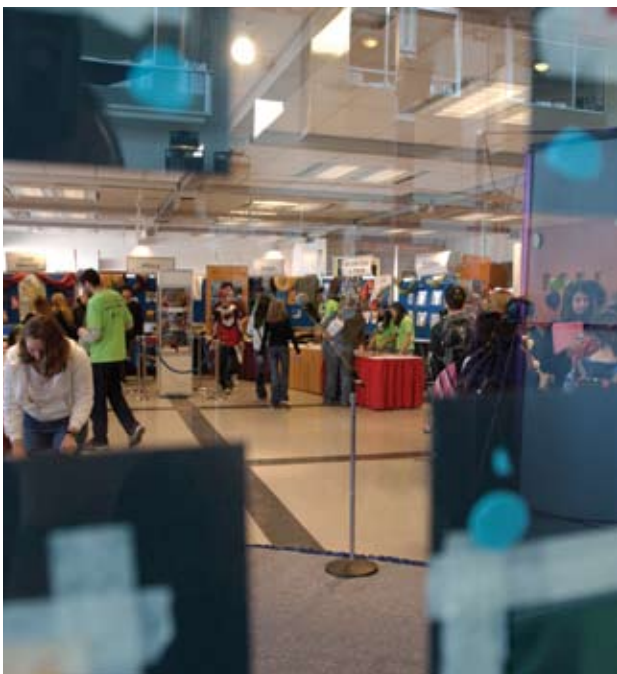
OPEN HOUSE is a biennial two-day, campus-wide event that showcases BCIT's educational and applied research offerings to prospective students, potential business partners, and the general public. It's also an opportunity for alumni to show their alma mater to their families.

Interactive, student-created displays where visitors learn about BCIT programs and the careers they lead to, are the highlight of Open House. Entertainment, demonstrations, and activities at various locations throughout the campus add to the upbeat atmosphere.

In 2006 there were 23,000 visitors to the campus over the two days. We aim to exceed that number in 2008 and make it the largest Open House ever.

Open House planning and implementation is led by a working committee with representatives from the schools and service departments across campus.

If you are interested in volunteering at Open House, please contact Michelle Traynor at 604.432.8398.



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President’s Message

It truly is amazing, all the good things that the Association is working on these days, and while the holidays are often a time of reflection, for us it couldn't be any busier. The Alumni Relations Office has moved into the Royal Oak building (SE 40) on the South East corner of the Burnaby campus (near Wayburne and Deer Lake Parkway). I encourage you to drop by and say hello. The office is on the second floor.

In September we held another successful Distinguished Alumni Awards. Turn to page 10 to read about our award winners, and visit bcit.ca/alumni/awards to view their video profiles. Their stories are truly inspiring.

Coming up we will be launching a revised website; hosting a fun AGM in May; launching a brand new signature golf tournament — stay tuned for details on that event as it will be one of the best in Vancouver, right out of the gate; and getting ready to meet many of you at this year's BCIT Open House in April.

I'm also very happy to report that the Association is in a healthy financial position which we look forward to reporting on at the AGM. This is affording us the opportunity to sponsor many alumni and student events (some of which you'll read about in this newsletter). Of particular note, the Association was pleased to donate \$1750 (\$50/basket) to the BCIT Student Association sponsored Gift of Choice holiday baskets for in-need students. It is humbling to hear what some students endure and overcome while they pursue their education and raise their families. The Alumni Association is in a unique position to make a difference.

Our board and committee members are actively working on your behalf on many fronts. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any comments or questions about your Alumni Association.

I wish you all health and happiness for 2008.

With best regards,

Adam G Pion

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BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni gifts grow Endowment to \$500,000

THE BCIT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION sincerely thanks the following alumni and friends who contributed to the 2006/07 Sharing Success Alumni Campaign. With your help we met our goal of growing the Alumni Association Scholarship and Bursary Endowment to \$500,000. The Fund is a lasting legacy that helps BCIT students achieve educational success.

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Big idea becomes small package



Kevin Kimberley rarely has time to put his cart into action these days.

KEVIN KIMBERLEY is a frequent flier. One who’s likely earned enough miles going back and forth between Vancouver and China to get access to that exclusive lounge. His travels take him to the factory that makes the parts for his invention — the Clicgear® Cart — a full size, three-wheeled golf push cart that folds down about 40 per cent smaller than other products on the market.

Product design was always in the cards for Kimberley, who enrolled at BCIT just a year after high school. “I worked for a year in a lumber mill after graduation and hated every second of it,” he remembers. An aptitude for tinkering with machines and a love of LEGO™ led him to BCIT’s Mechanical Design Program and then into the design industry in 1994.

With a resume that includes several years as a mechanical designer in the Okanagan, two years across the pond doing acoustical design on noise suppression equipment for the aircraft industry, and three years designing tools in Calgary for the petroleum industry, it’s clear that Kimberley had found his calling.

“BCIT gave me a great foundation in design and business, but it was up to me to work hard,” he recalls. “People shouldn’t feel that the only thing they can do after working eight hours a day and five days a week for someone else is just watch TV.”

The best ideas are triggered by a need, in this case, a lack of space. On a golf trip with friends a few years ago, Kimberley was forced to leave the golf club push carts behind when they wouldn’t all fit in his vehicle. The problem became a project for him to work on while completing the BCIT Entrepreneurial Skills Training program (BEST) in 2004.

With a business plan and some space saving ideas, he got to work on what would become the Clicgear Cart. The moment of clarity came weeks later while working through the cart’s folding geometry in his basement. “I was in my patent lawyer’s office a few days later.”

The Clicgear Cart won the Best New Product award at the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando last January, jump-starting the sale of more than 35,000 of the three-wheeled carts around the world this year and about \$6 million US in revenue. Next year’s projections are even better as he expands into more European markets where smaller cars are a way of life.

Kimberley chalks the award up to “taking a different approach to an already crowded niche in the golf industry,” and has plans to expand the product line. “Sketching and thinking about new stuff to make is fun for me, my favourite part of the design process is when new parts first come out of the mould and they work.”

As the head of North Vancouver-based DesignUp Inc., Kimberley helps other inventors and companies develop their ideas. His best advice, “get a good accountant and a good lawyer, both with references if possible — and don’t be afraid to ask people who are already successful for help.”

Kimberly spent this past summer in Vancouver for the first time in three years, taking some time for design fine-tuning on the cart before heading back to China for production, but there’s little chance that his schedule will be slowing down anytime soon. “I have yet to see a Clicgear Cart in action because I simply don’t have enough time to play golf anymore. I think I’ll shake the hand of the first person I see using one.”

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. You can have a photo-id card or one without a photo — the choice is yours.

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

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

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



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BCIT grads build a construction community

THE CONSTRUCTION BOOM IN VANCOUVER is coming at a time when many of the industry’s veterans are headed for retirement, and companies are starting to worry that the talent needed to replace them isn’t available. But two local BCIT graduates have stepped up to the plate by launching a networking group that is designed to find those individuals and put them on the track to some of the Lower Mainland’s hottest jobs.

