

**REPORT TO NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
JUNE 25, 2015**

COMOX VALLEY CAMPUS

Business 293 Students in Top 100 Global Ranking

Submitted by Judith Marriott

Athletica Footwear, one of the companies run by two of the Spring Business 293 students, is in the top 100 Global Ranking for three out of five key indicators for Year 16 of the Business Simulation. The students are Barbara Forberg and Craig Patrick, both accounting students in the School of Business. This is quite an incredible accomplishment as they are competing against 1,380 teams, from 117 institutions worldwide. It is quite significant to be in the top 100 for one performance criteria, but 3 is outstanding. I am very proud of them and their hard work, especially in the short time frame that we have for the Spring term.

Follow up: They did it again this week, but now are in the top 100 in 3 indicators (12th and 19th) and 81st in the Game Overall Score!!

School of Business Spring Social

Submitted by Bill Parkinson

On May 14th the School of Business held its 3rd annual Spring Social (BBA Alumni event) at the Black Fin in Comox. School of Business BBA Alumni now top 100 members!!

School of Fine Art & Design Update

Submitted by Linda Perron

The School of Fine Art & Design diploma graduates just completed a very successful exhibition of their work in Shadbolt Studios. Many students are now preparing to enter their third year of studies with the ECU external degree program at NIC, as well as entering degree programs through ECU in Vancouver. In addition to the Diploma show, the graduating students from the External degree program here at NIC also completed an exhibition of their work at the Comox Valley Art Gallery along with faculty and staff exhibiting work that supported and inspired exploration and research.

The School of Fine Art & Design hosted 20 students from the Gagliardi Academy, introducing them to the schools facilities and providing an opportunity to explore the art of ceramics. This month the School of Fine Art & Design also hosted, through the Comox Valley Potters club, ceramic artist Laura Lukens for a two day workshop. Students of the Fine Arts program are fully sponsored for these workshops and take full advantage of gaining additional skills in glazing and firing techniques. Additional summer partnerships will again include hosting the CRA's Exploration Art Camp in the Fine Art Studios. This long standing partnership will bring students aged 8 to 16 years into the studios to experience visual arts in a professional setting.

Once again the School of Fine Art & Design will be facilitating an advisory committee meeting at the end of June for the IMG programs. This meeting brings together professionals and educators to discuss graphic and web based industries and the technical training required to meet the changing technologies.

In Memory of a wonderful colleague and friend

Submitted by Sharon van Heyningen



On May 27th colleagues got together to plant a tree in front of Komoux Hall in memory of a wonderful colleague and friend we lost this year. We wanted to remember our friend but felt words could not say enough so we thought this beautiful tree would speak for us instead. All who knew her would know it was for her. Those who do not could just enjoy its quiet beauty for generations to come.

Award of Excellence

Submitted by Catherine Peters

Each year the Disability Resource Network of BC for Post-Secondary Education recognizes the outstanding contributions of a service coordinator who provides access services for students with disabilities.

Sheila Doncaster was this year's recipient of the DRNBC for PSE Award of Excellence for Services for 2015. Sheila was recognized by her peers for her commitment to excellence and for her dedication and compassionate support of students. The Awards Ceremony was held at Vancouver Community College on May 21st.

Bike to Work Week

Submitted by Sharon van Heyningen

Bike to Work Week 2015 saw a team of 38 participants for the North Island College Courtenay Campus team. Together we logged 165 trips totaling 1,736 km of riding, walking, jogging and carpooling. Many of our team members biked with their kids to work, school and daycare. NIC's Environmental Sustainability Committee donated funds for prizes purchased through a much-appreciated discount from Simon's cycles. The weather was an added bonus this year as most of us veteran participants remember only rainy and windy conditions from previous years. CVRD Transit selected the Courtenay campus as the Wednesday morning Celebration station. They parked a bus on campus filled with treats and transit materials and encouraged bikers to try out their bus bike racks.



Bachelor of Science in Nursing Department

Submitted by RaeAnn Hartman and Jan Meiers, Department Co-Chairs

The BSN Department are pleased to report on an extremely robust year with some exciting past and future highlights!

