

**REPORT TO NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS  
JANUARY 28, 2015**

<b>School of Trades and Technical Programs</b>
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**Provincial and Regional**

**WINTER 2015**

Administration attended BCATTA meetings on December 3-4, 2015 in Vancouver.

Administration attended BCCAT (BC Council of Administrative Tribunals) course on *Foundations of Administrative Justice: Practice & Procedures for Administrators & Decision-Makers in Post-Secondary Educational Institutions* on December 7-8, 2015 in Nanaimo.

***Highlights***

- New intakes in Horticulture (level 1), Cook (level 2), Carpentry (level 2 & 3), Electrical (level 2 & 4), Heavy Mechanical (Foundation, level 1), and Plumbing (Foundation) begin in January and February.
- Four 2015FA programs completed their ITA exams on December 18, 2015 with an average 85% success rate.
- A big congratulations to Erik Hardin, Instructor for the Carpentry level 4 class which had 100% success rate in passing their ITA exam and receiving their Red Seal certification. Erik would like to profile apprentice Jordan Klupsas, who is sponsored by Michael Miller Custom Homes and has achieved the highest marks to date of any apprentice to come through the carpentry apprentice program. Jordan began his studies at NIC in the Carpentry Foundation program and obtained his Red Seal Certification with his classmates on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Employee Recognition Event**

- On November 27<sup>th</sup>, NIC hosted the Employee Recognition Event at Crown Isle in Courtenay. The School of Trades and Technical Programs were pleased to honour six faculty members with their years of service to students and education. Erik Hardin (Carpentry) and David Lang (Culinary) celebrated 5 years, Terry Waters (Welding) celebrated 10 years, Chris Udy (Admin) and Chris Posner (Auto) celebrated 15 years, and Rob Hughes (Plumbing) celebrated 25 years. We are grateful to all our faculty and staff for their work and dedication to the School of Trades and Technical Programs and look forward to celebrating all contributions in the years to come.

**New Intake of Level 2 Electrical Apprenticeship Training Added for April 2016**

- As a result of Ministry funding tied to waitlist reduction, NIC will be offering an additional level 2 Electrical cohort in Campbell River from April 4-June 10, 2016. This additional intake will provide seats to 10 students currently on waitlists for this program, and a full class is anticipated by program start.

**Multi-Year Planning**

- Faculty are participating in the School's Multi-Year Planning Process, with presentations of the School's plans to the Senior Education Team (SET) scheduled for February 5, 2016.

### Culinary Christmas Buffet

- On December 10, 2015 the Campbell River Campus Cook 1 students presented their annual Culinary Christmas Buffet. Tickets were sold out and the buffet did not disappoint! The students made a wonderful and delicious presentation under the direction of Chef David Lang.



*Students prepare the dessert table*



*Chef Lang oversees student serving roast beef*



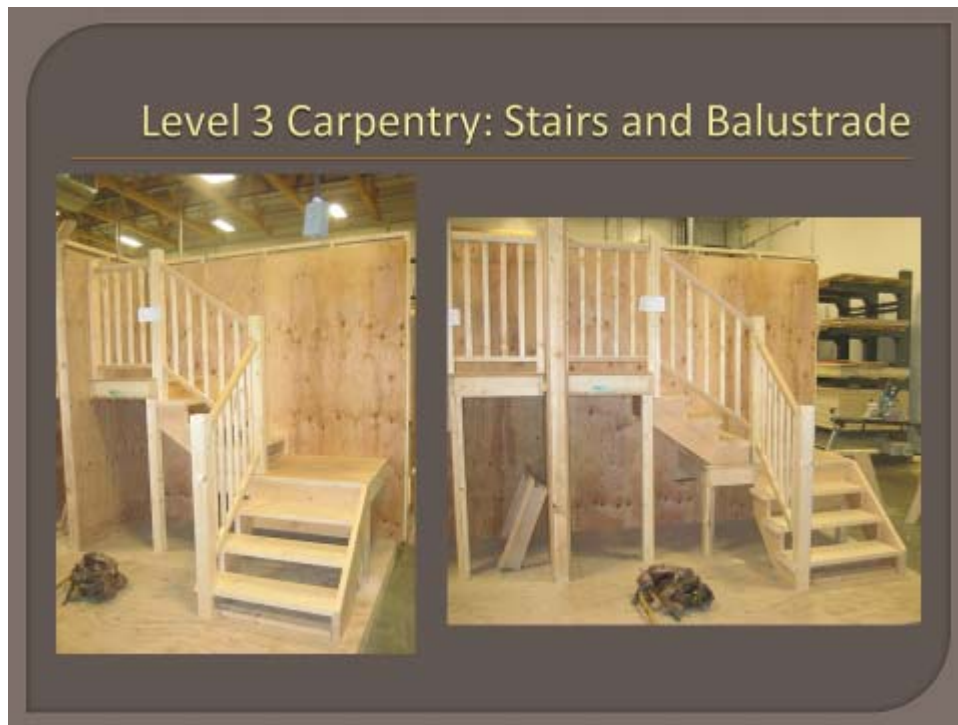
*Admin, staff, and stakeholders enjoy the Culinary Christmas Buffet*

**2016/17 Draft Training Plan Submitted to ITA**

- On January 8, 2016, the School submitted the 2016-2017 Training Plan to the ITA for approval. Approval of the plan is expected by mid-February.