Dennis Donovan and Sean O’Gorman, both graduates of the Architectural Building & Engineering Technology DipIT ’05 founded Young Construction Professionals (YCP) in early 2007. They have already executed two meetings, with three more planned, where young Lower Mainland construction industry professionals can network, meet industry leaders, and benefit from guest speakers.

“It’s been great to be a part of something new that can make a positive impact on the construction industry,” said O’Gorman. “A lot of companies are finding a gap in their talent pool as the demographics shift. We provide an avenue for Vancouver’s younger set, what they do with the opportunity is up to them.”

The organization is the first of its kind in the province and industry veterans are already backing it. Philip

Hockstine, president of the Independent Contractors Business Association (ICBA) and Joel Nauss, president of Westpro Contractors Group, participated in the first YCP meeting in March 2007. They have been instrumental in promoting the group to owners, developers, general contractors, and more.

“We’ve had great support from the ICBA, the *Journal of Commerce*, and our employers,” notes Donovan. “Without them, YCP would still be two guys talking over a beer.”

While the decision to start the Young Construction Professionals group didn’t start with graduation, both agree that the BCIT experience set them on the path. As members of the Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship, or ACE, program, they gained the confidence to put knowledge into action. “We wanted to continue networking so we looked for groups of young people in construction. When we came up empty handed, we started our own.”

As a project coordinator for Ventana Construction, Donovan has already completed six projects worth over \$15 million. O’Gorman is a project manager with Westpro Constructors Group Ltd. and is currently overseeing the construction of a station on the Canada Line. When asked what’s next, the two gave one answer, “anything is possible.”



Donovan and O’Gorman represent the next generation of construction professionals.



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Outdoor dining can be stylish with custom and convenient table linens.

PATTI WASYLYNKO (BINNENDYK) is the first to admit that she's of two minds when it comes to her career. On the one hand, she's the voice of Discovery Channel, and on the other, a designer of patented backyard table linens.

Wasylynko graduated from BCIT in 1981 with a DipIT in Broadcast Communications — Radio Production. A field trip through BC interior radio stations foreshadowed for her first job writing commercials at CKXR in Salmon Arm.

Stints doing promotions, on-air commercial voicing, and announcing took Wasylynko between Vancouver and Victoria until 1997 when she headed east to the big smoke (Toronto) for a career in freelance voice work.

"I divide my time between voicing for television stations like the Discovery Channel and Animal Planet, and taking on whatever commercials, narration, or animation that comes my way," said Wasylynko. "I'm also a voice coach for actors and broadcasters who want to do voice-over work on a freelance basis like I do."

So how are tablecloths a part of this story?

"The business was a complete fluke," notes Wasylynko. "I got tired of placemats blowing off my

patio table before my guests arrived. If you put plates out too early, you end up with flies landing on them and that's a bit unappetizing."

In a bid to solve her own patio problems, Wasylynko discovered a niche in the linen market. No one carried a tablecloth for patio tables that would stay put and could be easily positioned around the umbrella pole that most outdoor furniture includes. The opportunity — design, make, and market one.

Wasylynko started Patio Table Linens online and has found an audience with women who have experienced her identical frustrations.

"I get emails along the lines of ... 'I'm so glad I found your site ... I have been looking everywhere'," she recalls.

The linens are custom made using fabrics like sunbrella which is stain resistant and weatherproof; or a funky high-end oilcloth, that comes in fantastic patterns and colours. Patented pockets hold small stones that keep the tablecloth weighted and in place on breezy days. There is a hole in the center for the umbrella with a velcro closure along the side for easy placement and removal.

A recent appearance on *CityLine* with Marilyn Dennis provided some great awareness for the venture, and the possibility to grow her business into other areas of the linen industry means Wasylynko isn't likely to leave the entrepreneur ranks anytime soon.

"No one is telling me what to do. If I fail on any effort, it's all my fault and I accept that, but when I succeed there is great satisfaction," Wasylynko explains. "BCIT taught me about staying connected with people you meet in all walks of life because you never know how they might help you or you might help them in the future."

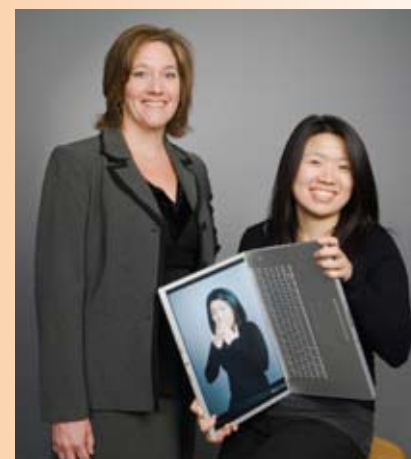
Crediting BCIT with a drive to succeed, a strong work ethic, and the support of instructors, Patti Wasylynko (Binnendyk) is living her broadcast dream and sewing a second one.

The BCIT Alumni Association thanks Patti for giving back to her alma mater by providing an annual award to recognize students in Broadcast Journalism.

Alumna goes *pro* with CDI

Canadian Direct Insurance selected lucky alumna, Kathleen Wong of Vancouver, as the winner of their 2007 contest which recognizes BCIT alumni who get a no obligation quote or give their expiry dates for home or auto insurance. Kathleen took home an Apple MacBook Pro valued at over \$2,500.

As an affinity program partner, CDI provides a special discount and enhanced coverage to alumni on their home, tenant, and condominium insurance. They also provide a donation to current students, alumni and alumni programs, and events every time an alumnus buys a policy. Find out more about CDI in our next issue.



CDI's Trisha Tyrell with winner Kathleen Wong on her MacBook Pro.

Congratulations!

In the spring issue of the *Alumni Ambassador*, we asked you to stay in touch by sending your current email address through. Darryl Kimak was the lucky Alumnus selected and took home a \$1,000 Sport Check Gift Card.

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Darryl Kimak, pictured with Sherri Magson, director, Alumni Relations, graduated in 1984 from Operations Management. He returned to BCIT for a diploma in Computer Systems in 1987 and completed his B.Tech in 2003.

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BCIT's Alumni at Work!

Bill MacPherson, AScT

Bill MacPherson is a professional. His job demands it. This BCIT grad specializes in Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning systems with Broadway Refrigeration. He can have more than 50 projects on the go that add up to tens of millions of dollars. Work on this scale, with attention to a myriad details, means he must think and act like a professional at all times.

Bill MacPherson credits BCIT and the Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of British Columbia with playing vital roles in his professional career.

Bill is a graduate of both the BCIT Mechanical Engineering Technology program (1991) and the Business Administration program (1988). His work in technical sales requires a range of skills covering engineering and technology, people and management, administration and finance. He feels his BCIT education was perfect for his career.

Bill MacPherson joined ASTTBC while he was still a student at BCIT, recognizing the value that registration with ASTTBC would add to his professional development. He sees ASTTBC as one of the foremost organizations in Canada for representing the interests of graduates from technology programs.

Bill believes in giving back to his school, his profession and the community at large. He served on the BCIT Alumni Association Board for 16 years, with a term as President. He has been Chair of ASTTBC's charitable foundation – FEAT – and is currently Secretary Treasurer on the Council of ASTTBC. He supports Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.



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Relationship building, a recipe for success



Julie Burke brings home the bacon and cooks it up.

