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VCC Fashion Arts Graduate Has Designs on Success

Her designs have made the front page of *The Vancouver Sun's* fashion section. She's made the "Who's Who" column of *Flare* magazine. This designing dynamo is Kara Ardan.

Two years ago, Kara Ardan decided to pursue a career in fashion design. Originally trained as a hairdresser, she felt retraining in office and computer skills would make it easier to support her two young children. However, when she received the VCC Continuing Education brochure, "...it struck me, fashion arts, this is perfect. This is exactly what I should be doing."

Prior to enrolling in the program, Kara had not seriously considered her design talent. Remembering her childhood on a farm in Burns Lake, BC, Kara fondly remembers receiving boxes of ballgowns from her grandmother which she would "chop up" and redesign based on fashion photos in magazines. She laughs: "I had a reputation for wearing really strange things to school!"

Once in the program, Kara found that for every hour at VCC, she spent an additional six hours studying at home. "It's a really tough course, you must be totally motivated," explains Kara. "But there is a lot of support from your classmates. We communicated a lot and supported one another." In the program, Kara studied a broad range of fashion-related subjects including industrial sewing, fashion design, drafting, tailoring and collection design.

In Kara's opinion, what sets the VCC Fashion Arts Program apart from other design programs are the instructors. She remarks: "A number of instructors are involved in the fashion industry so they are able to offer information from all kinds of fashion businesses in Vancouver. We were given current information so we knew what was going on in the industry." Instructors were also able to provide their students with valuable contacts in the industry.

In 1993, Kara held her first public show. "I was in my second term at VCC. One of the instructors told us about a design competition sponsored by the Vancouver Art Gallery. At that time we were doing tiny, fifth scale drawings, not the full-scale pattern drafting required to produce garments." Kara had a bulletin board at home full of design ideas. She drew and submitted a group of poppy inspired pieces. "And I was accepted!" beams Kara. "I was excited and scared at the same time. There I was with

my fifth scale drawings, multiplying them by five to cut the garments. But it worked! I ended up doing a whole line of clothes!" As her garments were modeled on the runway at the VAG fundraiser, Kara was "in shock."

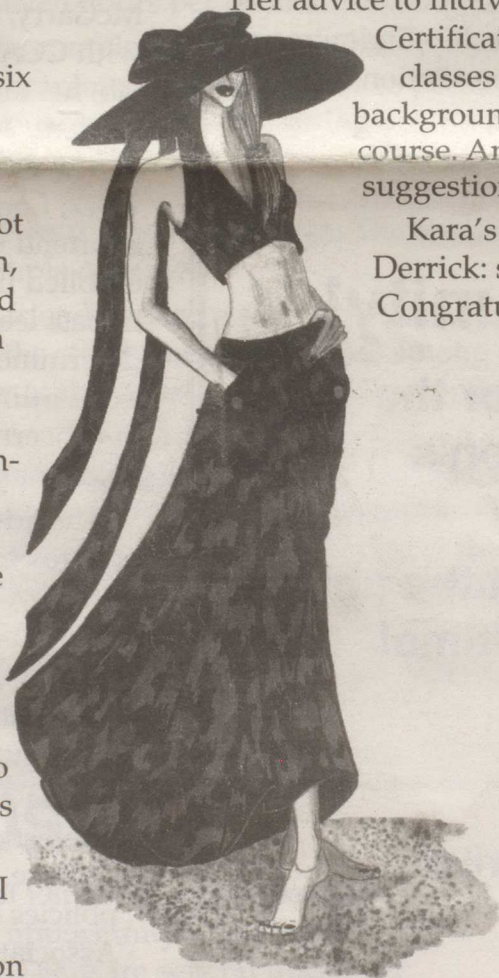
Since her first show at the VAG, Kara has since had shows for both the international Smirnoff competition and the Culturalwealth Show during the Commonwealth Games last summer. Placing first out of 10 entries in the Western Canada Smirnoff competition, Kara and her garments were flown to Montreal where she competed in the cross-Canada Smirnoff competition. "I couldn't believe it, I was still in school." Kara was the first runner-up in the national Smirnoff competition. Not bad for someone who used to draw stick people illustrations.

