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through education for 75 years





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to present the 2010 – 2011 State of the University report for Vancouver Island University (VIU).

During 2010 – 2011, VIU kicked off its 75th anniversary celebration and unveiled a new history wall and website highlighting the rich history of VIU's role in post-secondary education in the region. These legacy projects detail how this University has remained committed to being relevant, responsive and innovative in meeting the educational needs of the many communities the institution has served for over 75 years.

During the year we announced the creation of the BC Regional Innovation Chair in Aboriginal Early Childhood Development; Prime Minister Harper paid a visit to our new Deep Bay Marine Field Station; and four students – Kyle Duncan, Megan Willis, Zach Yim and Dane Letourneau – received Undergraduate Summer Research Awards from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). In addition, five new facilities which enhance the campus learning environment were completed.

We had many other reasons to celebrate this past year including recognition of student Barbara McLaughlin as she became VIU's first recipient of the Governor General's Gold Medal for Academic Achievement after graduating from VIU's Master of Education in Educational Leadership program with a perfect grade point average. An example of scholarly contributions included faculty and students from VIU presenting four papers at a chemistry

conference, Pacifichem – papers prepared at the VIU Applied Environmental Research Lab here in Nanaimo. The VIU Research and Scholarly Activity report showcases an incredibly diverse array of faculty and student efforts in “Expanding Knowledge through Undergraduate Research”.

(www.viu.ca/research/documents/InternalResearchReport1011.pdf)

Throughout the year, students and staff supported countless social causes including the Somenos Transition House in Cowichan, relief efforts for disaster victims in Japan and agencies that support research into the causes and cures of autism and ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease). It was the year that our Mariners teams did extremely well on both the provincial and national stages. The athletics program was recognized for having the largest number of Academic All-Canadians of all the 126 schools in the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA). These are only a few examples of 2010 – 2011 activities that have defined VIU as a post-secondary education institution committed to student success, a quality learning environment, people and the communities we serve.

As we look forward, VIU has a tremendous future as a pre-eminent coastal region teaching university in Canada. We continue to diversify our funding and align our academic programs to changing demographics, the needs of students and communities, a workforce in transition and our global economy. In particular, VIU was very pleased to release a new Academic Plan during the 2010 – 2011 year as a keystone of the integrated plan for the University. The values presented in this plan focus on Learning, Discovery, Engagement, Achievement, Celebration, Diversity and Sustainability. These values will continue to guide our collective efforts into the future.

To all of you who have played a role in shaping this University – our faculty, staff, students and our wide community of collaborators and supporters, past and present, thank you.



Ralph Nilson, Ph.D.
President and Vice-Chancellor
Vancouver Island University



DOMINION-PROVINCIAL YOUTH TRAINING CENTRE

Beginning in 2009, VIU embarked on an extensive project to document the evolution and history of our institution.

With the assistance of VIU Alumna Laura Mann, the Communications and Public Relations Department at VIU developed an online historic record and visual representation of our past.

To find more, visit www.viu.ca/retrospective

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY: CELEBRATING THE JOURNEY

Important dates in VIU's history

- 1936 Trades training was first offered in a shed-turned classroom by Jack Macready
- 1938 The trades school was officially named the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Centre and moved to Machleary and Campbell Streets
- 1945 Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Centre moved to Fourth Street and Wakesiah Avenue
- 1959 The school was renamed the BC Vocational Training School, Nanaimo
- 1969 Malaspina College opened in Nanaimo's old hospital building on Kennedy Street
- 1971 Malaspina College melded with the BC Vocational Training School under the name Malaspina College Vocational and Technical Institute
- 1973 Malaspina College classes started at locations in Cowichan Valley, Powell River and Parksville-Qualicum
- 1976 Nanaimo's college campus on Fifth Street was officially opened
- 1978 Malaspina College Vocational and Technical Institute was named Malaspina College
- 1983 Powell River campus moved to the former Gordon Park Elementary School
- 1987 Cowichan opened a campus in Duncan
- 1989 Powell River campus was enlarged and renovated
- 1989 Malaspina College was designated Malaspina University-College
- 1990 Malaspina University-College's Parksville-Qualicum Centre moved to Mill Street in Parksville
- 1995 Malaspina University-College gained independent degree-granting status
- 1996 Milner estate in Qualicum Beach was donated to Malaspina University-College
- 2001 Parksville-Qualicum Centre moved to Jensen Avenue East; partnership formed with City of Parksville and School District #69
- 2003 Centre for Shellfish Research was launched
- 2004 Powell River campus building was purchased from School District #47
- 2008 University designation was granted and Malaspina University-College became Vancouver Island University
- 2009 Vancouver Island University Senate was established



Jack Macready began his work to establish Nanaimo's first vocational training school in 1936.



1969-1981 Malaspina College logo



◀ Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Centre, 1940s, was located on VIU's present-day site

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY

In November 2010, the Board of Governors adopted the VIU Academic Plan – an important stage in the multi-faceted Integrated Planning Process for the University.

Following extensive consultation throughout the VIU community, the plan affirms the purpose of the institution:

As a leader in providing high quality learning, Vancouver Island University supports the well being of the people of Vancouver Island and coastal British Columbia by promoting a high quality of life for their communities through commitment to student success, community engagement and associated scholarship.

Students, alumni, faculty, staff and the broader community all play significant roles as VIU continues to evolve, guided by this purpose and the core values identified in the Academic Plan.

These values are clearly evident in the highlights that appear on the following pages.

The VIU Paddle Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo gifted each of VIU's four locations with a hand-carved First Nations paddle when he was installed as Chancellor in September 2008. The yellow cedar paddles were designed and carved by Vancouver Island artist Brian Bob, from the Qwuyutsapulth people, Coast Salish. These paddles are prominently displayed during VIU celebrations and events as a reminder that we are on a journey together, with our communities, our students and our employees.



LEARNING:

We support student success, access to education, appropriate use of technology, development of literacies, communication and exchange of ideas across disciplines and locations, exploration and application of new thought and pursuit of lifelong learning.

Thousands watch VIU convocation ceremonies around the world

The world was watching as more than 650 Vancouver Island University students received university degrees in June at three convocation ceremonies at the Port Theatre in Nanaimo. For the first time, friends and family all over the world were able to watch VIU's ceremonies live on the Internet.

"The webcast was a wonderful way to bring convocation to friends and family who could not attend the celebration in person. It meant that our graduates could share their special day and this important achievement with their loved ones at home," said President Ralph Nilson.

Participation in the live web stream totalled more than 2,900 viewers from dozens of countries, including China, India, Australia, Thailand, Morocco, Russia, France, Costa Rica, Germany, Sweden, Japan, Kuwait, Pakistan, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Ghana, Indonesia, Norway, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and Turkey.

Online course teaches forensic fraud investigation skills

Fraud has been on the dark side of business transactions for thousands of years and as criminals become more sophisticated, the need is growing for well-educated men and women to catch them.

Vancouver Island University's Advanced Diploma in Forensic Accounting and Fraud Investigation was established to offer an intensive online, part-time, two-year program that provides students with the essential skills and knowledge to enter the field of forensic fraud investigation.

989 Bachelors and masters degrees were awarded at VIU convocation ceremonies in January and June 2011.

1268 certificates and diplomas were awarded including trades certificates, Culinary Arts diplomas, certificates for Community Support Workers, Nail Technology and Dental Hygiene.

19 students from nine countries graduated from VIU's Malaspina High School.



“The global nature of today’s business world, and the proliferation of networks and the Internet have given fraudsters new opportunities, while creating massive new challenges for fighting fraud,” said Vanessa Oltmann, Certified Forensic Investigator and Coordinator of VIU’s Fraud and Ethics Research and Education Centre (FEREC).

President lauds community support for ElderCollege

“You should all be very proud of the work you have done,” President Ralph Nilson told members of the ElderCollege team who enjoyed a volunteer appreciation tea at Milner Gardens and Woodland in June. “The benefits of ongoing learning to individuals and to society as a whole are clear and ElderCollege served more than 1,500 students last year. That’s phenomenal.”

With strong support from volunteer instructors, ElderCollege offers an array of special interest courses and speaker series to students aged 50 and over. (Younger spouses and partners of ElderCollege members are also eligible to enrol in the low-cost programs.)

Instructor brings innovative model of learning to local campus

The Powell River campus of Vancouver Island University launched an innovative delivery of the School and Community Support Worker Program (SCSW).

Instructor Alison Taplay has redesigned the delivery of this program to make it more accessible to students who work or might not live in Powell River.

A virtual classroom using new technology can be attended from any location with the appropriate equipment. Students participate in online sessions several times a week and form part of a learning team. “Powell River is an excellent environment for innovation in human service program delivery because of its track record of excellence,” said Taplay. “Powell River has been named as one of the most inclusive communities in Canada by the Canadian Association for Community Living.”



Student Sasha Pugsley (left) and instructor Alison Taplay.

Global VIU website highlights field school experiences

A new website—www.viu.ca/blogs—allows VIU students to share their experiences with the University and broader community as they continue their educational journey in VIU field schools in culturally rich and historically significant regions of the world. The field schools, held in Ghana, Belize, Vietnam and various countries in Europe and North America, provide a wealth of learning opportunities for students.

