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CURRENT EVENTS/SUCCESSSES

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Students

1. Inaugural College of Arts Student Leadership Symposium

Building Resilience for Leadership

Sixty students nominated by departments in the College of Arts started the year at a one-day symposium focusing on Building Resilience for Leadership. These future community leaders embody the vision of education in Arts: critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration. A dedicated team of faculty and staff in the College of Arts created the first in what is planned to be an annual symposium to provide support for growth in student leadership.

Keynote speaker, Dr. John Russell (Philosophy department member, and chair, Research Ethics Board, Langara College) spoke on the topic of resilience. The day continued on to three breakout sessions, with participants assigned to groups and attending each of the sessions over



Keynote speaker Dr. John Russell

the course of the day. The session on Non-Violent Communications was led by UFV faculty member and Peace Studies chair Dr. Steven Schroeder; Emotional Intelligence was led by Angela Low from the Dalai Lama Centre; and Mindfulness was led by UFV faculty member Dr. Christine Slavik.

At lunch, UFV Alumni panelists Sukhi Brar, Flora Oswald, Ali Siemens, Priya Sharma, Prince Dhillon, and Cody Lucas-Dumas provided insight on leadership and resilience in diverse contexts, and related their personal experiences back to how current students can grow their leadership abilities.



Workshop presenters Christine Slavik and Steven Schroeder

The focus on personal resilience, which is core to the development of mindful leadership, was embraced by those in attendance. Feedback from some panelists and presenters:

“What an amazing event and turn out. I enjoyed participating on the panel; it was quite an impressive group of people and the audience was thoroughly engaged. Glad I could be a part of it.”

“I am still blown away that the leadership of a university invested heart and time towards creating a full day opportunity for student leaders to learn about being resilient, and caring for themselves. It speaks volumes about how much you see and care for your students as individuals, I wish we saw this more often. And, I was so touched by the panel of remarkable young people you assembled at lunch - what amazing role models to have, and what clear stories of the gift of supportive relationships.”



Angela Low, Dalai Lama Centre

And student participants’ comments included the following:

- A good opener, to understand that failures aren’t necessarily bad
- Learned that violence is not just physical and verbal, it’s much more than
- I wish more people could learn about this (conflict resolution).
- Wish I knew more mindfulness “tools” that I can use anywhere at any time



Alumni panelists speaking with conference attendees about personal experiences with leadership and resilience

Participants were asked to suggest topics for future sessions, and their engagement was reflected in this feedback:

- Effective ways to deal with anxiety and other mental illness (mentioned a number of times)
- Procrastination and self-discipline – strategies to address
- Open this up to more students, especially first- and second-year (multiple respondents)
- Offer on a larger scale and offer longer workshop sessions
- Consider [developing] a first-year course...on what success actually is
- How to be resilient [in the online environment]



Students and presenters at Keynote address



Dr Jacqueline Nolte with Alumni panelists

The organizing team for this symposium included department heads Adriana Bakos (History), Amanda McCormick (Criminology), and Wayne Henry (Philosophy), along with Elaine Newman, Director of UFV's Advising Centre, and Jacqueline Nolte, dean of the College of Arts. Chris Leach (History) was the event's photographer. Staff members Nicole Kungle (History) and Cecelia Dirksen (Modern Languages, Philosophy, Political Science) managed all event planning and organization aspects; department assistants Cherish Forster, Tracy Porter, Karmin Gray, and administrative assistant Lisa Matty were in attendance on the day to handle questions, technical issues, and other emerging needs.



Students engaged in the symposium sessions

2. English Graduate Reflects on Her UFV Experience

UFV graduate Amanda Penner reflects on her studies at UFV:

Amanda Penner

“Firstly, I would say that my undergraduate studies allowed me to develop the critical thinking and writing skills that easily translate to any rigorous graduate level work. I was taught to analyze carefully and articulate my position equally carefully.

I also appreciate the fact that I could survey a number of different disciplines and sub-disciplines at UFV. I completed a double major in English Honours and Philosophy and these majors both allowed me to explore a variety of studies. My Philosophy degree introduced me to philosophical issues in a wide variety of disciplines spanning the arts and the sciences. Similarly, my English Honours project at UFV allowed me to explore Theology, Philosophy and Literature in T.S. Eliot’s Four Quartets. I’ve greatly enjoyed the breadth of my studies and I’m looking forward to beginning further interdisciplinary study in both Philosophy and Theology, as I begin my Master of Letters in Analytic and Exegetical Theology.

UFV allowed me to acquaint myself with these disciplines and provided the skills necessary to pursue my graduate work. I’m looking forward to furthering my education and contributing this truly amazing place.”

3. UFV Students Attend 2018 Emerging Leaders’ Peace Summit

UFV students Ryan Werbin and Mickaela Heinrich attended the Emerging Leaders’ Peace Summit in Bangkok November 28 – 30, 2018. The students applied through UFV’s Peace and Conflict Studies program to represent UFV at this inaugural conference. They learned lots as they attended sessions, worked on problems, strategies, and presentations in teams with students from around the world, and met one-on-one with presenters.

Following a meeting with one of the presenters, Afghan refugee and social justice advocate Rahila Haidary, Ryan is hoping UFV will find a way to bring her here as a guest speaker. He notes that the three-day summit was exhausting, but gave him a new perspective on peace, as well as new friends all over the world.

Mickaela reports that she began studying International Relations and Global Development in September, with a goal of working in disaster relief with the United Nations or the Red Cross.

While attending the Thailand conference she met with Janice Leong, Executive Director of Humanitarian Affairs Asia, and with presenter Yuan Kwan Chan, who is head of ReliefWeb. On return to Canada, Mickaela was offered a six-month internship as one of 10 interns working on the Youth Organizing Committee for the 2019 University Scholars Leadership Symposium, which takes place in Malaysia in August 2019. She is now in Bangkok, working with the other student interns to plan for 1,500 student attendees (ages 18-30) at the upcoming Symposium.

4. International Peer Support Program

In order to support international students, the College of Arts launched the International Peer Support program in Winter 2019. The program involves identifying students (preferably international) who have spent two to three semesters at UFV to be the International Peer Supporters for the incoming international students. The goal of the program is to facilitate various student services available to support the international students (both academic and non-academic). For this purpose, an International Liaison Office (Dilmeet Anand) was appointed to lead the project.

Eight departments have signed up for the program (Communications, Economics, English, Geography, History, Media & Communications, Sociology and Visual Arts) with a total of nineteen peer supporters. These supporters were identified by the respective department heads with the help of their faculty. Every department has also assigned a faculty member as a mentor for the peer supporters for their overall support and guidance.

Operationally, different models are being used by different departments including the IPS conducting office hours, homework sessions, making announcements and/or sitting in the classes.

Faculty and Staff

1. Scholarly Sharing Initiative, Winter 2019

Together with the UFV Office of Research, the College of Arts is hosting the Scholarly Sharing Initiatives for Winter 2019:

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| <u>January 17</u> | Alyson Seale , "Ableism in the workplace"
Mai Anh Doan , "Financial communication in the age of fintech" |
| <u>February 13</u> | Marcella LaFever , "Indigenous stories as evidence: Possibilities for Tuhiwai-Smith's <i>25 Indigenous Projects</i> as an analysis framework"
Sarah Davidson , "Reflections on potlatch as pedagogy" |
| <u>March 14</u> | Marie-Gérald Jean , "Let there be light: Visual representation of electricity in the late nineteenth-century"
Jamie Bernal-Boyo , "Narco sects: A new form of religion in Mexico" |

April 4 **Molleen Shilliday**, “The language and purpose of mourning in Canadian dystopian novels”

Alan Cameron, “Zamyatin’s *We*, dystopia in the USSR”

Program

1. Arts Jumpstart

A new Arts Jumpstart program is being offered for Summer 2019. This program enables students admitted or conditionally admitted to the BA for Fall 2019 to accelerate their studies and ease their transition into university life by completing 3 core courses (9 credits) towards the BA in the summer semester. Students will complete ENGL 105, GEOG 111, and IDS 100E, an interdisciplinary course titled “Culture and Community”. Courses run on a full week schedule through July and August. Jumpstart students will also complete a weekend residential experience at UFV. The application deadline is **March 15th, 2019**.

Reasons to apply for this program can be found at: <https://www.ufv.ca/arts/fast-track-your-education/jumpstart-program/>.

