



Kwantlen
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Convocation Connections

A Year in Review
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Welcome to Convocation

President's message

Graduates, friends, families, faculty and staff, I am honoured to welcome you to this important event. Kwantlen's 2008 Convocation ceremonies celebrate the achievements of our graduates, the pride of those who supported them in their studies, and the pride of the communities which will benefit from their service and expertise.

Convocation also marks the success of our faculty and staff. Without their passion for students and for excellence in education, we would not be here today. Thus, we celebrate the achievements of the entire Kwantlen community on the following pages.

With your encouragement, participation and support we have built an academic environment that challenges and excites outstanding students, outstanding faculty and outstanding support staff.

Together, we have built an academic environment that combines superior instruction, learning strategy, research, and community service to meet our communities' needs for leaders, thinkers and doers.

Welcome and thank you for sharing in this experience.

Skip Triplett
President, Kwantlen University College



Graduates of Kwantlen University College, soon to be renamed Kwantlen Polytechnic University, celebrate their achievements at the 2007 Spring and Fall Convocation ceremonies. Pictured above: (top-left) Bachelor of Applied Design in Graphic Design for Marketing graduates, (top-right) Associate of Arts in Criminology graduate, (bottom-left) Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduate, and (bottom-right) Environmental Protection Technology diploma graduates.

2008 Honorary Doctor of Laws: Chief Marilyn Gabriel

Recognizing a leader in the Kwantlen First Nation community



Photo of Chief Marilyn Gabriel from Langley Times

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In keeping with the meaning behind Kwantlen's name, "tireless runner", **Chief Marilyn Gabriel** has been a "tireless leader" of the Kwantlen First Nation community; a leader of vision, compassion and dedication to her membership and community.

Chief Gabriel comes from a line of hereditary Kwantlen First Nation leaders. Her traditional name is Stakwsan. She is married to Kevin Kelly, and has eight children and one grandson. Her father was the late Grand Chief Joe Gabriel, who gave permission for the then "Kwantlen College" to use the Kwantlen name. A respected aboriginal leader, Gabriel is also a long-standing and active member of the Kwantlen community, having participated in numerous institutional events.

In recognition of her commitment and inspirational leadership to First Nation and Kwantlen communities, Kwantlen awards Chief Marilyn Gabriel an Honorary Doctor of Laws at the 2008 Convocation ceremony.

Gabriel, who was born in Murrayville and raised on the Kwantlen reserve in Fort Langley, has served her community of Kwantlen First Nation for much of her life, being appointed as a Council Member in 1989 and Chief in 1993.

Of her many accomplishments, she is proud of the establishment of a successful relationship between Kwantlen, the institution, and the Kwantlen First Nation. "The relationship between Kwantlen, the institution, and the Kwantlen First Nation is growing stronger," remarks Gabriel. "Kwantlen has always respected the Kwantlen First Nation community and our cultural teachings, and we are pleased with the growing involvement and consultation with the Kwantlen First Nation when it comes to building cultural awareness in the Kwantlen community."

As Chief, Gabriel has made many contributions. One of her first tasks as Chief was reclaiming

the traditional name of Kwantlen for her people and community which was marked by a traditional ceremony held in June, 1994. For many years before this, the Kwantlen First Nation was referred to as the Langley Indian Band, a name bestowed by the Department of Indian Affairs. The significance of reclaiming the Kwantlen name was great for the Kwantlen First Nation community and sparked a resurgence of traditional ways and growing pride that has strengthened her community. Gabriel adds, "Our growth is based on our respect for our traditions; not only are we celebrating and enhancing the lives of our people, but we are also reaching out to members of the larger community and educating them about our culture."

Chief Gabriel leads her community with honesty, determination and a strong vision based on a respect for cultural traditions and teachings that serve to strengthen and guide the Kwantlen First Nation community into the future. Following traditional protocol, she seeks the input and involvement of Kwantlen Elders in community decisions and issues, and works humbly to serve her community and people, building capacity for Kwantlen First Nation to become self-governing and self-sustaining. She is a strong and focused leader who often inadvertently teaches those who she encounters the strength, wisdom and power that comes from community and people, of all walks and cultures, working together in a respectful and beneficial way.

Receiving this award is a humbling experience for Gabriel, as she appreciates the recognition for her tireless commitment and hard work in the Kwantlen community.

Gabriel explains, "Education is very important, a good education will go a long way." She commends the Kwantlen graduates on their accomplishments and wishes them much success on their journeys ahead.

2008 Honorary Doctor of Laws: Leslie (Skip) Triplett

Recognizing an inspirational leader and commitment to education



Leslie (Skip) Triplett, President and CEO of Kwantlen University College, soon to be renamed Kwantlen Polytechnic University, is presently completing the end of his second term as president. Triplett's commitment to education is evident as his experience and contributions to the post-secondary industry are incomparable and inspiring to all.

In recognition of Triplett's many contributions to Kwantlen and his strong commitment to post-secondary education, Kwantlen awards Skip Triplett an Honorary Doctor of Laws at the 2008 Convocation ceremony.

Many people know Triplett as "Skip", but not many know the story behind it, Triplett explains. "My father was a Royal Canadian Air Force navigator during WWII. Navigators call the aircraft captain "the skipper". When my mom was pregnant with me, my parents referred to me as "the little skipper".

When my father was lost several months before I was born, my mother named me "Leslie Edward Triplett", his name exactly, but always referred to me as "Skip"."

Triplett, who was born in Montréal, holds a Bachelor of Arts in Behavioral Science from Concordia University (Montréal) and a Master of Business Administration from Simon Fraser University (Burnaby).

His philosophy on education: "The real role of education is to improve the human condition. It has been an honour and a privilege to have been able to make it my career. The real role of teaching is to help people to learn so they can play their own distinctive roles in improving the human condition."

Initially hired by Kwantlen to set up the Business Management Technology program which was later blended into the Business diploma program, Triplett quickly became a Kwantlen instructor, where he was seconded to administration to set-up Kwantlen's Marketing and Communications department. His history at Kwantlen includes instructor, program chair, education council chair, director, vice president and currently, president.