The fall term brought us not only a new cohort of students, but our new Dean, Kathleen Haggith, as well. We have transitioned well and continue to strengthen both our programming and partner relationships together in a strong learning environment. We appreciate Kathleen's student-centered focus and her experience with clear and fair process.

January brought us the retirement of a long-standing faculty member, Dan Woodrow. We miss him and his clinical expertise in Mental Health!

We had strong student representation at this January's annual meeting of the Canadian Nursing Student Association [CNSA] and were successful in both a bid for the October 2015 Western Regional Conference and an NIC student becoming President of the Association. This student group, along with their peers at Thompson Rivers University, were also successful in the presentation and adoption of their Aboriginal Health Position Statement, building awareness of Aboriginal Health challenges across Canada. In fact, the newly elected President, Dawn Tisdale, was able to share her experience of the importance of this at the TedX Comox Valley event. You can view her talk at: https://youtu.be/kMvn_mSsykE?t=3s. The strength of leadership lived by this student group has been amazing at every level, locally, provincially, and nationally.

February was a busy month as we prepared for our Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing [CASN] accreditation process. March 2nd – 6th brought us our review team of three individuals from the University of Manitoba, Queens University and Cape Breton University, who shared their time between NIC and our degree granting partner, VIU. The strengths, opportunities and challenges outlined in their debrief were neither surprising nor unexpected. The team identified many strengths and opportunities, such as the work we do at the community level with community partners, our curriculum, our student leadership, opportunities with the new hospital and continuing scholarship for a baccalaureate program, as well as challenges, such as office and learning spaces. The final report should be provided to the College within the next two weeks. As much work as it is preparing for such an accreditation, it is always an exciting process to validate and appreciate the work we do as well.

In April, we saw the dissolution of our Collaborative Academic Education in Nursing [CAEN] partnership. The final partners of Aurora College, College of the Rockies, Selkirk College, NIC and VIU will be continuing as a strong Community of Practice, connecting in other ways outside of a formal entity. The CAEN partnership grounded us with the wonderfully innovative concept-based curriculum over the past 20 years and we will continue as edge-walkers in inspired and innovative curricula moving forward. The dissolution does not create any change for our students and although transferability may shift over

time, there is currently continuing capacity for transfer based on seat availability.

April also brought our first student to enact the MOU with the University of Sjaelland in Denmark. Our student will have completed eight weeks of practicum with her return at the end of this month.

May brought the first of many courses for Joanna Fraser as she gets underway with her Doctorate of Education from Simon Fraser University. Way to go Joanna! We support you all the way!

May also saw the fourth year cohort embark on a new written registration exam in Canada. In January 2015, Canada and all respective nursing regulatory bodies have rolled out a change from the Canadian Registered Nursing Exam [CRNE] to the National Licensure Examination [NCLEX]. Good luck to all our students writing this new computer adaptive test!

June is extremely busy as we prepare for our courses in the fall, hire for the fall and finish practice with second and third year students. Final evaluations are underway and our students will be done by June 22nd. We look forward to both Convocation and our Pinning Ceremony, a highlight for our program.

We also say good bye to Jane Clarke who is retiring and extend our welcome to Laurie Michaud who is coming into a regular position in our program from the PN program. Welcome Laurie!

We had a small but mighty Relay for Life group and will extend to a wider College community for next year's event. A handful of faculty and students who attended and created a team raised \$600 for the cause.

We welcomed some of our 2015-2016 first year cohort to an orientation held on June 1st and are always excited by their excitement of entering our BSN program.

June 3rd – 5th we hosted the B.C. Nurse Lab Educators Conference with 55 participants, including two student groups who presented their experiences with simulation. We have so many ideas to share and process and had a wonderful means of connecting with other nurse educators and simulation experience across the province, and even with some attendees from Alberta. The banquet '*Name That Tune*' game the organizers put on was a highlight for many and we've been told the Crown Isle Silver Room will never be the same (in a good way!)



Jan Meiers and Martha Russell presented at the International Nursing Association for Clinical Learning and Simulation in Atlanta, Georgia during the week of June 8th to much acclaim and tons of learning! We look forward to having them share their experiences from the Conference. Congratulations on your presentation!