Community

2. Fraser Valley Design Forum

The Graphic & Digital Design department hosted an open forum on February 8, 2019 with four local creatives talking about living learning and designing in the Valley. Guest speakers included Tom Froese (Freelance Illustrator), Sharalee Prang (Freelance Photographer), Dan Bartley (Senior Designer at Domain 7) and Tim McAlpine (President and Creative Director at Currency Marketing, UFV alumni).

3. Valley Fest

Valley Fest 2019 is taking place March 11 – 16, 2019 and provides opportunities for UFV students, faculty and staff to interact with each other and with the Valley communities, and vice versa. A number of faculty members in the College of Arts, including Melissa Walter and Molleen Shilliday, have supported the organization of the many events, including open classrooms, Indigenous performances and the Riverdale conference.

COMMUNICATIONS

Students

1. Student Updates

CMNS students were involved in various activities and services on campus and off. Gina Dhinsa, a Global Development Studies major, prepared her Town and Gown speech with help from her CMNS 235, Public Speaking Class.



Image from the UFV Website

CMNS students were part of the City Studio project that won the People's Choice Award



Image from the UFV Website

2. Student Practicums and Experiential Learning

Currently for Winter 2019, CMNS students are on practicum at **Abbotsford Community Foundation** and **Alberta Adult Learning Centre**. These students will be creating and managing social media campaigns, and writing press releases. Other students are working at **Abbotsford Division of Family Practice** (ADFP) and will be working with ADFP and doctors to produce instructional videos on diabetes.

CMNS 312 Public Relations Campaigns and CMNS 316 Writing for Social Media both have industry-based partners involved in course assignments. The CMNS 312 class is developing PR campaigns for Abbotsford Division of Family Practice and the CMNS 316 class is developing social media strategies for **Chilliwack Healthier Communities**. Department Head, Linda Parady, is in discussion with Ken Popove, Mayor of Chilliwack, about ways to engage UFV Communications students in work with the city and its partners.

Students are also actively getting ready to showcase their skills during UFV's Valley Fest in March.

3. International Peer Supporters

Nine students, from a pool of students recommended by their individual CMNS faculty have been hired to support international students in CMNS 125, CSM 104, and CMNS 235. Each of the peer supporters have taken the course they are supporting and have done very well. They are visiting classes and reaching out to students to proactively help them locate the resources and supports available to them so that they can be successful and not feel so isolated on campus. We are thankful for the support from Dilmeet Anand, International Liaison Officer in the College of Arts, is providing to the CMNS students.

In addition to the peer supporters gaining experience with networking, facilitating and mentoring others, they are also learning to use Basecamp, a collaborative online project management tool that is commonly used in the workplace. This will give them additional skills and resume items.

Faculty and Staff

1. Faculty Welcome New International Students

The CMNS faculty welcomed 500+ new international students for the Winter 2019 semester that had not been previously planned for. The new students resulted in having to add 24 sections to the Winter timetable only weeks before the semester started. To welcome these students the faculty rearranged their teaching schedules, took on overload sections, revised course assignments, and increased the number of seats for international students in each of their sections. In addition, the department hired three new sessional instructors. It was an extremely busy fall, but the faculty came together as a strong team to make it possible for the new students to access the courses they need when they first arrive to UFV.

2. Scholarship and Service

Faculty in the department are also busy with both scholarship and service. Raymond Welch is sitting on the Provost search committee and Lynn Kirkland-Harvey has been seconded to write a handbook for Department Heads. Marcella LeFever and Mai Anh Doan are presenting their

research projects at scholarly sharing and will be attending a conference on Interculturalization at TRU in March. Linda Pardy attended the Cannexus Conference on Canadian Career Development and bringing part to the department new ways to integrate career education and workplace skills into curriculum. Several members of the department have submitted proposals to present at various upcoming spring conferences and many will also be participating in Congress 2019 held in Vancouver this year.

Members of the department are actively supporting other programs such as Geography, History and Media Arts by team teaching, doing guest lectures, facilitating workshops, and supervising students. As well they are participating in the planning and hosting of events such as Valley Fest and an intercultural film series. CMNS faculty continue to sit on a wide variety of communities, including sub-committees of Senate.

Program

1. Communications Courses: Linking Learning to Real World Skills

Over 3000 students during the Fall and Winter semesters will have participated in experiential work-based learning.

The Communications (CMNS) department is working hard to bring innovative teaching and learning strategies to each of its classes. Experiential and/or Work Integrated Learning (WIL) is embedded in each of 154 sections offered over the two semesters. Activities range from applied learning projects in first year introductory courses to full industry/community partner involvement in upper level courses. Students, at all levels, receive feedback on their academic as well as their workplace transferable skills. The aim of this teaching and learning model is to support UFV students in their quest to become workplace ready. Here are a few examples:

First Year Students Test Drive Their Interpersonal Employability Skills

CMNS 140: Interpersonal Skills for the Workplace. Lynn Kirkland-Harvey partnered with Anna Griffith from the Theatre Department to facilitate an event where students responded to real life interpersonal challenges. The challenges were designed by the students based on their various workplace experiences. The Theatre students engaged the CMNS 140 students in character using role play. The CMNS 140 students worked through ways to address each situation in a respectful and productive manner. It was a rich learning event that reinforced for the students ILOs 4) Initiate inquiries and develop solutions to problems; 5) Communicate effectively, and 8) Engage in respectful and professional practices. The students reported appreciating being able to directly apply what they had been learning throughout the course and to learn more about areas they want to further develop.

New International Students Share Their Experience Globally

CSM 104: Integrated Academic Learning Skills. This course is designed for International students when they first arrive at UFV. It helps new students adjust to the communication and cultural challenges they face when first learning and living in Canada. Hannah Celinski implemented a Virtual Reality (VR) project into the class. The final project included having the students film VR images and videos. The project focused on current International students creating written, visual, and virtual support for future International students. The transdisciplinary nature of the project appealed to students across disciplines. The project outcomes included:

- Locating current International students within the Abbotsford campus.
- Introducing International students to the facilities and services at UFV.
- Introducing International students to the process of borrowing equipment.
- Demonstrating teamwork skills.
- Engaging in personal reflective practice.

With permission from the CSM 104 students and the instructor here is a link that provides an example of their work using VR Google Tour: https://poly.google.com/view/f4Kk_NoFQPt. The CMNS department is currently planning an event where this project can be viewed using the VR Glasses (which is much more exciting than this Google Tour).

The students were able to share their work with students in various countries who maybe thinking about coming to UFV. They were also able to give their family and friends at home a tour of their new university. Ken Hamel and the entire Educational Technology Services team was instrumental in the success of this pilot. This project opens the possibility for other projects that contribute to ILO 9) contribute regionally and globally.

Second Year Students Problem Solve & Think on Their Feet

CMNS 212: Introduction to Media and Public Relations. Mai Anh Doan hosted eight mock press conferences for her CMNS 212 class. The topics of these conferences were based on current news based stories that students sourced. In groups of four, they developed a scenario of their interest that had a real time news value. After doing applied research, they held a press conference where everyone took on a role and spoke. Other students acted as journalists and asked questions in the Q&A session. Following the conferences, the groups submitted press kits (including a press release, a backgrounder and a fact sheet). This experience gave the students a taste of being in the “hot” seat and thinking on their feet – a very valuable workplace skill.

Third Year Students Facilitate Cross-Generational Workplace Challenges & Develop Solutions

CMNS 380: Communicating in the Cross-Generational Workplace. Working in small teams, students solved communication challenges that occur when a workplace includes several

generations. Linda Pardy curated real employer stories to create the case studies. The student teams facilitated focus group sessions and/or brainstorming meetings with the other students in the class to develop solutions, create communications plans, and develop implementation strategies. Linda provided the employers that had shared their stories with copies of the students' solutions and the employers provided the students with feedback.

Thirty-Six Students Become Project Managers

CMNS 430: Communicating for Project Management. Linda Pardy designed this course to mirror the real world of project management. Each student responded to a Request for Proposal and proposed a project they would like to see accomplished. Each student had a different project, and managed and communicated each aspect of their entire project to a small team they created (which included people from outside the class). In essence each student became a project manager. As a result, the students managed a variety of projects from start to completion.

Examples of projects include:

- **Entrepreneurial projects:** starting a food truck business, developing an online graphic design company, and creating an online driving school road safety program;
- **Environmental projects:** urban chicken coops, landscape redesign, and cooperative housing arrangements;
- **Event planning projects:** various fund raisers, wedding planning, and overseas travel with a support dog;
- **Construction projects:** residential, commercial, and restoration;
- **IT projects:** a work assignment App, a scheduling system for restaurants, and virtual game club
- **Community projects:** seniors outreach programming, computer training for new international students, and the UFV Local to Global Christmas Market.

