

**REPORT TO NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS  
MARCH 2015**

**CAMPBELL RIVER CAMPUS**

**NIC Foundation is Helping Students Pay for College**

*Submitted by Erin Petersen*

North Island College Foundation has over **\$270,000** in scholarships and bursaries to give to students this year. Financial awards are available for entering, continuing and graduating students in all program areas, including Trades, Health and Human Services, University Studies, Business, Tourism and more.

**2016 Scholarships & Bursaries Booklet**

Our new *Scholarship & Bursaries* booklet is now available. You can download a copy or browse it [online](#). Inside you will find descriptions of all available awards as well as an index of awards based on program area and/or campus.

Only one application is required which allows students to be considered for over 350 awards. The application can be viewed at [www.nic.bc.ca/awards](http://www.nic.bc.ca/awards) and the deadline for to apply is **April 30, 2016**.

**Student Awards Workshops in March**

We will be hosting our drop-in Student Awards Workshops where we invite students to bring any questions about scholarships and bursaries or the application process, and we will provide one-on-one support.

- **Campbell River** – Thursday, March 10, C-Wing Entrance, Campbell River Campus, 10 am to 2 pm
- **Port Alberni** – Wednesday, March 16, Cafeteria, Port Alberni Campus, 10 am to 2 pm
- **Comox Valley** – Thursday, March 17, Tyee Hall Cafeteria, Comox Valley Campus, 10 am to 2 pm

**Can't make it?** Email [jane.hay@nic.bc.ca](mailto:jane.hay@nic.bc.ca) with questions or to schedule an information session by phone any time.

**Questions?** Contact the NIC Foundation at 250-334-5074 or email [foundation@nic.bc.ca](mailto:foundation@nic.bc.ca).

**School of Trades and Technical Programs**

**Provincial and Regional**

- The School is in the final stages of financial negotiations with Industry Training Authority for Trades Training plan 2016-2017.
- The School is finalizing programming and funding details with AVED for critical seat funding.
- The School is finalizing all 2015-2016 capital purchases to support instructional needs spanning the trades.
- In collaboration with School of Continuing Education and Training, Trades and Technical Programs is launching the Trades Discovery program in Port Alberni.
- The School is piloting Instructional Assistant model until March 31<sup>st</sup> specific to the carpentry and plumbing programs.
- The School is in discussions with Camosun College, Vancouver Island regarding collaborative programming to meet pan-island training priorities.

## Highlights

- Participation in this year's Open House event was a success, with about 70 students visiting our PA Tebo campus and about 700 students visiting the Trades Training Building in Comox Valley campus.
- Instructor Stephen McIntosh, Joinery/Cabinetmaking, has been asked to be an Assessment Advisor at the Skills Canada National Competition, held this June in Moncton, New Brunswick. Stephen will be assisting in the development of best practice assessment and supervising and guiding the Skills Canada committees in finalizing judging criteria based on Canadian standards.
- Instructor Erik Hardin, Carpentry, will be attending a Curriculum Meeting in March at Camosun as a subgroup of the Carpentry Articulation Committee. Erik will be contributing to the development of provincial carpentry curriculum and consulting on national program changes.
- Chef Christine Lilyholm, Culinary Arts, will be in Ottawa in March to attend the National Industry Validation Meeting. Christine has been asked to contribute to the revision and validation of national professional cook exam questions and will advise on setting the pass/fail mark for the Emerit Line Cook program.

## Open House Events

- On February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the School participated in the Open House event in PA and CV. Instructors and 21 of our students were available to promote Trades and Technical programming. We highly value our NIC student participation in making this day such a positive interaction for high school students and thank them for being a member of the NIC student volunteer team. Sharing their NIC experience first-hand within the community is a way that they can extend their educational journey while supporting learning and students in our region.