We are looking forward to another year of the Nursing 410 elective Aboriginal Field School getting underway on June 24th as it brings such rich learning to our program.

We anticipate some Simulation lab upgrades to take place this summer during our vacations and look forward to an exciting 2015 – 2016 academic year.

We have invited and confirmed Alan Cassels as our Visiting Scholar for November 19th, 2015 and as always, expect a community event to accompany the presentations given to students. Alan is a Pharmaceutical Policy Researcher at the University of Victoria and author of the latest book, *Seeking Sickness: Medical Screening and the Misguided Hunt for Disease*. We look forward to him sharing over 20 years as a Policy Researcher with us.

Have a wonderful summer, wherever it may take you.

News from the Math-Science Department

Submitted by Christine Hodgson

Part 1 - Science in the Community

Sandra Milligan makes gardening and growing food seem pretty fun with the classroom activity called “There’s no such thing as a vegetable.” The class reviews basic plant anatomy and then uses this knowledge to discover that lettuce and Brussels sprouts are leaves, celery is a stem and broccoli is unopened flower buds. They realize that most “vegetables” are really fruits as they snack on tomatoes and cucumbers. Twenty-seven Grade 6 students of Southgate Secondary School in Campbell River will now appreciate watching flowers become fruits and food in their new class garden after learning about plants on May 12th. On June 4th all of Gold River Secondary School Sciences classes also enjoyed hearing about the educational opportunities at NIC, while learning that coffee addicts are drinking ground up seeds and that pumpkins are promiscuous!

In Port Alberni, ADSS (Alberni District Secondary School) had the last NIC Math/Science Question of the Month before summer break. The question “What is the only letter that does NOT appear in the periodic table,” garnered the largest number of submissions to date, possibly because it was more a trivia question and after being asked, most people want to know. The NIC Math/Science Question of the Month has been running for two years now and exposure is steadily increasing.

Grade 4/5 and Grade 8 students from the Port Alberni School District had the opportunity to experience the “WOWs and Wonders of Chemistry” at the NIC Port Alberni campus on May 27th, June 3rd and June 4th, hosted by Kathy Heywood. Filled with demonstrations and activities, the students learned about the elements that produce the colours in fireworks, explored the properties of water and saw the differences between more dense and less dense substances. (They even poured carbon dioxide gas on a candle flame.) Additionally, they learned about catalysts, saw an amazing demonstration of the energy contained in a gummy bear and ended up by exploring the properties of polymers. At the end, they left with NIC mood pencils, popsicles and smiles.



Students in Port Alberni learn about density and colours in a Chemistry demonstration hosted by NIC faculty member Kathy Heywood.

The CV campus hosted a Science 9 class from Lake Trail Secondary School in Courtenay on June 12th. Genome BC teamed up with Christine Hodgson to offer a Geneskool Workshop where students solve a “murder mystery” CSI-style using genetic and molecular biology techniques. Topics that are covered throughout the day include pipetting, blood typing, fingerprint analysis, DNA extraction and gel electrophoresis. It not only provides an opportunity for students to participate in hands-on activities and experiments, but it familiarizes them with various education paths and possible career paths in life sciences, and that they can start their education at NIC.

Part 2 - NIC Students in Action

This spring the BIO 211 Invertebrate Biology class completed the field school portion of the course in Ucluelet with the help of the Ucluelet aquarium and the local NIC Centre. This was a hands-on opportunity for the students to observe the organisms learned about in lecture in their natural habitat. While demonstration labs and videos are great tools for teaching animal diversity, nothing beats experiential learning outdoors.



NIC Biology 211 students at Browns Beach in Ucluelet. Students lay a transect line to conduct a diversity census of invertebrates found in the intertidal zone of an exposed shoreline.

ENR 110 - Engineering Design

The Engineering Design class has been working on major projects around a kelp farm on the North Island. The owner of the kelp farm identified some needs and we built four projects around them: A kelp harvesting boat, a kelp drier, a kelp press, a kelp drier and a kelp mill. The students are now working on their second set of major projects which uses robotics kits.