The students' final reflections demonstrated their lived experience through the course gave them an appreciation for the importance of detail, people's different working styles, problem solving and each aspect of project management communication in determining project success. Lessons hard to learn from a textbook.



image shared with permission from CMNS 430 students Fall 2018

One CMNS 430 student organizing his team and putting a new software program into production

ECONOMICS

Students

1. Economics students are selected for the 2018 Building Bridges Competition

In the Fall, Krystal Lowney and Karan Vij were selected from over 100 applicants as case competitors in the 2018 Building Bridges Competition, <http://bridges.cansbridgefellowship.com>

The competition, hosted with the Cansbridge Fellowship Program (<https://www.cansbridgefellowship.com>) and the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (<https://www.asiapacific.ca>), focused broadly on entrepreneurship and innovation and included a mini case competition with a focus on operating in Asian markets.

These two individuals represent outstanding examples of the potential for students in the program to make impactful real-world contributions. Krystal and Karan are exceptional representatives of the program and, as faculty, we are incredibly proud to be able to call them economics students.

2. Directed Study provided student research

“Analysis of Canadian Minimum Wage Hikes and Unemployment Trends”, with Karan VJ (Econ 397 IS1)

“Switch to Working for Uber or Continue in the Taxi Industry? The Effects of Ridesharing on Current Taxi Drivers’ Labour Choices”, with Nhi Dang (Econ 490 IS1)

3. Work Study Grants

Work study grant, University of the Fraser Valley, “Demographic Transition and Growth Potentials” (with Dr. Ding Lu in Economics), 2018-19; hiring Economics student, Alwyn Huynh

Work study grant, University of the Fraser Valley, “The impacts of aviation carbon regulation on the airline industry and air travelers” (with Dr. Sha Liao in Business), 2018-19; hiring Economics student, Jesse Tremblay

Faculty and Staff

1. Predicting Future Physician Output for British Columbia, Canada

Aidan Gibbons and **Bosu Seo**, 2019, “Predicting Future Physician Output for British Columbia, Canada”, *Research in Health Sciences*, vol. 4 (1).

2. Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis

Gina Dhinsa and **Bosu Seo**, 2018, "Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis in Developing and Developed Countries: a study of GNI per capita, Human Development Index and the incidence of Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis", *Journal of Economics and Development Studies*, vol. 6 (4)

Note: Original manuscripts have been produced from directed study with students.

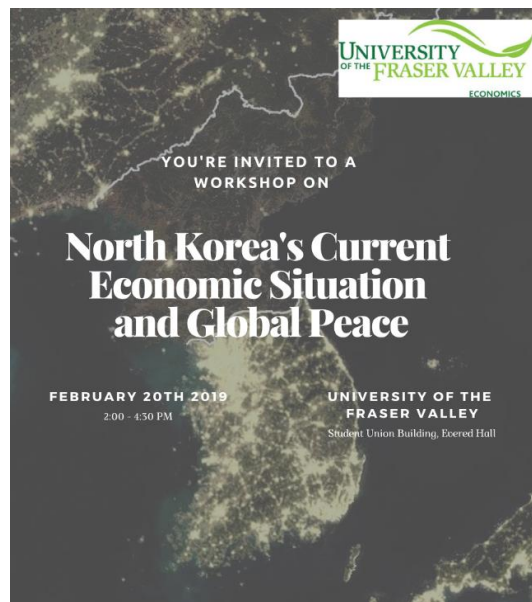
3. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Institutional Grant

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Institutional Grant, *Do discriminatory barriers in the labour market exist for refugees from the Arab countries, including Syria?*, 2018-2019; hiring Economics student, Krystal Lowney

Community

1. North Korea's Current Economic Situation and Global Peace Workshop

The workshop aims to promote interest in Canadian mainstream society through the academic discovery of the North Korean economy, which is directly and indirectly related to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and the problems currently under way in the summit of the relevant countries.



GUEST SPEAKER
DR. YVON DANDURAND
Emeritus Professor, UFV

GUEST SPEAKER
MR. BYUNGWON CHUNG
Consul General of the Republic of Korea

GRAPHIC & DIGITAL DESIGN

Students

1. UFV takes home RGD’s Strategic Design Award 2018

Alexandra Pahl, GRAD 2018 was the recipient of the RGD (Association of Registered Graphic Designers) **john st. Student Award for Strategic Design**. Alex rebranded Rocko’s Diner, a restaurant in Mission, BC, that gained its fame in the Netflix *Riverdale* series. The rebrand is fun, nostalgic, and includes interactive coasters, to-go packaging, a website, and social media strategy. *“This feels retro but modern at the same time. You are working from a great insight - people going there go there for a step back in time but they also want it to feel fresh and current. I also really love the food packaging.”* Timothy Jones RGD, Student Award Judge, President & Creative Director at Banfield Agency. This project was one of 560 projects submitted in 18 categories from 32 Canadian post-secondary institutions.

<https://www.rgd.ca/2018/08/20/2018-rgd-student-award-winners.php>

Alex is now working as a creative coordinator for Partners and Hawes Brand Agency in Abbotsford BC and often returns to GDD to share her stories about professional life.



2. Celebrating inspiration

GDD celebrated GRAD2018 at its annual exhibition in April 2018 at HighStreet in Abbotsford. The community came together at “MUSE” where GDD diploma and BFA GDD extended minor grads showcased an impressive selection of portfolio projects and their personal “muse”. Industry, family and friends were thoroughly impressed! We are excited to see our grads take on the world! Grad portfolios: <http://ufvgdd.com/>



Faculty and Staff

1. It's time to Speak the Truth

Attending RGD's Vancouver Design Thinkers conference was a huge milestone for GDD! This year's theme was "Speak the Truth" – featuring an exceptional line-up of creative professionals sharing their experiences, projects, and personal growth. From local student projects on truth and reconciliation to major design campaigns emphasizing the designer's role in problem solving, we left the conference buzzing with excitement, inspiration and full of ideas. Design thinking resonated through empathetic practice, listening, and asking "why?"

<https://designthinkers.com/Vancouver>



Community

1. Design School Exhibition: Turning ideas into action

Designers make ideas tangible – creating value for business, bringing empathy to social issues, and making the complex clear. Last fall, the Design School exhibit on the Abbotsford campus showcased the design process and what really happens in "design school." Ranging from photoshop skills and typographic portraits to wayfinding systems that integrate design thinking strategies. In conjunction with the exhibit, GDD hosted an Information Night for prospective students and their parents that featured alumni sharing stories about their journeys, and student case study presentations. These were definitely the highlight! Young, energetic and full of passion, their love for creating with purpose resonated!



MEDIA ARTS

Students

1. MEDA 100 Welcome Lunch

With the launch of our new program, we held a welcome lunch for our MEDA 100 class in September 2018. Faculty, staff, and students were able to mix and mingle over a free lunch at Browns Social House. Shelley Stefan along with Samantha Pattridge welcomed the students to the program and let them know about the various department resources available to them. It was a great time all around.

Faculty and Staff

1. Amazing New Faculty

With Media Arts well underway, we would be remiss in not taking time to acknowledge the amazing faculty working with our students.

- William Maher – is teaching Introduction to Media Arts (MEDA 100). With over fifteen years of experience in the computer animation industry, his extensive knowledge makes him an excellent mentor for our students. His current interest includes VFX for film, procedural modeling, lighting, and neuro-aesthetics.
- Eric Lee – is teaching Design Ethos and the Creative Practitioner (MEDA 222). Eric has a great passion for multimedia practices, and is dedicated to cultivating young design talent in the area of communication design and digital media. His areas of interest range from branding & identity design, to visual research, and critical and discursive design.
- Miranda Ting – is teaching Exploring Creativity (MEDA 260). Miranda is an assistant professor in the Graphic Design program and is now teaching in the Media Arts program as well. She is an interactive designer who believes design is a powerful visual practice that impacts change.

Program

1. Program Launched

The Media Arts program launched in January 2018, and MEDA core courses began to be offered beginning in Fall 2018. The program is doing extremely well, with high enrollments and engaged students. The program has attracted a very diverse student body, including students transferring from other UFV programs, international students, graduates from other post secondary institutions such as the Vancouver Film School, and students fresh out of high school.