*Electrical Instructor Trevor Petr, with his interactive electrical display, before the students arrive. CV Open House*





*Aircraft Instructor David Nilson and student Jonathan Hooper, CV Open House*

*Automotive Instructor Chris Posner with students Justin Beaulieu and Boston Larson, CV Open House*



*Carpentry Instructor Tom Klatt and students from the carpentry foundation program, CV Open House*



*Culinary Arts Instructor Chef Lilyholm with students Mackenzie Martin and Craig Charleson*

*Plumbing Instructor Nick Charette and Welding Instructor Terry Waters wait for students to arrive, CV Open House*



### Multi-Year Planning

Selected program faculty presented their Multi-Year Program Plans on March 4<sup>th</sup> to Senior Education Team (SET) members. Carpentry, Heavy Mechanical, Electronics Core, Industrial Automation, Culinary Arts, and Aircraft Structures presented PowerPoint presentations to highlight program needs and plans.



*Chef Lilyholm with a treat for SET members during her MYPP Presentation*



*Chef Lilyholm presents her MYPP presentation to SET*

### Donation from She Works She Plays

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, North Island College received a women's workwear donation from Audrey Rippingale of **She Works She Plays**, a vibrant business based in Campbell River. The company **She Works She Plays** received the Campbell River Chamber of Commerce 2015 award for New Business of the Year, and offered female trades students with an opportunity to benefit from the company's expertise.

We invited North Island College female students enrolled in 2015/2016 trades programs to meet Audrey when she formally made her donation and several of our female students took the opportunity to receive some of the donated workwear in person.



*Students meet with Audrey Rippingale, second from right, to receive a donation from She Works She Plays*

### **Women in Trades are a focus of the School**

- In the 2014/2015 school year, 12 per cent of NIC's Trades, Technology and Apprenticeship programs were made up of female students – two per cent higher than the year before.
- NIC is currently exploring funding for a dedicated female trades cohort.
- Students interested in exploring the trades can apply before April 30<sup>th</sup> for a number of awards, many tailored to women considering trades careers. This year, Sealand Aerospace and Aviation are offering two new \$500 awards to students entering the Aircraft Structures Technician program.

### **Culinary Students Present to Senior Leadership Team (SLT)**

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Chef Christine Lilyholm (Culinary Arts Instructor) accompanied two students to SLT for a student presentation. The presentation was given by Sadie Ostler (current Cook 2 student), Emma Lightfoot (current Cook 1 Ace-It student), and Theodore (Ted) Kilner (current Cook 1 student) and was very well received by SLT. This was the second presentation from the School to SLT this year.



*Culinary Arts students Sadie, Emma and Ted with Chef Lilyholm before their presentation to SLT*

### **Plated Spring Luncheon from Culinary Arts and Hospitality and Tourism**

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the CR campus Cook 1 students presented their plated Spring Luncheon in collaboration with Hospitality and Tourism students. This was a sold-out event and the audience was very appreciative of the beautifully presented and delicious food under the direction of Chef David Lang, and the attentive hosting and serving under the direction of Instructional Assistant Josh Sitwell.



*Culinary students take a bow to an appreciative crowd in the CR Bistro*

*Chef Lang leads the culinary students in main course preparation*



*International student Richard David prepares potatoes for the main course*

**COMOX VALLEY CAMPUS****New Learning Commons**

*Submitted by Mary Anne Guenther*

A Learning Commons Planning and Implementation Committee, comprised of faculty, library, facilities, marketing and student representatives, along with the Director of IT and the Director of Student Services has been struck. A vision statement (below) and project outcomes have been developed and subsequently been endorsed by the committee. Preliminary space planning is underway and following Learning Commons site visits and consultations at VIU, Camosun College and UVic, the next stage of planning will take place. The library is currently working with external software providers to implement an online room booking system and the Ebsco Discovery Service (EDS) will enhance the search and information retrieval experience for students.

**Learning Commons Vision Statement**

The North Island College Learning Commons provides an enhanced learning environment where services, resources and academic supports, including information literacy instruction, writing and math assistance, peer tutoring, technological help, and real and virtual learning spaces converge. The Learning Commons is built on core values of accessibility, collaboration, innovative technology and exemplary service.

