

**REPORT TO NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
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CAMPBELL RIVER CAMPUS

Orientation Day at NIC

Submitted by Student Services

Campbell River Orientation Day began with a delicious pancake breakfast hosted by Aboriginal Education in the Gathering Place. Students then proceeded to the theatre where they were welcomed to the Campus by the Assistant Registrar, Sarah Deagle, and the Director, Trades & Technology, Chris Udy. Treena Nadon offered information on Student Employment Services at NIC, and a NISU representative offered information about the North Island Students Union. Michelle Hume, Counsellor, spoke about Surviving September and Beyond. Students dispersed throughout the campus to meet their Faculty who provided their program introductions. They also had the opportunity to participate in library and studio tours and a scavenger hunt. After some prize giveaways, and the chance to use the photo booth and visit the Marketplace of community members' booths, students mingled while enjoying their free barbecue lunch.

Thank you to the NIC staff who helped make our new students feel welcome!

Halloween Fun!

Submitted by Diane Toomeetcha!!



The Campbell River Registration team...although a couple may not have been at NIC in body, they were "in spirit." (Above: Lela Kulesh and Tara Idiens (left) and Darlene Ramm (right))

COMOX VALLEY CAMPUS

School of Business Mixer

Submitted by Bill Parkinson

On November 5th the School of Business partnered with the CPA organization to deliver our annual Student-Business mixer at Crown Isle, allowing our current program students to mingle and network with local accounting firms and other related businesses. This is part of our School's continuing commitment to create connections between our students and industry.

CV Orientation Day

Submitted by Student Services

Orientation Day at the Comox Valley campus was a great success again this year with approximately 300 students in attendance. McDonalds kindly provided free refreshments to start the day. Students attended the welcome session in the Stan Hagen Theatre, followed by their program introductions, and activities throughout the campus. Next, students had the opportunity to converse with community organizations in the Market Place and win prizes. Some of the participants included Comox Valley Sports, Regional District, Home Depot, Monks, Comox Valley Art Gallery, We the Voters, NIC Voter Engagement Campaign, NISU, Elder in Residence, Toastmasters, Canadian Blood Services, Comox Valley Global Awareness Network, Shaw Cable, CIBC, Nissan, and Mount Washington Alpine Resort.

Throughout the day, students spoke with NIC staff who were committed to providing them with information to enhance their learning experience. During and after the free barbecue lunch, the DJ played a variety of music and many International students lead both students and a few staff members in dancing! Later in the afternoon, students attended faculty-led workshops on topics such as Survivor's Guide to Essay Writing, Study Abroad, Budgeting 101 as well as Library Tours with a myNIC Demo.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this day memorable for our students.

Tourism Dept Update

Submitted by Deborah Forsyth

Great things are happening in the NIC Tourism Department. This summer TIPS (Tourism Industry Professionals) awarded the Department with approximately \$17,000 in funds to install a teaching bar in Village J. The renovations are almost complete and include a new back bar, fridge, bar stools, some lighting, artwork, a Squirrel point of sale system and more. The back bar was installed before September and students in the Bar and Beverage Management class are already benefitting from having an actual teaching facility where they can practice their skills.

Additionally the new THM 275 Food Fundamentals and Service class started this semester. Students from the Global Tourism and Tourism and Hospitality Management programs are cooking up a storm in the kitchen. Under the guidance of Chef Lilyholm, these non-culinary students mastered some key concepts, created some fabulous three, four and five course menus and served their creations in the Bistro this semester. The Bistro opened for four Friday nights and they are doing a great job, and best of all, they are loving the experience.

Finally, the annual Wine Festival is taking place in Campbell River on Friday, November 20th and promises to be another great event

Aboriginal Ecotourism Training Program

Submitted by David Pinel

Together with partners, VIU and Heiltsuk Tribal Council, we've secured provincial funding from November 2015 to October 2017 to continue with an expanded Aboriginal Ecotourism Training Program designed with in-community delivery (in multiple locations) for two cohorts of 14 Aboriginal students (January 2016 entry and Fall 2016 entry). This builds on last year's success, is working toward a certificate credential outcome (that includes many relevant industry certificates), and will link students with rich industry and community connections and best practices from coastal BC and beyond. Our NIC portion is focused on the practical field skills courses and credentials, and supports all of the classroom theory components through VIU. Throughout, we co-coordinate all aspects of the program delivery with our other two partners.