MODERN LANGUAGES INSTITUTE

Students

1. Scholarships

MOLA hosted a ceremony to celebrate the recipients and thank the donors. A special thank you went to Dr. Dhami for his contributions towards Halq'emeylem and Punjabi. The four 2018 recipients are:

- Sandeep Kaur Brar, \$1000 Dhami Family Endowment Leadership Award (Punjabi)
- Penny Okeymow, \$1000 Dhami Family Endowment Leadership Award (Halq'emeylem)
- Hannah Ferguson, \$500 Modern Languages Institute Endowment Scholarship in French Studies
- Paige Sibery, \$500 Modern Languages Institute Endowment Scholarship in French Studies.

More here: <https://giving.ufv.ca/stories/modern-languages-honors-donor-dhami-and-student-recipients/>



2. Halq'emeylem: Mary Stewart

The UFV Indigenous Centre has provided support to UFV's HALQ 101 course this fall term. This support enabled Mary to invite our last fluent Elder, Elizabeth Philips to visit the class and share the Halq'emeylem language orally. Elizabeth shared her life-time journey in revitalizing and preserving the Upriver Halq'emeylem. As well, she was accompanied by Elder, Eddie Gardner who also shared his knowledge in Halq'emeylem through his gift of singing. He taught the class to sing a contemporary Halq'emeylem song. Also, they both shared some traditional oral stories, Sxwoxwiyam of the Sto:lo people. Furthermore, the UFV Indigenous Centre is offered one session of 'Tea Time' with Elizabeth Phillips and Eddie Gardner, offering introduction of the Halq'emeylem language for those students who want to learn more of the language. As well, this is advocating to increase interest in the Halq'emeylem language, and possibly attain new students.

Additionally, Elizabeth Phillips was a guest speaker for this term's two IPK 100 classes, sharing the Halq'eméylem language.

3. Mandarin: Singing contest, Linda Qiao

Mandarin students Geniel Doblados, Morgan King, Josh Nguyen (from Mandarin 201 class), Quintin Stamler, Bhavneet Singh and Daine Schleppe (From Mandarin 101 class) have participated in 2018 BC Chinese Singing Contest and won Group Singing Third Place award on November 17 in UBC.



4. Spanish Student Initiatives

Two initiatives were implemented by Jaime Bernal-Boyzo and Gloria Villamil for the Spanish courses. The first is the Mesa Hispanica which is dedicated to providing support for Spanish students through activities that encourage oral practice along with practice in grammar. The focus is on presenting different aspects of Hispanic culture through the showing of Spanish movies.

The second initiative is the creation of the Spanish club which is meant to encourage students to take an active role in creating activities as well as increase interaction with one another in Spanish.

Faculty and Staff

1. Jaime Bernal-Boyzo: New Hire in Spanish

Jaime was born in Mexico City, moved to New Mexico, USA to attend university and thereafter he moved to Calgary to complete a Masters and PhD in Spanish literature. He was awarded the Research Traveler Award in 2012 to go to Spain and translate manuscripts for his MA, and again in 2016 to go to Mexico and conduct research for his PhD.

His research is focused on how cartels in Mexico use the narrative figure in a type of music called narcocorridos. This figure described in narcocorridos is the image of the martyr that can be traced back to the birth of Catholicism and has been adapted to a modern day version. His findings include the use of religion and religious rituals as a way for these cartel groups to keep their power and their followers. The findings can be extended to the study and research of extremist groups and terrorist organizations that use religion as a mechanism for gaining power. Jaime is editing his book chapter "The construction of the narrative figure of the

Narcotrafficker in Narcocorridos". He will be presenting on this book chapter in March as a part of the Scholarly Sharing Initiative.

2. Alan Cameron: Pasternak

Alan Cameron presented at UFV's College of Arts multidisciplinary forum on the legacy of Boris Pasternak's Dr. Zhivago on November 13. He spoke on "The Poems Yuri Zhivago: Changing Defeat into Victory".

3. Ghizlane Laghzaoui

Ghizlane Laghzaoui attended, along with colleagues from Arts, the 2018 conference on Global Engagement and Spaces of Practice, exploring global challenges across disciplinary boundaries (Seattle, from October 11, 2018 to October 13, 2018).

Program

1. Fall 2018 MOLA Social

On September 27, MOLA hosted for the second time a social to celebrate international cultures, languages and cuisine. More than 60 MOLA students of all levels and 9 faculty members attended an evening of games, discussion and food. The event was held with the support of ACS, and students had the opportunity to meet SLGs and hear about the help provided in languages.



Community

1. 1984 Sikh genocide: Indira Prahst as Guest Speaker

Modern Languages and Punjabi co-hosted on November 15 an event on "1984 Sikh Genocide: Imperatives to remember and resistance against its erasure, through commemoration". Indira Prahst is a fulltime faculty member and past Chair in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Langara College, Vancouver, Canada. She has written and presented internationally on media discourses and violence, narratives and responses to Human rights issues with a focus on Sikhs, and modes of resistance through commemoration and art. The event was attended by over 70 students of Punjabi and by colleagues from Anthropology and SASI.

THEATRE

Students

1. Recognition of Valuable Students

The life of a department comes from its students, and we wanted to formally recognize a few students who have gone above and beyond. These four students' dedication to and participation in the department has been phenomenal!

- **Liam Barnes** – Participated in our Fall production of *Rocks* as a crew member, and this semester is an actor in *Attempts on Her Life*. Liam has really come in to his own over the last year.
- **Makailla Palliyaguru** – Not only has been cast in both *Rocks* and *Attempts on Her Life*, but is one of the department's work-study students. She is always willing to lend a hand with whatever projects the department is working on.
- **James Sloggett** – Is our props master on *Attempts on Her Life* and has shown himself to be extremely efficient and capable. He is also one of the department's hard working work-study students.
- **Kira Taves** – Stepped up and undertook learning three separate understudy roles on *Rocks*. She is also a member of the crew for this Winter production of *Attempts on Her Life*.

2. Capstone Course Presentation – THEA 352

In December, Parjad Sharifi's THEA 352 class presented their devised theatre work. Yifan Gong was the dancer, Haotian Liu was the live painter, and Belle Hernberg-Johnson was dramaturge. This was an incredible performance and left the audience in amazement. Student Deanne Ratzlaff commented, "It was so cool! Well done, can't wait to see what they do next semester!"



3. Students Lead Pop-up Theatre – Metamorphosis

A new initiative within the department is to allow our students the opportunity and support they might need to express any performance ideas they have. Our first pop-up theatre production will be coming

this Spring. Noel Funk will be the director of *Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka, adapted by Dana Mandeville for the stage.

Faculty and Staff

1. Canadian Association for Theatre Research

In May 2018, four of our faculty attended the Canadian Association for Theatre Research in Kingston, Ontario. Alexander Ferguson, Claire Carolan, Parjad Sharifi, and Heather Davis-Fisch represented UFV.

Alex Lazaridis Ferguson presented a paper in a panel titled "Objects of Performance: Jewish Culture, Gameplay, and the Self." His piece was entitled, "In Collaboration With the Background: An Investigation of Fight With a Stick's Scenographic Devising Process."

Claire Carolan and Alex Ferguson were speakers in the Scenography Working Group, which focused in 2018 on "Building Bridges Between People and Things." Claire was also involved in another working group, "Establishing a System of Peer Review: On-Campus Production-Based Research Working Group". She also was a moderator for the Emerging Scholars Program – "Building and Tracking Your Skills for the Academic and Alt-Academic Job Market."

Parjad Sharifi was a participant in a roundtable panel focused on "The Artist-Scholar Produces: Part II."

Department Head, Heather Davis-Fisch, was co-organizer of the "Performance History" working group.

2. Scenography Work During December

Assistant professor Parjad Sharifi is working as scenographer on a project called, *Same Difference*. This is a devised project about identity. Part of the project involves verbatim theatre based on interviews about immigrant stories. The first workshop was in Toronto on December 2018, and the next workshop performances are going to be in the last two weeks of June and July 2019 for further development. To see a trailer of the work done so far:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fx-T-hzle7Q>

3. New Sessional Faculty

This Winter semester we welcomed a new sessional instructor to the department, Alana Gerecke. Alana is a performance scholar, dancer and improviser, and movement facilitator. She is teaching Voice and Body I (THEA 215) this semester. As a Banting Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies at York University's School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design, her current research brings academic and artistic methodologies together to examine flash mobs, social choreography, and the politics of moving together.

4. Applied Theatre Workshops

Anna Griffith, our Limited Term Appointment, in collaboration with Culture Chats, an organization promoting intercultural connection and literacy through the arts, created four workshops focused on public presentation, monologue creation, and devised theatre scene building. The workshops will happen between November 2018 and April 2019; they are designed to enhance the participant's creative process and provide guidance on using performance to engage in intercultural dialogue.