As president, Triplett has overseen many institutional milestones at Kwantlen, including the opening of the Trades and Technology Centre in Cloverdale and the recent university status announcement by the B.C. government.

He notes that university status will bring many benefits to Kwantlen and the many communities it serves. "As a university, our students' degrees will be more credible,

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and we'll be able to recruit more students locally, nationally, and internationally." He elaborates, "As a university, Kwantlen will be able to attract more charitable gifts and a larger share of research funding. Our new status will also help with faculty recruitment and it will improve our graduates' access to advanced degree studies. Kwantlen will play an integral part in Metro Vancouver's Livable Region Strategy. By granting Kwantlen university status, the Government of British Columbia has brought multiple benefits to the fastest growing region in B.C. and will help B.C. achieve long-term growth and prosperity."

When asked how he describes his experiences at Kwantlen, Triplett replies, "It has been an honour to have worked with wonderful colleagues. The entire Kwantlen community has achieved very significant progress during my presidency and I am proud to have been associated with all of them. I have enjoyed every day because of them."

Prior to his long career at Kwantlen he held executive, marketing and training positions with the B.C. Telephone Company (now Telus), Xerox of Canada Ltd., and the Steel Company of Canada. He also served as Captain in Canada's Regular Army.

Triplett is also president of the Canadian Club of Vancouver and a member of the City of Richmond's Economic Development Committee.

He serves on the boards of Kwantlen, Translink, the International Association of New Generation Universities, the Trades Training Consortium of B.C., the B.C. Post Secondary Employers Association, the Credit Counselling Society of B.C., the White Rock Hospice Society, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (a Metro-Vancouver based multi-cultural social services society) and its associated

Multi Level Care Society.

"On a Kwantlen level, I believe in leading by example and I hope that my charitable work encourages others to volunteer their time in their communities," says Triplett. "My volunteer work, and the relationships I have developed through it, has also had a major impact on Kwantlen's presence in our region. On a personal level, I find it very rewarding to work for others without any expectation of compensation."



Triplett (centre), with Kevin Falcon, MLA (left) and Dr. David Ross, Kwantlen VP of administration and student services (right) at the Cloverdale Trades and Technology Centre announcement in 2004.

He is also a director of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council, the Vocational Service director of the White Rock Millennium Rotary Club, chair of the Rotary International District 5050 scholarship committee and a member of the Stewardship Committee of Mount Olive Lutheran Church.

Triplett elaborates on his work with the Canadian Forces Liason Council, "The organization with the most emotional commitment is the Canadian Forces Liaison Council which works with reservists and their employers or schools to smooth out any problems reservists may encounter when they train or deploy." Triplett adds, "My father gave his life for a cause in which he believed and I have deep respect for the men and women of the Canadian Forces because they are similarly willing to put themselves in harm's way for Canada and the causes it supports."

Triplett says receiving this honorary degree makes him feel humble, "My accomplishments are the result of other people's innovations and hard work. I am honored to accept this Honorary Doctorate on behalf of the Kwantlen community. Whenever I am addressed as "Doctor", I will remember all of my colleagues."

His message to graduates is simple, "Find work that you enjoy, give it 100% of your creativity and capability, treat your colleagues and your customers or clients with genuine respect, and your future will look after itself."



Triplett wearing a native ceremonial blanket and cedar head-piece during the opening ceremonies of the \$18-million expansion to Kwantlen's Surrey Campus in 1999 (Surrey Now newspaper clipping, 1999).



Provincial Government announces university status for Kwantlen on April 22, 2008 at Kwantlen Surrey Campus. Pictured above (left to right): B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell; Kwantlen Board Chair Kathleen Casprowitz; B.C. Minister of Advanced Education Murray Coell; and Kwantlen President Skip Triplett.

Governor General's Academic Medal



Kwantlen is **Cathy Yeomans'** university. She initially chose Kwantlen because it is the only university that offers a two-year diploma program in public relations (PR), but she soon realized that Kwantlen could benefit her in other ways.

After taking a leave of absence from work due to a serious back and knee injury, Yeomans was ready to seek a new career and took a series of personality/profession tests to find the profession best suited for her. "All of my tests kept leading to a profession in PR," explains Yeomans.

After researching university PR programs, Yeomans chose Kwantlen and received a two-year grant from Service Canada. Yeomans explains, "Kwantlen seemed like the best fit for me. Based on the class descriptions, I would get the most thorough education compared to the rest." Yeomans adds, "As a mature student, I really wanted this opportunity

to change my field and start making a better income—I knew this goal couldn't happen without a credential."

After her acceptance into the program, Yeomans quickly caught on and is graduating with a 4.21 GPA. Maintaining her grades was a hard thing to do, but Yeomans was able to successfully persevere with the support from her peers and instructors.

"My classmates helped me tremendously, and the instructors were awesome—They helped me stretch myself and see my true potential."

Her one piece of advice to anyone considering going back to school: "I encourage you to never be afraid to ask for help, both from Kwantlen peers and instructors. Learning from many different perspectives not only helps with assignments and projects, but also helps you expand the way you think and enriches your education."

On behalf of the Governor General of Canada, this medal is awarded annually to a Kwantlen student. Considered the highest academic honour Kwantlen can bestow, the winning student has, in the opinion of the selection committee, attained the highest academic standing in the graduation year of a two-year diploma program. Kwantlen University College is pleased to match the Governor General's Medal with \$500.

Lieutenant Governor's Medal



Receiving the Lieutenant Governor's Medal may have come as a shock to **Michael Gaber**, but he was a clear choice to the faculty and staff of the welding program who nominated him for the honour.

"I am humbled by the honour of receiving this award," remarked the welding level C program graduate.

Since suffering a brain injury, this single dad has overcome many hurdles to get to where he is today. Gaber explained, "Since my injury the world has changed in so many ways—I take nothing for granted. I try to work hard at everything, including what, to others, may seem fairly easy."

What he learned later through his rehabilitation was that he had improved faster and farther than a moderately brain-injured adult would be expected to recover. "Even today, this reinforces and reminds me what hard work can do. If you put your mind and body to it—the limits are what you make them."