**Business Experience Shared**

*Submitted by Bill Parkinson*

Elder College members share their experiences in business with 4<sup>th</sup> year School of Business students. Yet another way the School of Business is adding value to program students.



*Left to Right: Gary Priestman, Rosemary Cook, Mike Syer*



## Special Projects

*Submitted by Kevin Walters*

In January of 2016, the Information and Educational Technology Department at NIC received funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education for two special projects. \$150,000 for the upgrading and replacement of a large number of telephones made necessary by Mitel the manufacturer of our phone switches. This project will be completed by the end of March, 2016.

A bit more exciting project received \$240,000 in funding allowing us to upgrade the relatively new infrastructure in our ITV video conferencing classrooms and meeting rooms.

This unique opportunity will allow us to repurpose the replaced ITV equipment into other classrooms, thereby expanding our ITV system for the first time in many years! After setup and configuration is completed in March, the room installation will occur over the Summer.

The new equipment will enable a few new abilities like being able to add Skype and Skype for Business clients into an ITV video conference with two-way content sharing.

The Theatre will also be fully upgraded to integrate into our ITV system allowing us to stream events and lectures both to internal and external audiences. The Learning Centre in Ucluelet will also receive an upgrade.

The Expansion of ITV will take place in the summer of 2017 with locations and programs to be informed by the MYPP process and decided at the Senior Education Team.

## PORT ALBERNI CAMPUS

### HCA program update

*Submitted by Laurie Bird*

19 students who started the Health Care Assistant (HCA) program in August at the Comox Valley (CV) campus will successfully complete the program in mid-March. In January, another group of students began the Monday - Friday program in CV and in addition, an alternate delivery/evening program started on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in CV. Port Alberni's September start will be moving into the clinical practice setting in late March. The Dean and Department Chair continue to explore and pursue potential delivery opportunities for the program given the high demand for these graduates.

### Off Campus Activities

*Submitted by Michael Catchpole*

I planned, coordinated and ran a General Session debate on Student Analytics in front of 350 educators at the annual E-Learning 2016 conference in Scottsdale AZ. It was a “gloves off” event in which two top American educators debated whether Student Analytics (data mining students’ academic records) are a powerful new tool to help colleges/universities help students achieve their goals OR a massive invasion of their privacy. The debaters were a senior college administrator from Texas and a Political Science professor from Nevada. The exchange was highly entertaining as well as very informative. It will begin being streamed from [www.itcnetwork.org](http://www.itcnetwork.org) in a week or two if anyone would like to see it.

I also put on a Pro Day workshop (pro bono) for North Oyster Elementary School in Ladysmith. Principal Jacqueline Catchpole (my daughter) and her teachers were very engaging and grateful and we had a good day.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### **Community Collaboration and Engagement**

#### **REGIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- The Regional Director, Continuing Education and Training (CET), is now in place and is working with CET staff to review/align CET activity with the new administrative model.
- Faculty liaison has been well-supported by the Regional Director's attendance at the Multi-Year Program Planning Presentations (at Senior Education Team Meetings), offering opportunities to discuss ways to work together to create education pathways, enhance regional access, and promote financial sustainability through non-credit continuing education programming.
- Building on the strengths of existing CET industry certificates (e.g. Professional Dining Service Program with Tin Wis Resort/Tofino, Underground Mining Certificate/Lillooet, and the Trades Discovery Program), we are pursuing new inter-institutional alliances and partnerships to meet regional labour market priorities. In-demand essential skills training, career discovery, and expanded trades/construction foundation programs are being explored, with Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program (NETP) and a collaborative of post-secondary partners on the Island. Planning meetings are underway to pilot in-community programs using NETP special project-based funding. In addition, preliminary discussions are being held with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Service Canada, and NIC to support training needs identified by the Quinsam Mine closure.

