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Vancouver Community College's Employee Newsletter - November 2005

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VCC celebrates 40 years

"Fandabbydozie!!! (It's a Scottish thing)"

- Des Dougan

"Like, it was totally cosmic!"

- Dave Donaldson

"It was the best party of the year dude. Fer sure!"

- Stuart Furness



"I have a vague memory of martinis, chocolate waterfalls and trippy '60s music – now this was either one fine party, or I experienced another one of those flashbacks!"

—Tene Barber

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VCC Employee Recognition Awards 2005

This year, VCC will again celebrate the following employees and/or groups who have been selected as 2005 award recipients.

"To be nominated for such an award is exceptional, and a tribute to their consistent hard work and dedication. We applaud those who are selected as the recipients of such recognition, as it is an honour of recognition for outstanding achievement," says Carol Sicoli, coordinator of employee development in VCC Human Resources.

Michael Yue
Community Involvement

Jean MacLeod
Education

Mary Waddington
Leadership

Les Patterson
People Spirit

Auto Collision Department
Teamwork

Anna Woo
Customer Service

8th Annual Employee Recognition Event
Dec. 8, 2005
Broadway campus Employee Lounge
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Info Night – an interactive experience

Flying robots, fine food, and "patients" in wheel chairs. Visitors saw that and more at VCC's downtown campus last month for the college's fall Information Night, where they learned about college programs, talked to faculty and found out how to apply.

"Our first Info Night years ago began with people sitting behind tables giving out information. Now program areas are getting more elaborate with their displays," says coordinator Roseanne Ashworth. "It makes it more fun and engaging for attendees."

Programs from across the college were represented at Info Night, which continues to be a major component of VCC's student recruitment efforts.

Damien Hill, a graduate of Boston University, was the winner of the prize basket that included a \$500 tuition coupon as well as other VCC-related prizes.

"I know it sounds cliché, but I have never won anything before. This is so cool," says Hill, who heard about Info Night from an ad in the Georgia Straight. He's going to use the coupon towards the instructor diploma program.

Promotion for Info Night included advertising, direct mail and online initiatives targeted to key audiences that include potential students, parents and high school career counsellors. VCC's next Info Night is set for mid-April. ■



A interactive display by the culinary arts department.

VCC seeks feedback on refreshed strategic plan

VCC is refreshing its strategic plan, *A Vision for the Future*, and wants to hear what the college community thinks.

VCC's strategic plan has led the college to many successes over the last several years – and now the board of governors has asked VCC to refresh the plan to keep the college in synch with its established direction.

"We have made major strides in realizing the *Vision for the Future*," says VCC president Dale Dorn, noting the college's bachelor's degree, new offerings and designation as the B.C. Centre for Leadership and Innovation in Hospitality.

"We cannot rest on our laurels, though, so we are looking ahead to continuing that success over the coming years,"

he says. "It is time to update the plan – and we want to hear feedback from the college community."

VCC's refreshed plan is available on the college's website (vcc.ca/strategicplan) or in printed form through the Executive Offices at the Broadway campus or Research and Strategic Services at the downtown campus.

There are numerous ways to provide feedback, and the college will be seeking the advice of both Operations

Council and Education Council before taking an updated document to the board of governors in January.

Comments are welcome: online at vcc.ca/strategicplan or by e-mail to president@vcc.ca. ■

-Dale Dorn
VCC President

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Eighth annual employee recognition event:

Long-service employees honoured

"Celebrating the service anniversaries of our employees is an important way to acknowledge a long relationship between the employee and VCC," says Carol Sicoli, coordinator of employee development in VCC Human Resources. "It is an opportunity for employees to come together to honour and celebrate the accomplishments of their colleagues."

Employees who have reached their 20-, 25-, and 30-year anniversary with the college will be honoured on Dec. 8 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Broadway campus employee lounge.

There will be a no host bar and light refreshments will be served. Presentations will be made at 4 p.m.