This Tsawwassen resident's hard work and dedication to reaching his goals are evident as he graduates today. Upon graduation, Gaber plans to further his experience in the industry and expand his welding education in the future.

The education Gaber has received at Kwantlen has prepared him for a successful career. He explains, "The knowledge I have gained at Kwantlen gives me the opportunity to live my dreams. This accomplishment makes me want to constantly learn and improve so that I can have other opportunities in my career."

His advice to other Kwantlen students: "Just work hard, set your goals and you can do it."

On behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of B.C., a medal is awarded to a graduate studying a substantial vocational or career program less than two years in duration. Kwantlen is pleased to match this medal with \$500. The student has not only excelled in studies, but contributed in a positive way to the life of Kwantlen or the community; and may have a faculty recommendation.

President's Outstanding Graduate Award



Receiving the President's Outstanding Graduate award is one of many academic accomplishments **Talia Beckett**, marketing management diploma graduate, has received during her time at Kwantlen. Beckett is now bridging her diploma and working towards a Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurial Leadership.

As the only person in her immediate family to study at a post-secondary level, Beckett has set the bar high, taking part in many Kwantlen organizations. Beckett remarks, "I chose Kwantlen because of the small class sizes, engaging teachers and because it's close to home. However, most importantly, I applied to Kwantlen because it was affordable and there were lots of opportunities to become involved in the school."

Her dedicated involvement at Kwantlen is evident, as she explains, "I believe that regular community involvement is essential to my personal development." Beckett serves as a strong team player on the President's Ambassadorial Team, participated in a United Nations exchange program to Finland and completed her cooperative education program with the Surrey Board of Trade, where she is currently employed as the International Relations and Marketing Coordinator.

Earlier this year, Beckett received the B.C. Export Award in recognition of her leadership,

commitment to international and business studies, and contributions to B.C.'s export community.

When asked what her future goals are, this Surrey resident remarked, "After I complete my degree, I would like to obtain a Master's degree in Intercultural Communications." Beckett adds, "My dream job would be as an international public relations manager for an organization solely focused on international trade."

Presented annually, this award encourages Kwantlen students to excel in their chosen fields of study and to participate in university college, student and community activities to the benefit of others. Recipients have completed all their study in one program at Kwantlen; have consistently shown outstanding ability in the field; have contributed in a significant way to Kwantlen or community affairs; and may be recommended by faculty.

Graduate Awards
Congratulations to our outstanding graduates on their achievements

George C. Wootton Award



Levente Orban's road to Kwantlen and his Bachelor of Applied Arts in Psychology (Honours) has been paved with hard work and dedication.

Key to Orban's success was participating in extracurricular activities at Kwantlen. He explains, "I have been involved with the Kwantlen Psychology Society since 2004. I served as the web administrator, then vice president and currently serve as president." Orban adds, "My grades skyrocketed after getting involved with the Kwantlen Psychology Society."

In addition to being involved with the Kwantlen Psychology Society, Orban has been employed as a research assistant for the Student Life and Development department at Kwantlen.

"Working at Kwantlen and being a full-time student was a superb experience." Adding, "I not only managed my time better, but this opportunity gave me a unique chance to apply the skills I learned in classes, in a real setting and with real consequences."

When asked how this award will help him achieve his future goals, Orban replies, "This prestigious award will be very helpful as I enter the next stage of my studies."

This Hungarian native will be heading to the University of Ottawa this fall to begin his Master's/PhD program where he will be researching and exploring the co-evolution of bees and plants.

"I feel grateful for the knowledge, skills and experience my professors have unselfishly taught and shared with me. My success is largely a result of their tireless teaching and support."

Orban has three pieces of advice for Kwantlen students, "Take your time and don't rush through your program; get involved in your departmental club and other extracurricular activities; and don't stress about the grades—focus on learning instead."

Kwantlen's Board of Governors established this award to recognize outstanding dedication, service and contribution to the university college system. This award considers a student's contribution to the community, Kwantlen or voluntary activities as well as academic success.

KWANTLEN RECEIVES UNIVERSITY STATUS



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Premier Campbell's announcement, on April 22, 2008, that Kwantlen University College will become Kwantlen Polytechnic University was welcomed by hundreds of jubilant students, faculty, staff, administrators and community members from around the entire South Fraser region Kwantlen serves.

This decision is the outcome of years of work by Kwantlen and many of its internal and external community members. Their work was reinforced by Geoff Plant, special advisor to the Premier and Advanced Education Minister in his final report, *Campus 2020: Thinking Ahead*, about the future of B.C.'s post-secondary education system. One of Plant's recommendations was to make Kwantlen a university.

"We are all very pleased with this decision. Becoming a university means we can enhance programs that contribute to the knowledge and skills needed by our growing, increasingly diverse region," says Kwantlen president Skip Triplett. "At Kwantlen, students get access to integrated citation, certificate, diploma and degree programs designed specifically for their and their province's success."

"Kwantlen's rapidly growing region requires a variety of university opportunities" adds Triplett. "As a polytechnic university, Kwantlen will be better positioned to serve the fast growing segment of the population with higher education needs that are increasingly career-focused. Our community members helped us achieve university status and we will not disappoint them. We will provide even more educational options for all those with the desire and ability to learn and the willingness to work hard."

"Polytechnic", derived from the Greek and meaning 'many arts', describes a comprehensive program mix that encompasses theory and practice, and a research and scholarship agenda that engages students and faculty in innovation and the useful application of knowledge.

Kathleen Casprowitz, Chair of Kwantlen's Board of Governors adds, "We're very pleased with this decision—as we have been a university in all but name for several years, and we're pleased to see that our advocacy was taken into account, as were the opinions of our students, employees and community members."

"As a university, our students' degrees will be more credible, and we'll be able to recruit more students locally, nationally, and internationally," Triplett says. "As a university, Kwantlen will be able to attract more charitable gifts and a larger share of research funding. Our new status will also help with faculty recruitment and it will improve our graduates' access to advanced degree studies. As a university, Kwantlen will play an integral part in Metro Vancouver's Livable Region Strategy. By granting Kwantlen university status, the Government of British Columbia has brought multiple benefits to the fastest growing region in B.C. and will help B.C. achieve long term growth and prosperity."