5. Upcoming Publications

In Spring 2019, Anna Griffith will be publishing an article in *Canadian Theatre Review* on "Recalibrating Performance at rEvolver Festival." She also will be facilitating a Pro D workshop this spring for teachers at Confederation Park Elementary in Burnaby in collaboration with Indigenous Educators Brandi Price and Mary Hotomanie, focused on arts-based practices to understand Indigenization.

Program and Production Updates

1. Interpret was a Success

On April 27, 2018 the inaugural Interpret Creative & Performing Arts Festival was held. This was a celebration of the arts featuring Theatre, Creative Writing, and Visual Arts. Below is a list of how students in the Theatre department were involved.

Director's Showcase:

- Chris Taylor – The Happy Hornbill by Revelly Robinson
- Emilie Poirier – Love is Blind by Andrew Bawn
- Cameron McKerchar – In the Human Resources Office by Damian Trasler
- Jessica Karroll – Ketchup by Herb Hasler
- Bethany Caldwell – Frog Loves Christy by Ann Wuehler
- Emily Eggert-Botkin – The Salmon Tribunal by Walter Wykes
- Deanne Ratzlaff – Seven Minutes by Amber Kiara Mitchell

2. Rocks: A Play of Northern Ontario, and Faculty Talks

To start the 2018/19 season, UFV Theatre presented Herman Voaden's *Rocks: A Play of Northern Ontario*. Directed by Claire Carolan and designed by Parjad Sharifi, this example of early multi-media expressionist drama was inspired by the work of the Group of Seven and incorporated movement, music, and scenographic design.

New to the season are “Faculty Talks” before Saturday performances. This initiative invites faculty from various departments to share short guest presentations related to the productions. The idea is that faculty members bring their own disciplinary/artistic perspectives to the show and help audience members see a new ways of approaching a challenging text or performance.



The November 17th show featured an “Artistic Voices” talk with Parjad Sharifi (Scenographer) and Claire Carolan (Director) discussing the process and artistic vision for the production. November 24th focused on a “Critical Insights” discussion with Martha Dow (Sociology), Ceilidh Hart (English), and Geoffrey Carr (Visual Arts).

3. Enrollments on the Rise

With the move to Abbotsford campus the Theatre department has seen our first year enrollments on the rise, with classes filling with large waitlists. We are excited to see where the program is headed!

4. Upcoming Performance: Attempts on Her Life

Our Winter 2019 performance will be *Attempts on Her Life* by Martin Crimp, running March 13-23, 2019. Crimp’s play is a postmodern exploration of identity and the meaning of self, revolving around the mystery surrounding who—or what—the enigmatic Anne is. Tickets are now available to reserve.

5. Upcoming Performance: Devised Theatre Showcase

The 2018/19 season will conclude in April 2019 with the Devised Theatre Showcase in which the students in UFV Theatre’s devised theatre class present original, collaboratively created theatre projects, applying everything they have learned in the course. The final performances of the Devised Theatre Showcase will be included in UFV’s second annual Interpret Festival, a year-end celebration of the work of students in all creative and fine arts programs.

Community

1. Artist Visit – Beau Han Bridge

The UFV TSA invited Beau Han Bridge to share his experiences with the Vancouver theatre scene in November 2018. Beau is an actor, but he has also produced several micro-budget short films and one micro-budget feature-film that have been exhibited in local theatres and film festivals. The student turnout and engagement in discussions was great.



2. Ashland Visiting Artist Endowment – Marcus Youssef of Newworld Theatre

We are extremely pleased to have Marcus Youssef of Newworld Theatre be our 2018-19 Endowed Visiting Artist. This endowment allows us to invite an artist or company to visit UFV to provide students with a workshop or presentation that enhances their learning and that provides them with the opportunity to interact with professional artists. Marcus is one of Canada’s best-known contemporary playwrights. His plays have been produced in dozens of theatres in fifteen countries across North America, Europe, and Asia, from Seattle to New York to Reykjavik, London, Hong Kong, and Berlin. He is the recipient of Canada’s largest cultural prize, the \$100,000 Siminovitch Prize for Theatre. Currently, he is the Artistic Director of Vancouver’s Newworld Theatre.



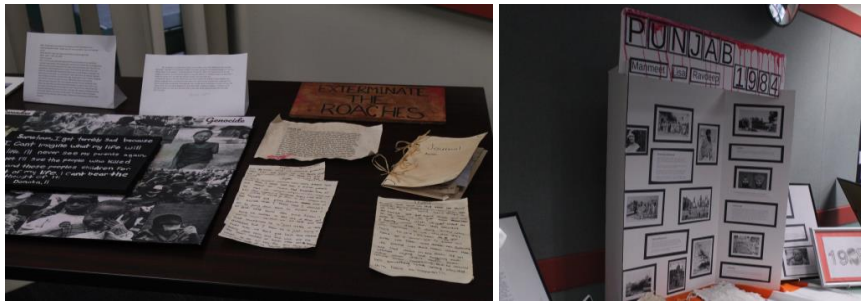
On February 14th in D105 Marcus will hold an open door Guest Talk from 10:30-11:30am. There will be a Meet and Greet Lunch from 11:30-12:00pm, to be followed by a student workshop from 12:00-3:00pm.

VISUAL ARTS

Students

1. VA Graduate Making Great Strides as Secondary School Teacher

Haley Harasemow, who graduated from UFV with a Bachelor of Arts in 2015 (English major, Visual Arts minor), is now inspiring countless students as an Art, Photo and English teacher in the Abbotsford School District. Haley recently organized an exhibition day for a History and Art Collaborative Project at the high school she teaches at.



Faculty and Staff

2. Jill Bain, Associate Professor

Presentation: *“Ruling Rome: Art, Power and Posterity”*

Abbotsford Learning Plus

September 2018

Presentation: *“For God, City and Self: Art and Power in Early Renaissance Florence”*

Mission Lifetime Learning Centre

October 2018

3. Chris Friesen, Associate Professor

Solo Exhibition: *Graffiti Flags and Money Games*

Kariton Arts Gallery, Abbotsford, Canada

2018

Solo Exhibition: *Edges of Light*

S’eliyemetaxwtexw Art Gallery, Abbotsford Canada

2018

Group Exhibition: *It’s all about painting*

Cristall Gallery, Vancouver, Canada

2018

Selected Bibliography:

2018 Robert Martens, *Christopher Friesen exhibit: Scroll Through History*, Roots and Branches Volume 24, Number 2

2018 Laura Schneider, Geoffrey Carr, *Corot, Modernism, and Digital Ambiguity in Christopher Friesen's Search By Image*, Catalogue Essay

4. Melanie Jones, Assistant Professor

Film Screening: *Covellite International Film Festival* (short film "Shuttlecock")

Butte, Montana, USA

September 2018

Film Screening: *Cinfest Sudbury* (short film "Shuttlecock")

Sudbury, Ontario, Canada

September 2018

Talent Lab Participant: *Reykjavik Talent Lab*

Reykjavik, Iceland

October 2018

5. Shelley Stefan, Department Head & Associate Professor

Group Exhibition: *Infinite Archive: NYPL: Harry Belafonte 115th Street Library Branch*

New York City, New York, USA

April – September 2018

Group Exhibition: *Infinite Archive: NYPL: Kingsbridge Library Branch*

Bronx, New York, USA

October – December 2018

Keynote Speaker: *Celebration of the Arts Awards Night*

Mission Arts Council, District of Mission, BC, Canada

October 2018

Program

1. Interpret Creative Festival

Interpret Creative and Performing Arts Festival is back for its second year, beginning April 26, 2019. The festival is a collaborative effort by the Visual Arts, Theatre, and Creative Writing students in the English department, celebrating the creative and performing arts here at the University of the Fraser Valley.

The event includes readings and performances by UFV Creative Writing and THEA Directing students. Selected artworks from the University Arts Collection will also be on display in

addition to works produced by students in Painting and Drawing, Sculpture & Extended Media, Print Media, and Video Production.

Opening reception: April 26, 2019 at 4 pm, Evered Hall, Student Union Building

The art exhibition will run until May 10, 2019.

Event locations include the S'eliiyemetaxwtexw Art Gallery (B136), D and C buildings.

2. Art History Prague Study Tour

The Visual Arts department is organizing an Art History Study Tour to Prague from April 27 to May 8, 2019. Sites that will be visited include Sternberg Palace, National Gallery Prague, and the Museum of Decorative Arts.