### **Programming Activities**

#### **CAMPBELL RIVER**

- The West Coast training initiative, offering the Professional Dining Service program in Tofino with industry partner Tin Wis resort, and the Industry Certification Series from the Ucluelet Centre of North Island College went ahead as student numbers were met prior to the start date. Unfortunately many people did not attend the programs from day one therefore student numbers were reduced.
- The Underground Mining Essentials program in Lillooet wrapped up on February 26<sup>th</sup> with a graduation ceremony attended by six local Chiefs, Chief Operating Officer, David Wolfen for Avino Gold and Silver, Charles Daley, Chief Communications Officer for Avino Gold and Silver and other officials from Lillooet. In total there were 70 attendees at the ceremony. It was topped off with Aboriginal flute playing and drumming. The program was very well received by the community. The local newspaper, the Lillooet Bridge, published a fabulous article on the collaboration between education/industry/community stakeholders. The article was picked up by the CBC and was highlighted on their radio morning show.
- The comprehensive Building Service Worker program was completed on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Employment numbers from the program are impressive as eight of the 11 students have received offers of employment, ranging from 25 – 40 hours a week, with local employers.
- Coastal Log Scaling is confirmed to begin March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Campbell River campus with eight students registered.
- Staff reviewed and responded to resumes received from a recent ad for Continuing Education instructors.
- Staff sent letters to over 80 art councils, art galleries, suppliers, etc. along with brochures and posters to promote Metal Jewellery programs.
- We put out a call for proposals for jewellery courses for the next Learner's Guide.
- Staff finalized course details and scheduled the MVI 010 Vehicle Inspector course to run April 15/16/17.
- Final approval was received for the Continuing Education Instructor Manual and it was made

available to all CE staff to forward to instructors, current and future.

- Staff met with potential instructors for leadership and music business courses to discuss ideas.

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

- ElderCollege in Campbell River is preparing for their Annual General Meeting in May and their Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Recruitment activities are underway for several positions on the various committees. At this point Ed Cooper remains in place as the acting Advisory/Curriculum chair. ElderCollege will once again provide two bursaries for students enrolled in Health Sciences programs at North Island College. Bursary values are \$1,000 and \$500.

### **COMOX VALLEY**

- Landscape Horticulture Level 1 Apprenticeship started February 1<sup>st</sup> with 13 students.
- The new Permaculture: Design your Property course is full and running until March 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be looking for courses to spin off from this.
- The new Acrylics Painting Realistic Textures was well received and Channing has developed a great course.
- The February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding Hospital Unit Clerk curriculum with Camosun College and VIU went well. The three institutions will be moving towards utilizing consistent Introduction to Pharmacology curriculum that Camosun has agreed to sell for a very reasonable amount. Program revisions have been submitted for the Education Council deadline, March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Island Health is rolling out a new technology platform to hospitals where the Unit Clerk placements go and it is a very onerous, information-heavy process. Placements begin April 18<sup>th</sup> at a time when the hospital staff are in a heightened state of anxiety around the new technology.
- A Budget Workshop was delivered on March 10<sup>th</sup> for the Upper Island Women of Native Ancestry.

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

- The 57 courses have been running smoothly with 24 full courses.
- To date there are 1,360 registrants including 223 registrants in the Lecture Series and 101 single lecture registrants. There are a record number of CVEC ElderCollege members this term. The current number is 1,146. There were 907 members in the previous year.
- The single lecture option for members to attend the Lecture series has been very popular with the majority of people able to attend. The Lecture Series “*Behind the Media Headlines*” presenters including the likes of Sally Armstrong, Robert Bateman, and Kim Dolan have been very interesting and informative.
- The 2016 Volunteer Appreciation Event will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at D’Esterre House and the 2016 AGM will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at Stan Hagen Theatre.
- There are still phone calls and emails coming in regarding the status of courses and opportunities to register.
- Courses for the 2016FA term will start to come in from the Curriculum Committee mid-April.

### **PORT ALBERNI**

- We are finalizing the scheduling and details to start the Trades Discovery program with the Trades department. Program information has been sent to funding agencies and there seems to be quite a bit of interest. It starts Mar 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Safety Training (Hazard Recognition, Fall Protection & Confined Space) and Foodsafe contracts took place at PA Friendship Centre successfully in February.
- We ran an additional Forklift Operator course (that was full) in February due to the demand and are preparing for a Retail Customer Service Skills contract course for the second week of March.