With certificate in hand and four fashion shows to her credit, Kara is now working for Dorothy Grant, a Haida designer who has a boutique in downtown Vancouver. She also does freelance work such as producing garments for an advertising shoot for Suki Hair Design. Most recently, Kara won the Yvon Bourgeois Foundation Scholarship (see Around the College). The scholarship enabled her to design and produce her final graduating collection "Ardan Forest."

Her advice to individuals considering the Fashion Arts

Certificate Program? "Take some drawing and drafting classes prior to taking the program. Having a bit of background (in the industry) helps you to learn more in the course. And don't cut yourself off from ideas; be open to suggestions from peers and instructors."

Kara's most recent collaboration is with her partner, Derrick: she very recently had her third child, Amber. Congratulations Kara and much future success!



Designed by:
Kara Ardan

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VCC Alumni Association Scholarship Winners

During the VCC Spring Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 17, two talented students were awarded the VCC Alumni Association Scholarship: Sandra Agatiello and Sim Siu Lee.

Sandra Agatiello is in her final year of the Dental Hygiene Program at VCC. Sandra had her first child in the middle of her studies! But that didn't stop her from achieving excellent grades.

Sandra had previously worked as a certified dental assistant for eleven years, but felt that the Dental Hygiene Program would provide more responsibility and flexibility. She will be starting a new job this summer using the skills gained at VCC.

Sim Siu Lee recently graduated from the Medical Secretary Program at VCC. Through a combination of excellent marks and involvement in student activities, Sim was awarded the Scholarship.

Prior to enrolling in the Program, Sim had been employed as a secretary for over five years. She felt that specializing in one industry would provide more of a challenge — something that has proven true in the medical profession. As part of the Program, Sim did a practicum at Vancouver Hospital. Her work was so impressive that she was offered a temporary position after graduation.

Congratulations Sandra and Sim!

The VCC Alumni Association Scholarship is awarded to a student, or students, who has shown leadership and/or outstanding effort in working to improve academic and extracurricular campus life. Financial contributions to the Alumni Association Scholarship Endowment Fund can be made through the VCC Educational Foundation.

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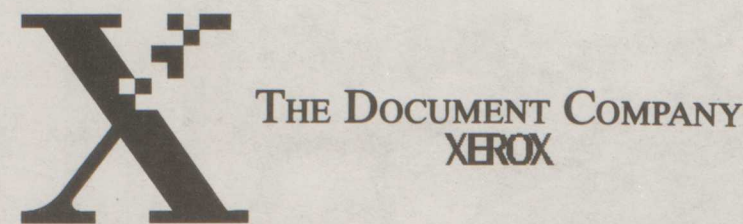
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Association's Scholarship and Bursary Fund.**



Xerox Canada Funds Integrated Computer Lab at VCC

The College and Career Access (CCA) Program at VCC will have a new twelve station computer lab in the near future due to Xerox Canada's generous grant of \$43,200. This grant enables students in the Program to benefit from the latest technology.

Faculty in the individualized, self-paced Adult Basic Education Program are excited about the new lab. Barbara Little, Department Head, comments: "Students will benefit from software programs that assist in vocabulary development, grammar and math. Special simulation software will allow students to recreate science experiments at their convenience."

The grant from Xerox Canada was matched by the provincial government's Matching Program for Equipment and Technology. Additionally, the VCC Educational Foundation contributed \$7,500 to the project, also matched by the Program. In total, \$101,400 was secured for the new equipment.

Recently, the president of Xerox Canada, Diane McGarry, had the opportunity to visit KEC. As she met with CCA faculty and toured the future site of the new lab, her enthusiasm and commitment to the project was evident.

The CCA Program meets the needs of adults whose work, family or other responsibilities make it difficult to attend regularly scheduled classes. Many of those enrolled in the Program have experienced challenges in past learning environments. For adults who are determined to continue their education despite extraordinary circumstances in their lives, the support of concerned corporate citizens like Xerox Canada helps make their educational goals a reality.

The Educational Foundation applauds the employees of Xerox Canada for their interest in VCC students.

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The Alumni Association serves the common interest of VCC alumni, current students and the College. The Association is advised on projects and policies by a Board of Directors. The 1994-95 Alumni Association Board Executive are: Karim Rajan, Liz Majestic, Kristi Searle and Krishna O'Connell.