PORT ALBERNI CAMPUS

Submitted by Dr. Nancy Twynam, Assistant Director Student Affairs

Employment Transition/Construction Labourer Program

The Employment Transition/Construction Labourer Program celebrated the tremendous success of its students on May 22nd with graduates, families and dignitaries in attendance. The ceremony and BBQ was held on the Port Alberni Campus with approximately 75 people in attendance. Each student was recognized for the special trait or characteristic they brought to the program and each of the seven graduates received financial awards from the Foundation office. This program is receiving wide recognition for its success in helping individuals with disabilities acquire employment and life skills for work in the construction industry.

Student Leadership at Port Alberni and across other campuses

This year, thanks to support from the President's Office, the North Island College Student Leadership Program was officially launched with Nancy Twynam as the team's lead advisor. Students from Port Alberni, Comox Valley and Campbell River participated in the program, acquiring leadership skills which ranged from interviewing skills and public speaking, to conducting meetings. A springtime retreat facilitated by Olympian and broadcaster Kelly Vanderbeek was a highlight of the program; the team's awards banquet held in April saw team members receive recognition for the over 200 volunteer hours individuals had dedicated to the college and community since January. Certificates were presented by President John Bowman, Vice-president Lisa Domae, Registrar Kathleen Kuhnert and Team Leader Nancy Twynam.



Photo: Student Leadership, End of the Year



Photo: Student Leadership Retreat

Community Engagement

The Roger Street Campus in Port Alberni has been reaching out to the community and has successfully participated, organized and/or hosted a variety of events that sustain and promote education and employment in the community. Recent examples of these activities include:

Alberni Valley Learning Council (AVLC)

North Island College is one of the key players in the AVLC. The AVLC is an advocacy, advisory and supporting body for adult, post-secondary and secondary education in the region. NIC, along with several other stakeholders, meets regularly to develop strategies and goals striving to create collaboration between participants and to create enhancements regarding the educational needs and related opportunities in the community.

Elementary Students come to NIC

The Roger Street Campus hosted approximately 100 elementary school students who were exploring science under the enthusiastic teaching of Kathleen Heywood. It was the first time for all of these students to walk through our doors. The excitement of the young ‘scientists’ was infectious; they will have fond and positive memories of their experience at NIC.

BC RCMP Aboriginal Gang Awareness

NIC Port Alberni Campus hosted the Aboriginal Community Gang Awareness workshop on May 12th. Approximately 50 participants from the community and First Nations organizations attended this proactive workshop.

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Education Forum

North Island College, with the City of Port Alberni, hosted an education forum on behalf of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations on May 26th.

CENTRES

North Island College Ucluelet Centre

By Bill Morrison

North Island College has a very active Centre in Ucluelet which is supported through Student Affairs from the Port Alberni Campus. Bill Morrison is the lead faculty member and oversees the Ucluelet academic activities. Over the past semester some of the activities included:

- Very successful in-class offerings of ENG 115 & 120 as dual-credit to Ucluelet Secondary School grade 12
- Lab session of BIO 211 hosted in partnership with the Ucluelet Aquarium
- ITV room upgrades to increase future offerings
- Continued successful delivery of First Aid and Marine programming
- Contracted courses to Wickaninnish Inn, Long Beach Lodge, Creative Salmon & Community Fisheries Development Centre

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Community Collaboration and Engagement

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

- The School is in the final phases of program planning for fall through to spring.
- The School has finalized programming priorities to support displaced workers in Port Alice who have received layoff notice from Neucel Mill.
- The School is engaged with Ministry and Community to support the training needs of displaced workers from Nystar Mine.
- The School is awaiting feedback from the Ministry with reference to the program proposal submissions under the Employment Services and Supports Program (ESS).
- The School is making application for programming under Project Based Training Funds - Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training.

