

**REPORT TO NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

**CAMPBELL RIVER CAMPUS**

**School of Trades & Technical Programs**

*Submitted by Cheryl O'Connell*

**SUMMER 2015**

- The School participated in welcoming a delegation of Vietnamese senior-ranking officials in early May to discuss Trades and Technology programming at NIC and potential for future collaborations.
- Just before the summer, faculty were involved with informative program discussions with guests from SAIT.
- Faculty and staff hosted over 60 guests from across the province as the School hosted the annual Provincial Heavy Mechanical and Automotive Articulation meetings on June 9-10 at the Campbell River Campus.
- Administration attended the BCATTA Meeting in Vancouver June 11-12.

**FALL 2015**

- We hosted the first annual Trades Gathering for School faculty and staff on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> with a full afternoon agenda. Guests included President John Bowman and VP Lisa Domae with presentations by Assistant Registrar Sarah Deagle, and Michelle Hume and Janet Beggs who led the faculty and staff through training scenarios in Supporting Students at NIC.
- We participated in and supported the well-attended Student Services CRC Student Orientation day on Sept 8, 2015 with an address to Trades students by ITA Regional Representative Doug Podetz and Director Chris Udy.
- Ten programs in CR, CV and PA began on September 8, 2015, with 11 more to begin with staggered dates into November.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The School is proud to recognize the efforts of 12 of 30 students on the School's Honour Roll (over 90%) with a Dean's Pin. The student with the highest mark in our School was Janelle Torgersen, from the Electronics Core Technician Program, with 95.98%.
- 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.
- The School accepted 12 registrations for the Wall and Ceiling Installer (drywall) Program. To date, all students were successful in completing Level 1 of the program.
- This July, Reudi Pletcher, Aircraft Structures Technician, recently attended the annual Haas Automation conference to present the Flight Control Balance Boom, tool developed in his shop with students of NIC that is required for use on every Cessna propeller aircraft manufactured since 1946, the only tool of its kind in the world. Reudi won a Haas CNC simulator for use in his shop for his presentation, a value of \$2000. This simulator will be used to teach the students to run successful programming code before engaging in programming on the Haas CNC machine in the shop, which has a value of \$20K.

***First level 4 Heavy Mechanical (new stream) cohort passes exam***

Effective September 2014, The Transportation Career Development Association, working with industry and training providers, brought forward a recommendation for significant updating and restructuring of heavy mechanical trades. NIC students began their education in this new stream of programming in September 2014 while the old program was phased out. At the end of May, the first level 4 class of the new Heavy Mechanical program wrote their exam, with a 100% success rate. This is a wonderful accomplishment of these students and great news for industry employers. Congratulations to Heavy Mechanical instructor Gordon Schofield on this achievement.

***Aircraft Structures Technician Program visits 19 Wing***

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, the graduating class of the Aircraft Structures Technician Program, with Instructor Ruedi Pletscher, toured 19 Wing in Comox. A welcome was also extended to our international student, which was very much appreciated given tight security protocol at the base. Captain James Cox, Captain Helen Neilson and Lieutenant Elliot Frate arranged a spectacular tour for our students, and everyone enjoyed the visit - even when the class crashed the Cormorant during their turn in the flight simulator. Ruedi had a chance to connect with several of his former students who were working on or around the aircrafts during the tour. The class was invited to view the Aurora, Buffalo and Cormorant.

Students completed a range of projects as part of their program, including memorabilia on the CNC machine (photo 1), and wing prototypes (photo 2).



*Program Memorabilia: Aircraft Structures Technician*



*Wing Prototype: Aircraft Structures Technician*

***Professional Cook program promoted to area high schools***

In the first week of June, instructor Chef Lilyholm visited Vanier, Highland, Carihi, and Timberline secondary schools to connect with approximately 150 students and build relationships with their instructors. Along with promoting registration into the Professional Cook program, Chef Lilyholm spent some time with the students in planned, hands-on activities such as a garnish demonstration and student garnish competition (pictured). This type of promotion was very well received by the schools and students.

***Joinery/Cabinetmaking Foundation***

Leland Olson was profiled in Port Alberni Times, June 16, 2015. He was also the recipient of the Foundation's Joinery program bursary.