Your comments are always welcome! Write to:

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Coming to Canada: A Great Adventure Leads to Success

Six years ago, living in Szczecin, Poland, Peter Kozar did not suspect that he was about to embark on an adventure of a lifetime. Encouraged by his aunt who had come to Canada several years prior, Peter decided to immigrate. His aunt spoke of the opportunities available in Canada. "I was younger then," reflects Peter, "and it all sounded like such a great adventure!"

Adventure is one way to describe leaving familiar surroundings to live in a country where you don't speak the language and are unfamiliar with the culture. However, adventure involves hard work and as Peter notes: "A new immigrant must be prepared to make a lot of sacrifices." But Peter agrees that the pleasure of living in Canada far outweighs the sacrifices he made during his first couple of years in his new home.

Peter's great adventure actually began in West Berlin eight years ago, where he waited to receive his immigration visa. Once he had his official papers in hand, Peter chose to settle directly in the Lower Mainland. "Two generations of my family lived in Saskatchewan, but I am from the city and preferred the climate in Vancouver."

Upon his arrival in Vancouver, Peter immediately registered to learn English at VCC through a government sponsored program called LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada). Peter feels that "immigrants want to be able to communicate as soon as possible. This is the first step towards a normal life in a new country." After waiting two months for space in the program to become available, Peter began studying the basics of the English language at King Edward Campus.

Peter was very impressed with the LINC program which combines language training with exposure to Canadian culture. In particular, he felt the instructors made a special effort to make everyone feel at home in Canada. "I was fortunate with my classmates as well," says Peter. "They were very ambitious and eager to learn English." This friendly competition drove Peter to reach the upper advanced level within one and a half years of study. However, great classroom dynamics were only partially responsible for Peter's success; he also spent between six and seven hours per day on homework.

Peter's adventure did not end with the completion of the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. He now had to train for employment. Peter chose to pursue a career in real estate sales: "I felt it would suit my personality. I don't like sitting behind a desk all day. Every day is different in real estate." Peter enrolled in a seven month real estate course at UBC. He found the correspondence course challenging: "The language of real estate law is very difficult, especially when English is your second language. The textbook was as thick as the yellow pages! I had to read it a couple of times."

To finance his education, Peter and a friend opened a store specializing in Polish products. The first of its kind in Surrey, the store was very popular among Canadians of European descent. After working all day at the store, Peter would return home to study real estate and prepare for the final exam.

He passed the exam with a grade of 80% and went on to obtain his real estate license. When asked about the availability of work in real estate, Peter responds: "Finding a job in real estate is easy, surviving in real estate is not." Well, Peter didn't just survive, he thrived. In his first year of sales he received the Silver Clap Award from the National Real Estate Service for his achievements.

Now an independent representative with Sutton Group Realty — City Gate, Peter looks forward to future great adventures in Canada.

JOIN US!

The VCC Alumni Association Board of Directors meets the second Monday of every month. This is your opportunity to guide the direction of **your** Alumni Association. There are several upcoming events that need volunteers to ensure their success, such as the next Career Fair.

Come meet fellow graduates and share in the fun!

The upcoming Alumni meetings are:

September 11, 1995	Room 5042, King Edward Campus
October 16, 1995	Room 200, City Centre
November 20, 1995	Room 5042, KEC
January 8, 1996	Room 200, CC

All meetings begin at 5:30 PM.

Please note that September 11 is the Alumni Association's Annual General Meeting. Your participation and feedback is crucial to the future of the Association.

Call Veronika Metchie at 871-7173 for more details.

A Message from the Vice Chair of the VCC Alumni Association

What does the VCC Alumni Association Mean to You?

THE MANDATE OF THE VCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS:

To extend opportunities for personal and professional growth to the Alumni and students of VCC.

To provide service in aid of education through VCC and to recognize the contribution that VCC has made to its graduates, former students and society.

To work in conjunction with the VCC Educational Foundation to coordinate fundraising appeals to the Alumni, for financial aid and awards for the students of VCC, and for the support of educational programs.