University Divisional Report – Faculty of Science, February 2019

The Faculty of Science (FoS) has the following to report:

Dean's Office:

The Faculty of Science is pleased to report the creation of a new school for Agriculture, Geography and Environment (tentatively named SAGE) which was recently approved by Senate and the Board, and will be effective April 1, 2019. The Department of Geography and the Environment (GATE) will become part of the school and will reside in the FoS. The department of Agriculture will be affiliated with the school as an Associate member until a decision is made to move to the FoS. Dr. Greg Schlitt will be interim Director of SAGE until a permanent Director is hired. We are excited for this new addition to the FoS and look forward to working with all its members.

Once again, UFV will be sending one science student to London, UK this summer (all expenses paid) to attend the [London International Youth Science Forum](#) (LIYSF). Last year UFV Physics Student, **Nikola Trotzok** was the



recipient of this two week adventure. Nikola shared his experience at our Information Session held on January 24th. *"It was the greatest sharing experience of my life!"* The deadline for applications is February 25th and the shortlisted candidates will be presenting to our selection panel in early March.

The second installment of the FoS greenSPEAK Seminar Series was held on November 15th with UFV Physics Professor, **Dr. Tim Cooper**. His topic was climate change and global warming <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2018/11/16/climate-change-global-warming/>. **Dr. Lucy Lee** finished off 2018 with her presentation on Cellular Agriculture: Pros and cons of growing meat in a lab. <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2018/12/07/lab-grown-meat-is-coming/>. **Pat Harrison**, Biology Lab Instructor and Chair of the Centre for Sustainability has confirmed the following talks for the winter term:

- February - **Dieter Geesing**, Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies will present on the effects of climate change on farming in the Lower Mainland.
- March - **Dr. Lenore Newman**, Geography and the Environment will present on the current state of BC's agriculture land reserve.
- John Vissers, Fraser Valley Conservancy Co-Director will present on reducing the waste from house construction.

Preparation for the 2019 Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair (FVRSF) is underway. It will be held at UFV's Envision Athletic Centre April 3-6, 2019. The UFV members of the 2018/19 FVRSF Committee include **Dr. Lucy Lee**, Chair; **Caroline Majeau**, Administrative Coordinator; and **Janice Nagtegaal**, Financial Administrator; and

from the Department of Chemistry, **Dr. Jason Thomas**, Chief Judge/Ethics Officer; **Dr. Linus Chiang**; and from Biology, **Dr. Nathan Bialas**. Students from grades K-12 will be competing for cash prizes, awards and scholarships. Students from grades 7-12 will also be competing for a chance to receive an all-expense-paid trip to the [Canada Wide Science Fair](#) (CWSF) to be held in Fredericton, NB May 12-17, 2019.

The FoS was pleased to welcome Kori Czuy from the Werklund School of Education at the University of Calgary as part of the Dean's Seminar Series on November 28th. **Dr. Lee** introduced Kori to the large audience of 75+. Her talk entitled, (Re)weaving frayed connections: the depth of science and mathematics knowings within Indigenous stories, shared the journey towards ethno (mathematics) through Indigenous ways of knowing. Her talk was engaging and offered many opportunities for questions and discussions.

Biology Instructor and Science Faculty Advisor, **Debbie Wheeler**, along with the Science Advising Office hosted a Science Grad School Information Session on November 13, 2018. The students had the opportunity to gather valuable information on the grad school application process while hearing from current graduate students, faculty and academic advisors.



Tour of the Biology Lab with Lab Instructor, Carlos Leon Guevara and students

On November 14th members from UFV's senior administration and special guests from the community were invited to join **Dr. Lucy Lee**, Dean of Science on a guided tour of UFV's science facilities. The group visited the research labs and were able to see many of our students and faculty hard at work. Following the tour, Dr. Lee and the special guests attended UFV's Town and Gown where 2014 UFV BSc Graduate,



Andrew Alexander, UFV BSc Graduate 2014

Andrew Alexander, received the 2018 UFV Young Distinguished Alumni Award. Andrew is currently in the PhD program at UBC studying molecular biology and biochemistry. Andrew was also invited to speak at the Science Grad School Information Session the evening prior.



November was a busy month of our Super Science Club Team which is coordinated by **Robin Endelman**, UFV Math Professor. The fall semester finished off at Eugene Reimer Middle School in Abbotsford where they delivered fun and intellectually stimulating science activities. Pictured right is **Sukhanjote Mann**, Super Science Club Facilitator and 4th year science student.

Biology:

On December 4th, UFV students shared their CityStudio projects, findings, and recommendations with the City of Abbotsford staff, peers, faculty, and community members. **Dr. Sharon Gillies’** Biology Students **Cheyenne Schwab, Amiliya Ferando, Jaleen Mackay** and **Kaitlin James** were awarded 1st Place for their project “Increasing Wetland Biodiversity at Mill Lake Park through Habitat Restoration and Community Stewardship”. **Sukmanprit Dhillon** and **Kajal Dhaliwal** won for their project “Improvements for Mill Lake Park | In-Depth Restoration of Biodiversity”. **Kirpal Brar** and **Dilpreet Gill** were awarded honorary mentions for their project “The Effect of Drying and Cutting on Parrot Feather Growth.” <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2018/12/10/biology-students-win-1st-place-for-their-citystudio-projects/>



Jaleen Mackay, Amiliya Fernando and Abbotsford Mayor Henry Braun

Twice a year the FoS features one of our amazing faculty members in a “Who’s Who in Science”. January 2019 featured **Dr. Greg Schmaltz**, Biology Professor https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2019/01/08/greg_schmaltz/.



Dr. Greg Schmaltz, Biology (photo: Debbie Wheeler)

Chemistry

Dr. Linus Chiang received a \$120,000, 5-year NSERC grant to support his work on sustainable fuel production through earth abundant catalysts.

The Chemistry Department received a donated liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC/MS) instrument that will allow them to engage in research more effectively.



The Chemistry Department came through once again with another fun and festive display for the holiday season. They brought the spirit of Charlie Brown, Snoopy, **Linus Chiang** and **Lucy Lee** gathering around the Chemis-tree.

Math & Stats

On February 21st (Thursday of our Reading Break), UFV will be welcoming about 180 kids in grades 8, 9, and 10 to the Abbotsford campus, to compete individually and in teams in a math competition called Math Challengers. This is the Fraser Valley Regional competition and is organized by **Dr. Ian Affleck** and a team of mathematicians.

Dr. Stan Manu has been heavily involved with Math Education and Indigenous Communities, and has flown to Bella Coola for several weekends to deliver MATH 105 to Nuxalk College students during the fall term.

Also, **Drs. Stan Manu** and **Kseniya Garaschuk**, along with **Vanessa Radzimski** and other math faculty, staff and students are organizing the inaugural Fraser Valley's Mathematics Education Sq'ép, which will be held during the reading break on February 22nd at the Gathering Place of our Chilliwack campus. Sq'ép is a Stó:lō word for meeting or gathering, so the key objective of this mathematics education gathering is to foster a regional community of mathematics educators through sharing of ideas, examples, resources, teaching practices and research activities that incorporate Indigenous knowledge and world views of knowing into mathematical learning. We hope that this becomes an annual event and we are eagerly anticipating good participation from math educators in our community.



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Faculty of Health Sciences

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Health Sciences Dean's Office

Faculty of Health Sciences Dean's Office launches new Innovation in Education Grant

The Dean's Office is designating up to \$30,000 to support one or more proposals for innovation in education. Successful grants will be focused on use of funds to innovation in education the classroom, laboratory, experiential learning, or student-engaged research or teaching.

School of Health Studies

Downtown Chilliwack Health and Wellness Fair a success

[Watch video](#)

Students from nursing, library and information technology, kinesiology and dental, along with community partners participated in the annual Health and Wellness Fair in downtown Chilliwack in November 2018. This is a free, family-friendly event that gives students the opportunity to practice community outreach while providing members of the public with important health information. Students handed out pizza, naloxone kits, toothbrushes, foot care, as well as information and referral to local services and more. A public flu clinic was also set up and delivered by UFV nursing students.



UFV celebrated National Nursing Students' week

The Canadian Nursing Students' Association (CNSA) UFV chapter celebrated National Nursing Students' week on Chilliwack campus. The event focused on strength in solidarity and self-care in clinical and community placements. The purpose of the week was to celebrate student nursing achievements and acknowledge the dynamic role they play as health professionals. The event featured workshops and activities on communication in nursing, wellbeing, and standards of practice.