## Fine skills rewarded

Leland Olson is a high school pre-trades and engineering instructor from Canada's Arctic who came to Port Alberni to improve his furniture making skills and craftsmanship. The recipient of the 2015 Dean's Pin in Joinery / Cabinetmaking built a beautiful dining room table set out of donated hemlock and cherry. The design mimics an arctic dog sled and the top features an inlaid ulu, or Inuit carving knife. Lee graduates Tuesday with nearly 100 NIC graduates at the Alberni Athletic Hall.

***\$400K in AVED Purchases for 2015-2016***

This 2015-2016 year, the School of Trades and Technical Programs will see capital purchases of over \$400K. Working with NIC Purchasing and Facilities, the School has begun to search out best pricing for a number of items on our equipment list and these items will begin to be placed in our shops this fall. This is a tremendous opportunity for our students and programs, and will ensure our graduates have the best learning experience on the newest industry equipment and technology.

***Launch of a new menu at the Campus Kitchen***

The Campbell River Campus Kitchen (formerly the Cafeteria) has launched its new hours and menu for the 2015-2016 year. The Campus Kitchen provides a meal service to Timberline High School students as well as North Island College students, faculty and staff, and also provides a catering service for College and community events. Aside from feeding the masses, the Kitchen continues to provide support to the Culinary program and instructors in the Kitchen through the Third Course Bistro.

## COMOX VALLEY CAMPUS

### School of Business Update

*Submitted by Bill Parkinson*

The School of Business was pleased to hire Cynthia Zhao to a full-time regular contract. Cynthia spent the last five years teaching in the Business Management program at NAIT and prior to that she taught in the Business program at College of the Rockies. She will be teaching courses for us in the areas of Marketing and Management.

We were also pleased to hire Judith Marriott to a 50% regular contract to teach courses in the area of Accounting. Judith is a long-time sessional instructor for us.

Numbers in our school remain very strong (headcount of more than 450, half of which are international) spread out amongst our 14 separate credentialed programs. The School of Business has been well supported by the VP of Students and Learning and by the Executive Director of International Education to ensure our staffing levels are sufficient for program demand.

First Credit Union is making a \$7K donation to the School of Business. I will be working with Susan Auchterlonie in the Foundation office and Avry Janes (Marketing Specialist at First Credit Union) regarding the best way to utilize these funds to benefit both organizations.

The School of Business is hosting a Chamber of Commerce mixer on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> on the CV campus. With the assistance of the Marketing Department, we will be doing a public launch of the inaugural Mentorship Video from the Global Leaders of Tomorrow program. Employers and students from the School of Business discuss their experiences about this mentorship partnership between the Chamber of Commerce and the NIC School of Business.

### Library Report

*Submitted by Mary Anne Guenther*

The NIC library welcomes new staff, Katherine Kasatkin and Steinunn Benjaminsson to CR and CV, respectively. The library held its annual meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup> with a full business and training agenda.

The CV campus library underwent a refresh of the library space over the summer; in addition to a renovation that created an additional group study space, collections were re-located to accommodate a new counter for computers. Group study spaces continue to be in high demand, providing areas for team projects and collaboration and with the addition of Confucius, students can now book four rooms (Einstein, Plato, Curie and Confucius). The PA campus library is piloting the use of one of its study rooms for Lync for Business this fall. The CR campus library received approval for the purchase of an Epson Brightlink interactive projector, which was installed over the summer.

Faculty requests for fall library classes are now being booked, some well into November. These classes introduce students to research, focus on licensed databases of journal articles and searching techniques. Writing support, provided by English faculty will be hosted again this fall in the CV library.

Both librarians are providing student support in LEARN courses again this semester, along with providing reference services on AskAway, the provincial chat reference service, a collaboration of post-secondary libraries through the British Columbia Electronic Library Network (BC ELN).

Collection statistics:

- 30,700 books
- 130,000 electronic books
- 18,400 online videos
- 188 print journals
- 60,250 full text journals

## Upcoming Exhibitions featuring Student Work

*Submitted by Linda Perron*



### Through the Archive

The current exhibit at The Satellite Gallery / Lewis Centre features a selection of works pulled from the North Island College print archive. Over the years, samples of works have been collected from students to serve as examples of styles, techniques, conceptual approaches or media manipulations. Printmaking is one of the many courses offered at the college and it covers a great list of techniques and styles, ranging from media such as woodcut, intaglio and serigraph.