As student Hannah Perry wrote during a field school to the Western Front and several World War historic sites: “We have had the opportunity of a lifetime; the chance to see first-hand what so many men did and died for. We got to see the battlefields where courageous battles were fought, where fearless young and old men lost their lives ... Thank you for the invaluable opportunity and making me only want to become a teacher, more.”

Never too late to earn a degree

Selinde Krayenhoff fulfilled a long-standing dream by attaining a Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction in Liberal Studies from Vancouver Island University at age 54. Krayenhoff registered for full-time classes at VIU’s Nanaimo campus, coincidentally the same time as her 18-year-old son. “He was in first year, I was in third. We carpooled from Ladysmith. Being students together changed and enriched our relationship,” she said.

As a mature student, Krayenhoff’s accomplishment felt even sweeter when she was elected class valedictorian by her peers. “Be the change you wish to see in the world,” Krayenhoff told fellow graduates, borrowing a quote from Gandhi.

“We have the power to affect the world. Our education has equipped us to do just that, by sharing our passions, talents and interests, moment by moment. There’s no moment like the present moment. We can start right now to create the future we envision. May we make each moment count,” she said.



Graduate Selinde Krayenhoff

DISCOVERY:

Through the pursuit of free enquiry we promote an enduring learning community.

Budding scientist receives national scholarship

VIU biology graduate Riley Glew won a \$17,500 Canada graduate scholarship and is now working towards a master's degree in public health at the University of Saskatchewan. He's hoping to discover how to prevent the onset of diabetes.

Glew graduated from VIU with a Bachelor of Science, major in Biology and is working on his master's degree thanks to a Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada graduate scholarship from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

Glew's research focus is looking at preventative measures for delaying the onset of diabetes. His master's thesis topic is socio-economic determinants of type 2 diabetes and barriers to healthcare for diabetic patients, with a Canadian perspective.



VIU biology graduate Riley Glew hopes to discover how to prevent the onset of diabetes.

Research supports Aboriginal childhood development

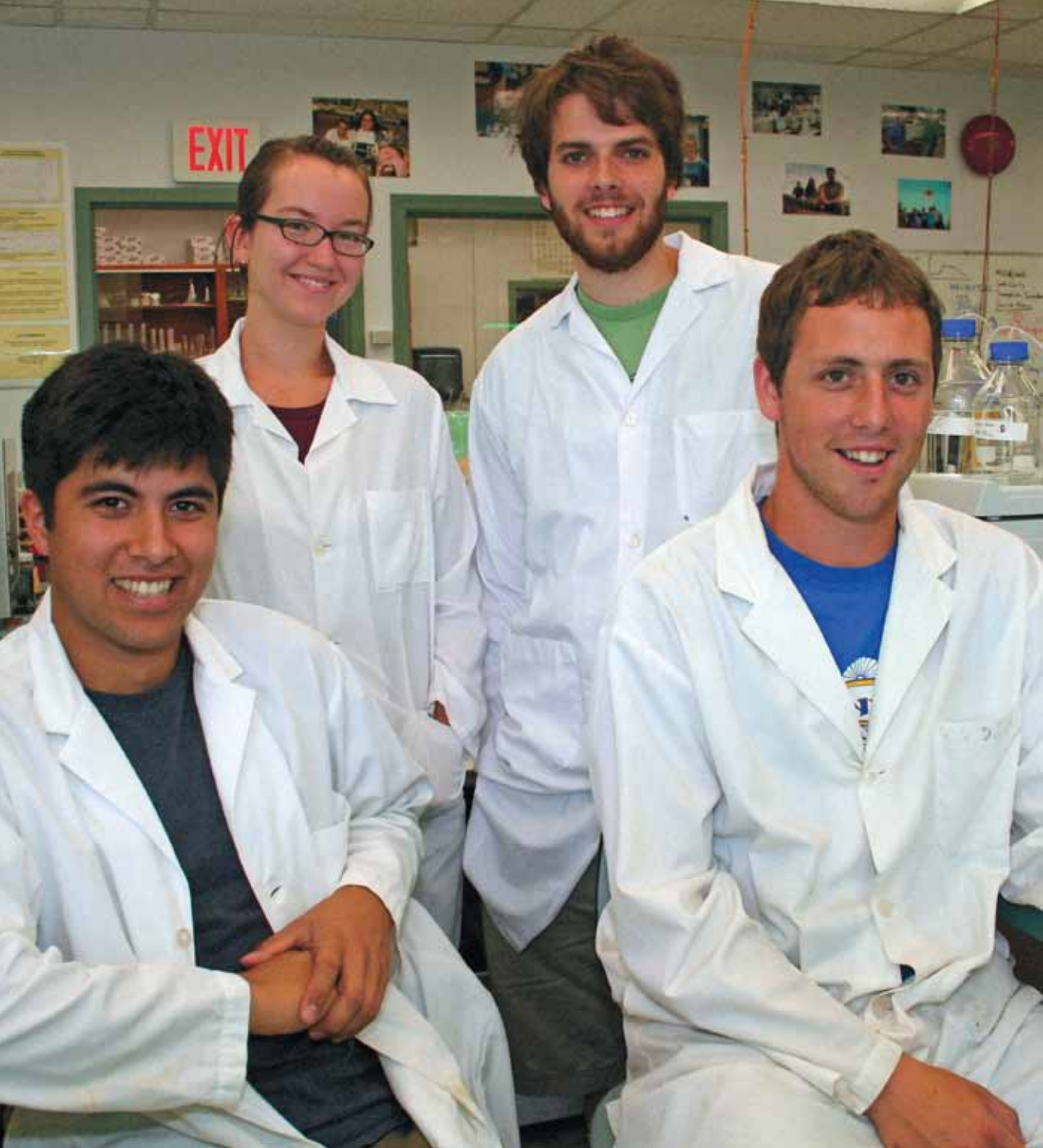
A new \$2.5-million BC Regional Innovation Chair at Vancouver Island University is engaging First Nations communities to create meaningful, culturally relevant and practical resources for early childhood educators of Aboriginal students.

“The BC Regional Innovation Chair in Aboriginal Early Childhood Development will be instrumental in training more professionals to work with children in ways that reflect and promote the traditions and values of their culture,” said Children and Family Development Minister Mary Polak during a visit to the Nanaimo campus in September.

Linda McDonell, the newly appointed chair, said, “I feel both honoured and humbled by the opportunity to do this work and potentially make a difference in an area that has formed an important focus for my work over the past two decades.”



Linda McDonell, left, is the BC Regional Innovation Chair in Aboriginal Early Childhood Development. Joining McDonell for the announcement of her new position were: Children and Family Development Minister Mary Polak, Snuneymuxw Elder Geraldine Manson, VIU President Ralph Nilson, and VIU First Nations Advisory Council Chair Joe Elliott.



Vancouver Island University science students (left to right) Zach Yim, Megan Willis, Dane Letourneau and Kyle Duncan are among Canada's most promising student researchers. They each received Undergraduate Summer Research Awards, and worked in VIU's Applied Environmental Research Laboratories during the summer of 2010.

The total chair endowment is \$2.5 million, with \$1.25 million provided by the province through its \$56.25-million Leading Edge Endowment Fund (LEEF).

VIU computer science researcher earns national scholarship

Kyle d'Oliveira wants to design video games. But his dream job is on hold while he pursues a master's degree in computer science, and possibly a doctorate.

"I want to keep learning," says d'Oliveira, a recent graduate of Vancouver Island University with a Bachelor of Science, major in Computing Science (minor in Math).

d'Oliveira has a big reason to keep learning. He won a \$17,500 Canada Graduate Scholarship from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, which covers part of his tuition for the master's program at UBC.



Kyle d'Oliveira won a \$17,500 Canada Graduate Scholarship

National research awards provide unique jobs for students

Kyle Duncan, Megan Willis, Zach Yim and Dane Letourneau received prestigious Undergraduate Summer Research Awards from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada worth \$4,500 each.

The awards, topped up by \$2,500 from VIU, covered their wages for 16 weeks of summer employment in VIU's multi-million dollar Applied Environmental Research Laboratories (AERL) at the Nanaimo campus during the summer of 2010.

The students conducted sophisticated research while being mentored by Chemistry professors Dr. Erik Krogh and Dr. Chris Gill. Krogh and Gill, co-directors of the AERL, lead an exciting program of research and provide year-round educational and employment opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students on a diverse range of applied and discovery-based research projects.

ENGAGEMENT:

We value ongoing cooperation with our partners in education, with communities in our region and with colleagues throughout the world.

Prime Minister Harper visits Deep Bay Marine Field Station

Under brilliant sunshine and bathed in warm ocean breezes, Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a surprise visit to the Deep Bay Marine Field Station in September 2010.

President Ralph Nilson and VIU Board Chair Mike Brown were on hand to greet the Prime Minister, along with James Lunney, Member of Parliament for Nanaimo-Alberni, Don Tillapaugh, Director of the Centre for Shellfish Research (CSR) and Brian Kingzett, Manager of the Deep Bay Marine Field Station.