- We are also working with Nuu-Chah-Nulth Training Program for a possible 60-hour Kitchen Attendant contract to start April 5<sup>th</sup> in the culinary building in Port Alberni.

#### **FIRST AID**

- We ended February with five contracts for a total of six courses. In March we have three contracts and a course for Shaw Cable employees through Red Cross National Accounts program. We also have courses for our funded and trades training programs that ran in February and more in March.
- The OFA Level 3 course on the CV campus in February ran at full capacity of 18 students. The course in Port Hardy ran at almost full capacity with 15 students.
- All of the open programming on all the campuses have been running very well with very few cancelled courses.
- Several email blasts were sent out to various locations 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: INNOVATION IN EDUCATION AWARD

Martha Russell and Jan Meiers received an Innovation in Education award in February for creating a new way to teach Bachelor of Science Nursing degree students. The Unfolding Case Study allows students to follow a fictional patient for a complete term to develop hands-on critical thinking skills. Martha and Jan presented their research at the Western and North-Western Region Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing conference in Saskatoon, where they received \$5,000 to continue their studies. Jan and Martha also presented at last year's International Nursing Simulation and Learning Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.



*Nursing students use an Unfolding Case Study as contextual learning.*



### NEW CARTI TEAM MEMBER: April Whalen

April Whalen came to NIC in February, 2016 to replace Cecile Eck, who retired as CARTI's Administrative Support Assistant.

April has an arts degree from Acadia University and a journalism diploma from Holland College. As the former Executive Director of the Northwest Territories Chamber of Commerce and Marketing Manager for Mansour Group of Companies in Sudbury, Ontario, April brings with her a wealth of experience. She specializes in writing funding proposals and project management.

April, her husband Patrick, and 10-year-old daughter, Mackinley moved to Campbell River in 2011.

Please contact April at [april.whalen@nic.bc.ca](mailto:april.whalen@nic.bc.ca) or call 250-923-9700 ext. 7814.

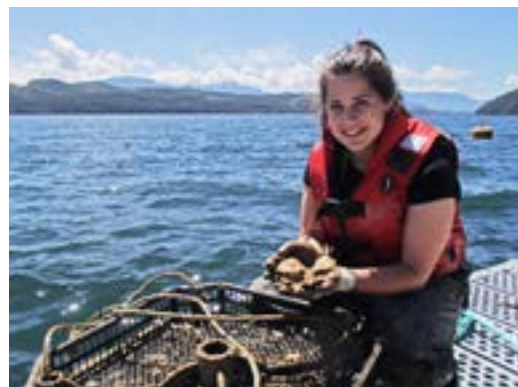
### SPOTLIGHT: TRANSFORMATIVE LEARNING



NIC researchers Joanna Fraser, Dan Woodrow and Betty Tate have collected the stories of Bachelor of Science Nursing faculty, students and graduates to learn about their experiences of transformational change within curriculum. Drawing on transformative learning theory and an Indigenous research paradigm, the researchers are in the project's second phase, meeting with co-explorers to create a collective story. In keeping with their desire to follow the principles of Indigenous research, the researchers are attempting to find ways to gather and share the stories, which honours relational and narrative forms of data collection, analysis and dissemination.

### NEW CARTI RESEARCH ASSISTANT: ALLIE BYRNE

Hello! My name is Allie Byrne and I am a new Research Assistant with CARTI at North Island College. I'm originally from Prince Edward Island and have a BSc in biochemistry from Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. I moved west for my (recently completed!) MSc at the Pacific Biological Station/ University of Victoria where I studied Pacific oyster and Atlantic salmon integrated multi-trophic aquaculture, or IMTA. I just moved up to the beautiful Comox Valley and I'm really excited for the various applied aquaculture research projects that I'll be working on, such as the large-scale kelp and salmon co-culture study.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Common PD funding can be used to support some of the costs of your research projects.