Beginning with art prints in the East as far back as 2000 years ago, to print's revolutionary role in communications when the invention of the printing press allowed for the dissemination of information in the form of pamphlets and newspapers, printmaking has been changing how we see and understand the world. The earliest images in books were etchings and engravings - a process consisting of making grooves in metal that trap the ink which is then pressed onto paper. During both World Wars serigraphs/or screen printing - a method that involves pushing ink through exposed gaps in a screen onto a surface was used to create propaganda posters and later rock music and movie posters. Today's applications include printing on a variety of surfaces like glass, plastics, fabrics and even electronics such as circuit boards and smart labels.

The human creative process depends on play and exploration - even when we dwelled in caves we possessed art. Beginning modestly with the discovery of fire and the invention of the wheel, it was through the ability to reflect, record and visualize that we arrived at where we are today. Without art there would not be fashion, movies, sports and literature, but more importantly, there would not be nano technology, computers, cars, or medical advancements. Art is not just about entertainment and decoration - the arts promote creative problem solving and teach critical thinking. We need artists in trades, in medicine, in politics, in engineering, in education and in communities in order to meet the challenges that await us in the future.

Curated by Sylwia Gustyn, a recent graduate of the Emily Carr's Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Program at NIC and a recipient of the Governor General's Medal, the exhibit was made possible by the generous donation from the North Island Foundation. The grant was used towards the purchase of exhibition frames, providing the means to display works produced on fine papers.

The space which has been dubbed The Satellite Gallery is a collaborative effort between the Lewis Centre and the School of Fine Art and Design at North Island College.



## Translation

North Island College Sculpture Students

Lisa Petrunia, Sarcy Geddes, Sarah Bergeron, Maddy Cornish, Chueh-Yu Chen, Kiani Evans

Exhibition September 19 – November 6, 2015

Opening reception and welcoming events Friday, September 18, 7 – 9pm

Preshow artist talk Friday, September 18, 6 pm

Sculpture is more than an artistic representation of an object; it is a physical translation of the internal experience a viewer has when encountering the object for the first time. Through experimentation with traditional sculptural mediums and found materials, these students took seemingly mundane found objects and translated them through physical interactions with the materials to discover new facets to the object, and expressing themselves through the object. The object may be completely deconstructed, placed in a new environment, emphasized in some way, or reconstructed as a likeness of its original form. There is an ongoing emotional and conceptual dialogue between object, medium and artist throughout each physical translation.

## PORT ALBERNI CAMPUS

### Dr. Michael Catchpole address to the RCMP

*Submitted by Alix Carrel*

North Island College instructor and psychologist, Dr. Michael Catchpole, will be giving an Invited Address to the RCMP Commanding Officers' Leadership conference this October on the topic of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. The CO's conference is being held at "E" Division in Surrey BC and approximately 190 Commanding Officers and civilian equivalent employees will be in attendance. Dr. Catchpole is a widely recognized expert in the field of Trauma, Stress and Anxiety disorders and a frequent workshop provider for public and private sector employers as well as School Districts. Dr. Catchpole has produced and hosted 13 interviews on anxiety disorders in children and adults for the non-profit organization AnxietyBC. In addition, he has produced and hosted three one hour DVD's on the topics of Obsessive-Compulsive disorder in Children, Separation Anxiety in Children and Panic Disorder in Adults. These DVD's are available in all BC public libraries and Mental Health Centers as well as via [www.anxietybc.com](http://www.anxietybc.com). Dr. Catchpole was a part time provider of psychological services for the RCMP, ICBC, WorksafeBC and other public and private sector organizations for 25 years. His extensive clinical experience informs and enervates his on-going teaching duties at NIC. Dr. Catchpole is a past recipient of Master Teacher and Parke Davidson awards from the BC Psychological Association for his long term commitment to the distribution of evidence-based psychological knowledge. Over 100 students per semester are registered in Dr. Catchpole's NIC psychology classes.

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

### **Community Collaboration and Engagement**

#### **REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- The School is preparing for a transition in the administrative model and key portfolios.
- The School has been invited to contract negotiations for Employment Services and Supports Program (ESS) with the Prep Cook program being approved by the Ministry. All negotiations are now with the Industry Training Authority (ITA) and the budget allocations for this delivery have been reduced considerably as the Ministry and ITA have the perspective that the College already receives base funding, thus the administrative expenses associated with additional programming should already be addressed and covered by core funding.
- The School has commenced negotiations for two training programs under Project Based Training (PBT) Funds - Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training. Negotiations for the PBT are similar to past years. The two programs being finalized include:
  - Tourism & Hospitality Labour Skills Training in collaboration with Ucluelet First Nations
  - Underground Mining Essentials Certificate Program – Lillooet in collaboration with St'at'imc First Nations and Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd.