The Board of Directors of the VCC Alumni Association invites you to the monthly meetings to meet with other Alumni, to share ideas, to network, to plan fundraising activities and to offer advice to students.

The Board needs your input, your time (only once a month for meetings) and your contributions — to Alumnews and to the scholarship fund.

On May 17, 1995, I was pleased to present two scholarships on behalf of the Alumni Association. These scholarships would not have been possible without the support of dedicated Alumni. With your help, we look forward to a strong and productive Alumni Association.

Liz Majestic
Vice Chair



The second in a series of interviews with VCC Senior Administrators, the following article profiles Moira MacLeod, Dean of Academic and Developmental Programs.

Moira MacLeod: A Lifetime of Learning

"I believe in educating individuals to be the best they can be," says Moira MacLeod,

Dean of Academic and Developmental Programs. She explains: "Many of the students in developmental education programs have had to overcome hurdles in their personal lives. They may have recently lost their job, or immigrated to Canada, or become a single parent. In order to provide these individuals with effective education, the College must remain flexible in the delivery of its programs."

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Moira's responsibilities include the management of one of North America's largest English as a Second Language (ESL) programs and BC's largest Adult Basic Education (ABE) centre. In addition, she oversees several special education programs and sign language study.

The ABE College & Career Access self-paced program is an example of education that is responsive to individual student's needs. Students are encouraged to work at their own pace and to use the available resources including individualized instruction, workshops, seminars, field trips and group discussions. The ESL Outreach Program responds to student needs by bringing education to the community. In addition, ESL tutors are available to visit students who are homebound due to childcare concerns or illness. These alternative methods of course delivery are the key to success in educating adults.

When asked about the future of academic and developmental programs at VCC, Moira says that VCC will continue to offer a wide variety of ESL education. "VCC has built a reputation as a leader in English language study. Students want to attend VCC classes." She feels, however, that ESL students want more than just English language skills. This will result in the College offering ESL courses in conjunction with applied program courses, thus enabling a student to learn a language and a trade.

Moira also commented on province-wide developments in the area of Adult Education. "VCC and other colleges are working in collaboration with the Ministry of Skills, Training and Labour and the Ministry of Education to develop applied academic programs." Proponents of applied academics believe that 80% of students are better served by learning which is grounded in practice. In the proposed programs, students will experience applied learning in the areas of math, technology and communications with the option of learning theory later. "It's the difference between learning to write a business letter and learning to write poetry," explains Moira. "Not everyone wants to know how to write poetry."

As involved as Moira is in education as a career, she is also an adult learner. She is currently working on her Masters Degree in Higher Education at the University of British Columbia. As she ponders the relentless task of preparing her thesis paper, she looks forward to her retirement when she can pursue other educational avenues and learn about music, religion, philosophy and the arts.

Her current education and knowledge have greatly benefitted the academic and developmental programs at VCC and will continue to influence VCC's standards, now and in the years to come.

A Message from the President of the VCC Educational Foundation

New Funds Reward VCC Students

Too often, the dream of an education is financially out of reach for students. Students come to VCC with talent, drive and a strong work ethic, but sometimes lack the necessary funds to complete their education. It is for these individuals that the VCC Educational Foundation works so hard to attract contributions for scholarships and awards; to provide students with the opportunity to achieve their educational goals.

Within the past year, the following new endowment funds have been established. The Foundation is grateful to these donors and encourages contributions to these and other endowment funds.

The Barbara Gray-Richards Memorial TESL Award for Continuing Education Students

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The Balinder Johal Award for Achievement in the CCA Program

The Ron Meyer Memorial

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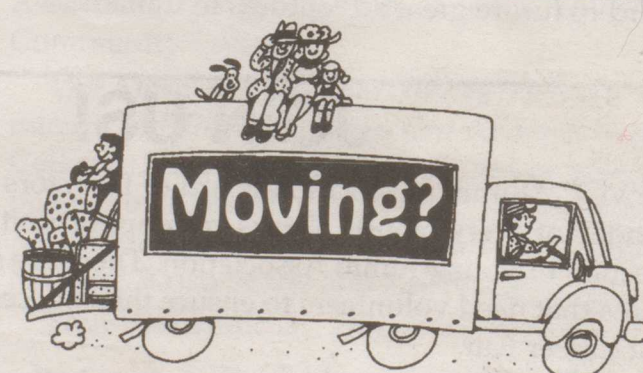
The Derwin Lim Memorial

The Vancouver Business and Professional Women's Club Bursary

The Metropolitan Press Fund

The Foundation thanks all contributors for their continued support. For more information on available giving opportunities, please contact the Foundation at 871-7174.