Programming Activities

CAMPBELL RIVER

- The Coastal Log Scaling students have written the Ministry exam and are currently in the field doing practical training. Western Forest products have been highly supportive of the program this year in an effort to see the number of Log Scalers in the industry increase. Students just wrapped up a weekend on the north island, visiting dryland sorts at Quatsino, Port McNeill and Beaver Cove. The practical portion of the Ministry exam is still scheduled for June 17th in Squamish.
- Wildfire Crew Member training commenced May 19th with eight registrants. Two additional sections of Power Saw training, Occupational First Aid, Transportation Endorsement and Standard First Aid were set up following the crew training to ensure all participants had the required certificates to become a wildfire fighter.
- The Metal Jewellery summer workshops are under way. The shop will be busy over the months of June and July as students from across the Island and from the mainland come to North Island College for specialized training in Solder Blast; Etching Techniques, Jewellery from Square Wire, Fine Silver Clay, Textured Bracelets and more.
- North Island College, in conjunction with Advanced Education, will provide four distinct programs for those people affected by the Neucel Mill shutdown in Port Alice. Neucel has indicated that production will not resume until 2016 and the date will be determined by market prices. Training program outlines for the North Island have been finalized. We will offer the Coastal Forest Resource Program (12-16 seats), Marine Training (12 seats), Resource Industry Certification Series (12 seats) and Building Service Worker Levels 1, 2, 3 (12 seats). Community engagement and outreach is being supported by the North Island Employment Foundation Society - NIEFS will work with clients to provide information regarding job opportunities, resume preparation, job search, training funds and EI claim maintenance. The programs will begin on July 13th and continue to December 11th. All training will take place in Port Alice and Port Hardy.
- Staff have been working with Marketing to finalize plans for getting the word out across BC about the Metal Jewellery Program. Rack cards have already gone to print and we will receive several posters early next week for proof and approval. To date there are five applicants for the program. An information session is slated for the evening of June 2nd and currently has an enrollment of eight participants.

- All continuing education offerings for the fall and winter session have been submitted. SRO continues to input data and schedule rooms. Some preliminary verification has been done for the 2015FA session, corrections have been submitted and work will commence on verifying data for the 2016WI session. Additional catalogue content has been provided to marketing. Timelines have been met thus far.

Campbell River ElderCollege:

- The ElderCollege Annual General Meeting was held May 14th at the Campbell River campus. There were approximately 25 people present. The call for volunteers was made as five members of the various committees have served their two year terms and replacements are required. Two ElderCollege members volunteered for the Fall session and two volunteered for the Winter session. A call for volunteers will go out at the Appreciation Luncheon and will be published in the ElderCollege newsletter. There have been discussions regarding amalgamating the Advisory and Curriculum Committees in an effort to decrease the need for the number of volunteers. All section requests are on the system and we are just in the midst of verifying correct data. Information will be sent to the Committee for creation of the newsletter when all data is correct.
- ElderCollege is planning a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon for June 18th in the Campbell River cafeteria. Invitations have been mailed to volunteers and committee members.

COMOX VALLEY

- Proofing for the catalogue is ongoing until the June 9th deadline. Staff met with marketing about workflow as the catalogue gets produced by an outside source.
- Revising admission requirements for the Hospital Unit Clerk (HUC) is in process and needs to go to Curriculum Committee for the September meeting.
- Staff have set up meetings with the Camosun Coordinator, Karen Giffon, for the HUC program to strive for consistency and to continue being recognized by Island Health as the main employer. We met the new VIU Coordinator, Linda Taylor, at the CETABC Forum and will invite her to join discussions.
- Staff will meet with Dean O'Connell and Dean Haggith to discuss HUC practicum placement process for 2016.
- Staff coordinated a photo-shoot with marketing for Shane Tillapaugh, a Landscape Horticulture instructor, to be featured in future promotions.
- Staff met with Student Services to coordinate white board space in the registration building for CE promotions. They have agreed to let us keep our existing white board and to share half of the bulletin board with ElderCollege.
- Two introductory courses will be offered in the fall geared towards homeowners in the areas of Carpentry/Woodworking and Electricity. They will be delivered by Trades substitute instructors.

Comox Valley ElderCollege

- We are working with Comox Valley ElderCollege (CVEC) Communications and Curriculum committees to finalize dates and locations for the 63 courses offered in the Fall. Information for the CE Catalogue has been submitted.
- We have been working with CVEC Member Support committee to revise directions for new and returning CVEC members who wish to register online. Revised directions will be put on the Comox Valley ElderCollege website and handed out at the Fall Information Forum on Sept 19th.