Halloween Fun

Submitted by Diane Toomeetcha!!



The Comox Valley Registration team...



Finance celebrates Halloween: Gru and his minions + Margo



OK. You're killing me here! Did you try turning it off and on again!



PORT ALBERNI CAMPUS

Port Alberni Campus

Submitted by Nancy Twynam



Junior Achievement of British Columbia coming to PA campus

JABC – Junior Achievement of British Columbia has been hosted by Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS) for nine years. With this program students learn about life after high-school, the costs associated with independent living, career choices, interviewing, networking, and mentorship. Economics for Success helps students see the journey from backpack to briefcase. Due to the expansion of ADSS to include the grade 8 students this year, space is unavailable for the delivery of this program. NIC PA will be supporting the program by providing the facility and taking part in the mentorship. Over 250 grade 9 ADSS students will enter NIC PA for this JABC program in February 2016. This will be a first time entry into the building for most of these students.

Kitchen Helper Program

Kitchen Helper program ran out of the Culinary Arts building this fall, in partnership with Nuuchahnulth Employment & Training Program and Continuing Education department. 12 students were enrolled. The program ended with a delicious buffet lunch for staff and community.



Electrical Foundation

The School of Trades and Technology has received funding to support the delivery of a cohort of Electrical Foundation in Port Alberni, commencing February 2016.

Employment Transition/Construction Labourer Program

Employment Transitions and Construction Labourer Program for students with executive functioning disabilities such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is running for its 3rd year. 12 students are enrolled in this program.

Dual Credit/ACE-IT

The Accelerated Credit Enrolment in Industry Training (ACE-IT) program is the in-class component of a high school apprenticeship. ACE-IT students are Youth Apprentices registered with the Industry Training Authority (ITA). NIC Port Alberni currently has 11 students in five different programs.

- Early Childhood Care and Education – 1
- Automotive – 5
- Health Care assistant – 1
- Joinery – 1
- Welding – 3

Orientation Day at NIC

Submitted by Student Services

The Port Alberni Campus Orientation started with a wonderful continental breakfast in the cafeteria. The President welcomed the students at the Gathering Place followed by remarks from the Assistant Director, Student Affairs and a representative from NISU. Then throughout the campus, students attended program introduction sessions lead by their faculty. A Marketplace was available for students to peruse the booths on display by community members. Students also had an opportunity to participate in a scavenger hunt, along with other games & activities followed by a free barbecue at noon hosted by the Port Alberni Lions Club.

Thank you to all staff and faculty who volunteered to make this a memorable event and a great start to the academic year.

CENTRES

Update for the UC Centre

Submitted by Bill Morrison

The Ucluelet Centre underwent a major renovation this summer with new floors and all walls painted. It looks great!

We have our first calculus student with ITV delivering MAT 102 on Mon/Wed afternoons through FA2015

New Centre Support Assistant, Melanie Hayes, has arrived and is learning the ropes at an interesting time of year.

We will offer in-class ENG 115 to Ucluelet Secondary students and the general public during SP2016

SCHOOL OF TRADES AND TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

Provincial and Regional

FALL 2015

- The School participated in the ITA's Skilled Trades Innovation Forum on October 8th to discuss how BC's trades training system can be strengthened through innovative partnerships with industry and training providers.
- Administration attended the National Council of Deans of Technology and Council of Deans of Trades and Apprenticeship Canada meeting in Vancouver October 21-23.
- Administration attended the ITA's Welder Exam Apprentice Workshop to support provincial Program Outline changes and alignment with the program exam bank.

Highlights

- New intakes in Carpentry (level 1 & 4), Electrical (level 3 & 4), Heavy Mechanical (level 2 & old 4), and Plumbing (level 3) begin in October and November.
- The School continues to work closely with Facilities to support the advancement of the improvements and retrofits at Vigar, Dogwood (Grinding Room), and Tebo campuses.
- We are nearing the end of the old stream of Heavy Mechanical Programs with one of the last level 4 old streams being offered this fall.