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN washing vegetables and putting the finishing touches on a five-course meal, BCIT grad Julie Burke helps her clients have fun, compete, collaborate, and make connections outside the office walls. Her company, Tall Order, builds relationships through food, something that's taken her across Canada and around the world.

"Most team builders do physical and survival type activities," notes Burke. "We're pretty unique because we focus on the culinary, getting people to connect by cooking together."

Tall Order offers a variety of programs, each with a special focus. Clients may want to "Peel the Artichoke" as they focus on the personal side of leadership and the challenges seasoned leaders face. Or, they might be more interested in a chance to "Sous the Chef," where time and challenges threaten to overwhelm the group dynamic. The sessions are effective and revealing, and well worth it based on comments from past clients.

For Burke, culinary arts have been a lifelong passion. "I cooked my first roast beef when I was eight," Burke remembers. "But the common thread of talent I have held all my life is in the production and choreography of an event, and the art of connecting people."

As a graduate of the Hospitality & Tourism Administration Program in 1979, she ventured out on her own as a caterer for hire, running Everything Done Right. With subsequent stints in hotel catering management, Burke started Tall Order in 2001 to raise her culinary skills and knowledge to the next level while delivering a unique business.

Tall Order already does a great deal of business across Canada and throughout the US. Offices in Vancouver, Toronto, New York, and Los Angeles deliver events through partner hotels. A recent program in Toronto even included a couple of new recruits from South Africa who were in town to explore the opportunity for their market.

"I believe you're born an entrepreneur — autonomy works for me as a person even though there's no safety net," Burke explains. "My clients have shaped my business with their constant and constructive feedback, and I've learned so much from them along the way."

Two years ago, Burke was honoured by Les Dames d'Escoffiers, a society of professional women who promote the understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of food, wine, hospitality, nutrition, food technology, and the arts of the table. The more than 1200 dames worldwide are considered the most influential women in food and count the late Julia Child and French Culinary Institute founder Dorothy Cann Hamilton among their ranks.

It's been almost two decades since she hit the badminton courts at BCIT, but Burke still recalls her educational experience — compressed and intense. Relationships that she built back then hold strong today, helping her support and shape her own business's development. She's even delivered an event for the institute's IT department.

"BCIT provides a solid base of knowledge in your particular craft, which most employers recognize," said Burke. "I was very proud when I graduated because they gave me the confidence to move forward."

Learn more about Tall Order at www.tallorder.ca.

Nursing grads can now apply for Bachelor of Science degrees

In November, 2005 BCIT received Ministry of Education approval to change the Bachelor of Technology in Nursing (BTN) and Bachelor of Technology in Specialty Nursing (BTSN) to a designation that is more readily understood and accepted in the nursing profession: a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) or BSN, Specialty Nursing.

All graduates in the former BTN and BTSN programs have completed a program considered equivalent to the current BSN designation. Therefore, effective immediately, a graduate from the BTN or BTSN program(s) may choose to petition the BCIT Registrar's Office to receive the BSN or BSN, Specialty Nursing designation.

If accepted, the Registrar's Office will annotate the graduate's academic record to reflect the granting of the new designation and the date on the new credential will be that of the individual's original date of graduation.

For further information, contact Penny Wells in Student Records at 604.451.6873 or at penny_wells@bcit.ca.

Gearing up for the games

Are you interested in volunteering at community events? The 2010 Legacies Now Society has launched volweb.ca as a resource for individuals and businesses looking for opportunities to get involved in special events like the 2008 Canada Post Freestyle Grand Prix at Cypress Mountain and in couple years, the 2010 Winter Games. Gain work experience, give back and be involved in something special. Visit volweb.ca today.



The BCIT Alumni Association thanks Bruce Dewar (DipIT '83, Marketing Management) CEO of the 2010 Legacies Now Society, for a great keynote speech at the 28th Annual General Meeting on May 26, 2007.

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Inspired leadership shines at the 5th a

On September 26, a civil engineer, a magazine publisher, an entrepreneur, a Junior Team Canada ambassador, and a high tech business improvement consultant were recognized for their outstanding achievements at BCIT’s Distinguished Alumni Awards, which honour BCIT alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and community endeavours.



This year’s DAA recipients gather with Laurie Clarke, vice president, Development and executive director of the Alumni Association; event emcee Perry Solkowski from CTV; Adam Pion, president of the Alumni Association; and special guest Michael Burns, president of the ClearSight Investment Program for Wellington West, our Diamond Premiere sponsor.

CTV sportscaster, Perry Solkowski, emceed the gala event, bringing his quick wit and undeniable charm to the assembled audience. As a long-time broadcaster and part-time BCIT instructor, Solkowski noted that this year’s winners could plan it, build it, sail it, write about it and likely sell it abroad — not a small feat for five very talented individuals.

“BCIT’s Distinguished Alumni Awards profile graduates of our highly applied programs and their impact on the economic development of this province,” says Dr. Verna Magee-Shepherd, acting president of BCIT. “Our grads become leaders, making strong and continued contributions to business and industry. They clearly reflect the value of technology and trades studies at the British Columbia Institute of Technology.”

The awards were handed out over the course of the evening as each winner’s achievements, thoughts and goals were highlighted in prepared video presentations. There were many smiles, several stories and a genuine sense of gratitude for being recognized from each of the five recipients.

“BCIT prepared me to embrace many of the business opportunities that

have helped grow CruiseShipCenters into an industry leader. I hire graduates and provide practicums for students because I know from experience how strong the program is and my business benefits from the continued connection,” explained Michael Drever.

“BCIT not only provides its graduates with the intellectual capital required by today’s businesses, but also provides an outstanding cross-section of the human skills needed for leadership,” noted Ryan Benn from the stage.

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

The evening came to a close with a tribute for all those who brought the event to life from BCIT’s vice-president, Development and executive director of the Alumni Association, Laurie Clarke. Lucky attendee Laura Davie took home a BCAA gift certificate for \$5000. Videos of the award winners may be viewed online at bcit.ca/alumni/awards.

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Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards

RYAN BENN
DipIT '01, Marketing Management, (BCIT).
President and Group Publisher, Teldon Publishing and *alive* Magazine
Distinguished Alumni Award for Entrepreneurial Innovation

Ryan Benn credits early success in his career to managers that gave him a chance. The 29-year-old president of Teldon Publishing Group was recently named one of *Marketing Magazine's* "One's to Watch Under 30," and has been the recipient of the Top 40 Under 40 Award by *Business in Vancouver*.

After reaching the top of his class in BCIT's Marketing Management program, Benn worked in technical sales before starting his own management consulting practice. Expertise in the areas of financial planning, business strategy, human resources, and sales prepared him for the role of president and publisher of *alive* magazine.

He increased the magazine's profitability by 600 percent, doubled its size, and increased circulation propelling him to the role of president and group publisher.



He has held leadership roles within the Ford Motor Company, and led the dramatic turnaround of Pirelli Cables (Surrey), which become Canada's leading supplier of fibre optic cable in 1997. Percy eventually became the vice president, Operations of Ballard Power Systems and now runs a management consulting firm focused on business improvement.

Despite his busy schedule, he finds time to give back to his community as one of the partners in the BC Technology Social Ventures Partnership, a not-for-profit social venture philanthropy group of technology industry leaders. He is also a recipient of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Award.