Kwantlen's incoming President, Dr. David Atkinson adds, "It is a very exciting time for Kwantlen, the students and communities it serves, and its academic and support staff. I look forward to continuing the great work done by so many at Kwantlen." Atkinson starts July 1st, when Triplett retires.

Kwantlen's Timeline of Success

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| <p>1981</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Kwantlen President Tony Wilkinson (April 1981 to June 1986) • Kwantlen splits from Douglas College, taking over all of the campus locations south of the Fraser River, including a leased facility in Richmond and portable trailer campus located at 140th Street in Surrey • First students, 149 in total, graduate from Kwantlen College. First convocation held in December. Credentials given: 14 associate degrees, 97 certificates and 38 citations <p>1982</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kwantlen College logo designed by Stuart Richardson, faculty member of the Graphics and Visual Design program <p>1983</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First year of Kwantlen's Scholarship program <p>1984</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the fall, Kwantlen has its largest enrolment to date with 1,288 full-time equivalent students <p>1985</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kwantlen College Technology Centre hosts first annual TechnOlympics <p>1986</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 25 - Kwantlen announces plans for a new campus in Surrey. Site selected is at 72nd Avenue and 126th Street. Construction expected to be completed in 1990 • Student achievement recognized by an Awards Ceremony held in November. This event continues to take place annually <p>1987</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Science Engineering transfer program developed for the Richmond Campus. Program is first of its kind in the Lower Mainland | <p>1988</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Province announces approval for permanent campus for Kwantlen College to be built in Surrey. With a \$20-million price tag, the new campus will accommodate 4,000 students • Land is purchased to build a permanent Richmond Campus • Kwantlen begins honouring contributions of faculty and staff with first annual Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony <p>1989</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kwantlen College Faculty Association (KCFA) splits from Douglas College Faculty Association <p>1990</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Surrey Campus opens, replacing portable trailers • Kwantlen establishes President's Honour Roll with 171 students achieving a CGPA of 3.75 or more on the inaugural list • Co-op education launched at Kwantlen 1991 <p>1991</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Campus groundbreaking ceremony • Richmond Campus construction launch ceremony • Kwantlen celebrates its 10th anniversary • Alumni Association planned for Kwantlen <p>1992</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richmond Campus opens <p>1993</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Langley Campus opens. Includes new Horticulture centre with greenhouses. First crop from greenhouses is poinsettias <p>1994</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First year summer courses are offered at all campuses <p>1995</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status and name officially changes to Kwantlen University College. It becomes a bachelor's degree-granting institution and is allowed to grant honorary degrees in its own name | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First honorary degree recipient environmental educator Barry Leach, Doctor of Letters <p>1996</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First two degrees offered: Bachelor of Applied Design in Interior Design; Bachelor of Science in Nursing <p>1997</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First degrees awarded: 11 students receive a Bachelor of Applied Design in Interior Design <p>1998</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrey Campus expansion groundbreaking ceremony including a millennium time capsule that was buried at the corner of G Building to mark the beginning of Phase II construction. <p>1999</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrey Campus Phase II opens with a Conference Centre, Gymnasium and Fitness Centre, high-tech classrooms and offices for faculty and academic support services • Athletics programs launched: Kwantlen Eagles Men's and Women's Basketball teams • Kwantlen University College receives coat of arms from Governor-General Roméo LeBlanc • Two new degrees offered: Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology; Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurial Leadership <p>2000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kwantlen Eagles Men's Baseball team wins Canadian College Baseball Conference championship • New degree offered: Bachelor of Applied Design in Fashion Technology and Design <p>2001</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three new degrees offered: Bachelor of Applied Arts in Psychology; Bachelor of Applied Journalism; Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting • Kwantlen establishes Office of Research and Scholarship <p>2002</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First research institute: Institute for Transborder Studies | <p>2003</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New degree offered: Bachelor of Applied Design in Graphic Design for Marketing • Kwantlen Eagles Men's and Women's Soccer teams play exhibition year in the BCCAA <p>2004</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New degree: BA in Community Criminal Justice • Three new research institutes: Institute for Sustainable Horticulture; National Institute for Research in Sustainable Community Development; Institute for Advancement of Personal and Community Health and Wellness <p>2005</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction begins on \$42.3-million Cloverdale Trades and Technology Centre • Construction begins on Surrey Campus Phase III, a \$36-million expansion • Four new degrees offered: Bachelor of Arts (BA), Double Minor in Criminology, English, History or Psychology; BA in Criminology; BA in General Studies; BA in Psychology <p>2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new degrees and post-degree diploma: Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing; Bachelor of Business Administration in Human Resources Management and Post-baccalaureate Diploma in Human Resources Management • Surrey Campus, Building D expansion opens • Kwantlen is named one of Canada's Top 100 Employers and one of B.C.'s Top 40 Employers <p>2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Kwantlen Trades & Technology Centre opens • Two new degrees: Bachelor of Science in Integrated Pest Management; BA Minor in Mathematics <p>2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. David Atkinson named Kwantlen's new president as of July 1st • Surrey Campus, Building C first floor Student Services expansion opens • Premier Gordon Campbell announces that Kwantlen University College will become Kwantlen Polytechnic University |
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Kwantlen School of Business achieves international accreditation

Second largest business school in B.C.

With the award of initial accreditation by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), the School of Business at Kwantlen joins the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University as one of British Columbia's three accredited business schools.

Douglas G. Viehland, executive director of the ACBSP, said, "Kwantlen has shown its commitment to teaching excellence by participating in the accreditation process, achieving accreditation, and then continuing the process of quality improvement. This accreditation is evidence of Kwantlen's commitment to quality business programs."

Arthur Coren, dean of Kwantlen's School of Business says, "This international accreditation confirms that Kwantlen's School of Business has the resources and curriculum to deliver the highest possible standard of business instruction."

He adds, "The School of Business and the faculty have created an environment that challenges and inspires outstanding students. This includes setting standards for superior instruction, learning strategies, and community service to meet British Columbia's needs for well prepared



Kwantlen Business instructor, Chamkaur Cheema discusses with Kwantlen degree, diploma and certificate students the integral role business plays in the world. With a comprehensive curriculum incorporating collaboration with faculty and industry-driven project development, Kwantlen helps its students forge keen business minds.

business professionals."