Nilson thanked the Prime Minister for taking the time to visit the Deep Bay Marine Field Station, which is a flagship of VIU and demonstrates VIU's leadership in supporting economic development of coastal communities along Vancouver Island and throughout coastal BC.

VIU students raise \$22,500 for relief efforts in Japan

Japanese students at VIU were in a state of shock when their homeland was hit by a devastating earthquake, tsunami and nuclear disaster in March.

"It was unbelievable," said Sachiko Ishibashi, a third-year Tourism Management student at VIU. Three days later, a group of about 50 students met on campus to share information and feelings about the disaster.

The students quickly swung into action to help and raised \$22,500 for relief efforts in Japan. Through their Stand Up for Japan project, one group of students contacted local restaurants and asked to set up donation boxes. Another group formed a fundraising team and established partnerships with malls and grocery stores, raising



Prime Minister Stephen Harper chats with VIU President and Vice-Chancellor Ralph Nilson at the Deep Bay Marine Field Station.



VIU Japanese students Sachiko Ishibashi (right) and Chiharu Yamaguchi helped raise \$22,500 for relief efforts in Japan following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

money at various sites. A third group focused on getting expressions of community support from Nanaimo to victims in Japan.

“The students did an amazing job,” added Richard Payne, International Activity Coordinator at VIU. “The students were really in awe at how much Canadians care about Japan and its people.”



Anne Turner’s artwork was selected for the Victoria Fine Art Festival’s One in Five show, an exhibition featuring artwork by people living with mental illness.

Student uses artwork to create awareness about mental illness

Fourth-year student Anne Turner’s artwork was selected for the Victoria Fine Art Festival’s One in Five show, an exhibition featuring artwork by people living with mental health issues.

“The purpose of the visual art exhibition is to educate the community about the mental illness stigma that many artists live with, and help inform the general public about the many faces of mental illness,” said Turner.

With an undiagnosed hearing impairment and other learning disabilities, Turner struggled through school most of her life. In 2001, Turner mustered courage to return to university. She is grateful to Nanoose Bay art therapist Mehdi Naimi, professors in VIU’s history and sociology departments, and staff in VIU’s Disability Services department for their support. “They’ve all made my journey so much easier and have been instrumental in my success.”



Fourth-year nursing students raised money for the Autism Society of BC and ALS Society of BC.

VIU nursing students raise funds for Autism and ALS societies

Fourth-year nursing students went above and beyond course requirements and raised \$2,000 for local branches of the ALS Society of BC and the Autism Society of BC.

Alexandria Stuart, Nanaimo Branch Coordinator of the Autism Society of BC, said the donation will make a big difference to Nanaimo-area children and adults with autism and their families.

“These types of contributions are greatly appreciated and allow us to do additional work in the community to facilitate inclusion for people with autism and much-needed support services for their families,” Stuart said.

Glenda Reynolds, president of the local chapter of the ALS Society of BC, added her thanks to the students who raised the money through bottle drives, burger sales and other volunteer activities. ALS or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease, is a fatal motor neuron disease.

VIU spreads Christmas cheer

Dozens of families in the Harewood community enjoyed a brighter Christmas thanks to the generosity of students, staff and faculty from Vancouver Island University.

“VIU employees and students adopted 26 families in need from John Barsby, Nanaimo District Secondary, Georgia Avenue and Fairview community schools, including teen moms with children in the Little Ferns Young Moms program at John Barsby,” said VIU employee Jen Bradley, coordinator of the Christmas hamper project with colleague Jo Acampora.

Hampers overflowing with food vouchers, toys, clothing and household items were delivered to families before Christmas.

Students support Child Development Centre

In addition to promoting National Child Day, students in Sheila Grieve's Early Childhood Education and Care class raised more than \$800 for the Child Development Centre (CDC). They also collected \$200 in donations of gift certificates, T-shirts, hats and a refrigerator for the CDC.

“Our class launched this fundraiser in lieu of writing a paper,” said student Becky Dudley. “The original assignment was to write about something we could change. As a class, we thought it would be great to go out into the community and advocate for something meaningful.”



Students from Access Programs donated \$132 from a bake sale to help VIU's Christmas hamper project. Left to right: students Stephanie Faust, Christian Savoie and Cam Pynn.



VIU students raise funds for the Child Development Centre. From left, Sami Christianson, Darah Holloway and Chelsea Cooke.



VIU President Ralph Nilson accepts a generous donation for student scholarships from Pieter de Reuver.

“We truly felt increasing the number of scholarships and bursaries for VIU students was the right thing to do. We know that the donated funds are going to a very good cause.”

— Pieter de Reuver, President of the Pieter de Reuver Foundation which donated \$75,000 to mark VIU's 75th anniversary

Oceanside forum focuses on creating pedestrian-friendly communities for seniors

VIU partnered with Vancouver Island Health Authority, BC Injury Research and Prevention Unit and the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport to examine ways to promote a more pedestrian-friendly environment for older persons in Qualicum Beach and Parksville.

This forum, held in conjunction with Seniors' Fall Prevention Week in BC was part of the Café Scientifique initiative sponsored by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). The 40 participants had several ideas for improving safety for seniors including: lengthening crosswalk timing, installing audible signals and improving lighting on downtown walking routes.

\$75,000 donation honours VIU's 75 years

VIU students are benefiting in a big way from a generous donation by the Oceanside-based Pieter de Reuver Foundation. The Foundation is donating \$75,000 to VIU in honour of the institution's 75th anniversary. The pledge will help provide annual scholarships and bursaries of \$1,000 each to 75 students enrolled in various programs.

The Pieter de Reuver Foundation has supported aspiring music students at VIU for the past two years. President Pieter de Reuver decided to increase his donation to help selected students in all faculties.

“Music is one of my favourite things in life and we were quite happy with our partnership with the VIU Foundation and with how the music scholarship program was working over the past two years,” de Reuver said. “So we decided this year to expand our contribution to include more students in a variety of programs.”

Gigantic Nanaimo Bar campaign raises \$10,000 for VIU

The opening of Thrifty Foods' Brooks Landing store proved to be particularly sweet for Shq'apthut: A Gathering Place, on the Nanaimo campus. A Nanaimo Bar fundraiser was part of the grand opening celebration of the Brooks Landing Thrifty Foods store. One hundred per cent of Nanaimo Bar sales from all three Thrifty

Foods Nanaimo locations for the first two weeks of December were donated toward the construction of Shq'apthut, a new facility for Aboriginal and other students.

“In the last two years, Thrifty Foods—along with contributions from our staff and customers—have raised a total of \$28,500 for VIU,” said Thrifty Foods President Jim Does. “Projects like Shq'apthut represent our continued commitment to participate and contribute to the well being of our communities.”

In the spring, Great-West Life and London Life joined the growing number of corporations that are supporting Shq'apthut. Company representative Graham Calder presented a \$50,000 cheque to VIU. “We’re delighted to be part of this unique meeting place that serves as a great resource for First Nations students as well as the larger community,” said Reid McGruer, Regional Director, Freedom 55 Financial, a division of London Life Insurance Company. “As an Imagine Caring Company and in our efforts to build stronger communities, we support inclusive educational opportunities for all Canadians.”

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— Jim Does, Thrifty Foods
President

ACHIEVEMENT:

We believe in the potential of our learners and are committed to promoting the excellence and success of our students, faculty, staff and alumni.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Accounting student and professor win national awards

Mike Dillman, a fourth-year accounting student, won first place and \$500 in the 2011 Estey Undergraduate Student Paper Competition run by the Centre for Accounting Ethics at the University of Waterloo. The competition focuses on business ethics. Dillman is the first VIU student to win the competition.

“Mike’s paper, and the research in support of it, are something that both accounting faculty and the educational arms of the professional accounting bodies can use as the basis for a discussion about how ethics is addressed in our curriculums,” said VIU Accounting professor Chris Burnley.

Burnley also received an accounting honour, earning second place in the 2011 Howard Teall Innovation in Accounting Education Award Competition. The Canadian Academic Accounting Association competition recognizes faculty who have developed unique approaches to accounting education or unique ways of motivating their students with original learning activities.

Music student builds on success of Victoria Idol win

Music student Sydney Needham took first place in January’s Victoria Idol competition held at the 1,400-seat Royal Theatre. The Victoria-raised singer won the title over 11 other contestants with her versions of Etta James’s I’d Rather Go Blind and China Grove by the Doobie Brothers.

“I hope to always be performing,” said the second-year student who added that she would be thrilled, “if I could just have a band and sing in front of that band for the rest of my life.”



Accounting instructor Chris Burnley, left and Accounting student Mike Dillman



VIU jazz singer Sydney Needham



Stryder Cooke of Ladysmith earned entry in the Skills Canada national competition in Quebec City.

Trades students earn Skills Canada medals

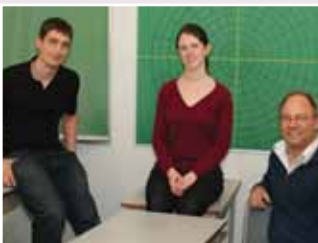
Ladysmith student Stryder Cooke was nearing completion of a 10-month Career Technical Centre program at VIU in April when he won gold in the automotive service category at the Skills Canada competition in BC.