DR. BRYAN FOLZ
P.Eng., DipIT '77, Civil and Structural, (BCIT) B.Sc. '82, Mathematics (SFU), M.A.Sc. '86, Civil Engineering (UBC), PhD '97, Civil Engineering (UBC). Faculty, BCIT Civil Engineering
BCIT Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching and Research Award

Dr. Bryan Folz started his 30-year engineering career as a graduate of BCIT's Civil and Structural Technology Diploma program. After working in the field for a number of years, he continued his education, completing a mathematics degree at SFU and then a PhD in Civil Engineering at UBC.

In 1993, he returned to BCIT as a faculty member in the Department of Civil Engineering. Folz's greatest contribution to BCIT has been his tireless effort to create the Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering. From preliminary concept, to providing an overarching vision, to painstakingly executing the details, he led the development and implementation of BCIT's first engineering degree.

Both the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering and the American Society of Civil Engineers have awarded him national distinctions for his research.

ANNALEA KREBS
DipIT '07, International Trade and Transportation (BCIT).
BCIT Alumni Association Outstanding Student Leadership Award

As a student, Annalea Krebs achieved a first class average while managing a business and an extensive array of extracurricular activities.

The list of accomplishments is long, including participation with the national Women in Leadership Foundation, volunteer work with YouthCO AIDS Society, and management of ICE Promotions, a business venture which donates all of its profits to the community outreach activities of BCIT's chapter of Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship. Krebs was recognized with an Entrepreneurs Organization Award presented at Vancouver's Top 40 Under 40 ceremony.

In 2007, she worked as an international trade project coordinator at Xantrex Technology Inc. and as an ambassador for Junior Team Canada, conducting industry research for the Canadian business community in Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam.

Krebs is now pursuing her Bachelor of Commerce in Entrepreneurial Management at Royal Roads University.



MICHAEL DREVER
DipIT '86, Marketing Management (BCIT). President and CEO, CruiseShipCenters International
Distinguished Alumni Award for Significant Contributions to a Trade or Industry

Armed with his sales experience and Diploma in Marketing in Small Business Development, Michael Drever joined CruiseShipCenters in 1988 as the company's fourth franchisee. One year later, he purchased the company's assets and founded CruiseShipCenters International Inc.

Under his leadership, CruiseShipCenters has grown from a start-up company to one of North America's leading cruise vacation specialists, with over 100 retail locations and 1,600 cruise consultants. Drever has been the driving force behind the company's annual growth rate of 30 percent and the creation of innovative travel programs and partnerships.

Drever has been recognized with numerous awards and accolades over the course of his career including: "Top 100 Entrepreneurs Under 30" in North America and the Canadian Franchisor of the Year award from Royal Bank of Canada.



EAMONN PERCY
DipIT '84, Electrical Engineering (BCIT), B.Eng. '86, Electrical (Lakehead University), MBA '91 (University of Toronto). Principal, The Findaway Group
Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Leadership and Service to the Community

Eamonn Percy started out with a diploma from BCIT, adding a degree in Electrical Engineering, and ultimately an MBA. A combination of technical and strategic leadership skills prepared him to help propel companies, from Canada to Germany, in technology commercialization and business turnarounds.



Pipe dreamer inspires “Bob’s Class”



Bob Lang embarks on a second career.

THERE ARE OVER 400 PROGRAMS AT BCIT, like Operations Management, Gas Turbine Technician and Medical Radiography, but there’s one you won’t find in any flyer — Bob’s class.

Bob Lang enrolled in the Piping ELTT program at BCIT in January 2007. Recently retired from more than 28 years with the City of Richmond, this 58-year-old bylaw supervisor was looking for a challenge and felt that a new career in plumbing might be it. During the course of the six-month program he made a significant impact on all that he encountered.

The term got off to a fairly routine and hectic start. Most students were very friendly, despite the differences in age and Bob found that the instructors understood his motivation for returning to the workforce. “The instructors treated me like a regular student. I hope they know how much I appreciated that.”

Within weeks, a small group, led by Bob, began meeting every morning before class to review lessons and work ahead on self-directed portions of the program. “By the fifth or sixth week it became almost like a competition between several of us students.”

In addition to classes, Bob took on volunteer duties, including representing BCIT at recruitment events and reviewing the program’s training materials for improvements. When Bob was absent, his fellow students could be seen working through problems using a unique strategy — what would Bob do?

It wasn’t long before instructors in the Piping Department began referring to the group as “Bob’s Class,” unbeknownst to Bob himself, recognizing the contribution he was making to students and the institute.

“It feels great to know that someone might think I left a mark on the department,” said Bob. “All I believe is I did the best I could and I enjoyed the time I had a BCIT.”

Bob and several other students from the January intake graduated from the program a full 20 days early, thanks to the morning study sessions. He was hired by Burnaby-based, BC Comfort, and can currently be found working at the HELI-ONE site at the Boundary Bay Airport. Every day is a new and very welcome challenge for this lifelong learner who credits BCIT with several new close friends and the training to do what he enjoys — build and create.

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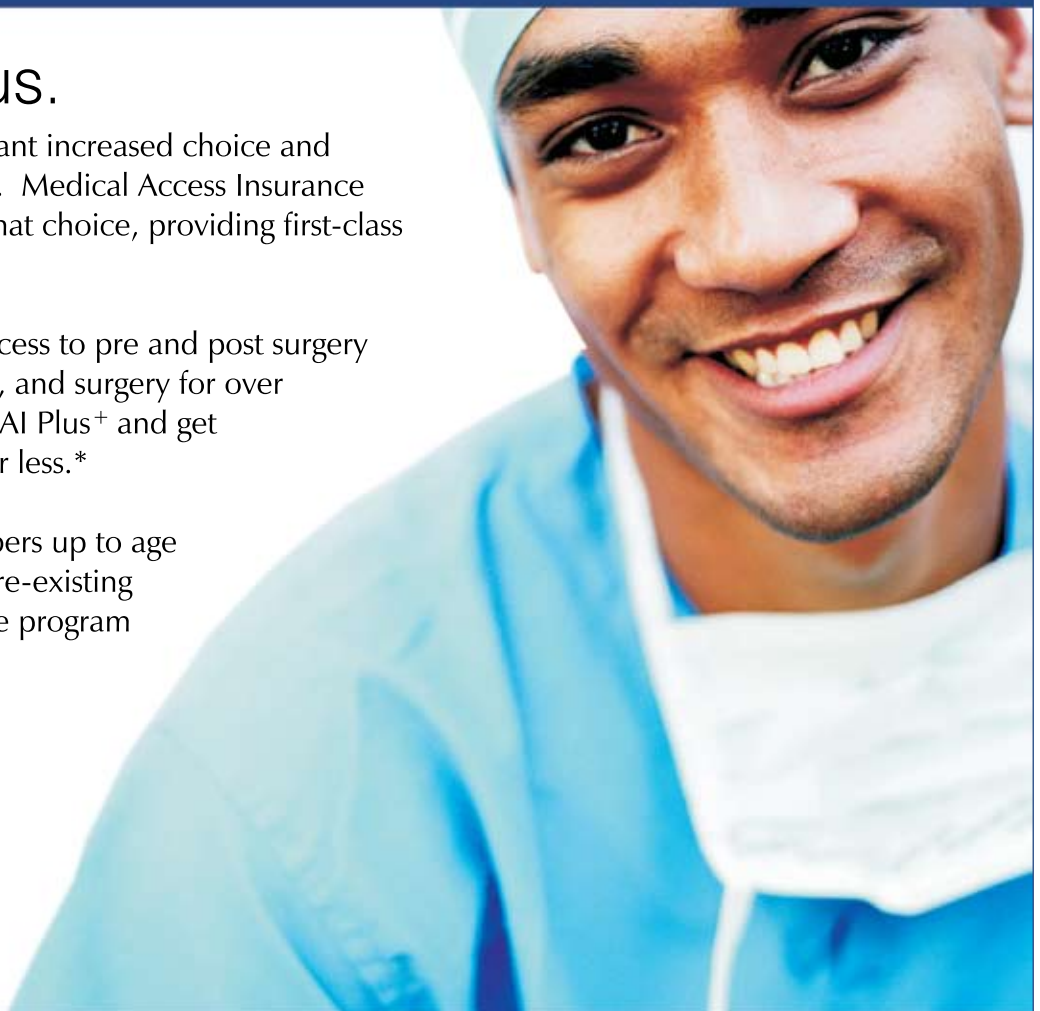
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New board members