**Carpentry Students present to SLT**

- On December 15, 2015, Erik Hardin (Carpentry Instructor) accompanied two students to make a presentation to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). The presentation was given by Ryan Hughes (Level 4 Carpentry) and Mo Nordstrom (Carpentry Foundation) and was very well received by SLT. This was the first time that students from the School participated in Student Presentations to SLT.



*A Powerpoint Slide from the Student Presentation to SLT*

The Culinary program will have students presenting to SLT on February 17, 2016, and the accompanying Instructor will be Chef David Lang.

**COMOX VALLEY CAMPUS****International Education Week**

*Submitted by Margaret Hearnden*

International Education (IE) Week is celebrated each year in over 100 countries around the world, and aims to highlight the importance of international education for all Canadians.

Here at NIC during the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, a variety of events were held to celebrate IE Week. The College Toastmasters group got the week off to an enthusiastic start with a visit from the Public Speaking World Champion Danajaya Hettiarachchi, who came to talk about the five leadership lessons he has learnt over the last ten years.

Tuesday, an interactive information session was held by Jim Anderson at the Campbell River campus on the Crete field school (information sessions were also held on Monday and Thursday at the Comox and Port Alberni campuses), enticing students to consider a European adventure as part of their studies.

Murray Erikson gave an inspiring talk with amazing photos on Wednesday about his faculty trip to South America over the summer. This was followed by an introduction to Salsa dancing in the student lounge, provided by Karin from Courtenay Salsa. Students, faculty and staff joined together to learn some new moves.

The week was rounded off on the Friday at the Comox Valley campus with ‘speed friending,’ and an opportunity for students to grab a photo of themselves with their friends from a portable photo booth, with the theme ‘Imagine yourself here.’ Students could choose from various backdrops, from the Eiffel Tower to the Taj Mahal. Caitlin Hartnett gave an inspiring presentation about the 2015 NIC Indigenous and International Foods Project. This was followed by a presentation by Norman Bendle on his exciting Global Learning Innovation Fund project that took place in Croatia over the summer, where Norman and two NIC students took part in the War and Peace Institute in Bosnia.

Throughout the week, the Comox Valley Cafeteria served delicious food from around the world to tempt students into an international taste experience.

### **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connections Grant Approved**

*Submitted by Sara Vipond*

School of Fine Arts and Design faculty member, Sara Vipond, signed on as a North Island College co-applicant for a SSHRC Connections Grant for a project entitled "Where is Here?" The application was successful.

This project contributes to an emerging field of research focused on ‘deep’ cultural mapping as a catalyst for social cohesion through a three-pronged approach that includes:

- a ‘deep-mapping’ research project within three small cities on Vancouver Island;
- a symposium bringing together a group of cultural mapping proponents exploring the theoretical foundations and practical possibilities underlying ‘deep’ cultural mapping practices;
- and an exhibition highlighting arts-based mapping traditions,

We intend to make a relevant knowledge contribution to this emerging field.

[http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/connection\\_grants-subventions\\_connexion-eng.aspx](http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/connection_grants-subventions_connexion-eng.aspx)

As the NIC co-applicant for the project, Sara Vipond will be giving a talk at the Prong 2: Symposium *Explore Here* and overseeing the Prong 3: *Create Here*, working with the invited artists in residence; Winnipeg-based Barbara Menelay and Calgary-based arts duo, Eric & Mia (Eric Moschopedis & Mia Rushton).

### **Invitation from the School of Fine Art & Design students**

*Submitted by Linda Perron*

The School of Fine Art & Design students would like to invite the North Island College Board of Governors to the annual student-run Art Event. The spring Art Event opening will take place Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 11pm. The event will also include a daytime opening on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 am to 1pm. The event will include artwork from students who are currently enrolled in the Fine Arts Diploma, Emily Carr External Degree and the Interactive Media & Graphic Design programs. The exhibition will be presented in both Shadbolt Studios and Raven Hall and will include painting, drawing, sculpture, graphic design, print media, digital media and more.



**PORT ALBERNI CAMPUS****Holiday Decorating at the PA Campus**

*Submitted by Laurie Bird*

Many of the faculty and students decorate their doors for Christmas on the PA campus. Below is an example from the Health Care Assistant class in Port Alberni.