PORT ALBERNI

- Staff continue to provide Professional Development training for the Volunteer Fire Departments in the surrounding area.

- Staff continue to provide support for the Log Scaling program taking place at the Port Alberni campus. Students wrote the written portion of the Provincial Log Scaling exam on May 21st. The practical portion of the exam is June 17th in Squamish.
- Programming continues for the 2015 Fall & 2016 Winter/Spring/Summer learner guide to meet the deadline.
- We are working with marketing for the Guide format, timing, etc.
- Staff prepared a quote for Port Alberni Friendship Centre for various courses that would run Summer 2015 through January 2016 including Foodsafe, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Retail Training, H2S Alive, Excel, Hazard Recognition & Control, Confined Space, Fall Protection, Occupational First Aid Level 1 & CPR C. They have submitted a proposal and are awaiting funding. So far PA Friendship Centre has been approved for First Aid & CPR, Retail, Communication & Conflict Resolution and are anticipating more funding will come through for the remainder of the courses that were quoted.
- Staff are promoting the Nursing Foot Care course to various health centres and in the community.

Port Alberni Elder College

- An Advisory Committee appreciation luncheon was held for our Port Alberni Elder College volunteers on May 27th.

FIRST AID

- First Aid had contracts in Sointula, Tofino, and Comox in May. There are several more in place for June in Sointula, Gold River, Campbell River, Port Alberni, Ucluelet, Port Hardy, and Port Alice.
- Staff attended the CETBC Conference in Nanaimo at Vancouver Island University. We participated in informative workshops and there were many opportunities to network.
- We are updating and expanding the First Aid marketing data base.
- Staff met with Marketing to finalize poster and ad templates.
- We are adding all of the 2015FA / 2016SP Red Cross courses to the Red Cross website for marketing purposes.
- 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.

Connecting Communities Through Research on Vancouver Island

SPOTLIGHT: FEED COMOX VALLEY



L to R: *Randall Heidt* (Vice-President Strategic Initiatives, NIC), *Sandra Hamilton* (Project Lead FEED Comox Valley, NIC), *Ragnhild Flakstad* and *Michael Aikins* (Glacier View Lodge) and *Dawn McRae* (Custom Gourmet Catering).

Students, patients, and long-term care residents will access fresh local fruits and vegetables this summer, thanks to a FEED Comox Valley project with North Island College, St. Joseph's General Hospital, and Glacier View Lodge. "For the first time in many years, patients, students and long-term care residents will be served a selection of farm fresh produce, within 24 hours of harvesting," said Sandra Hamilton, Project Lead, FEED Comox Valley, at North Island College. Food, Environment and Economic Development (FEED) Comox Valley is one of eight J.W. McConnell Family Foundation projects to increase the supply of local food in public institutions across Canada.

RESEARCHER PROFILE: DR. AISLING BRADY

Dr. Aisling Brady came to North Island College as a sessional biology instructor in 2012 after completing her PhD at the University of Calgary. Her dissertation research investigated the involvement of circadian genes in coral spawning synchronicity. Aisling's interest in marine biology began with a double major in Zoology and Physical Geography at the University of Toronto, followed by a Master's of Science in Cuban Marine Ecology at the same institution. In 2012, she was the lead researcher in North Island College's first NSERC grant in 2012. This two year grant supported a 50% release for Aisling to work with aquaculture companies to investigate monitoring methodologies upon the ocean floor beneath salmon farms.

Aisling has since become a regular faculty member, teaching first and second year biology courses at NIC in the Comox Valley and Port Alberni. With her husband, André, Aisling is raising their Vizsla, "Copper", to be the best bird dog in Qualicum Bay.

We invite your suggestions for future researcher profiles.