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



BRENDA CORBETT, president, BCIT Student Association. Brenda was the president for the BCITSA for 2006–2007. She is studying Marketing Management — Entrepreneurship at BCIT. The board is pleased to have the participation of Brenda and the BCITSA in helping the Alumni Association to achieve our goals of being more relevant to current students.

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



JASON KITAMURA, Administration Management '87. Jason is a client relationship manager with Scotiabank Commercial Banking. He has 18 years experience in the investment management, financial services, and sales fields. Jason's primary focus is to introduce customers to banking solutions offered by Scotiabank, and perform business risk analysis critical to deal structuring. He is responsible for the ongoing account management of a diverse client base in industries such as manufacturing, agriculture, construction, distribution, and forestry. Jason is endeavouring to take a more participatory role in the community and also served on the Burnaby Board of Trade's Nomination Committee for the 2007 Burnaby Business Excellence Awards.

Marketing Communications graduates please join us



BCIT's second annual Schmoozapalooza takes place on Wednesday, February 6th at the Westin Bayshore from 5:30–8:00pm. The event connects students and grads with industry professionals to network in a casual and fun environment. For alumni, it's an opportunity to catch up with former classmates, meet and mentor grads and potentially even identify students interested in a practicum experience.

Schmoozapalooza is also a fundraiser for the Marketing Communications endowment in support of student scholarships and bursaries. Last year's event raised over \$19,000. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a number of silent auction prizes and charitable donations to the fund are eligible for tax receipts.

Tickets are \$35 for alumni and industry partners and \$20 for students and 2007 graduates. Don't miss it. There's a lot going on — and that's why we call it Schmoozapalooza!

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BCIT Nuclear Medicine Reunion

The Nuclear Medicine Technology program will be celebrating its 40th year of graduates from the program next summer. The reunion will take place June 27–29, 2008 at the Burnaby campus. Anyone who graduated from this program is welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Lorraine Deverall at lorraine_deverall@bcit.ca or 604.456.8138 to register or for further information. For future updates visit bcit.ca/commons and click under the Community Link.

Shaping BC's Future

BUILDING CAPACITY IN BC'S TECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE

British Columbia is facing a critical shortage of technology workers and the Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of British Columbia (ASTTBC) is leading initiatives to draw attention to the crisis and help define solutions.

In October 2007, ASTTBC hosted the Roundtable on Technology Skills Shortage II at the Morris J Wosk Centre for Dialogue in Vancouver. Bringing together senior decision makers from major corporations, small businesses, academia, industry and professional associations, RTSS II delegates engaged in discussion on meeting the growing demand of BC's employers for knowledgeable and skilled technology workers. RTSS II was webcast to ensure access by others who could not attend in person and for future viewing. The event identified solutions, confirmed commitments and provided input on the development of a major BC technology human resources strategy. More information on this important initiative is available at www.asttbc.org/RTSS

"The demand for technology workers is increasing rapidly," says John Leech, executive director & registrar, ASTTBC. "Technologists, technicians and technical specialists are in careers that are largely invisible to the public at large, yet they are crucial to diverse fields ranging from electronics to aviation, manufacturing to construction, mining to the environment, and biology to geology. It's imperative we take action to promote these careers to ensure BC can sustain its technical advantage in a global economy." A BCIT grad (Surveying '07 and Photogrammetry '71), John is leading ASTTBC's work,

which includes preparing Technology Skills 2020, an HR plan to be released in early 2008.

TELUS, a major employer in BC, has played a lead role in two roundtables and is a strategic partner with ASTTBC in addressing the skills shortage. "TELUS is pursuing two ways to compete ... through technology and people," says Josh Blair, PEng, senior vice president, HR Strategy & Business Support, TELUS. "We must take action to ensure a vibrant workforce is part of our long term planning for sustainable growth and capacity, not only for TELUS, but for all BC industries and businesses that rely on technology for success in their enterprise." The ASTTBC-lead initiative includes many others and reads like a who's who—APEGBC, BC Construction Association, BC Deans of Technology, BC Government, BC Housing, BC Innovation Council, BC Safety Authority, BC Technology Industries Association, BCIT, Business Council of BC, Camosun College, Career Management Association of BC, College of New Caledonia, Consulting Engineers of BC, Dowco Group of Companies, FEAT, Industry Training Authority, MISTIC, Okanagan College, Pacific NorthWest Economic Region, TELUS, Terasen Gas and The Portables. Media partners include: Black Press, *working.com*, *BCBusiness Magazine*, *Business In Vancouver* and *Journal of Commerce*.

About ASTTBC

ASTTBC is a self-governing professional association of 9,000+ registrants incorporated under provincial statute to regulate the standards of training and practice of technologists, technicians and technical specialists in applied science and engineering technologies.



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KUDOS!

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

Teaching Awards

In June, BCIT presented the Teaching Excellence Awards to instructors who do an exceptional job. Winners were nominated by peers, students, managers, advisory committee members, and industry partners. Congratulations to **Dale Pfaff**, Piping, from the School of Construction whose students have won first place in the BC Skills Canada Competition six times; and to **Jason Leber**, Automotive ELTT and Apprenticeship, from the School of Transportation, who incorporates a game show challenge into classes and meetings.

Other winners of the Teaching Excellence Awards were: School of Business — **Gordon Bolleen**, Operations Management and **David Pinton**, Broadcast Journalism; School of Computing and Academic Studies — **Rosamaria Fong**, Chemistry; School of Health Sciences — **Deborah Yates**, Critical Care Nursing; School of Manufacturing, Electronics and Industrial Processes — **Paul Wytenbroek**, Technology Teacher Education; and Part-Time Studies — **Diana Gerrard**, Computer Systems Technology and **Susan O'Connor**, School of Business.