The 17-year-old, along with fellow VIU students Kyle Campbell (welding), Melody Kostuma (culinary arts) and Jade Eliason (refrigeration), won five awards at the Skills Canada provincial competitions.

Graphic design students win tuition scholarships

Aspiring graphic designers enrolled in VIU's graphic design degree program received three scholarship awards from the Society of Graphic Designers of Canada (GDC), Vancouver Island Chapter.

Students Greg Dubeau and Tashia Potter each received \$1,000 tuition scholarships, while Trina M'Lot received \$500. The GDC Scholarship Awards are Vancouver Island's pre-eminent educational awards and are funded by the Vancouver Island Chapter and sponsor Hemlock Printers, and coordinated by the GDC Vancouver Island. Since 1956, the GDC has been dedicated to improving graphic design standards and practice in the workplace and in schools.



Students Brandon Sharratt, Kate Hall and Professor Dave Bigelow

VIU students reach lofty heights in mathematics challenge

Brandon Sharratt and Kate Hall earned A+ grades in Dave Bigelow's Math 360 course by scoring among the top 20 per cent of students who competed in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Challenge.

The challenge, the most important undergraduate mathematics competition in North America, attracted 4,296 students from 546 institutions in Canada and the US in December. It is so demanding that almost half the entrants are stumped and unable to answer any of the 12 daunting questions. Bigelow uses the international competition as a challenge for students in Math 360—a senior-level course focused on problem-solving.

“I have such respect for the exam. The only way a student can score an A+ in Math 360 is by correctly answering two or more questions,” says Bigelow. “I have never had the opportunity to assign an A+ in the course until now. This year, two of my students, Kate Hall and Brandon Sharratt, both correctly answered two questions. It’s an impressive achievement.”

Medal sweep for VIU Culinary students

Four students showcased their award-winning culinary arts skills at the 15th annual BC Chefs Hot Competition LIVE! in Vancouver in February.

Students James Hannah, Alex Formosa, Carlos Cordeiro De Mello Neto and Adriana Purdie brought home a Grand Gold medal, two silver medals and a bronze medal respectively. As the overall winner, Hannah received \$500. “It was a fantastic event with great results for VIU,” said Chef Debbie Shore. “The students were amazing. We’re incredibly proud of how they handled themselves under pressure.”

In June, Culinary Arts student Mei Ramos won gold in her first competition, Open Chef Night at the prestigious five-star Panache restaurant at the Westin Bear Mountain Resort and Spa in Victoria.

Award-winning graduate urges students to “get involved”

Lori-Ann Shibish leaves VIU with high credentials and an amazing range of unforgettable memories. She received a Bachelor of Tourism Management degree (major in recreation) at June convocation. She also served as class valedictorian and received the Governor General Academic Silver Medal for earning the highest marks in a four-year degree program.

At the end of her first year at VIU, Shibish was one of 80 students selected from all over the world to participate in an international scientific expedition to the Antarctic, celebrating International Polar Year. In the summer of 2010, she lived at a monkey sanctuary in Ghana, West Africa for three months while studying community-based ecotourism. She also helped reduce poverty



VIU Culinary wizards brought home Grand Gold, silver and bronze medals from the 15th annual BC Chefs Hot Competition LIVE! in Vancouver. Left to right: James Hannah, Alex Formosa, Adriana Purdie and Carlos Cordeiro De Mello Neto.



Lori-Ann Shibish with VIU President Dr. Ralph Nilson (right) and Tourism professor Dr. Robert Pfister



and improve living conditions in Ghana during a one-month field school as part of VIU's Canada-Ghana project.

"It's been an incredible journey," said Shibish, who offered advice to new students. "Get involved, whether it is as a peer helper, student union or campus recreation volunteer, school newspaper or CHLY radio contributor, or member of a club or association. It doesn't matter what you do, actively involve yourself in the wider school community. It makes the university experience more rich, rewarding and memorable."

Mariners athletic program wins again

VIU Mariners teams scored three national medals and three provincial titles on their way to earning the BCCAA Aggregate award for the fifth consecutive year. The aggregate title for the top athletic program in the province was one of many highlights of the memorable year.

Silver for women's volleyball

VIU brought home the silver medal from the 2011 CCAA Women's Volleyball National Championships in New Brunswick.

After a dramatic 3-2 win over BC rivals and former national champs UBC Heat in the semi-finals, VIU faced Mount Royal University in the finals and it appeared they had won the national championship before an official overturned a call and the Calgary team went on to take the title.

National title for 2010 Mariners soccer team

The VIU men's soccer team equalled the feat of the 1983 hall-of-famers and won the 2010 CCAA National Championships in Edmonton.

VIU tied the game 1-1 (goal by Brad Crewe) with two minutes remaining in regulation extra time. Nothing was decided in OT and the game went to a shootout. Goalkeeper Robbie Cochrane (named MVP) came up with the big saves and Chris Arnett scored to capture the title.

◀ Lindsay McLoughlin, CCAA Player of the month, December 2010.

MARINERS SUCCESS

2010-11:

Academic All-Canadians: 9
(most of any school in Canada)

CCAA National Scholar Athletes: 21

BC Provincial Champions:
Men's Golf, Men's Soccer, Men's Basketball

Aggregate Award: Top program in BC for the 5th year in a row.

National Medals: Men's Soccer gold, Women's Volleyball silver, Men's Basketball bronze

National soccer champions, 2010



Hall of Fame for 1983 soccer champions

The 1983 Mariners men's soccer team earned another triumph. The VIU (Malaspina College) team was inducted into the Nanaimo Sports Hall of Fame at a celebration at the Nanaimo Museum.

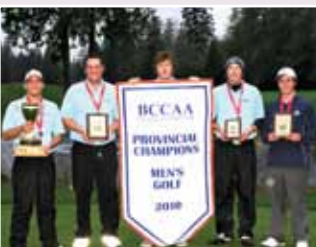
The men's soccer team earned VIU's first national championship in athletics 26 years ago. Team member Gunnar Myhrer scored the game-winning goal, putting the Mariners up 1-0 against Seneca College, Ontario in what would be remembered as one of the Mariners' most exciting and nerve-wracking games.



Medal haul for badminton players

VIU Badminton Mariners Bryan Cassels and Jenny Aronson went undefeated in a six-team round robin event to earn gold in mixed doubles at the 2011 BCCAA Badminton Championships hosted by Douglas College.

Bronze medal performances came from Patrick Thompson in men's singles and Jennifer Abrahamson in women's singles.



VIU golfers take gold

It couldn't have been much closer.

After four tournaments and more than 2,200 strokes, the Mariners golf team staked its claim to provincial gold. Matt Cella, Matt Hadadd, Kristian Hrabowych, Tyson Lemon and Josh Logan combined for a score of 2,229 strokes to edge University of the

Fraser Valley Cascades by two strokes and win the BC Colleges Athletic Association (BCCAA) championship.

Celebration for remarkable achievements

Soccer standout Robbie Cochrane and volleyball ace Lindsay McLoughlin won Athlete of the Year awards at the year-end celebration banquet. Freshman Athlete of the Year winners were soccer player Jessie Weninger and volleyball player Rylan Brouwer.

Recognizing qualities such as commitment, leadership and performance, the VIU athletics department also chose a President's Award winner from each team – soccer players Jordan Tufnail and Stephen Ewashko, badminton player Zach Yim, golfer Tyson Lemon, volleyball players Kaitie Whiteley and Brennan Veecken and basketball players Heather McCarthy and Clayton Billett.

Basketball BC honours Andrew Kaban

In his fifth and final season as a Mariner, Andrew Kaban was named Basketball BC's college male athlete of the year. Kaban led the league in scoring averaging 21 points a game. Kaban was named MVP at the provincial championships and a Canadian College Athletic Association Academic All-Canadian. He has since gone on to sign a professional basketball contract with the Virum Vipers of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Other CCAA All-Canadian honours went to Bronte Fitzsimmons, Lindsay McLoughlin and Jacob Thom.

Athletes earn academic excellence awards

Almost half the number of student-athletes on VIU Mariners teams earned a spot on the academic excellence roster for the spring semester. The outstanding academic performance of 46 Mariners matched the record set in 2008. The women's volleyball team was tops academically, with the men's volleyball squad close behind. Both teams averaged more than a B+ GPA.

VIU Mariners had 21 student-athletes achieve CCAA National Scholar honours for the 2010-11 season.

“We didn't have just a couple of teams performing at the top level—it was right across the board.”

— Bruce Hunter, VIU Athletic Director

DIVERSITY:

We value human diversity in all its dimensions and are committed to maintaining learning and working environments which are equitable, diverse and inclusive.

Shq'apthut: A Gathering Place hosts Aboriginal Graduation Recognition Ceremony

The fifth annual Aboriginal Graduation Recognition Ceremony celebrated the achievements of 230 Aboriginal students who reached academic milestones at VIU including certificates, diplomas, bachelor's degrees and master's degrees.