Please contact Sicoli at local 7011 if any employee is missing from the following list:

20 Years

Chris DeVaz	Wayne Ko
Elizabeth (Nina) Kozakiewicz	
Tom Lazar	Lauchlin McKenzie
Suzanne Paterson	Michele Rosko
Stephen Stafford	John Whelan
Gordon Wong	

25 Years

David Aquila	Susan Atherton
Donna Barreca	Susan Ben-Itzhak
David Branter	Dolores Callaghan
Pearl Chiu	Frank Cosco
Pam Hunt	Winnie Lo
Carmine Morelli	Alison Norman
Robert Oliver	Mary-Jo Oxtoby
Brian Pollard	Les Steinke
Sandra Summerbee	Richard Taylor
My-Van Truong	Hong Wai
Maria Wang	William West
Barbara Wood	

30 Years

Pat Cooper	Cheryl Deyalsingh
Barry Grey	Hughena Jones
Barry Kendrick	Conrad Leung
Thomas O'Donnell	Gregory Pedersen
Herbert Salzmann	Victor Sinclair
David Smith	Kai Ming (Peter) Yip
Mee Ngan (Marian) Yip	

CDA celebrates its 60th anniversary

The Canadian Dental Assistants' Association held its 60th anniversary celebration and annual conference at the Fort Gary Hotel in Winnipeg last month – the same hotel that hosted the first association meeting 60 years ago.

"It was great to have that venue as the backdrop for our special celebration,"

says Michele Rosko, VCC instructor and the president-elect for 2006 of the association.

Always well organized, the event gives members an opportunity to examine pertinent issues in the field. Important topics this year included emerging diseases and infection control in the dentist's office.



VCC's representation at the CDA conference in Winnipeg, from left to right Cathy Larson, Suzette Jestin, Michele Rosko and Barbara Steer.

Courses for educators are also offered, an integral component of the event. "We are given the opportunity to discuss curriculum and classroom concerns with colleagues from across the country," says Rosko.

To mark the 60th anniversary, 18 of the last 21 association presidents attended the gathering. "As I was accepting the role as president-elect for 2006, the head of my program from 1976 was in the audience," says Rosko. "It was very moving." ■

VCC's Alumni Award of Distinction Presented to a cross-section of VCC grads

What do an IT entrepreneur, a nature conservationist, an immigration advocate and a politician all have in common?

They are this year's recipients of the VCC Alumni Award of Distinction.

Launched to mark the college's 40th anniversary, the award celebrates four VCC graduates who have shown outstanding achievement.

Michael Fergusson is an accomplished technology entrepreneur and helped to define the web with his key role on teams that developed the world's first HTML and XML editors. He graduated from both the electronics technology (1992) and the computer technology programs (1994).

Eliza Olson is the founder of the Burns Bog Conservation Society and has worked tirelessly to protect Burns Bog which she calls the "lungs of the Lower Mainland." She graduated from VCC's fundraising program (1995).

Paul Mulangu is the founder of the Centre of Integration for African Immi-

grants, a community resource for those experiencing first-hand the difficulties many immigrants face in a new country. He graduated from both the business education preparation (1999) and the computer applications support specialist (2000).

Ujjal Dosanjh, member of Parliament and Minister of Health, served as the 33rd premier of British Columbia; he graduated in the early 1970's from arts and sciences at VCC's Langara campus.

The awards will be presented at the VCC student awards ceremony Nov. 18. "We are excited to present the awards at this event, where the students can be inspired by these strong, visionary role models," says Linda Martin, VCC's vice-president of advancement and education services.

The Alumni Award of Distinction will be given out annually, when merited, honouring VCC graduates in recognition of outstanding success and community involvement. ■

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Election results – Oct 2005

Board of Governors

	Yes	No	Total	RESULTS
Tracy Ho - KEC student	21	3	24	Elected
Johanna Hoover - CC student	21	0	21	Elected
Simone Purdon - CC student	15	0	15	Not Elected
Norm Dooley - Faculty	102	10	112	Elected

Education Council

	Yes	No	Total	RESULTS
Bobby-Joe Delorme - KEC student	12	0	12	Elected
Heidi Taylor - KEC student	12	0	12	Elected
Brook MacRae - CC student	19	0	19	Elected
John McDonald - CC student	18	0	18	Elected
Dana Fister - Support Staff KEC	31	3	34	Elected
Marlena Vanderwal - Faculty - Centre for Transportation Trades, Centre for Tech.	10	1	11	Elected
Brenda Appleton - Faculty - Library, Learning Centres	7	0	7	Elected
Ginny Cathcart - Faculty - Health	10	0	10	Elected
Ted Houghan - Faculty - College-at-Large	97	14	111	Elected
Barbara Knox - Faculty - School of Arts and Sciences	27	0	27	Elected
Gordon McIntyre - Faculty - School of Arts and Sciences	18	0	18	Not Elected
Karen Shortt - Faculty - School of Hospitality and Business	12	2	14	Elected
Dale Hunter - Faculty - School of Language Studies	21	0	21	Elected



Enhancing the economy and vibrancy of downtown Vancouver: VCC received a 2005 downtown achievement award for its long-standing vision, commitment and investment in supporting the downtown core.