FACULTY RESOURCES

At a recent Faculty Development workshop in Colorado for CHEO partners, the discussion focussed on Open Educational Resources (OER) and Universal Design for Learning (UDL). Some of the featured resources that may interest faculty include:

BCcampus Open Textbooks:

<http://open.bccampus.ca/>

Skills Commons (OER Repository):

www.skillscommons.org

Merlot (OER Repository):

www.merlot.org

Universal Design Guidelines:

<http://www.udlcenter.org/aboutudl/udlguidelines>

FlexSpace (Flexible Learning Environments):

<https://sites.google.com/site/flexspacedev/>

FVCC Lightboard:

<http://www.fvcc.edu/academics/online-education/lightboard.html>

DID YOU KNOW?

CARTI helps staff to develop their applied research questions and to apply for funding. Contact carti@nic.bc.ca if you have a question that you would like to investigate.

COMMUNITY & INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

- BC Applied Research and Innovation Network
- Campbell River Chamber of Commerce
- BC Centre for Aquatic Health Sciences Consortium for Healthcare Education Online
- Discovery Passage SeaLife Society
- Marine Harvest Canada
- MediumRare Interactive
- North American Network of Science Labs Online
- Okanagan College

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ABOUT CARTI

Sustainable Aquaculture

Stephen Cross

- Dr. Steve Cross (NSERC IRCC in Sustainable Aquaculture) presented at the Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) 2015 conference in Winnipeg on Integration of Applied Research into North Island College: Perspectives of NSERC IRCC's.
- Dr. Cross was also invited to join the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch technical advisory committee to advise on their fisheries and aquaculture standards.

Remote Web-Based Science Lab

Albert Balbon

- At the NANSLO Consortium for Healthcare Education Faculty Professional Online (CHEO) Workshop May 14-15 in Boulder, Colorado, Albert Balbon presented on the RWSL technology and attended sessions on opportunities to enhance student engagement and learning, interactive simulations, and peering into the future of higher education.
- Albert also travelled to Austin, Texas, with Mickey Bliss and Sandra Faust to accept their 2015 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Staff Excellence Awards for their achievements.

FEED Comox Valley

Sandra Hamilton

- The FEED Comox Valley project was featured in several print and radio news stories, including CBC All Points West, CKNW, The Goat, and the Comox Valley Record. This press was a result of announcing the institutional partners who have agreed to participate by purchasing local food.

Eelgrass Distribution

Christine Hodgson

- CARTI's newest project focuses on mapping the distribution of eelgrass in the Comox Estuary. Recently, students from NIC and K'ómox First Nation started this field work under the supervision of Christine Hodgson, lead researcher. The photo below shows NIC and KFN students conducting field work in the estuary.



Centre for Applied Research and Technology (CARTI)

- With the City of Campbell River, Innovation Island, NSERC, Creative Industries Council, and Campbell River Chamber of Commerce, CARTI co-hosted an event for local businesses entitled Powerful Partnerships. The event highlighted resources available to help local businesses innovate.
- BC Colleges are investigating best practices for institutional Intellectual Property policies. If you are interested in providing feedback on NIC's current IP policy, please contact Naomi.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12: **NIC Year-End Celebration and Research at NIC session.** Details at myNIC

June 12-21: **BC Shellfish & Seafood Festival**

June 20: **NIC at Comox By The Sea Celebration.** Full listing of events here: <http://www.discovercomoxvalley.com/shellfish-comox-by-the-sea-celebration>

June is graduation month! For details visit: http://www.nic.bc.ca/about_us/events_notices.aspx

Upcoming Funding Deadlines

Please contact CARTI to discuss your ideas for research submissions in advance of the funder deadline or regarding any projects that may involve NIC. There may be additional funding programs that will suit your initiative. Additional information is available on the CARTI NIC portal site. You can reach CARTI by calling 250-923-9700 ext 7814 or online at carti@nic.bc.ca.

FUNDING PROGRAM	DEADLINE
NSERC - Applied Research and Development	Ongoing
Hewlett Foundation	Ongoing
NIC NICFA, Admin, and CUPE PD Funds	Ongoing
NIC Global Learning Innovation Fund	Ongoing
NIC Common PD, Call for Proposals	Sept and Feb
Canada Council for the Arts: (Re)conciliation	2015-Jul-24
SSHRC - Insight Development Grants - Notice of Intent	2015-Aug-15
Real Estate Foundation - General Grants	2015-Sep-16

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