Graduating students and their families celebrated in the new Shq'apthut: A Gathering Place on the Nanaimo Campus. "VIU has the highest number of Aboriginal students of any university in the province," said President Ralph Nilson. "I'm very proud of the success rate of our Aboriginal students."

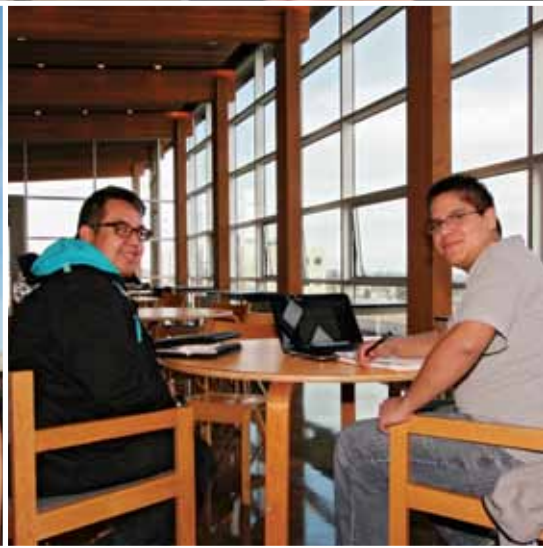
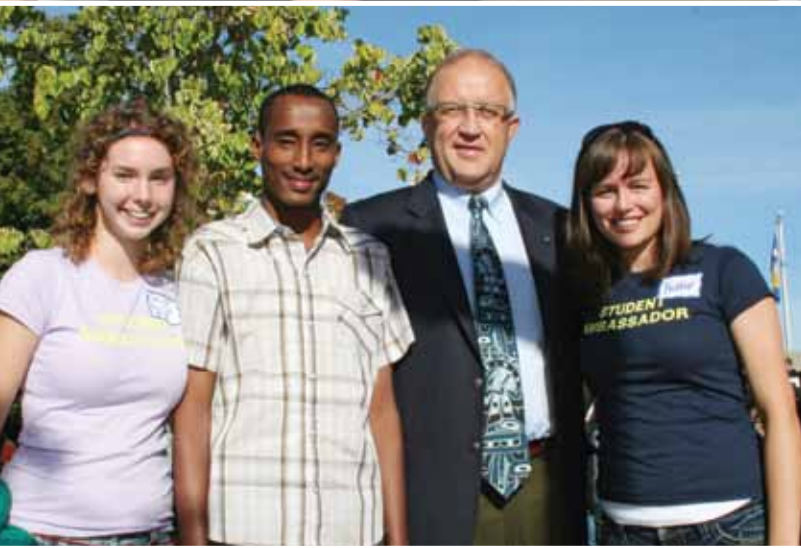
Human Rights Advisor wins Diversity Champion Award

Human Rights Advisor Maria Gomes received a Diversity Champion Award from the Central Vancouver Island Multicultural Society for taking a leadership role in promoting a welcoming and inclusive community in the central island region, embracing the values of equity and diversity, and promoting diversity in innovative and unique ways.

"This award is a great symbol of how much Maria is valued and respected in our community," said President Ralph Nilson. "VIU is committed to the values of equity and diversity, and Maria's work clearly demonstrates the importance we place on inclusion and respect for students, staff, faculty and all other members of society."



VIU Human Rights Advisor Maria Gomes



VIU mourns the loss of beloved Elder Mavis Wyse

Vancouver Island University is among the many organizations and communities mourning the loss of Snuneymuxw First Nation Elder Mavis Wyse.

Wyse was a popular Elder-in-Residence at VIU's Cowichan Campus. She passed away unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 4. "The faculty, staff, students and administration at VIU are heartbroken by the loss of our dear friend and Elder Mavis Wyse," said President Ralph Nilson. "Mavis served as an Elder-in-Residence since 2008 and played an important role shaping First Nations programs and services at the VIU Cowichan Campus. She was a wonderful resource. She will be deeply missed."

Chancellor Shawn Atleo, who has family ties to Elder Wyse, also expressed deep sorrow and offered his condolences to the family and community. "The loss of a beloved Elder and the wisdom that is lost when they pass on impacts the community in so many ways," said Atleo.

Student with disabilities enjoys independence

Patrick McLauchlan, like many twenty-somethings, holds down a part-time job, attends school and lives with a roommate in an apartment.

He likes going to the movies, playing computer games and is saving for a trip to Australia. He prefers eating out to preparing his own food.

Patrick has successfully moved from his parents' home to his own apartment instead of seeking a more traditional placement in a group home.

Patrick, who attends VIU's Powell River campus, is typical of several young people living with developmental disabilities who do not require constant supervision. He's benefiting from the Powell River Association of Community Living's "supported apartment model of service" for people with disabilities. The service has increased not only his independence, but his connection to the community.



VIU student Patrick McLauchlan (right) attends the Access program at the Powell River campus. Alumna Yvonne Russell graduated from VIU's Community Support Worker program and now works for the Powell River Association of Community Living. She helped Patrick find his own apartment so he can enjoy independence and quality of life.

◀ Opposite page, counter clockwise: Model UN Club, President Nilson with World University Service of Canada students, exterior and interior of Shq'apthut: A Gathering Place.

“WUSC’s Student Refugee Program is the only option available for students in refugee camps in Kenya and Malawi, looking to pursue post-secondary education. It is a unique program tying education with citizenship, which is important, as refugees lose their legal citizenship with their home countries when they flee due to severe persecution, discrimination and violence.”

— Katie Durvin, co-chair,
VIU World University Service of
Canada Committee

VIU strengthens ties with students and educators in India

Vancouver Island University created a \$5,000 scholarship for an Indian undergraduate student and \$5,000 to facilitate new faculty exchanges with Indian institutions. President Ralph Nilson announced the initiatives during an unprecedented Canadian university mission to India in November. The visit, organized by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), included 15 presidents from universities across Canada.

“VIU strongly values our ties to students and educators in India. We have more than 120 students from India at our Nanaimo campus and they enrich our University and local community in many ways,” Nilson said.

VIU hosts Model United Nations conference for high school students

Eighty Vancouver Island high school students gathered at the Nanaimo campus in February to practise international diplomacy skills. VIU’s second Model United Nations conference was organized by the Vancouver Island University Model United Nations Club and co-hosted by VIU’s Global Studies and Political Science programs under the guidance of Global Studies and Political Science professors Catherine Schittecatte and Allan Warnke.

“This is a great example of experiential learning at VIU,” said Schittecatte. “It’s a wonderful opportunity for high school students to engage in international debate on pressing global issues and enhance their skills in public speaking, debating, diplomacy and negotiation.”

Indonesian children benefit from international collaboration

The Early Childhood Education department is making a positive difference in children’s lives not only in Canada, but also on the other side of the world.

VIU faculty helped Widya Mandala Catholic University in Surabaya, Indonesia develop new curriculum for teachers and childcare workers. The initiative, part of a five-year collaborative

project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), also established standardized training and certification for early childhood educators in preschool and daycare centres throughout Indonesia.

“The goal was to improve the delivery of early childhood education training in Indonesia that blends western ideas with the traditional needs of Indonesian families,” said VIU faculty member Linda McDonell.

Haiku contest highlights global connections

Lily Banerjee, an MBA student from India, took top honours in a haiku contest held in conjunction with International Development week at VIU. Banerjee won the overall prize as well as top spot among entrants whose first language is not English for this entry:

*After the tsunami
A girl wiping the sky
From the floor*

“Writing is my passion,” says Banerjee, who was living in Malaysia in 2004 when a tsunami hit and caused devastating loss of lives and damaged her grandmother’s birthplace in South India. She cannot forget the pain she saw in her grandmother’s eyes and Banerjee’s entry was written in memory of her.

Gala dinner supports student refugees

In the first two years of the Student Refugee Program at VIU, the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Local Committee sponsored one student from Somalia and another from Sudan.

The program is expanding to aid two students thanks to a student levy and ongoing support from the University. The annual spring “Harambee” (pulling together) dinner helped raise funds for the program.

“In Canada, you have the opportunity to be anything you want to be,” said Aden Abdi Ahmed, a Somalia-born student who was able to start a new life as a university student in Nanaimo thanks to the WUSC initiative.



Lily Banerjee: “Writing is my passion.”

CELEBRATION:

We celebrate the achievements of our students, faculty, staff, alumni and the communities we serve.

Faculty member's first novel shortlisted for Butler Book Prize

Creative Writing professor Jay Ruzesky's first novel, *The Wolsenburg Clock*, was shortlisted for the 2010 City of Victoria Butler Book Prize. The story follows the construction and reconstruction of a monumental church clock which charts the stars and planets and is covered with a fantasy of automated figures. First built in the medieval age, the clock is threatened by bombings during the Second World War.

"I'm honoured to be on the list, especially when you look at the company I'm keeping there," said Ruzesky, who teaches at VIU's Cowichan campus.



Author and VIU Professor Jay Ruzesky's first novel was shortlisted for the Butler Book Prize.