VCC team visits India

A team from VCC made a recent visit to India's Punjab state where participants experienced culture and explored training opportunities with local institutions.

Harald Bonkowski, department head of culinary arts and Dave Donaldson, dean of hospitality, business and music, joined Donna Hooker, director of VCC International took part in the feasibility mission to establish training partners in the region.

"The disparity between the untouchable population, the growing middle class and the wealthy can be unsettling for a first-time visitor to India," says Hooker.

Although the VCC team met with several challenges including poor road and driving conditions as well as the inconsistencies of the education models, the group greatly

enjoyed the flavourful Indian cuisine and the friendly people they met and worked with during the trip.

The key focus of the team's mission was to assess the potential for establishing partners to deliver VCC curriculum in local institutions. "There is a lot of potential in India with its large and growing college-aged population," says Hooker. ■



Harald Bonkowski helping to cook naan at a Sikh Temple in New Delhi

New program cards in full circulation

There is only one chance to make a first impression. With that in mind, VCC's program brochures have been given a facelift. The new look adds personality and a higher level of professionalism to one of the college's most important student recruitment pieces.

The front of the new card contains program descriptions and other specific program information, while the back provides general contact information

for several student services. The cards encourage potential students to go to VCC's website to get the most up-to-date information.

The new cards will initially be printed twice a year, with the next printing scheduled in December. Department heads or directors who wish to add a new program card for their area or have any program updates can contact the marketing department by Nov. 21. ■

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Financial Management
School of Hospitality and Business

Start date: January 2006, October
Location: Downtown campus
Program description: VCC's Financial Management program is offered in both full-time and part-time evening, providing graduates with a diploma and certificate, respectively. It includes training in accounting, computer skills and business communication. Designed for people who have a background in accounting and want to enhance their accounting knowledge, computer skills and communication skills.
Typical courses include financial accounting, management accounting and computer applications, and accounting principles. Each course has an integrated communication component. Graduates can continue their education at VCC or transfer to a university to complete a bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration.
Career opportunities: Graduates can work in a variety of settings, including public and private sector, and can also continue their education at VCC or transfer to a university to complete a bachelor's degree in accounting or business administration.

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Financial Aid
Student Services

Service description: Vancouver Community College's Financial Aid Department helps students with a variety of financial assistance programs. Students requiring financial assistance for registration should apply well in advance of the program start date.
Financial assistance sources available to students are:
• Adult Basic Education Student Assistance (ABESA)
• BC Student Assistance Program (BSAP)
• Bursaries
• Travel Study Grants (e.g. Travel Plan, Travel Plan)
• VCC Scholarships
• Student Employment Program
For more information: Students are encouraged to visit their campus Financial Aid office for further information.
Downtown campus, room 104
250 West 10th St.
R6H 6A3 (J40)
Brookside campus, room 4053
1155 East 17th Ave.
V6A 4T1 (J40)

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Project Name: VCC New Brochure Cards

Environmental savings for using 4,346 Lbs. of Save-A-Tree® paper

Trees Saved	26	Wood Saved (Lbs.)	15,065
Water Saved (gals.)	22,152	Landfill Reduced (Lbs.)	2,349
Net Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduced (Lbs.)	4,557	Energy Reduced (BTU) (000)	29,987

Above: VCC's program cards' "eco audit" showing environmental savings reached through printing the cards on 100% post-consumer recycled paper.

»» Special building expansion – pull-out section

VCC's Broadway campus is expanding. The campus currently serves more than 4,200 students in a facility planned for 1,800.

Construction is to begin in July 2006 with the move-in date scheduled for August 2008. Hold on to this special pull-out section for details on who's who, space allocation and more.

»» Why build?

VCC is stretched beyond the limit.