In recent years, School of Business students and alumni have received extensive recognition, ranging from scholarships at prestigious graduate schools to awards in numerous case and business simulation competitions.

Alumna Sendip Gill was named one of Business in Vancouver's Top 40 under 40. As a group, past Kwantlen degree students have ranked in the top 10 per cent in the North American Major Field

Test. The test is written by over 24,000 business students in Canada and the United States.

"The accreditation is further recognition of the accomplishments of our students and faculty members," says Coren. "It also means that Kwantlen business degrees will receive instant recognition at excellent universities throughout the world. Now, more than ever, this makes Kwantlen a very intelligent choice for anyone pursuing a business degree."

2007 / 2008 Student Kudos

Women's soccer student-athlete, **Shannon Booth** received the President's Award of Distinction award; SIRC-CCAA Academic All Canadian; BCCAA Academic Excellence award; BCCAA 2nd team All-star; and the Most Valuable Player award.

Fourth year Bachelor of Applied Design in Fashion Design and Technology students **Michelle Jerome** and **Carmen Merkel** were awarded the Portobello West Market Graduate award for their label Bad Apple—a prize worth over \$10,000.

Talia Beckett was awarded the 2007 International Business Studies award at the 25th Anniversary B.C. Export Awards ceremony for her leadership in international and business studies while contributing to B.C.'s export community.

Graduating students from the Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (BPN) program were the first graduating class from this degree program, which was introduced to help address the current shortage of registered psychiatric nurses (RPNs) in British Columbia and Western Canada.

Graduates from the School of Business were awarded medals to recognize outstanding achievement. Recipients of the Dean's Medal's are **Jacobus Kerkhoff** (BBA in Entrepreneurial Leadership, GPA 3.98); **Michelle Dodd** (BBA in Accounting, GPA 4.11); and **Corey Steckler** (Bachelor of Technology in IT, GPA 4.18).

Kwantlen **Public Relations program students** organized a fundraising event, "An Evening of Fire and Ice" for the B.C. Professional Firefighters' Burn Fund—a fund that brings awareness, education and support to those affected by fire.

Four Kwantlen students received gold medals at the 2007 B.C. Skills Competition: **Kami Moore**, floristry (post-secondary); **Kyle Bramhoff**, welding (post-secondary); **Chad Poon**, welding (secondary); **Yasheen Williams**, masonry (secondary).

Fashion grads hit the runway at River Rock

Graduates show collection to another record crowd



Fourth-year Bachelor of Applied Design in Fashion Design and Technology students showed off their collections at their annual year-end fashion show on April 2 at the River Rock Casino Resort Show Theatre in Richmond.

This year's show theme, APPARITION, dazzled 2,400 show attendees. 28 students showcased three outfits from their fall collection. Some of the designs featured included flattering scuba wear; stylish construction wear; creative business bike-wear that takes you straight to work without changing; and high-end clothing for international traveling women that transforms into a travel pillow within a minute.

The four-year fashion degree, launched in 1999, has seen great success with past graduates like Allison Smith, who was declared one of Canada's 10 hottest designers by *The Vancouver Sun*. She has been producing her "Allison Wonderland" line since graduating. In fact, since 2005, 95 per cent of the graduates from the degree program are working directly in the apparel industry with national and international companies like lululemon athletica, Ambercrombie & Fitch and Aritzia.

With fashion being the fifth largest secondary industry in B.C., Kwantlen's Fashion degree program is a perfect fit to prepare students seeking careers in the global apparel economy.

Designs (clockwise from top-left) shown are by fourth-year Bachelor of Applied Design in Fashion Design and Technology graduates Carmen Merkel (Forca), Sarah-Kate Skinner (Refraction), Vina Guingcangco, and Michelle Jerome (Devilfish).

Trades and horticulture receive funding for new equipment

The B.C. Government announced that Kwantlen will receive over \$690,000 in trades and horticulture funding. Kwantlen's trades programs will receive \$360,000 towards new equipment for the metal fabrication, electrical and plumbing programs, while Kwantlen's horticulture program will receive \$336,000 towards new equipment.

"Our Trades and Horticulture Training Centres in Cloverdale and Langley are high-tech facilities providing leading-edge training and this funding will help us stay on the leading edge," says Kwantlen president Skip Triplett.

This funding will enable Kwantlen to purchase high-tech training equipment for programs that will enhance its students' education by enriching their learning environment, and in turn enabling them to succeed in their careers.

For more information on Kwantlen's trades and technology programs, visit kwantlen.ca/trades

For more information on Kwantlen's horticulture programs, visit kwantlen.ca/hort



2007 / 2008 Faculty & Staff Kudos

Dr. David W. Atkinson is named the new president of Kwantlen for a five-year term beginning July 2008. He will replace Kwantlen's current president **Skip Triplett** who has served as Kwantlen's president since 1999 and is retiring on June 30, 2008.

Kwantlen is named one of **B.C.'s Top 40 Employers**. The selection is based on performance in several areas, including: physical workplace; work and social atmosphere; and training and skills development.

Psychology faculty members **Dr. Cory Pederson**, **Dr. David Froc** and **Dr. Gira Bhatt** received \$125,000 in funding from the BCcampus Online Program Development fund to develop online undergraduate courses that will offer students majoring and minoring in psychology the flexibility to complete their degree requirements.

Dale Simonson, Kwantlen Graphic Design for Marketing faculty member, was awarded Fellowship by the Society of Graphic Designers of Canada. This is the highest honour that the Society can bestow, and is awarded to a person who has made a major contribution to graphic design in Canada.

Melodie Hull, registered psychiatric nurse (RPN) and former Kwantlen Bachelor of Science in Nursing instructor, donated \$10,000 to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in Kwantlen's Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing program.

Sociology faculty member, **Dr. Charles Quist-Adade** was elected president of the Ghana Canada Association of B.C. as well as the newly appointed managing editor of Afri-Can Magazine.