History professor wins national award for article on sex trade workers

An article on the history of sexuality and Victorian sex trade workers has netted a national award for retired VIU History professor Dr. Patrick Dunae. Now an honorary research associate at VIU, Dunae received the 2010 "best article" prize from the Canadian Historical Association for his work entitled "Geographies of Sexual Commerce and the Production of Prostitutional Space: Victoria, BC, 1860 to 1914."

The article, which looks at prostitution in Victoria, was published in the *Journal of the Canadian Historical Association*. The journal's selection committee was impressed by how Dunae contextualized his rich historical study of prostitution in Victoria, adding that the article "extends in a highly productive fashion the commitment to empirical research and theoretical sophistication that have become a hallmark of the historiography of sexuality in Canada."



Honorary Research Associate Dr. Patrick Dunae won a national award from the Canadian Historical Association for his article on sex trade workers in Victoria between 1860 and 1914. Here is a mug shot he retrieved of a sex trade worker from the Victoria City Police Department archives c.1900.



Honorary doctorate for renowned ethnobotanist

Dr. Nancy Turner received an honorary doctorate at VIU's January convocation for her work in ethnobotany, commitment to preserving First Nations teachings and advocacy for sustainable use of the planet's resources.

"Throughout her impressive career as an author, researcher and academic, Dr. Turner has exemplified a passionate commitment to studying and documenting the sacred relationship between First Nations people and the diverse ecosystems of BC," said VIU President Dr. Ralph Nilson.

"Nancy's close work, particularly with Saanich First Nations Elders, will help preserve a wealth of information for future generations. We are deeply indebted to Nancy for her compelling message to protect ecosystems and use our resources wisely," Nilson said.

VIU honours long service employees

Wayne Hiles and Jane Cole know all about significant milestones. In January, they celebrated their 35th anniversary with the same employer. Cole and Hiles were among 104 employees recognized for their dedication and commitment at Vancouver Island University's Long Service Awards reception. Employees completing 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of employment received framed plaques and kudos from the university.

Bill Clark, 30 years, and Josephine Chong, 25 years, have added reason to celebrate their careers at VIU. Clark, multi-media technician for the Information and Technology department, and Chong, secretary for the Culinary Arts department, met and fell in love while working on campus.

Faculty member recognized for nursing excellence

The College of Registered Nurses of BC (CRNBC) presented a Nursing Excellence Award in April to VIU faculty member Marilyn Chapman, RN .



Bill Clark and Josephine Chong fell in love while working at VIU. Both received Long Service Awards in January – Clark for 30 years and Chong for 25 years.

◀ Ethnobotanist Dr. Nancy Turner and her golden retriever Amy.

The awards are a way for registered nurses to honour colleagues for outstanding contributions to the nursing profession and for demonstrating excellence in relation to the CRNBC Professional Standards for Registered Nurses and Nurse Practitioners.

VIU honours 'renaissance man'

Dr. Marshall Soules, a professor known for inspiring students to stretch their imaginations and expand their thinking skills was honoured with an Outstanding Service Award at June convocation.

One of his proudest achievements in a career that spanned 22 years at VIU was creating the Media Studies department in the mid-1990s and the subsequent approval of a Bachelor of Arts, Major in Digital Media Studies in 2008.

“It was challenging to work through all the levels of approval over the years and required a lot of collaboration and networking,” said Soules, “but it was all worth it to see students really excited about their learning.”



Retired VIU Professor Dr. Marshall Soules

White Spot CEO garners VIU Distinguished Alumni Award

In 1976, when Warren Erhart graduated from the Hotel and Restaurant Management program at then Malaspina College, he was a young, enthusiastic business student who already grasped the importance of hard work. Three decades later, he's the President and CEO of White Spot restaurants.

Erhart received VIU's Distinguished Alumni Award at VIU's convocation ceremony in January. The award recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of VIU alumni who have earned provincial or national prominence as a result of their exceptional professional achievements and/or service to society.

When Erhart joined White Spot, there were 27 locations. Currently, there are 64 locations throughout BC and Alberta, and more than 50 Triple O's in Western Canada and Asia, employing over 4,000 people and serving more than 17 million customers annually.



White Spot CEO Warren Erhart received a Distinguished Alumni Award.

Wine Country chef honoured with VIU's Distinguished Alumni Award

Bernard Casavant was surprised in 1976 when he was singled out as the most promising graduate in the Culinary Arts program at Vancouver Island University (then Malaspina College). He recalls that not many people had given him much of a chance in succeeding as a professional chef.

After 35 years creating distinctive Western Canadian cuisine for fortunate diners, including British Royalty and Hollywood celebrities, Casavant returned to VIU in June to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award. He credits instructor Chef Sid Pickett with much of his success and uses him as a role model as he works with talented newcomers to the field.

“I try to be as supportive and patient as Chef Pickett was for me. It truly is about our young cooks; they are the future.”

Milner Gardens and Woodland celebrates 10th anniversary

A community celebration May 1st marked the 10th anniversary for Milner Gardens and Woodland. The pastoral 28-hectare oceanside site between Qualicum Beach and Parksville, which has been part of Vancouver Island University for 15 years, opened to the public in 2001.

In addition to tours of the tranquil woodland and charming gardens, the site is popular for its tea offerings, summer concerts, Shoots with Roots program for school children and festive Milner Christmas Magic event during the holiday season.

“Milner Gardens and Woodland is also a valuable living laboratory that has enriched the education of students in the horticulture technician program,” said President Ralph Nilson.



Chef Bernard Casavant
(Culinary Arts program 1976)
Photo courtesy Manteo Resort
Waterfront Hotel & Villas



Milner Gardens and Woodland

SUSTAINABILITY:

We support a healthy sustainable environment through progressive operational practices and promotion of environmental awareness.

Deep Bay Marine Field Station attracts national and international attention

There was added reason to celebrate at festivities to mark the grand opening in June of Vancouver Island University's Deep Bay Marine Field Station. The distinctive clamshell-shaped structure on the shores of Baynes Sound has been honoured with a 2011 National Green Buildings Award.

According to the National Green Building Awards jury, "The education and research centre's beautiful shellfish-inspired form marries the inner and outer shell in a dynamic section. The building is designed to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Platinum certification using readily available technologies, and delivers an impressive energy performance that is 65 per cent superior to a base building of the Model National Energy Code."

In September 2010, Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a surprise visit to the Deep Bay Marine Field Station as it entered the final stages of construction. The field station was also showcased to international seafood experts who enjoyed a feast of locally grown sustainable shellfish. The tour and reception was part of the SeaWeb Seafood Choices 2011 Seafood Summit.

New Cowichan Campus offers welcoming learning environment

"We're thrilled to offer a beautiful new learning environment for students of all ages," says Maria Lauridsen, Principal of Vancouver Island University's new Cowichan campus.

VIU's \$29-million Cowichan campus, located in the heart of Duncan, is built to gold or equivalent LEED standard with a green roof, geexchange heating and cooling system, rainwater collection



Deep Bay Marine Field Station



VIU's new Cowichan campus is open for business.



Michele Patterson presents Travis Martin with a prize for his winning suggestion in VIU's Energy Conservation Suggestion Contest.

and a variety of other environmentally friendly features. Cowichan Place is a multi-functional complex that incorporates VIU, the Cowichan Aquatic Centre, School District 79 offices and Island Savings Centre — home to the Cowichan Community Theatre, Vancouver Island Regional Library and the local arena.

The Cowichan campus offers a wide range of academic, applied career, technical, vocational and developmental programs, including 27 first- and second-year university classes. In addition to university classes, the Cowichan campus offers a full range of high school upgrading courses.

Students provide winning suggestions to conserve energy

Travis Martin didn't have to look far for a bright idea when Vancouver Island University held a contest to find inspiration for a way to save energy. The third-year student from Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, had an Earth Science class in VIU's Faculty of Management building which is often bathed in sunlight.

Martin suggested a "natural-lighting" campaign for the university with students, faculty and staff encouraged to turn off the lights when the sun is already doing the job. Martin's suggestion, which was adopted during the summer, was one of 225 ideas submitted to the Energy Conservation Contest promoted by VIU's Facilities Services and Campus Development.

"There was quite an astounding response. You can see that people really care and notice what's going on at the University," said Michele Patterson, Manager, Environment and Sustainability for VIU.

Powell River campus enhances training capacity with new trades facility

A major overhaul of a trades training facility at VIU's Powell River campus is providing students with access to a greatly enhanced learning environment, said campus principal Arlette Raaen.

The new 418 square metre multi-purpose building replaces an old, out-of-date structure. Built to gold or equivalent LEED standard, it will increase energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gas

emissions and result in significant improvement to indoor air quality, ventilation, lighting, natural lighting and storm drainage.

Raaen sees multiple benefits from the improvement that was funded through the Knowledge Infrastructure Program funded by the federal and provincial governments.

“This enhances the foundation for future skill development needs of the region,” said Raaen. “The new trades training facility will foster innovation in trades training as well as industry development for the local community.”