Lilli Milder
President



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Career Fair Provides Valuable Contacts

It was another successful Career Fair as March 9th saw the lobby at City Centre Campus filled to capacity. An estimated 1000 individuals attended the Alumni Association's Sixth Annual Career Fair to meet with representatives from more than 20 organizations.

The newest addition to Vancouver's restaurant scene, the Hard Rock Cafe, launched its hiring at the Career Fair. Company representatives accepted over 400 resumes from eager applicants. Maverick Coach Lines Ltd., motivated by the excellent reputation of VCC graduates, also chose to exhibit and recruit summer employees at the Fair.

Employee recruitment was just one of the reasons that companies exhibited at the Career Fair. "I enjoyed the day and felt it was worthwhile for visibility in the community," commented a Caterair Chateau Canada Ltd. representative. The exhibitor from TCG International Inc. similarly remarked: "It was great exposure for the company. There was a steady flow of traffic and those attending seemed sincere in finding work."

Those individuals seeking employment positions were positive about the variety of organizations represented at the Fair. From the medical and health care industry to the hospitality industry to the Canadian Armed Forces, there was something for everyone.

Aside from offering employment, several exhibitors, such as the VCC Counselling Department, offered resources to assist in career planning. Volunteer Vancouver encouraged individuals to consider volunteer opportunities as a means of upgrading skills and finding future employment.

Congratulations to the VCC Alumni Association for organizing such a well-attended event and for providing VCC Alumni, current students and the general public with an opportunity to explore their future career options.

Planning has already begun for next year's Career Fair!

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Developed in partnership with Western Star Trucks and Orion Western Star, proceeds from the Truck Lottery will benefit the VCC Diesel Technician Program by providing new equipment and upgrading existing equipment. The Diesel Technician Program is a 12-month accredited apprenticeship program that offers students, through classroom and hands-on training, the skills to enter into one of the following trades: Commercial Transport, Heavy Duty Mechanics, Marine Engineering or Diesel Engine Repair.

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For more information regarding the lottery, call 871-7173, VCC Educational Foundation, or 857-1987, Orion Western Star.

Opening Our Doors to the Public: VCC Open House

April 6th was a day of celebration at Vancouver Community College. In honour of 30 years of "Education for the Real World", VCC invited the public to be their guests for the day; VCC departments were provided an opportunity to "show their stuff" and visitors were encouraged to ask questions about VCC programs.

City Centre hosted a variety of activities from Culinary Arts Program sampling to Keyboard Olympics. Highlights at the King Edward Campus included the affirmation of forty new Canadians at a Citizenship Court and a reading by Caroline Adderson, recipient of the Ethel Wilson Prize for best fiction published by a BC writer and VCC ESL Outreach instructor.

Visitors explored the College using self-guided tours. A shuttle bus allowed easy access to both campuses. The event's media sponsor, Z95 FM, was on location at KEC to promote the Open House to its listeners.

Many people who had never before visited VCC enjoyed discovering the many exciting educational activities offered by the College. All in all, the event was a huge success and attracted a great deal of community attention for the College.

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And the winner is

John Gantner of West Vancouver is the proud winner of a brand new 1995 - 20th Anniversary Edition Honda Gold Wing Motorcycle. The winning ticket in the Educational Foundation's newest lottery was drawn May 19, 1995, at VCC's City Centre Campus.

Mr. Gantner is a long-time resident of West Vancouver and Vice President and Sales Manager of Royal LePage Commercial Real Estate Services. Purchasing lottery tickets to support various causes is something he has been doing for many years because "even if I didn't win, the cause wins." Mr. Gantner purchased his winning ticket to support the College, but never dreamed that he would actually win. To the delight of his wife, Marcia, and two daughters, Sarah and Melissa, he took home the gold - Honda Gold Wing, that is.