Trades Students Awarded Bursaries at Foundation's Award Nights

- Trades students were the recipients of approximately \$14,500 in awards and bursaries at the Foundation Award ceremonies held in Campbell River and the Comox Valley this fall. We extend a congratulations to all award winners and a sincere thanks to the donors who make these very meaningful contributions to education at NIC.

Port Alberni Electrical Foundation Program Set for February 2016

- NIC will be offering an Electrical Foundation program in Port Alberni for 2016WI. Registration is currently open and class will begin on February 2nd. It has been a very collaborative effort from many at NIC to produce this program at the PA campus, and the residents of Port Alberni are pleased to have this program offered in their community.

Campus Consolidation Program Considerations Begin

- Schernoff Thomas Architects, along with NIC Facilities, began consulting with our Vigar Road location faculty, as well as faculty located at the Campbell River Campus to discuss considerations with the Campbell River Consolidation Project. While there are many challenges with moving Vigar Road Vocational Centre programs that have such large and heavy capital equipment, the focus of faculty and the School through this transition will be on delivering quality programming to the students of North Island College. We all look forward to the arrival of the Heavy Mechanical, Aircraft Structures and Sheet Metal programs to the Dogwood Campus. Discussions are preliminary and ongoing.

Multi-Year Planning Underway

- Faculty are participating in the School's Multi-Year Planning Process with contributions from all departments. The School is on schedule with the submission process outlined by the Office of the VP Learning and Students, and the process has already generated very meaningful discussion around our programs and students.

Making Sushi with Professional Cook Students

- The Professional Cook 1 students were in the kitchen this month, learning about making Sushi. There are 12 students in the Cook 1 class this year, with Chef Christine Lilyholm and Chef David Lang instructing.



Faculty Sharing Expertise in Tourism Hospitality

- Chef Christine Lilyholm's expertise is available this year within Tourism Hospitality Management, with Thursday and Friday classes filled with theory and applied hands-on training in the teaching kitchen in Campbell River. One of the significant achievements in the THM course is the execution of four full service evenings in the Bistro. Due to the commitment and dedication of faculty and students, the Campbell River Campus has had evening visitors who enjoyed another semester of Bistro meal service success! Chef presented another impressive menu comprised of a not only a three course option, but also a four and five course, and Chef's Choice menu option.



Trades Participates in Parent Info Night

- The School participated in the Parent Night open house in the Comox Valley on November 16th. Seven faculty, the Dean and the Director attended to invite parents and their children to invest in a Trades Education as part of their future. Program areas include Aircraft Structures, Carpentry, Automotive, Welding, Heavy Mechanical, and Professional Cook.

New sessional instructor joins Aircraft Structures

- The School of Trades and Technical Programs welcomed David Nilson as the new sessional instructor in the Aircraft Structures Technician Program. David is a North Island College graduate who went on to complete the Aircraft Structures Course at UBC, then going on to become an Aircraft Maintenance Engineer and Founder/CEO of International Aeroproducts Inc. (IntAero) David brings over 35 years of experience in the field of aviation and we are very excited to have him as part of our team.



ACE-It Students Build Greenhouse for local restaurant Prime Chophouse in Courtenay

- Instructors Erik Hardin and Tom Klatt worked with local restaurant Prime Chophouse to utilize the skills being learned in this summer's ACE-It Carpentry Foundation program to build a beautiful full-scale greenhouse. The greenhouse will be delivered to Prime to grow the restaurant's fresh herbs year-round. Instructor Erik Hardin drew up the plans for the structure, and Tom Klatt's students did a wonderful job of building the project. The collaboration will be featured in the local news in the coming months.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Programming Activities

CAMPBELL RIVER

- Continuing Education participated in a Forestry Week event held at NIEFS. There were approximately 60 potential applicants in attendance along with representatives from Western Forest Products, Interfor, Holbrook Dyson Logging and Strategic Natural Resource Consultants. Attendees received information on the local job market in the Forest industry and were given an overview and literature about Forestry-related and Trades-related training available at North Island College.
- Funding has been secured through the Ministry of Jobs, Skills and Tourism for a variety of programs including Professional Dining Service, Building Service Worker, Facilities Operating Skills Training and Industry Certificates to take place between now and the end of February. This initiative is in conjunction with Ucluelet First Nations and recruitment is underway.
- The Ministry has also funded Underground Mining Essentials in Lillooet which begins mid-November and will run through February 2016.
- An info session for next fall's Metal Jewellery course will take place this month.
- Staff are working with Marketing to create flyers for the winter/spring courses.