VIU video teams compete in TD Friends of the Environment Go Green Challenge

Two teams from VIU created innovative entries in the fourth annual TD Friends of the Environment Go Green Challenge. Students from across Canada entered videos up to four minutes long describing how they would take on their schools’ greatest sustainability challenges. Bachelor of Tourism Management students Pascale Jallabert and Lori-Ann Shibish collaborated to focus on the potential to extract heat from water in abandoned coal mine shafts deep beneath the Nanaimo campus through an innovative geo-exchange system.

Members of Solutions: A Sustainability Network, Jawn Lafratta, Chris LoScerbo, Dana Short and Travis Barrington took a musical approach to extol the virtues of an Active Living Transportation station (ALTRA) for campus. In their video, students break into song to make their pitch for a transportation hub that would provide transit and other information. It would also be used for workshops on bike maintenance and provide lock-up space for bikes.

Lunch-hour shutdown saves energy at VIU

Data released by BC Hydro showed that a campaign to turn off unnecessary electrical devices during a lunch break in late October allowed the VIU community in Nanaimo to conserve 4.07 per cent of electricity when compared to the consumption of the same day of the previous week.



Pascale Jallabert and Lori-Ann Shibish wear miners’ helmets and lamps to promote their video. Jawn Lafratta, Travis Barrington and Chris LoScerbo are in cycling gear to raise awareness about their entry that focused on an Active Living Transportation station (ALTRA) for campus.

“That works out to be about 1200 kilowatt hours of energy, which is roughly equivalent to the amount of energy used in an average Nanaimo home for one month,” said Energy Manager Daryl Amos.

Ugly Sweater Week promotes energy conservation

Students, faculty, staff and administrators made a fashion statement at VIU in February. Ugly Sweater Week was not just an opportunity to wear ugly, tacky, crazy, wacky, retro, techno or comfy sweaters to campus.

“It’s a fun and highly visible way to highlight VIU’s commitment to reduce our carbon footprint and save energy costs,” said Michele Patterson, Manager, Environment and Sustainability for Facilities Services and Campus Development at VIU.

During the four-day event, temperatures in all Nanaimo campus buildings were reduced two degrees and members of the university community were asked to wear sweaters to keep warm.



Ugly Sweater Week promoted reducing the temperature of campus buildings.



VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Financial Management The Vancouver Island University Students' Union (VIUSU) had another successful year financially in 2010-11. As in previous years, the Board was able to generate the necessary funds to make the maximum allowable down payment on VIUSU's building loan and is on target to pay the loan off more than six years ahead of schedule. This will save VIUSU more than \$300,000 in interest charges.

Governance As per the policies and bylaws of VIUSU, two general elections and one annual general meeting were held in 2010-11. The fall election was held Oct. 12 to 14, 2010. The spring election was interrupted by a labour action by one of the bargaining units at the University and the campaign period and voting period were rescheduled. Voting for the spring election took place April 19 to 21, 2011.

Following a request from the Radio Malaspina Society (CHLY), VIUSU put forward a referendum during the spring election to increase the fees for CHLY. Members voted 64.7 per cent in favour of referendum question.

Policy and Procedures Development In 2009-10 the Board passed a resolution to undertake a multi-year policy review and development project to bring greater transparency and accountability to the internal operations of VIUSU. In 2010-11 a great deal of work was completed on the project including the creation of a master list of possible policies and the development of new and revised policies and procedures for key areas of VIUSU's operation. Policies adopted and amended in 2010-11 include:

- 10.01 Polices and Procedures

- 10.02 Referenda
- 10.03 Elections
- 10.04 Non-Partisanship
- 10.06 Meetings of the Federation
- 10.07 Board Stipends
- 10.10 Board Member Resignations, By-Elections and Leaves of Absences
- 10.11 Office Hours
- 20.02 Fee Collection and Remittance
- 20.05 Board and Staff Expenses
- 30.01 Student Financial Assistance and Food Security
- 30.03 Jessica Wilde Conference Participation Fund
- 40.01 Student Groups



2011 VIUFA Labour Action In March and April, 2011 classes were interrupted for five weeks due to labour action by the union representing academic and non-instructional faculty at the University. It was concluded in time for students to finish a reduced semester.

During and leading up to the Labour Action, VIUSU was actively engaged in advocacy to avert and conclude the action. This work included communications with government, the University and the Faculty Association; support and assistance to students engaged in grassroots action to end the labour action and support striking workers; and applying public pressure through media relations and work on legal action should the semester have been lost.

Following the Labour Action, VIUSU developed a system of emergency financial assistance for students who were extraordinarily financially disadvantaged and in danger of not completing their studies. In the three weeks following the strike, VIUSU provided more than \$30,000 in financial aid. VIUSU also provided rapid response to students needing advice or representation in negotiating amendments to their course schedule and requirements due to the shortened semester. Working with the VIU administration, VIUSU negotiated academic penalty-free withdrawal with a full refund of tuition and Students' Union fees for students who wished to withdraw from a course or program due to the strike.

CLUBS AND EVENTS

Nanaimo Campus Events sponsored by VIUSU, 2010-11

- June 9, 2010 – barbecue for members attending class in summer.
- Thursdays during fall and spring semesters – Pub Open Mic Nights, featuring great student artists.
- Sept. 2, 2010 – the New Student Orientation free barbecue.
- Funding to the Office of Aboriginal Education for a series of feasts throughout 2010-11.
- Sept. 15 to 17, 2010 – FROSH, featuring a walk-in movie, concert, beer garden, information and vendor market and a free pancake breakfast.
- October 2010 – free Halloween event for children of VIU students
- January 2011 – FROSH to welcome back students to the second semester and included a concert held in the upper cafeteria.
- April 27, 2011 – Year-end barbecue and concert and featured a federal election all-candidate meet-and-greet.

Club and Course Unions In 2010-11 VIUSU sponsored more than 50 clubs, including three activist clubs, four partisan/religious clubs, 23 course unions and 22 general interest clubs. More than 1,500 students were involved in a club or course union in 2010-11.

World University Services of Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program In 2008-09 VIUSU sponsored the creation of a WUSC club at VIU. In its first year the club successfully sponsored a student refugee with the support of VIUSU, Office of the President and the Faculty of International Education. In 2010 students voted to regularize the program and support the initiative with an annual fee. With the support of individual students and greater funding from VIU, the WUSC Club was able to increase the number of student refugees sponsored to two each year beginning in 2011.



ADVOCACY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, 2010-11

Campaign Against Violence Against Women VIUSU worked in partnership with several organizations to raise awareness of violence against women and pressure government representatives to increase work on the issue. Advocacy events included the Nanaimo Take Back the Night March, the Sisters in Spirit Vigil, the Dec. 6 Montreal Massacre Vigil and the Stolen Sisters March in February.



Education Shouldn't be a Debt Sentence VIUSU participated in the Canadian Federation of Students-British Columbia campaign to reduce tuition fees, reduce interest rates charged on student loans and increase grant funding available to post-secondary students. As part of the campaign, VIUSU gathered signatures on a province-wide petition through information tables and campus events.

WE RIDE: Student Action for Public Transit VIUSU actively engaged in the province-wide campaign for improved transit. In November, VIUSU sponsored a community event on alternate transportation options and was represented on a key panel speaking to community needs for improved transit services. In February, the Board of Directors put forward a student survey on a U-Pass program. Though the results displayed a general opposition to moving forward on a U-Pass program at VIU in the short-term, it is clear from the results that more than one in four VIU students already takes transit, and that students support continued work to improve the transit system.



Students for Sustainability During 2010-11, VIUSU organized several events and advocacy initiatives to support increased awareness of environmental issues and improve sustainability of campus activities. The major focus of the year was working to have the sale of bottled water banned at VIU and replaced with expanded access to free public water. With thousands of VIU students behind the initiative, and growing public support to end the privatization of water, VIU announced on Sept. 1, 2011 that it would be the first public post-secondary institution in BC to eliminate the sale of bottled water. This is a great victory for students, and the environment.

Campaign For Aboriginal Education VIUSU continued its work to support more funding for Aboriginal education throughout the 2010-11 year. Work on the campaign focused on pressuring the federal government to lift the cap on funding for the Post-Secondary Student Support Program that provides funding to Aboriginal learners across Canada.

STUDENTS' UNION'S SERVICE OFFERINGS IN 2010-11

- 2,300+ students were covered by VIUSU's extended health and dental plan.
- 38 students received access to free, timely legal advice as part of VIUSU's Legal Advice Service.
- 39 students received personal assistance from the Student Advocate with a grade or general appeal.
- 1,900+ students consigned used books as part of VIUSU's used book service.
- \$440,000+ in discounted bus passes and tickets were sold to students who saved as much as 25% off the regular transit fares.
- 98 students received direct financial assistance from VIUSU through one of several emergency aid, bursary and food voucher programs. 90 students received additional financial aid as part of VIUSU's work to support members after the end of the VIUFA labour action.
- VIUSU board members negotiated more than 50 discounts at local stores and restaurants in Ladysmith, Duncan, Parksville, Qualicum Beach and Powell River.
- 240 International Student Discount Cards were distributed free to students.
- A new emergency aid program was developed for international students.