Developed in partnership with Honda Canada Inc., the Gold Wing Lottery '95 raised over \$11,000 for students at VCC. A great many individuals and organizations assisted with the lottery. In particular, the Foundation would like to thank Barry Irvine, Chair of the Foundation Board and Gold Wing rider, for his enthusiasm. In addition, the Foundation would like to recognize the constant support of Frank Hershman, Sales Manager of Carter HondaShop. And finally, thank you to the members of local Gold Wing Road Rider Chapters who volunteered their time to sell tickets and promote VCC.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CITY CENTRE

Josh Thornhill

Computer Programming, 1989

Josh is currently attending C.D.I. (Career Development Institute) to enhance his knowledge of computer technology.

Tina Wichmann

Licensed Practical Nursing, 1975

Tina continues her education at VCC in the Medical Transcription Program at City Centre. She is an active LGH Auxiliary member and volunteers for the Vancouver Fringe and Writers Festivals.

Flora Chan

Legal Secretary Program, 1989

Currently working as a legal secretary with BC Gas Utilities Ltd., Flora is taking the Legal Assistant Program at VCC.

Billy Chiu

Computer Programming, 1993

Billy is working as a computer operator.

Cindy Emond (nee Orgnacco)

Dental Assisting, 1980

Cindy lives in Castlegar, BC, and works as a dental assistant. She has two children and enjoys scuba diving and volunteer work with a Lionesss organization. Cindy would like to get in touch with two VCC classmates: Verna Lee and Agnes Chapman.

Safiah Jauhari

Medical Office Assistant, 1991

In addition to working as a medical secretary, Safiah operates a home business specializing in medical transcription and billing.

Todd Martin

Electronics Technician (Telecommunications), 1992

Todd is an engineering technologist in the Product Industrialization Research and Development Department at Dynapro Systems Inc. He has recently been promoted to this position after 1 1/2 years as a technician.

Dale Pasula

Culinary Arts, 1992

For the past two years, Dale has worked as head cook at the Swedish Canadian Rest Home in Burnaby. He enjoys his position where he continues to learn more about the home care industry.

Marianne Thee (nee Penner)

Practical Nursing, 1968

Marianne is a home support supervisor for the Association of Neighbourhood Homes.

Sandra Wilson

Medical Office Assistant, 1988

Sandra is working full-time raising two children in Port McNeill, BC. She studies at North Island College and has recently completed the Bookkeeping and Office Receptionist Certificate Programs.

KING EDWARD

Steve Dow

Program Development, 1994

Steve received his diploma in Adult Basic Education and his Provincial Instructor's Diploma from VCC. He now teaches courses in Electric Motors, Electronics and Electricity at Malaspina University College (Parksville and Powell River campuses) and throughout School District #46 (Sechelt, BC).

Jim Ross

Music Diploma

Jim has recently accepted a position as second trumpet with the New York Metropolitan Opera Orchestra! After attending the Music Program at VCC, he studied under the direction of the late VSO co-principal trumpet Tom Parriott. He has worked for a variety of organizations including the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Orchestra and the Vancouver Opera Orchestra.

Around the College

ALUMNEWS congratulates the following individuals for accomplishments in their field of work and study.

Kara Ardan

Fashion Arts student Kara Ardan received the Yvon Bourgeois Foundation Scholarship at Cultural-wealth '94. Awarded by the Western Canadian Designers and Fashion Association, the scholarship will assist Kara in her final term of the VCC Continuing Education Fashion Arts Certificate Program.

Nicole Nimow

VCC graduate Nicole Nimow received the 1994 Gabriel Levy Scholarship for fashion design. She won the award for a collection presented under her label, NICO.

Irene Romaniw

Irene Romaniw, a VCC instructor in the English Language Skills Program, received the BC Asia Pacific Scholars' Award. This award will enable her to travel to Wuxi, China, to teach English to a group of M.A., English and Economics students.

Jim Ross

VCC Music Diploma Program graduate Jim Ross has been selected to play second trumpet with the New York Metropolitan Opera Orchestra. He begins his new career in the Big Apple in September.

Settimo Sicoli

Settimo Sicoli, Associate Dean, Tourism and Hospitality, was elected President of the BC Chefs' Association. He will hold the position for two years.

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