### **Programming Activities**

#### **CAMPBELL RIVER**

- Over the Summer the Coastal Log Scaling students received notification by the Ministry of their grades. Of the 20 students in Campbell River and Port Alberni combined, six students were recommended for a full license to scale, while four students have been given an 'acting' license but will require sign off by a Certified Log Scaler. With an industry average of a 35% pass rate this gives us a 50% rate of success this year. We are working to create an Introduction to Log Scaling course which will focus on the math skills required and the Coastal Log Grade rules. It is hoped that this will increase the likelihood of success, if additional time is dedicated to the technical aspects of the course then more time can be spent at the dryland sort practicing the skill.
- Training on the North Island, for those affected by the economic downturn continues. Ten students successfully completed the Marine Training offered at the Port Hardy campus. The Building Service Worker program finished up on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Reviews from the instructor and the students were extremely positive. The Coastal Forest Resource program began on August 24<sup>th</sup> with a full cohort of 12 students. Most people who were laid off from the Port Alice Mill have either secured new employment or are taking part in training initiatives.
- Proposals for Prep Cook I, Professional Dining Service, Building Service Worker, Facilities Operating Skills Training and Industry Certificates with Ucluelet First Nations were accepted through the Project Based Training initiative, as was Underground Mining Essentials in Lillooet. The review of contracts and planning for delivery will begin shortly.
- The Metal Jewellery Design Certificate program began for the 2015 fall term. New marketing initiatives and the introduction of the standalone workshops increased interest in the program. There were 17 applicants this year with ten fully qualified and registered.
- In July, two Metal Jewellery instructors attended a North Island College booth at the River City Arts Festival in Campbell River. They promoted the Metal Jewellery Design Certificate program, plus part-time jewellery workshops and also handed out view books.

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

- ElderCollege Advisory will meet in mid-September to review the revised Memorandum of Understanding and sign off. Curriculum planning will begin in mid-October therefore it is important to have time allocated to perform this function for ElderCollege. The ElderCollege

Information Session is set for Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> with registration beginning Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Three hundred newsletters have been distributed throughout Campbell River.

### **COMOX VALLEY**

- The Continuing Education Learning Guides have been distributed throughout the community.
- Staff have been working with Marketing to promote the open enrolment courses that start in September through November. We will also be focusing on promoting and recruiting students for the Winter 2016 start of Landscape Horticulture Apprentice Level 1.
- Our three certificate programs, Animal Care Aide, Hospital Unit Clerk and Activity Assistant are underway for the Fall semester with capacity enrollment achieved.
- Two new courses, GENI 8350 Basic Electricity for Homeowners and GENI 1257 Basic Woodworking are offered this fall. Posters have been distributed throughout community with information emailed to businesses and organizations that might have clients or members interested in this type of training.

#### ***Comox Valley ElderCollege:***

- The 2015FA Newsletter has been distributed via email to members and are available at locations throughout the Comox Valley community and campus. Marketing has been updating information for the upcoming term on the events page.
- Staff have been working with ElderCollege to revise the Curriculum Committee Handbook and Handbook for Course Leaders. The revised copies are now completed and the Handbook for Course Leaders was emailed to 2015FA Leaders.
- Important dates coming up are the Course Leader's Orientation on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, the Information Forum on September 19<sup>th</sup> and the first day of registration is on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- A new bulletin board has been made available for Comox Valley ElderCollege information and it is located in Discovery Hall at the entrance to Registration.

### **PORT ALBERNI**

- The Port Alberni Learner Guide was distributed to community and we are receiving inquiries about various course offerings.
- We received a contract with Port Alberni Friendship Centre for various courses that will run Summer-Nov 2015 including Foodsafe, Communication, Conflict Resolution, Retail Training, Occupational First Aid Level 1 & CPR C.
- Continuing Education is providing a for four-week Kitchen Attendant course to take place in October in the Culinary building. This is for the Nuu-cha-nulth Employment Training Program.
- Staff continue to provide Professional Development training for the Volunteer Fire Departments in the surrounding area.

#### ***Port Alberni ElderCollege***

- The Port Alberni ElderCollege open house is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **FIRST AID**

- Staff are preparing promotional materials for each campus for the fall term.
- Staff are preparing course materials for all of the upcoming First Aid & WHMIS courses delivered for our 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.