Campbell River ElderCollege

- Campbell River ElderCollege met in late October to further discuss the lack of volunteers for its committees. An invitation was extended to all members of ElderCollege to attend the meeting in an effort to encourage discussion and recruit more volunteers. Preliminary work is being done on the Winter 2016 offerings.
- ElderCollege was invited to attend the Living Well Expo, the first of an anticipated annual event at Berwick by the Sea. The Expo was advertised in the community by Berwick and there were many visitors from the senior community in attendance.

COMOX VALLEY

- Coordination and recruitment are underway leading up to Landscape Horticulture Level 1 scheduled to start February 2016. There is a gaining interest for this third offering.
- 61% of stand-alone courses are operating from October to November. The high cancellation rate is partly due to the five NEW courses that did not operate: Five out of 23.
- Staff attended the Multi-Year Planning session October 15th and found it important to better understand the strategic planning process.
- A first time offering of Effective Grant Writing resulted in a full class of 16 students.
- The first 40-hr practicum for the Activity Assistant certificate was successfully completed October 30th. Students had a positive experience in the care facilities. The 90-hr practicum starts on November 30th.

- Promotion went up on the website for the Landscape Horticulture Information Session on November 26th as well as Screen Printing and Board Governance.
- Student Recruitment Officer, Lori Boray, supplied promotional materials for the Comox Valley Campus Parent Night on November 17th. The intent was to gain interest from high school students for Landscape Horticulture.

Comox Valley ElderCollege:

- There have been extensive discussions within NIC on how best to manage CVEC online registration and reduce the risk of technical difficulties that occur on the first day of registration when a high number of individuals are trying to register online at the same time. Recommendations will be submitted for the 2016WI registration.
- Current enrollment in courses is 1429 including the Saturday Lecture Series and Single Lecture option. We currently have 818 CVEC members.
- Planning for the 2016WI session is underway. The newsletter will be available sometime in January.

PORT ALBERNI

- Nuuchahnulth Employment & Training Program's four-week Kitchen Attendant course is taking place in the culinary building. The program is going well with 12 students in attendance. They are preparing a variety of items to gain experience in the kitchen.
- In October we offered a contract Foodsafe & WHMIS course for the Port Alberni Friendship Centre.
- Staff met with representatives from School District 70 to discuss the possibility of NIC offering CE non-credential courses for their students who require training to enter the work force but are not planning on attending college/university. They are looking at retail/hospitality-type certificates/courses, as well as courses like Building Service Worker, etc. The timing/schedule and funding are items they need to take into consideration.
- We are continuing to offer professional development training for the volunteer fire departments on the west coast.

Port Alberni ElderCollege

- PA ElderCollege enrollment has a membership at about 66 members for 2015 fall. A bit low; we usually have over 100 members by the end of the academic year.
- The ElderCollege travel series is a success once again with up to 30 members at each session.
- We offered another section of the iPad course to fulfill the waitlist.

FIRST AID

- Contracts have picked up significantly over the past month. We have three contracts in place for November with a total of four courses, two contracts in January with total of two courses with one of them being an OFA Level 3 course for Western Forest Products, and two contracts in progress for February with a total of three courses. We have also been doing training for various programs and have a few more coming up before the end of the year in Ucluelet, Port Alberni, Campbell River and Lillooet for a total of six courses.
- We completed a successful Occupational First Aid Level 3 course on the Comox Valley Campus with nine students. We also started a Marine Advanced First Aid course on Monday with 10 students.
- Staff made initial contact with the Quality Foods first aid training coordinator before he left on holidays and will be speaking with him again this week to arrange a meeting.
- Staff are sending out emails for upcoming courses and continue to promote our Red Cross courses through the Red Cross website. We also participate in the bi-weekly newspaper ads and promote on Facebook & Twitter.