Kwantlen's **Office of Research and Scholarship** awarded six faculty members with Minor Research and Scholarship awards: **Dr. Farhad Dastur**, Psychology (Visual Discrimination Ability in Pregnant Women: Part II); **Dr. Balbir Gurm**, Nursing (Focus on Diversity); **Michelle Nakano**, Horticulture (Presentation of Bug Garden Research Results to the International Organization of Biological Control and attendance at the "Plants for People and Places" International Symposium); **Dr. Serguei Novocelskii**, Mathematics (Developing new strategies and techniques for teaching math to students with various degrees of 'math anxiety'); **Dr. Hisham Ramadan**, Criminology (Racial Profiling at Borders); and **Al Valleau**, English (Moving to Canada: Language, Religion, Globalism, Multiracialism, The Chinese-Canadian and Irish-Canadian Perspectives).

Booth bends it like Beckham Student-athlete with brains and brawn

Kwantlen Eagles women's soccer player **Shannon Booth** was named this year's Sport Information Resource Centre (SIRC) and Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) 07/08 Academic All Canadian.

The SIRC-CCAA Academic All Canadian award is the CCAA's most prestigious student-athlete award, epitomizing their mandate of recognizing excellence in academics and athletics. This honour is one of many for this student-athlete—Booth was named a British Columbia Colleges' Athletic Association (BCCAA) 2nd team all-star, received a BCCAA academic award, and was given the President's Award of Excellence and Most Valuable Player for women's soccer.

"I am very honoured to receive such recognition for my efforts from an institution such as Kwantlen," remarks Booth. "The recognition will be very beneficial in the future when I start applying for jobs and these awards have already given me confidence in my abilities, both on the soccer field and in the classroom."

Booth has been playing soccer since she was six and is enrolled in the Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting.

When asked what her future goals are, this Surrey resident explains, "I hope to work as a controller of a large corporation and achieve my certification as a CMA." Booth adds, "My business degree will be very beneficial to me in the workplace, even if I choose to pursue something other than accounting. I am confident in my abilities, thanks to the tools I have obtained from studying at Kwantlen."

Booth explains that being a student-athlete at Kwantlen has allowed her to advance her soccer skills and her education. "I am continuing to advance not only my soccer skills by being a Kwantlen player, but my leadership and communication skills as well."

Kwantlen's varsity athletics teams are the Kwantlen Eagles. In basketball, soccer, badminton and golf, they compete in international intercollegiate leagues. The men's soccer team has been ranked fifth nationally, and men's basketball has ranked in the top 15 nationally and fifth in B.C. That's only the beginning for these young teams: as the rankings reflect, they constantly strive to achieve their best.

For more information on the Kwantlen Eagles, visit kwantlen.ca/eagles



Recognizing faculty excellence

Kwantlen's faculty members exemplify the best in faculty excellence by staying on the leading-edge of their respective fields through scholarship and research, professional development opportunities and industry experience.

They bring their passion and enthusiasm for teaching into the classroom by providing an intimate, interactive, personalized approach to student learning. They believe that a student-centred curriculum supported by research and innovative thinking creates an academic environment that challenges and inspires both students and faculty.

For this reason, Kwantlen congratulates its faculty members on their prestigious awards, their dedication to academic research and teaching excellence and their commitment to seeing their students succeed.

Kwantlen faculty members, Dr. Daniel Bernstein and Dr. Kamala Nayar are perfect examples of Kwantlen's faculty excellence as they have both been awarded Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Standard Research grants. SSHRC is the federal agency that promotes and supports university-based research and training. Grants such as these enable Kwantlen's faculty to pursue the highest levels of research excellence in Canada, and facilitates knowledge sharing and collaboration across research disciplines, universities and all sectors of society.

Soon Kwantlen will become a university with a polytechnic mandate. It will be well-positioned to take advantage of the well-established shift towards "relevance" in research funded by the major granting councils. Both Kwantlen's history and the new mandate will support and contribute to Kwantlen's continued competitiveness in faculty excellence.



Dr. Kamala Nayar, Kwantlen Asian Studies faculty member, was recently awarded SSHRC funding for her research which looks at how internal migrants within the larger Vancouver Sikh community sometimes have to "re-adjust" as an immigrant group through re-migration to Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley.



Kwantlen Co-op faculty member, **Shawn Erickson** was the recipient of a 2007 NISOD Excellence award. "My inspiration is the success of students in the classroom and workplace. Sharing the passion of a team that shapes future leaders through work-integrated learning makes my contribution to Kwantlen truly a rewarding experience."



Dr. Deborah Henderson, director of Kwantlen's Institute for Sustainable Horticulture (ISH), has dedicated her research efforts to the development of integrated efforts in sustainable landscaping, conservation and biological pest control.

Bachelor's Degrees

Kwantlen is an exceptional undergraduate university that develops and integrates bachelor's degrees with other applied credentials to successfully meet the evolving needs of students and regional and global employment markets. At Kwantlen, students choose from a variety of educational opportunities that are intentionally integrated to offer students the complete path to their undergraduate experience. Kwantlen offers the best of both worlds—university studies and applied programs for professional enhancement.

- Applied Arts in Psychology
- Applied Design in Fashion Design and Technology
- Applied Design in Graphic Design for Marketing
- Applied Design in Interior Design
- Applied Journalism
- Arts in Community Criminal Justice
- Arts in Criminology
- Arts in General Studies
- Arts in Psychology
- Arts—Double Minor in Creative Writing, Criminology, Economics, English, History, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology

- Business Administration in Accounting
- Business Administration in Entrepreneurial Leadership
- Business Administration in Human Resources Management
- Psychiatric Nursing
- Science in Integrated Pest Management
- Science in Nursing
- Technology in Information Technology
- Four NEW Arts degrees starting September 2008: Anthropology, English, Geography and History

Kwantlen University College—EXPANDING HORIZONS

With university status, \$78-million in expansion, and more bachelor's degrees, Kwantlen's success continues.



Building C, Surrey Campus, will be expanded by 4,300 sq.m. to accommodate additional student services, seminar rooms, mid-size classrooms, a study area, computer labs and more.