Student Awards

Student awards were also given out during the June convocation. **Nicola Bevilacqua**, BTech '07 (Civil Engineering) earned the Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal Award for Bachelor's Degrees while the BCIT Board of Governor's Award for Leadership went to **Karen Addison**, DipIT '07 (Computer Systems Technology).



Jennifer Roy receives President's Award from Dr. Verna Magee-Shepherd, acting president, BCIT.

With a first class academic standing and active participation in the BCIT community, **Jennifer Roy**, DipIT '07 (Bachelor of Science, Nursing), was awarded the BCIT President's Award. Jennifer was involved with the nursing department policy revision and attended the BC Nurses Union Conference as a BCIT student nurse delegate.

Mike Vales, DipIT '07 (Automotive Service

Technician — Ford ASSET) received the Governor General's Silver Medal Award — Trades. Mike has transferred to Ferris State University where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Automotive Engineering and acting as an ambassador for BCIT students planning to attend Ferris in the future.

Industry Awards

The local construction industry recognized their best at the Vancouver Regional Construction Association (VRCA) 19th Annual Awards of Excellence on November 1st. When it came to the prestigious VRCA Canadian Construction Women Outstanding Woman in Construction 2007 Award it was BCIT's own chief instructor — Trades, **Tamara Pongracz**, who walked across the stage to accept. The VRCA represents more than 700 general contractors, specialty trade contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, and professionals active in the multi-billion dollar construction industry in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley. The Canadian Construction Women (CCW) is a vibrant organization that supports women in or wishing to be in the construction industry for over 26 years.



Tamara Pongracz, chief instructor — Trades

New Appointments

It's been busy around BCIT with a number of new appointments through the spring, summer and fall.



David Pepper, director of Library Services

David Pepper joined BCIT on September 26, 2007 as our new director of Library Services. David has a Masters of Library Science from UBC and extensive administrative and information management experience. He has held a number of leadership positions during his career, most recently as the director of Library, Media and Bookstore Services at Langara College, and also as the director of Information Resources at BC Trade Development Corporation, and manager of Information Resources at H.A. Simons Ltd. BCIT thanks Brigitte Peter-Cherneck, who retired in the fall, for her many years of dedicated service as the institute librarian. Brigitte contributed greatly to the success and strong reputation of the BCIT library and the institute at large.

Rob Duncan has been appointed director, Applied Research Liaison Office (ARLO). Rob and his ARLO team are responsible for research funding facilitation, tracking research at BCIT and technology commercialization which includes managing the institute's intellectual property portfolio. Rob brings more than 20 years of experience to this role in both the business and academic environment, including 10 years as an instructor in the School of Business. He holds a BA in Economics, an MBA, and is currently studying toward a doctorate in business leadership.

The School of Computing and Academic studies welcomed their new associate dean of Academic Studies this summer. Congratulations to **Patricia Sackville**.

Dr. Hassan Farhangi and his more than 20 years of experience in Applied Research and Advanced Technology Development are now a part of the Group for Advanced Information Technology (GAIT). Before joining BCIT as a director for GAIT, he served as chief technical officer (CTO) of BBS Telecom in Singapore. Dr. Farhangi's academic experience includes various teaching, consulting and adjunct appointments with local and overseas universities.

Moving into the Fall term, BCIT's Student Services was pleased to welcome their new acting vice president of Student Services, **Val Karpinsky**. The recipient this June of the Student Association President's Award for Outstanding Service to Students, Val has a strong student focus and has interacted closely, and on a longstanding basis, with the schools, Education Council, and administrative areas.

Long-time BCIT faculty member, **Dr. Ken Takagaki** has been appointed acting vice president, Education. Ken's significant knowledge of the institution and the post-secondary system, including past positions as faculty, program head, associate dean, and dean will serve him well in this new role.



Dr. Hassan Farhangi, director, Group for Advanced Information Technology

BCIT marine officers hit the high seas



BCIT alumnus and deck officer, Martin McConnell, navigates the Freedom of the Seas.

FOR 27 STUDENTS of BCIT’s Nautical Sciences and Marine Engineering Program graduation convocation took place in what will become a very familiar place — the deck of a Princess Cruise Lines ship, docked at Canada Place between sea voyages.

The students, now titled Merchant Marine junior officers, completed a four-year co-op program that includes both an academic and sea phase for certification by Transport Canada.

“Many shipping companies come to the BCIT Marine Campus for their future marine officers and this program allows them to forge future connections in the marine industry while they’re still in training,” said Jeff Otto, BMC’s cooperative education coordinator. “Shipping companies come here for their future marine officers, some often taking them on as students first.”

BCIT alumnus and deck officer Martin McConnell was recently on a cooperative education work term aboard Royal Caribbean’s Freedom of the Seas, the

world’s largest cruise ship. Part of his daily routine included the safe navigation and control of the 3,600-passenger ship which is larger than Cunard’s Queen Mary 2. At the BCIT Marine Campus in North Vancouver, Martin has developed skills in ships navigation, seamanship, naval architecture, shipboard firefighting, and sea survival, allowing him to obtain his Transport Canada Watchkeeping Certificate and work globally as a deck officer.

About his experience Martin said “I enjoy that every day when I wake up I am somewhere new. Also, of course, driving the largest cruise ship in the world is quite an honour!”

The Nanaimo native credits BCIT’s relationships with the marine industry for exceptional work term opportunities and now works for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. To find out more about courses leading to a career in the marine industry at BCIT visit bcit.ca/transportation/marine.



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If you are a graduate from the Public Health Inspection program at BCIT and are not currently working in the field you are encouraged to consider a move into this very interesting and rewarding career.

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Paying tribute to the pioneers



Back row: Gordon Mitchell, Bob Starr, Deidre Brocklehurst, BCIT Archivist, Peter Woolley, Patricia Daum, Manager FOIPOP, Records & Copyright, David Johnson.
Front Row: Gordon Harris, Eric Crossin, Ron Hyde.

THE EXECUTIVE MEMBERS of the Pioneers Club gathered in the Burnaby Campus Library in September for the unveiling of two tributes: a bronze plaque that honours Cecil Roper, BCIT's first principal, and a 1965 BCIT staff photograph, enlarged and framed. The Pioneers Club is an active group on campus who participate in open house activities and reunions, have established an endowment fund, and secured the preservation of Guichon Creek. Formed in February, 1994, membership in this exclusive club is limited to "anyone on staff, in any capacity, on the occasion of the 1966 graduation ceremonies" and who contributed to the establishment of the two-year diploma programs.

The two tributes are the result of two years of collaborative effort between the Pioneers Club, BCIT Archives and Special Collections, and the BCIT Foundation. Drop by the Library and see them for yourself.

Do you hold the key to the past?

BCIT's Archives and Special Collections department has a wealth of historical records, photos, videos, and items of interest to the community. However, some of the history of BCIT's early years has been lost over time. In an effort to reconstruct those years we are asking alumni to consider donating any items that chronicle their time as either a student or instructor at BCIT to the Archives.

The BCIT Archives not only houses material that documents the institution's official history, organization, and structure but also chronicles student life on campus. Included in our collection are yearbooks, student newspapers, directories, photographs, audio and video tape, and memorabilia.