STUDENT RESEARCH AT VIU

Undergraduate research plays a pivotal role in the student experience at VIU. With small classes, dedicated faculty and a variety of research centres and labs, students studying at VIU have a tremendous opportunity to enhance their education with hands-on learning through research.



Chemistry students like Megan Willis volunteer their time to teach others about the science of climate change.

VIU's Research and Scholarly Activity Office continues to work closely with students and faculty researchers to provide a wealth of research opportunities for students. This past fiscal year, over \$400,000 has gone to student research awards, salaries and honorariums.

VIU's increased focus on undergraduate research is being recognized by our three national funding agencies: The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Yearly, there are six NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards (average award \$6,000) and two CIHR Health Professional Student Research Awards (average award \$4,251) available to our top undergraduate students. The purpose of these awards is to provide research training experience to students by working on projects with notable faculty researchers and mentors on campus. Each year, VIU also receives Canada Graduate Scholarship allocations from NSERC (five), CIHR (one) and most recently SSHRC (six) to nominate our top graduate students to compete for research scholarships in the Canada Graduate Scholarship competitions. The top applicants across Canada are offered scholarships up to \$17,500 to cover expenses for one full year in a master's program. In our first year of the SSHRC scholarship competition, all four of our nominated applicants were offered Canada Graduate Scholarships. Last fiscal year, over \$80,000 was awarded to VIU undergraduate and graduate students from the national funding agencies.

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY: FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Vancouver Island University has grown into a first-class centre of teaching, learning and research excellence and is playing an important role in shaping the educational, cultural, social and economic landscapes of our region.

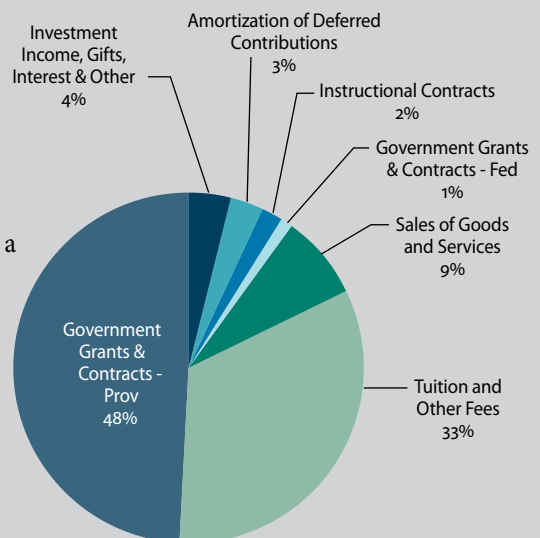
The VIU budget plan for 2010-2011, as well as the economic challenges that lay ahead, reinforced VIU's need to focus on integrated planning, collaboration, transparency and innovation. To support this goal, VIU's budget must be clearly understood and accessible. To this end, VIU has placed all budget information online and made it accessible at: www.viu.ca/budget/index.asp.

The past two years have been a period of significant evolution, with the obvious high point being attaining full University designation. This evolution required a great deal of work from VIU faculty, staff and community in order to meet new expectations associated with University designation. A total of \$46.7 million, including \$31 million under the Knowledge Infrastructure Program, a joint federal and provincial government capital funding initiative, began in 2009-2010 and saw all projects substantively completed by March 31, 2011. These include a new campus in Cowichan, the Deep Bay Marine Field Station, Shq'apthut: A Gathering Place with Services for Aboriginal Students, the International Centre for Sturgeon Studies and the Powell River Trades Centre.

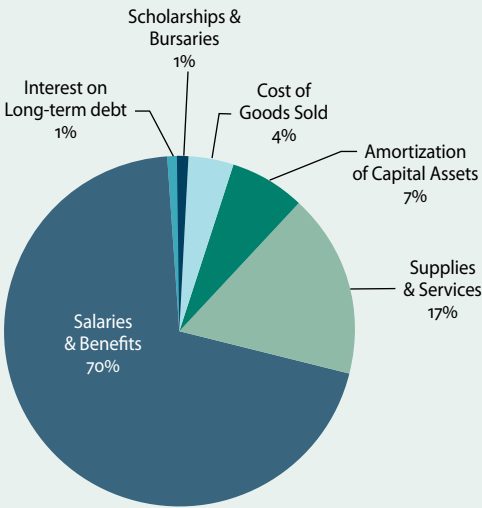
Fundamental to budget planning was a commitment to support transparency, collaboration and accountability. Notwithstanding the limited resources, the 2010 – 2011 budgets focused on enhancing institutional capacity to support growth and change.

The University's consolidated total revenue and expenditures for 2010 – 2011 were \$119.6 million, respectively. The University

Sources of Revenue for 2010/11



**Distribution of Expenditures
for 2010/11**



consolidates its operation with the Vancouver Island University Foundation for financial statement presentation. The University’s net operating position is not expected to be materially affected by the consolidation of the Foundation’s general operations, exclusive of the impact of unrealized gains or losses from endowment investments.

The University’s consolidated budget reflects the entire enterprise including all unrestricted and restricted funds; operating, international and domestic contracts; business operations; and capital. It is the consolidated budget that represents the full comprehensive fiscal picture of the University and the budget cited by Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development.

Moving forward

VIU is shaping our communities in very real and positive ways. Universities are not immune to the affects of the economic downturn; we expect to face increasingly complex financial challenges in the next few years. The University met past financial challenges through reallocating resources, fiscal frugality, growth and depletion of reserves. As the University strives to achieve its vision for the future, it acknowledges a need to strengthen its financial position, diversify its revenue streams and find cost-effective solutions.

GOVERNANCE AT VIU

Vancouver Island University's governance structure is "bicameral" which means "two governing bodies"—the Academic Senate and the Board of Governors. The Board and Senate each have distinct responsibilities within VIU's bicameral governance structure as defined by the University Act. The mandates of the Senate and Board are accomplished through the use of standing committees.

Role of the VIU Senate

The VIU Senate was fully constituted in January of 2009.

The Senate is responsible for the academic governance of the University and deals with matters that bear on education and research in the University.

The University Senate conducts its work through the following six standing committees:

- Curriculum Committee
- Planning & Priorities Committee
- Educational Standards Committee
- Awards & Honours Committee
- Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Committee
- Elections Committee

Membership of the Senate

- chancellor;
- president, who is its chair;
- academic vice-president or equivalent;
- deans of faculties;
- chief librarian;
- registrar;
- two faculty members for each faculty, elected by faculty members of the faculty;

- four students elected by the students;
- one alumni member who is not a faculty member, appointed by the president on nomination by the Alumni Association;
- two support staff elected by the support staff;
- one non-voting member of the Senate, is appointed to the Senate by the Board to serve for one year.

Role of the VIU Board of Governors

The Board of Governors oversees the management, administration and control of the property, revenue, business and affairs of the University. The Board membership is comprised of 15 members as follows:

- chancellor;
- president;
- two faculty members elected by the faculty;
- eight persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, two of whom are to be appointed from among persons nominated by the Alumni Association;
- two students elected by the students;
- one person elected by and from the employees of the University who is not a faculty member.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

I am pleased to offer my sincerest gratitude to the VIU community for another year of hard work.

This State of the University report covers a year that presented unique challenges for our University and our country. The world around us continues to change. We hear and read about the challenges of sustaining our planet, feeding a growing population, economic globalization and the often difficult transition to democracy. Yes, challenges are all around us and very often close to home. But every day we also hear and read about new advances in medicine, food production, green energy, positive political activism – the stories of success and innovation. The common thread that connects all of these stories of challenge and success is education.

The absence of learning, collaboration and innovation is at the core of so many of the challenges facing our world. And yet it is the educated mind and educated societies that will identify, nurture and apply the solutions that will help our societies overcome the many challenges we face. It is through education that we are exposed to new ideas. It is through education that we are inspired to innovate. It is through education that we challenge ourselves and each other to see things differently and to direct our energies towards collaboration. And it is through education that we see the world around us not only as it is, but also as it can be.

Seventy-five years ago, the doors to Jack Macready's training workshop were open. Today, having evolved from these early roots

into a regional university, VIU continues to educate the leaders and problem-solvers of tomorrow. We continue to expand and evolve, graduating students from our campuses on Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. VIU is an institution whose greatest resource is its people – those who teach, those who support and those who learn. This is a legacy that is now in its 75th year. It is a legacy that we embrace and build upon.

To all who work at VIU – from our leaders and staff, to our award-winning faculty – let us embrace the next 75 years with the strength of our convictions, with collaboration and with the recognition that as the world around us changes so will VIU. How each of us responds to this change will shape the success of future graduating classes and their ability to thrive in a world that is constantly evolving. To Dr. Nilson and his leadership team, the Board of Governors, members of the University Senate, faculty and staff – thank you for your passion, for your commitment to the future of VIU and for your belief that the next 75 years will be filled with great success.

I believe in progress. I believe in education. And I believe in the future. Vancouver Island University will, and must, continue to evolve and shape the communities it serves and the world around us. As Chancellor, it continues to be an honour to serve this great institution. I look forward to the years ahead as we continue to empower people and communities through education.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shawn A-in-chut Atleo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo
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