Over its short 25-year history, Kwantlen's expanding horizons have helped it rapidly grow into a first-choice university for many people. With campuses in Surrey, Richmond and Langley, and broad programming across 10 academic divisions encompassing over 135 programs, Kwantlen now celebrates its latest addition: the new Trades and Technology Centre in Cloverdale—Canada's most advanced trades and technology training facility.

Kwantlen: A Successful History of Academic Excellence

Since 1981, Kwantlen has quickly evolved from a small community college into a leading undergraduate university that provides its students with comprehensive educational options. Kwantlen opened its new campus doors to the Surrey, Richmond and Langley campuses in the early 1990s, and by the mid-1990s, Kwantlen's enrolment doubled, reflecting the growing and diverse educational needs of Metro Vancouver. As a result, in 1995, Kwantlen was given degree-granting status and a new mandated name by the Government of British Columbia: Kwantlen University College.

Today, as Canada's newest and most innovative polytechnic university, Kwantlen offers over 135 diverse programs, including trades and technology programs, apprenticeships, and many bachelor's degrees—most of which are unique to Western Canada. Kwantlen's educational commitment to Metro Vancouver is evident as it continues to grow and develop new programs, services and research activities that support its students and communities.



The Surrey Campus Library, Building A, will be increased by 5,220 sq.m. to expand the services to a capacity appropriate for Kwantlen's growing student population.

Kwantlen's Expanding Horizons

In order to increase access, instructional and academic support for students, the B.C. government and Kwantlen have partnered to fund over \$78-million to expand Kwantlen University College. These projects, a \$36-million expansion to the Surrey Campus and a \$42-million Trades and Technology Centre in Cloverdale, support Kwantlen's belief that exceptional education requires leading-edge facilities and a commitment to

developing educational spaces that create an innovative and personalized learning experience.

Surrey Campus Expansion

In order to keep up with the continued growth and educational demands of Metro Vancouver, a \$36-million, three-building expansion project is also underway at the Surrey Campus.

With the first building (Building D) already completed and providing new classrooms and faculty offices, the Surrey Campus expansion project will accommodate 1,500 full-time equivalent students. The Building C expansion will be home to many of Surrey Campus' student services, seminar rooms, mid-size classrooms, social and study areas and will give the campus an impressive "grand entrance" facing 72nd Avenue. In addition, the Building A library expansion will be increased to a capacity appropriate for Kwantlen's growing academic portfolio and student population.

Only at Kwantlen: Innovative and Unique Programs

Kwantlen has a well-earned reputation for developing specialized programs that meet the evolving needs of regional and global employment markets. Many are unique in Canada, providing graduates with in-demand skills and hands-on training that help them stand out from the crowd when they start their careers. Public Safety Communications and Appliance Servicing are just two examples of these unique programs. In addition, Kwantlen's new welding training facility is considered the most technologically advanced in Canada and provides students with an unprecedented training experience.

The South Fraser region is the fastest growing region in the province; as such, there is a tremendous pool of young women and men ready to learn and meet the skilled worker shortage. Kwantlen's new Trades and Technology Centre will improve access and enhance instructional and academic support for students in the trades and technology industry.

Taking a Student-Centred Approach

By offering a diverse range of educational options in a growing employment economy, Kwantlen

graduates are well prepared to meet market demands and economic shifts. Eighty per cent of Kwantlen's 135 diverse programs have bridging opportunities into bachelor's degrees. Programs are intentionally integrated, allowing students to enter Kwantlen and then bridge between citations, certificates, diplomas and degrees as their skills and interests develop.

An example of this is students' ability to access Kwantlen's College of Qualifying Studies programs to meet prerequisites for programs including trades and technology programs. Students can then obtain their trades certification and bridge into Kwantlen's Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurial Leadership program, and be well prepared to manage and/or own a trades or technology related business.

Student-centred Degree Options

Kwantlen has offered bachelor's degrees since 1995 when it became a university college. Kwantlen's diverse degree options have grown to include many bachelor's degrees and a diverse range of associate degrees—many with applied research components.

The emergent need to provide students with traditional undergraduate degree options within their own community became more evident, and in 2005 Kwantlen offered four new Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree programs; additional minors were added in 2006. In 2007, two new bachelor's degrees were offered: Bachelor of Science in Integrated Pest Management and a BA Minor in Mathematics.

Kwantlen's educational commitment to Metro Vancouver is evident as it continues to grow and develop new degrees, including the development of master's degrees, executive education and post-baccalaureate diplomas. Kwantlen truly has evolved into an undergraduate university.



Kwantlen's Trades and Technology Centre—Canada's most advanced trades and technology training facility—will meet the educational needs and the challenging and growing demands of the region.

Trades and Technology Centre in Cloverdale

The new \$42.3-million Kwantlen Trades and Technology Centre in Cloverdale is Canada's most advanced trades and technology training facility. It is the first new, purpose-built post-secondary campus constructed in Metro Vancouver in the past seven years. The campus, specifically built to look like a university and not a traditional trades training facility, accommodates up to 900 full-time students. The 17,203 sq.m. campus contains 21 modern shops and 27 classrooms/labs, with additional space dedicated to computer labs, student services, bookstore, cafeteria, study lounges and library.

Kwantlen—Ready For the Future

With the region expected to see the largest growth in the 18 to 29 year-old population group in British Columbia over the next 15 years, Kwantlen's expansion projects will help Kwantlen meet the challenging and growing demands of the region and the evolving needs of students and regional and global employment markets.

With no sign of slowing down any time soon, Kwantlen is continuing to expand its horizons to meet the needs of Metro Vancouver. Kwantlen is dedicated to academic excellence and prepared to continue educating its community members from now and into the future.

To learn more about Kwantlen expansion projects, visit kwantlen.ca/expansion

Kwantlen Foundation: 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients



Ambitious and charming, **Sendip Gill** is the CEO of SRS Packaging Services, a company she purchased while completing her Bachelor of Business

Administration in Entrepreneurial Leadership Co-op program in 2005.

At 24-years old, her list of recognition is extraordinary. When she received *Business in Vancouver's* Top 40 Under 40 Business award, she was both the first Indo-Canadian woman as well as the youngest to receive this prestigious honour. She has also been recognized by Surrey Board of Trade, Surrey/Delta Immigrant Services Society, and was nominated for the YMCA Women of Distinction award.