BCIT is seeking to have a complete historical collection. Materials of interest include: casual photographs of classmates, colleagues, and instructors, teaching records, and mementos of student life. We are also seeking records that document the early decision making processes at BCIT, such as Advisory Council records and strategic planning reports. If you have any of these please consider contributing them to the Archives where they will have a safe home forever.

Please direct any inquiries to

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2007

Lim, Irenaeus

Construction Management

Irenaeus completed his BTech Degree in Construction Management this summer, thanks to great support from his wife Linda and four-year-old son, Aaron.

2005

Chua, Jeffrey

Electrical — Electrical Power & Industrial Control

BC Hydro currently counts Jeffrey among its ranks. He recently moved to the Burnaby office and is looking forward to completing the Graduate Technologist In Training program next year.

2002

Lake, Kathrin

Human Resource Management

Kathrin is currently the HR Manager for a 300+ person financial firm with 20+ offices across Canada and an office in London, UK. She has been on the cover of *People Magazine* for her HR work with small business Canadian entrepreneurs.

2001

Tham, Robert

Marketing Management — Commercial Real Estate

After six very active years in commercial real estate leasing and sales, Robert is the principal of his own firm, Corbel Commercial Inc.

2000

Cheung, Albert

Financial Management — Microfinancial System

Since graduating from BCIT, Albert has continued his education and wants to pursue the CGA designation. He currently works at Rogers Retail in Richmond as a financial accountant.

1998



Amy Beeman

Broadcast Journalism

Since graduating from the Broadcast Journalism program in 1998, Amy has worked in Prince George, New York and Vancouver. She's been producing *The Kid Carson Show*

with Nira and Amy on The Beat 94.5 since January 2005. Amy also works on Shaw TV's *The Express* touring show homes across the Lower Mainland (Open House) and handing out free lunches (Lunch is on Us).

1995

Brown, Tara

Management Systems

After graduation, Tara worked at Yaletown Technology Group and then BCAA. In 2000 she married Michael Wozniak a business development manager for Stapley Hildebrand and moved Silicon Valley, California to work for Microsoft Hotmail.

She has now moved to Seattle at Microsoft's head office where she is a senior lead program manager for Office Live. A reunion for the Management Systems class of '95 is being planned for Aug '07. The event will be posted on Facebook.

1993

Singers, Judy

Computer Systems

Judy was living in Kansas City, Missouri for the past 10 years, and has recently moved back to Vancouver. She's happy to be back in the company of BCIT Alumni.

1991

Wood, Blair

Marketing Management — Technical Sales/

Professional Sales

Blair moved to Burns Lake in 2006. As a member of the local police force, he recently went from general duty constable to the traffic section.

1990

Lauer, Nathan

Operations Management

1990 International Trade graduate, Nathan, and his wife Yvette, who graduated from the Electricity and Industrial Electronics option in 1993, moved to Prince Rupert in June. Nathan accepted the position of terminal software administrator for Maher Terminals Canada at the new Fairview Cove Container Terminal.

1989

Houghton, Daniel

Computer Aided Design

Daniel has been awarded a Masters in Sciences (Geographical Information Sciences) from Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK. A lot of hard work went into completing the GIS program and dissertation. Dan continues to work for BC Hydro in Prince George. Drop him a line at dan.houghton@bchydro.bc.ca to discuss GPS/GIS issues.

1980

Roy, Patricia

Psychiatric Nursing

Patricia graduated from the University of Calgary with a Master of Nursing degree in November of 2006. She is currently employed at Ridge Meadows Hospital as clinical nurse specialist in Acute Geriatrics.

1980



Stevens, Henry

Broadcast & Media

Communications

Henry was recently named vice president of the firm NATIONAL Public Relations in Calgary, where he has worked for the past five years. He

has been in public relations for 14 years, after a transition from broadcast journalism. In addition, Henry recently got his private pilot's license.

1977

Edge, David

Hospitality — Administration

David took a contract with the Casa de Campo Resort in 1985 and has been on the island of Hispaniola ever since. After leaving the hotel group, he started a small consulting and financial services business in Santo Domingo. In 2001, David also founded several online support groups for parents of children with brain tumors and assisted in efforts to provide pediatric heart operations to those in need. For more information contact David at d.edge@codetel.net.do.

1974

Cromwell-Gibbs (McQuilkin), Merrill

Hospitality — Administration

Originally from Grenada West Indies, Merrill has been living in New York for the past 27 years. Working for companies like the Marriott, Hilton, Doral, W, and the Holiday Inn, she is a senior member of the team, the director of Housekeeping.

1974

Pallard, Claire

Medical Laboratory Science

Claire has come home to BC after 13 years in with the Ministry of Health in Alberta. She is currently with the Vancouver Island Health Authority in Victoria.

1972

Wisniowski, Walter

Marketing Management

Correction: for those who would like to get in touch with Walter Wisniowski, please note that his email address is waltdon@shaw.ca

1968



Gwynne, Ralph

Instrumentation

Ralph arrived in Vancouver in 1966 from Townsville, Australia to embark on a new career adventure. He returned to Australia after graduation and has maintained

contact with some fellow graduates over the years. Instrumentation Technology graduates Down Under can get in touch with Ralph at gwynne@netspace.net.au.

1966

Lipp, Victor

Electronic — Engineering Technology

Victor recently gave up golf for the life of a traveller. He's already logged over 12,000 kilometers British Columbia and Northern Washington and is loving every minute of it.

In Memoriam

The Alumni Association Remembers

Dwight Osterhout

Motorcycle Mechanic Instructor, School of Transportation

Dwight passed away on March 29th, 2007. After 12 years within the BCIT family, Dwight's ongoing contribution to the institute will be sadly missed.

Noel, William E. (Bill) 1919–2007



Medical Imaging Department Head, 1967–1982

Bill passed away on April 10, 2007 at the age of 88. He was the head of BCIT's Medical Imaging department from 1967 to 1982 and is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Pat (Rogers),

daughter Dorothy, son Bill, three grandsons, and many nieces and nephews.

Bill served with the Royal Canadian Navy and in the Pacific during WWII. His favorite season was summer, when he spent many enjoyable times cruising with friends in the Gulf Islands aboard the Lady Jay. He was a long-time member of the Burnaby Power and Sale Squadron and was actively involved in teaching new boaters.

Bill will be fondly remembered by his many friends and colleagues at BCIT. Alumni, friends, and colleagues may honour Bill's memory through a donation to the William E. Noel Endowment Fund at BCIT, which provides achievement awards for first year students in BCIT's Medical Radiography and Nuclear Medicine programs.

Gifts may be made online at bcit.ca/foundation/makeadonation or by sending a cheque payable to the BCIT Foundation to 3700 Willingdon Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5G 3H2.

Reverend Francis Lundy Sanderson 1929–2007



Broadcast Communications Pioneer, 1964

The Rev. Francis Lundy broadcaster, educator, and priest of the Anglican Church of Canada, died peacefully April 21, 2007 in Nanaimo, BC. He is lovingly survived by his wife

Phyllis, children; Penny (Stewart), Frank (Susan), Ian (Sharon), Debbie (Marek), and Margie (Jim), and their mother Joan, grandchildren; Geoff, Stephen, Kim, Anna, David, Amy, Mary-Claire, Bevan, Meighan, Kelsie, Aleksander, Elise, Adam, Colan, and Evan.