Launch of new international nursing study tour set in motion for May 2019



UFV Faculty of Health Sciences has launched a new international nursing study tour to Sierra Leone, West Africa this spring. Students enrolled in the course will be learning alongside local nursing students, allied health professionals, and Non-Governmental Organizations.

The course is an example of the Faculty of Health Sciences approach to preparing health and wellness leaders in the local community and beyond. The course proposes to explore topics ranging from global health issues, poverty, health

care delivery models, and cultural safety. Nursing faculty member Catherine Smith has played a role in championing the program. She is heavily involved in strategic planning and health care delivery in Makeni, Sierra Leone as part of [her work as director and Vice-Chair of ReSurg Africa.](#)

Department of Kinesiology

Dr. Jason Brandenburg new kinesiology department head

Dr. Jason Brandenburg has been appointed department head of kinesiology at UFV. Brandenburg is an associate professor in the kinesiology department. He previously held a faculty position in kinesiology at Northern Illinois University before coming to UFV in 2007. Brandenburg earned an undergraduate degree in physical education from the University of Alberta, and a master's degree and a doctorate in kinesiology from the University of Victoria. He has served as a member of the Faculty Standards Committee of Senate and the UFV kinesiology department review committee. Brandenburg has also served as a coordinator for the UFV kinesiology lab for 3 years.





UFV kinesiology turns up the heat for Chilliwack fire department

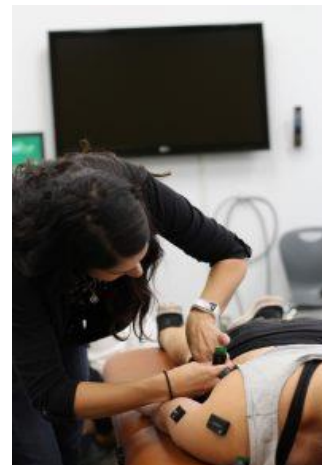


Students, alumni, and faculty from the kinesiology program delivered fitness and health testing to the Chilliwack Fire Department in January during a series of pre-employment screening exercises. The program is part of Healthy YOU-FV, a community engagement initiative designed to promote health and wellness. UFV’s role is to provide the fire department with details on the fitness and physical readiness of each candidate, screening information relevant to long-term health and wellness, and a ranking of all candidates applying for positions. Paid-on-call firefighters

from the Chilliwack Fire Department were put through a series of competitive occupational readiness tests that are associated with on-the-job responsibilities in order to identify individuals who have the attributes to successfully preform as a firefighter.

Dr. Gillian Hatfield analyzes muscle activity in standard law enforcement test

Dr. Gillian Hatfield, an assistant professor in the kinesiology department at UFV, has been asked by LEPAT, North America’s leading company in law enforcement physical abilities testing, to evaluate muscle activation during the push-pull simulation of the standardized Physical Abilities Test. Hatfield has a long history with muscle activity research and interventions to help people enhance the use of their muscles, particularly in areas of knee osteoarthritis and older populations. A physiotherapist by trade, Hatfield brings a unique applied approach to her research. Students are getting involved in the research process at the initial stage. They are learning how to standardize the process of gathering data, down to the hands-on work of preparing the skin for the sensors.



Dr. Kathy Keiver retires from UFV

Dr. Kathy Keiver retired from her faculty position in the kinesiology department in December 2018. Keiver was a long standing member of the kinesiology department where her research focused on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), calcium regulation, bone metabolism, and



development in children. Keiver was a champion of UFV FAST Club, a research group investigating if exercise can enhance the effects of cognitive training intervention for children with FASD. Her most recent work, Exergames, in collaboration with researchers from Queen’s University, examined neuropsychological function and fitness, integrating video game play with exercise via the pedaling of recumbent, stationary bikes.

Featured Alumni

Kinesiology alumna outfoxes adversity on her journey to professional career



Ciera Fox exudes a passion for wellness as she sips a full-leaf vanilla tea in a local café and reflects on her journey.

Dr. Fox works, lives, and breathes Chilliwack. A native of the area, she embodies a genuine west coast vibe and an energy you’d expect from a naturopathic doctor.

But it wasn’t always this way for Fox. A single mother of her mini look-a-like Autum, Fox enrolled in the Bachelor of Kinesiology program when she was 25 and her daughter only a year old.

Her focus was simple: strive for the long game.

Fox always had an appetite for health, but didn’t feel confident enough to pursue her dream until her daughter was born. Prior to enrolling in kinesiology courses, Fox worked as a painter for her father’s construction company.

Her discovery of naturopathic medicine didn’t happen organically. In fact, Fox didn’t know her future career existed until a friend suggested she attend an information session at Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine.

“I went to the open house at Boucher around the time I graduated from UFV. Someone handed me a pamphlet listing the six principles of naturopathic medicine. In this approach to medicine,



the focus lies on providing health care through a mind-body connection model. I instantly knew this was my calling.”

At the core of her business, Fox believes in treating the root cause by listening, supporting, and understanding where healing needs to take place. She sees herself as a teacher for preventive health and seeks to treat her patients holistically.

“UFV kinesiology prepared me for this role. Not only was I ahead of my peers in terms of knowledge of physiology and anatomy, I had a deep understanding for medical ethics, the importance of health education in prevention, and mind and body connection,” she explains.

“The focus on body, health, and education I received at UFV gave me a good handle on my career before I even started. I am a facilitator of helping people understand health. UFV gave me this vital tool.”

Fox credits professors Joanna Sheppard and Roger Friesen, and former UFV instructor Ashley Moyse, with helping her set the tone for her academic journey.

And a journey it was. Being a single parent, Fox faced financial and emotional challenges while struggling to make a better life for her family through education.

“Once I was accepted to the program, the bank wouldn’t give me a loan to continue with school in New Westminster, where I had moved us to start the program in January 2014. So, I sold my Honda CRV to pay for tuition and we walked everywhere,” Fox explains.

The challenge didn’t stop there. Fox left Boucher for a semester after moving back to Chilliwack to make ends meet and care for her daughter. Autumn wasn’t adjusting well to life away from her network in Chilliwack.

“I took a job at Ascend Fitness for nine months to make enough money to go back to school. We ended up staying in Chilliwack and I commuted to New West every day for a year and a half. We did what we had to do,” Fox says.

The duo’s determination paid off. Fox has now joined Restorative Health, where she had shadowed chiropractor and multi-disciplinary clinic owner Sean Killganen while she was a kinesiology student at UFV.



“Chilliwack is the best,” says Fox. “There is a strong community of people here that you meet along your journey.”

As a primary care practitioner, Fox’s practice includes providing patients with many of the services you’d seek from a medical physician. She offers physical exams, orders lab tests to inform her treatment plan, and can provide female patients with gynaecological exams and pap smears. Fox is able to treat conditions such as anxiety, fatigue, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and prenatal care, to name a few.



You can find Fox and her daughter hiking along the Vedder River in their spare time.

Dr. Ciera Fox graduated on the Dean’s list, with honours, from the University of the Fraser Valley with a Bachelor of Kinesiology degree in 2013. She then completed four years of medical training at Boucher Institute of Naturopathic Medicine in New Westminster, graduating in 2018. Since becoming a naturopathic physician Dr. Fox has become a member of the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors, the British Columbia Naturopathic Association, and the College of Naturopathic Physicians of British Columbia. In 2017 she also became licensed to prescribe pharmaceutical medications in British Columbia.

Report to the Board: UFV Advising Centre Update

The Advising Centre experienced significant changes in 2017/18 with the shift February 1st to a single reporting structure through the Director of Advising to the Vice Provost and Associate Vice President Academic. In response, our leadership team has focused on a critical assessment of current practices and is fine-tuning operations to support UFV's mission and vision. We've looked at ways to continue providing exemplary advising services to UFV's diverse student body, while also ensuring that internal processes make strong use of our resources and distribute workload to best meet the needs of our student population. This is reflected in the three-year Advising Centre Guiding Plan (Appendix 1), developed to see us to June 2020.

The Guiding Plan was developed in June of this year by Elaine Newman, Director of the Advising Centre, Bobby Jaswal, Coordinator for Qualifying Studies and Exploratory Advising, and Paula Funk, Coordinator of Completion Advising. The plan took into consideration the Milestone Tracker, produced as part of the 2015 Advising Review Recommendations, and provides a vibrant framework for strengthening areas of success and developing new initiatives where gaps have been identified. Keeping in alignment with UFV's mission and vision statements, the plan provides a focus on goal-setting in four key areas over the next three years:

- Enhanced Student Support
- Strategic Advisor Development
- Tactical Expansion of Services
- Engagement with Diversity

As we review 2018, we can see the threads of these four focus areas weaving through the initiatives and accomplishments of the past year. From training projects, to student outreach and professional development, we have been laying the foundation for this plan for quite some time.