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## RESEARCH UPDATES

### STUDY ABROAD

*Hearnden, Cumming, Clark, Oberik*

#### Supporting Non-Traditional Students

Margaret Hearnden (International Education), Anne Cumming (English), Cathy Clark (BSN) and Lynne Oberik (BSN) presented at the Canadian Bureau of International Education conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario in late November. They spoke on the importance of embracing global experiences that lead to intercultural understanding for faculty and students in a globalized world.

Increasing numbers of international students are arriving at NIC campuses, while smaller numbers of domestic students have engaged in study abroad opportunities. This session introduced the innovative and creative ways faculty and students have developed study abroad opportunities for NIC students. As a group, they encourage more cross-disciplinary engagement in scholarly activity as they find it very enriching themselves.

### SURVEY OF NURSING GRADS

*Shelagh Kantor and RaeAnn Hartman*

Bachelor of Science Nursing instructors Shelagh Kantor and RaeAnn Hartman are almost ready to distribute a new post-graduate survey. The survey should help nursing faculty understand students' preparation experience for the National Registered Nursing exam.

The National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) is required for Registered Nurse licensure. Survey completion also gives participants the opportunity to provide feedback related to their personal experience, something not provided with the actual exam writing process. This NCLEX process and exam are new to Canadian graduates and began in Canada in January 2015. Thank you to Wes Skulmoski and Antoine Scholtz for their collaboration and work with us.

### BCARIN FUNDING

BC Applied Research & Innovation Network is pleased to announce funding to help colleges address innovation challenges facing small to medium-sized companies. Successful proposals will receive up to \$3,000 towards project costs. Proposals will be accepted starting April 15, 2016. For more information, contact Naomi Tabata at [naomi.tabata@nic.bc.ca](mailto:naomi.tabata@nic.bc.ca).

### SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE

*Stephen Cross*

North Island College and the BC Salmon Farmers Association have installed kelp lines at more than 30 different farm sites off Vancouver Island during January and February, as part of the single largest study ever to explore BC's kelp growing potential.

For more information, visit [http://www.nic.bc.ca/about\\_us/showfile.aspx?id=MR16-010](http://www.nic.bc.ca/about_us/showfile.aspx?id=MR16-010)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Future of the Workforce Conference

*Friday, March 18, 8 am – 12:30 pm*  
NIC's Tourism and Hospitality students unique business conference takes place in NIC's Stan Hagen Theatre at the Comox Valley campus. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1ROsViq>

#### NIC's 6th Annual Career Fair

*Friday, March 18, 1 – 3:30 pm*  
NIC's Career Fair at the Comox Community Centre is a great chance to meet more than 35 employers and community partners at one of the Comox Valley's largest career fairs. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1XvkcZ>

#### Ladies Learning Code

*Saturday, April 9, 10 am – 4 pm*  
This one-day workshop at NIC's Comox Valley campus introduces beginners to the Wordpress platform. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/learn-wordpress-cv>

### Upcoming Funding Deadlines

Please contact CARTI to discuss your research ideas for submissions in advance of the funder deadline or regarding any projects that involve NIC. Additional funding programs may be available to suit your initiative. For more information, visit NIC's CARTI portal, call 250-923-9700 ext 7814 or email at [carti@nic.bc.ca](mailto:carti@nic.bc.ca).

FUNDING PROGRAM	DEADLINE
BCARIN Seed Funding - Applications accepted starting April 15, 2016. Contact CARTI for an application package.	Ongoing
NSERC - Engage and Applied Research & Development Grants	Ongoing
NIC Global Learning Innovation Fund - Applications accepted starting April 1, 2016	Ongoing
Canada Foundation for Innovation - College-Industry Innovation Fund	2016-Mar-15
Vancouver Foundation - Environment and Animal Welfare Grant	2016-Apr-22
Vancouver Foundation - Health and Social Development Grant	2016-May-13
NSERC - Innovation Enhancement Grant	2016-May-26
Canada Foundation for Innovation - Innovation Fund	2016-Jun-23