Her company, based in Port Kells (Surrey), boasts a client list which includes Air Canada, BC Lottery Corporation and BC Hydro. Within a year of purchasing the company, sales have doubled under her leadership.

"Sendip is a young woman who will continue to inspire us for many years to come," remarks Bevin Heath Ansley, associate dean of learner resources. "She is truly a great role model for the younger generation and has proven that nothing is impossible when you are following your dream."

Gill is honoured to receive the 2008 Distinguished Alumni award. "I am grateful to Kwantlen for this award and for my wonderful experience as a student. It was my instructors who gave me the knowledge and motivation I needed to purchase and successfully run SRS Packaging."



A counselor, author, academic and community volunteer. Since graduating in 1996 with a Diploma in Criminology, **Jas Sandhu** has been busy.

As a youth addictions counsellor at Peace Arch Community Services, Sandhu works with youth that have used drugs to escape from the realities and pressures of being a teen. He engages students effortlessly with his wit and candid honesty.

With his wife, Kwantlen Asian Studies instructor, Kamala Nayar, Sandhu co-authored a critically acclaimed book, *The Socially Involved Renunciate: Guru Nānak's Discourse to the Nāth Yogis*, in 2007.

Sandhu was nominated for this award by dean of learner resources, Cathy MacDonald. As co-founder of the B.C. Foundation for the Study of Sikhism, Sandhu was instrumental in a donation of \$20,000 to the library for the establishment of a collection dedicated to the study of Sikhism and the Punjab.

"We're very grateful to Jas for everything he's done for Kwantlen," said MacDonald. "I was inspired to nominate him for the Distinguished Alumni award after discovering how much he does for his community."

After graduating from Kwantlen, Sandhu went on to receive his Bachelor of Arts from SFU and his Masters in Education from UBC. He is also an instructor at the Justice Institute of B.C., has presented at numerous conferences and seminars and has published several articles.



Since 2001, **Mark Catroppa** (left) and **Monty Sikka** (right) have grown their small mail-order pharmacy into a multi-million dollar corporation with a diverse portfolio. With strong roots in Surrey, they currently employ over 150 people and have the largest mail-order pharmacy in Canada with over a million customers world-wide.

Their success in the pharmaceutical industry has allowed them to pursue real estate ventures throughout Metro Vancouver. Current projects in B.C. and Alberta include the construction of a Jack Nicklaus golf course and Sheraton Hotel. They are entrepreneurs in every sense of the word.

Their company, Pivotal Partners, is known for its philosophies on healthy living. Catroppa and Sikka provide many benefits for employees, including a state-of-the-art gym, weight-loss programs, tickets to sporting events, funding for educational and career development, generous bonuses, and plans for a daycare.

Their generosity also extends to the community. Catroppa and his wife, Kristin, have made significant donations in support of prostate cancer research, multiple sclerosis and other health-related causes.

Sikka, having moved to Canada from India at the age of 18, supports several international projects, including a family foundation with his wife, Renee, that provides medical aid and education for under-privileged children in India.

Having met at Kwantlen in an accounting class, their friendship has developed into a business partnership second-to-none.



As a nursing student at Kwantlen in 2001, **Denise Thomas** travelled with her class to Nepal on a five-week nursing practice that changed her life forever.

During the trip, she worked at Mother Teresa's Home for the Destitute and Dying—an experience that inspired her work with marginalized populations.

After graduating, she was hired by St. Paul's Hospital in the HIV/AIDS Acute Care ward and was shortly made the head nurse of the Immunodeficiency Clinic. She was the 2003 recipient of the Nursing Newcomer of the Year award and sat on numerous committees and boards.

When given a volunteer opportunity with the Clinton Foundation to work with HIV/AIDS patients in Lesotho, Africa, Thomas jumped at the chance.

She coordinated two initiatives. The mentorship program involved international medical professionals mentoring local doctors and nurses in the efficient functioning of clinics, patient care and drug administration. The expert patient program trained local HIV-positive people to work with the local medical professionals to manage the severe shortage of qualified personnel. The success of both programs has drawn considerable interest from other African nations coping with the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS.

Thomas was nominated for this award by three instructors, who describe her as 'an angel.' "She is so kind and genuine, people are drawn to her. I am proud and honoured to know her," said Connie Ordish, the nursing instructor who travelled with Thomas to Nepal.

Thomas plans to continue her nursing career, caring for marginalized populations in Canada and abroad.

Kwantlen Foundation raises \$1.4 million

Kwantlen Foundation attributes its most successful fundraising year to-date to many loyal and generous friends of Kwantlen.

"The generosity of our donors allowed us to nearly double funds raised from last year," remarked Jeff Norris, executive director. "This money is being used for capital projects, research initiatives and to create new awards and bursaries."

In fact, over 100 new awards were established this year. "There is nothing more powerful than seeing deserving students receive the financial support they need. When donors attend an award ceremony and meet the student that received their award, they're moved," explains Christine Brodie, Foundation Board chair.

In 2007, the Foundation disbursed \$1-million in scholarships and bursaries.

The Foundation also received a major donation towards the Institute for Sustainable Horticulture (ISH). Jimmy Gaskin of Gaskin Farms (Richmond) pledged \$50,000 to establish a network hub for a diverse horticulture industry.

The Family Campaign, held annually in the fall, saw an enormous increase in money raised from faculty, staff and board members. Nearly \$100,000 was raised—an increase of 54 per cent from 2006.

At a recognition event for SPARK donors, Bruce Kehler was inspired. As a guest, he came to the event with little knowledge of the program or Kwantlen. By the end of the evening, he had pledged \$25,000 to support SPARK, a community partnership between Kwantlen, the Surrey school district and the SPARK Foundation. The program assists at-risk high school students with cultural, economic and social barriers



Bruce Kehler (centre) meets with past Kwantlen Board chair, Arvinder Bubber (right), and Kwantlen Foundation executive director, Jeff Norris.

by mentoring them through their university studies.

The Kwantlen Foundation is the principle fundraising arm of the university. Its mission is to raise funds to create quality, life-long learning opportunities for Kwantlen students to achieve personal and career success.

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