The utilization levels at Vancouver Community College's two campuses are substantially higher than Ministry of Education guidelines:

- In 2003/04, 4,208 student full-time equivalent (FTE) spaces were delivered at the Broadway campus, a facility planned for only 1,822.
- In that same year, base funded and non-funded classroom and lab use at Broadway reached 190 percent of Ministry guidelines, with overall classroom and lab use at VCC's two campuses at 152 percent.
- Library and study space is between one-quarter and one-third of Ministry guidelines.

Did you know?

VCC has not had a capital expansion in over 25 years.

»» Project objectives

The overall objectives must balance the program growth with fixing current space shortfalls. This must be done while maximizing and preserving the development potential of the Broadway campus.

Specific objectives include:

- To cost-effectively accommodate program growth in priority areas, including health sciences, dental programs and hospitality.
- To improve and better balance the use of instructional space.
- To provide opportunity to alleviate the severe overcrowding of the Broadway library.
- To ensure development fits within the rezoning context and addresses urban design issues.
- To ensure the placement of new development supports the logical future expansion of the Centre for Transportation Trades and other anticipated campus developments.
- To ensure that the density of current development preserves the potential for ongoing and cost-effective long-term development at the Broadway site.

»» Fast facts

Size:	125,000 ft ² (~11,600 m ²)
Location:	Glen and 7 th Avenue
Budget:	\$41 million Project \$31.4 million Construction \$4.3 million Planning and design \$3.8 million Fees, Insurance, GST, other \$1.5 million Furniture and equipment

»» Space allocation*

Dept/Service Area	m ²
Aboriginal Education & Services	65
Bookstore and Coffee Bar	378
Continuing Studies	24
Facilities	156
Faculty Association Office and Lounge	40
Faculty and Departmental Offices	1,012
Health Services	94
Medical Laboratory Assistant	47
Nursing & Continuing Care	2,220
Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapist	572
Pharmacy Technician	301
Public Areas/Student Study	917
Shared Classrooms and Labs	3,420
Student Association	190
Wet Lab/Support - Lockers	165

* final allocations to be determined



Above: Instructor Mario Trettenero, shares his vision for the next 40 years with VP Linda Martin. Left: This 'hipster' is: (A) Norm Dooley, (B) Wayne McNiven, (C) Malcolm McIntosh, or (D) Dr. Johnny Fever.

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Thanks go to the groovy members of the anniversary committee:

Sue Aro, Barb Ash, Sandra Bailey, Stephen Barrington, Ruth Behnke, Holly Cole, Dave Donaldson, Della Glendenning, Dave Greenall, Sheilah Henderson, Sarah Lucas, Sandra MacSorley, Wayne McNiven, Lisa Middleton, Les Patterson, Carey Stoneberg, Perry Taylor and Colleen van Winkel.

Special recognition goes to designers Daniel Rohloff and Keith Parker for creating the psychedelically styled Feelin' Groovy promotional materials and signage, respectively. ■

"We can sum it up in one word – amazing," says organizing committee chair and college vice-president Linda Martin, who wore a bold orange Fortrel pant suit with white trim that suited her straight hair for the evening.

"It was a fantastic party. Fabulous food, great décor, outrageous fun; congratulations go to everyone who worked so hard over many months to put it together," she says.

"A fabulous party and a great excuse to wear big hair and polyester!"

-Doreen Sharan

VCC graphic designer Keith Parker looked far from his usual self in '70s stylin' navy jacket with pale blue accent stitching, wide-collar shirt, and blue-and-white plaid pants, all topped off with a modest Afro. "This was the best VCC function I've been to in 20 years," he says. "It was a lot of fun."

That's the sentiment organizing committee co-chair Roseanne Ashworth heard again and again; people were still talking about the party two weeks later.

"Everyone loved it – people have nothing but good things to say about the food, the decorations, the music and the costumes," says Ashworth, whose costume included a tie-dye shirt, headband, pink John Lennon glasses and peace sign earrings.

"Peace man! The 40th anniversary was where it's at."

-Vivienne Garrott

"People are asking when we're going to do it again – obviously it was a huge hit," says Ashworth.

Visitors didn't go home empty-handed: guests received free memento photos of them posing on a '60s-style Harley-Davidson motorcycle, generously provided through Trev Deeley Motorcycles in Vancouver. ■

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14 fully grown	2,447 gallons	3,316 million BTUs	260 pounds	17 pounds	503 pounds

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