**Mayor's Breakfast starts the year off**

*Submitted by Jessie Broekhuizen*

The Port Alberni campus started 2016 by hosting the Mayor's Breakfast on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor's Breakfast is a developmental liaison committee. Over 20 members from the community attended the event and enjoyed a delicious eggs benedict breakfast served by our own cafeteria. Nancy Twynam presented the campus highlights to the committee. It was an energized morning on the campus!

**CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING****Programming Activities****CAMPBELL RIVER**

- The Coastal Forest Resource program that was held in Port Hardy has come to completion. The number of students decreased from 12 to 10 as two of the participants received offers of full time employment during the month of December. Of the 10 remaining students, six were employed by their practicum employers.
- The West Coast training initiative will go forward, offering the Professional Dining Service program in Tofino and the Industry Certification Series in Ucluelet. Training will take place at the Tin Wis Resort and the Ucluelet Centre of North Island College. Both training initiatives are set to commence February 9<sup>th</sup>.

- The Underground Mining Essentials program in the Lillooet area is well underway. Our training partners have been providing supports for students to ensure that there are no barriers to the students continued attendance in the program. All students are committed and engaged. January will see the delivery of the last in-class components of this program, plus tours to local quarrying and mining operations. Participants will be on the mine site in February learning hands-on skills for the mining industry. Avino Silver and Gold continue to support the program and are committed to employing successful students.
- In collaboration with Vancouver Island University, we will be offering the comprehensive Building Service Worker program at the Campbell River campus. Student interest has been strong. The classes are set to begin on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Two cohorts of Wildfire Crew Member Training have been scheduled for the spring. Instructors have been secured, local employers and employment agencies have been notified, and posters have been distributed in community.
- Six jewellery workshops have been added for summer (four are new).
- A potluck was held with the Metal Jewellery Certificate students and instructors to celebrate the term end and give students a chance to show off their projects.
- Staff worked with marketing on creating posters/ads for the Metal Jewellery Open House in April and the spring/summer workshops.
- A few courses that we offered in the fall that were popular (Permaculture, Navigating in Windows, etc.) have been added to the winter/spring 2016 offerings in Campbell River.
- Staff initiated a full page ad in Campbell River and Courtenay to promote winter Continuing Ed courses in both regions and sent email blasts to interest lists regarding the jewellery, basket weaving and business courses that are coming up.

### ***Campbell River ElderCollege***

- ElderCollege Advisory has distributed their newsletter throughout the Campbell River region. This has prompted many inquiries from the public regarding registration. ElderCollege continues to work in the community, distributing information pamphlets to the Welcome Wagon, Community Centre etc., in hopes of increasing participation throughout the region. Planning is underway at this time for the Annual General Meeting.

### **COMOX VALLEY**

- We are projecting 11 or 12 students for the February 1<sup>st</sup> start of Landscape Horticulture.
- The operation rate for January stand-alone courses is approximately 80%. We estimate the one page ad resulted in approximately \$2,500 gross additional enrolment revenue.
- The Activity Assistant Certificate was completed at the end of December with 10 graduates.
- Staff will meet with representatives from Vancouver Island University and Camosun to discuss Hospital Unit Clerk consistencies.
- Email blasts for Permaculture: Design Your Property course contributed to this new offering operating at capacity on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

***Comox Valley ElderCollege (CVEC):***

- Student Services, Continuing Education staff and the CVEC Executive are working together on a workaround plan for 2016Wi ElderCollege registration. Another meeting will be held before correspondence goes out to CVEC members to ensure procedures are clear to all parties involved.
- The 2016Wi Newsletter is completed with 57 courses offered plus the Lecture Series. The newsletter has been emailed to 2014Fa and 2015Fa members and will be mailed out to those who do not have email addresses. It is now posted on CVEC website.
- The course leader's orientation will be on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be providing information about NIC supports and handing out access cards to classrooms.
- An Information Forum is scheduled for Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Stan Hagen Theatre and registration starts the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PORT ALBERNI**

- We were awarded a contract with the Port Alberni Friendship Centre for training in Retail, Safety courses and Foodsafe for 2016.
- Staff are marketing the Nursing Foot Care course that is coming up in February.

***Port Alberni ElderCollege***

- PA ElderCollege handouts for winter/spring courses were created and were included in the January Sunshine Club newsletter and mailed out to members.

**FIRST AID**

- We will start off January 2016 with two contracts. On January 4<sup>th</sup> we started an OFA Level 3 course at Western Forest Products and an Emergency Child Care First Aid at Wagalus Elementary in Fort Rupert. As well there are several other contracts running in January through March.
- We also have training coming up for some Ministry funded programs as well as several Trades programs.
- 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.