Lundy was one of the original faculty members in BCIT's Broadcast Communications department, joining before we opened our doors in 1964.

Together, he and the first department head, Laurie Irvine, built the training program that carries on so proudly today. The Broadcast Centre we know today owes its very existence to him—*Brian Antonson, associate dean, Broadcast and Media Communications, BCIT.*

Sandeep Dhillon

Food Technology, 1997

Sandeep passed away on April 26th and will be deeply missed by family, friends and colleagues.

Bernard Brown

Marketing Management, 1969

Bernard had a career in advertising and a passion for the sea. Starting out as a sea cadet, he served 17 years as a naval reserve officer and was the driving force behind the wildly successful 2005 Victoria Tall Ships Festival. Bernard's ashes were spread at sea near HMCS Quadra on Vancouver Island. He is survived by his wife, Bev and daughter Robyn.

Cameron Roger Harrison 1986–2007

Architecture and Building Engineering Technology, 2007

Cameron was taken from his loving family and friends in a tragic accident on July 29, 2007. Cam leaves behind his loving parents Stu and Penny, adoring sister Kim, extended family and close friends. An education fund for BCIT students has been created in Cam's name at any CIBC. The account name and number are: Memory of Cameron Harrison #01240/0336939. 395249

Cam's positive attitude, friendly manner, and warm smile made a wonderful and lasting impression on us at BCIT. He touched many people here and our lives were enriched by having known him — *Julie Hein, program head, Architectural and Building Engineering Technology.*

David Brian Manchester

Financial Management, 1972

Dave passed away suddenly on August 8, 2007. He is lovingly remembered by his wife Barb, three children, Jason, Derek, and Jennifer, daughter-in-law Jamie, and granddaughter Sara, along with many other family members and friends. Dave enjoyed a 29-year career with ICBC where he attained his Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation. His commitment to his family, sense of humour, and quick wit will be deeply missed.

Erwin Bublitz 1934–2007

Joinery Department

Erwin, born March 24, 1934 in Germany, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on September 21, 2007. He leaves behind Elsa his loving spouse of 50 years, children Manfred (Audrey), Marion (Hans), and Doreen (Richard), and eight grandchildren.



Peter Thompson

Director, Venture Development Centre, School of Business

Peter passed away suddenly on Saturday, October 6, 2007. He is survived by his best friend and loving wife Helen, daughters

Jennifer Ann, and Jennifer Jane (Mick), son Jamie (Candace), and grandchildren Daniel, Max, Simon, and Sullivan. Peter touched and encouraged many lives throughout his career as the director of the Venture Development Centre at BCIT School of Business. His support and mentorship at the institute will be sadly missed.

Thomas Kozar 1942–2007

Aircraft Electronics (Avionics), 1966

Beloved father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and nephew, Tom passed away suddenly at the age of 65 years. He is survived by his daughter Seana, sister Laura Meyer, and a large extended family. Tom was known to many as chair, treasurer, and vice-president of the BCGEU — but equally we knew him as a tireless advocate (and orator) on behalf of working people and countless causes. Even after retirement Tom kept the union offices as his second study from which he pursued various campaigns and kept connected to his union family.

Darryl Ronald Thomas

Computer System & Network Fundamentals, 2006

Daryl had previously earned a computer certificate from BCIT and had returned to the institute to pursue training in heavy duty mechanics, having had a passion for both the computing and automotive worlds. He hoped to one day move to Fort McMurray to pursue a career working with large machines.

Walter Koyo Hara 1981–2007

Marine Engineering Student, 2007

Koyo Hara passed away in a tragic accident alongside his good friend Albert Stefan Haczewski (1980–2007). Koyo had begun classes in marine engineering at BCIT, in the hopes of following the career path of his father. Koyo was a well-respected member of his class, with aspirations to travel the world as a marine engineer. Students and faculty at BCIT will miss him.

Laurel Atwood (Stroppa) 1966–2007

Marketing Communications Department

Laurel passed away on Sunday, November 18, 2007 after a long struggle with breast cancer. She began her career at BCIT in Industry Training in April 1996, most recently working with the Events and Conferences team at both the Downtown and Burnaby Campuses. Laurel was a valuable staff member with not only great enthusiasm, but a keen business sense, and a strong commitment to her work. Her lively personality and sense of humour will be remembered.

Endless paws-ibilities drive producer

IT’S BEEN ALMOST 20 YEARS since Janet Laidlaw-Shurvell graduated from BCIT’s Television Production program and while the technologies have changed, her focus hasn’t.

Laidlaw-Shurvell owns Alterra Media, a production company that delivers the full package from writing and directing to shooting and editing for broadcast. As an independent consultant, she’s worked with a number of companies including Digital Adventure — A Corus Entertainment Company, Weyerhauser, and Grayline Tours, but it’s been in product-based projects that she’s found her true calling.

Starting out in 1988 Laidlaw-Shurvell worked at the Cariboo Central Interior Radio in Quesnel, BC before moving north to CKPG TV in Prince George. A third move to CHEK TV brought her to Vancouver Island where she’s remained.

“Working in smaller towns at smaller stations taught me how to develop integrity with clients and effectively communicate the video production process,” notes Laidlaw-Shurvell. “Customer

satisfaction is key in any business, including mine. It has to be win-win on both sides.”

Over the years she earned several awards including three Television Bureau of Canada awards and a GM Canada Ad Impact Award for advertising and educational videos she’s produced. In 2006 Laidlaw-Shurvell was awarded with a Mid Island Science and Technology Innovation Council Award for New Media.

Her most recent project has landed her in the world of marketing and distribution as she seeks to promote a personal passion that became a project — dog agility training. With her premier DVD, *Dog Agility 101: a Pawsitive Approach*, Laidlaw-Shurvell has found a niche in educational productions.

“My current focus is projects that create higher learning,” said Laidlaw-Shurvell. “I am blessed with a skill that allows me to share information to a broad audience. I hope to use this in a positive way, now and in the future.”

With several educational and community videos

already completed, including one for the Nanaimo Youth Services Association that was distributed to school districts nationally and into the US, the possibilities for this producer truly are endless.



A Channel’s Jonathan Bartlett presents Laidlaw-Shurvell with the Mid-Island Science, Technology and Innovation Council Award for New Media in 2006.

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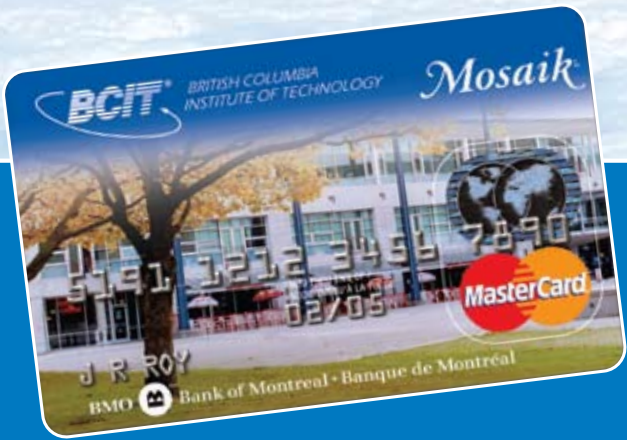
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