Initiatives and Accomplishments

One-on-one advising sessions account for the bulk of the work done in the Advising Centre, but there are also many other ways advisors support students across the institution. Below is an overview of our advising initiatives and advisor development undertaken in the 2018 academic year.

Cross Training

Continuing to move forward with the commitment to cross-train our Advisors, three additional advisors have been cross-trained to support students in General Studies programs. This provides additional availability for student appointments, as well as coverage for when our BGS advisor is away, creating more flexibility and equality in managing workloads. We will continue to assess further opportunities for cross-training that may be beneficial or necessary as well as monitor and fine-tune responsibilities within these roles, making adjustments as necessary.

Website and Software

A small committee from the Advising Centre meet monthly to review the Centre's website, improving and enhancing the content to best inform students. This includes support materials for their programs of study, information on graduate school or professional studies, and links to a broad range of other campus resources.

The web team also continues to review our appointment booking system, End 2 End, to ensure ease of navigation for students. This tool allows advisors to share student notes and pertinent documents, making this an essential repository for seamless communication for advisors across all campuses and departments.

Advising Initiatives

New and Prospective Students

New Student Orientation

The Advising Centre is a key partner in the Student Life-hosted New Student Orientation (NSO), a recurring campus-wide event that acts as an important introduction to the role of advising for students at UFV. NSO Part 1 took place in May 2018 on both the Abbotsford and CEP campuses, providing students and supporters with an overview of services at UFV and preparing students to register for upcoming courses. The Advising Centre hosted a table at the Student Services Fair to field questions by new students and their supporters, and introduce them to the concept of Academic Advising. Academic Advisors also deliver group advising sessions in which they explain program requirements to new students, answer questions, and make referrals to other support areas.

High School Counsellor Liaison Day

The Advising Centre participated in the High School Liaison Day hosted by the Student Recruitment Team on April 25th. The conference provides an opportunity for local high school counsellors to hear about UFV programs and find out about new options and requirements as well as to network directly with staff, faculty, and Academic Advisors.

On-Site High School Advising

The Q&E Advisors conducted well attended High School Onsite Advising Visits in Abbotsford, Langley, Mission, Chilliwack, and Hope in April 2018. In April, the Q&E Advisors were joined by Recruitment in visiting 16 schools, and approximately 90 students received one-on-one advising. Recruitment also conducted a presentation titled "Next Steps at UFV" for students who had applied to UFV.

Art, Design, and Media Outreach

In February, Paula Funk, Completion Coordinator and BFA Academic Advisor, collaborated with the Graphic & Digital Design (GDD) department to deliver an information session for prospective students. The session included an overview of Graphic Design programs at UFV, application information, career prospects, a lab tour, and portfolio feedback. Attendance at the event was strong, and helped provide an important point of contact during the decision-making period for applicants.

In fall 2017, the College of Arts ratified an agreement with Vancouver Film School to provide graduates of 10 of their diplomas with degree completion pathways. Advising was involved in a consultative capacity in the development of the pathway, which provides a range of program options in the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of General Studies, and Bachelor of Media Arts degrees. Paula has since worked closely with VFS stakeholders to develop promotional materials outlining the multiple options available to their students and she has delivered an info session at the VFS West Cordova campus this May, speaking to approximately 40 prospective students, many of whom are international.

Continuing and Program Students

At-Risk Students Outreach

In February and October of this year, approximately 700 QS and 490 Completion students who were identified as academically at-risk were invited to book an appointment to meet with an advisor. Q&E Advisors further extended this support by telephoning a select group of students from this list.

A committee of Advisors has been struck to research best practices for supporting academically at-risk students. We anticipate that this will take the form of group advising workshops or online modules, possibly offered in conjunction with other student-support stakeholders, such as the Academic Success Centre and Student Services.

Declaration Outreach

Each semester students currently in the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and Bachelor of Science degrees are reviewed to identify those who haven't yet declared a major, extended minor(s), or minor(s). This Winter term an email was sent to approximately 850 students inviting them to meet with their Academic Advisor to discuss their academic and personal goals. The outreach is done well in advance of the registration period so that students have time to plan purposefully.



Graduation Outreach

Completion Advisors invited approximately 600 students who had completed 90+ credits in their respective degree programs to complete a graduation check. This successful new initiative was well-received by students and many took the opportunity to verify they were on track for graduation. This initiative was timed to provide students with a window to register in any missing requirements and complete their degree programs without delay.

Qualifying Studies Outreach

According to the revised QS Regulations, students are required to meet with a Q&E Advisor once they have completed 30 university level credits if they are not in an academic program. Effective Winter 2018, students in this category received an email informing them that a 'QS hold' has been applied to their account and inviting them to meet with a Q&E Advisor to review their educational plan prior to registration. Of the 504 QS holds that had been applied, 409 students met with a Q&E Advisor to discuss their educational plan moving forward, and of those 70 have been admitted to their goal program.

Professional Development Gur Sikh Temple and Sikh Heritage Museum

In October, the Advising Centre team participated in a visit to the Gur Sikh Temple and Sikh Heritage Museum, facilitated by Sharanjit Sandhra. This powerful opportunity for professional development expanded our understanding of South Asian and Sikh history and helped enhance our own approaches to diverse learners at UFV. Further, the tour provided tangible means to recognize the UFV mandate to engage within the community and also contributed to team-building and community engagement for the Advising team



Career Advising

One of the goals of the Advising Centre is to improve our engagement with career planning. In May, Advisors attended an interactive, experiential one-day workshop which was designed to provide advisors with an overview of some of the foundational career development theories along with a commentary on the historical context and influences of the time they were developed. The learning outcomes included:

- gaining a deeper understanding of the evolution of career development theory and practice;
- discussing theoretical perspectives/approaches that best support people navigating the current fluid and changing labour market; and
- applying theory to practice by building on advisors existing approaches and tools in order to better guide students in their career decision.

Next Steps

The Advising Centre Guiding Plan provides a template to help us focus our energies within four clearly defined areas of development in the coming academic year and beyond, with an over-arching goal of continued cohesive team growth within the new reporting structure.

We will continue to collaborate across the institution working with the various departments and faculties to ensure students’ needs are being met and improve advising practice and expand services where we are able. Our mission is to provide accessible and personalized advising by teaching students to develop holistic educational plans and as such is our primary role and responsibility to the institution and the students.

Submitted by:

Elaine Newman, Director, Advising Centre

Paula Funk and Bobby Jaswal, Coordinators & Academic Advisors

February 2019

Appendix 1: Advising Centre Three-Year Guiding Plan

Advising Centre Three-Year Guiding Plan			
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	Based on final review of Milestone Tracker and approval of new goals	Based on assessment of year one goals and outcomes, with necessary revision and fine-tuning	May include new initiatives that develop organically or strategically from 2018 to 2020
Student Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop action plan for at-risk outreach Revision & Approval of new QS regulations Develop communication plan for QS students Assist student transition to myGRADplan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer workshops for students at-risk Implement Arts degree maps, per Dean of Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand degree maps beyond Arts Develop advising materials as programs are approved
Advisor Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate learning from Career Advising PD Implement cross-training plan for Q&E Advisor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess and cross-train in new areas as needed Assess advising intersection between International & the Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore growing integration with various advising stakeholders: Career Centre, International, etc.
Expansion of Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement new workshops for new + continuing students Improve website for accuracy and accessibility Explore Blackboard Collaborate tool 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and develop post-grad planning workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offer post-grad planning workshops Review workshop rotation & revise/develop as needed
Engagement with Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement indigenous name for the Centre All-team PD focus on cultural awareness: Gur Sikh Temple & Sikh Heritage Museum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued PD focus on cultural awareness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess and improve accessibility of program support materials



MEMO

To: Dr. Joanne MacLean, President and Vice-Chancellor
From: Dr. Garry Fehr, AVP Research, Engagement and Graduate Studies
Date: February 8, 2019
Re: Research, Engagement and Graduate Studies University Divisional Report to the Board

Research, Engagement & Graduate Studies

Research Office



The Research Office is proud to announce the new Director of Research Services & Industry Engagement is Jerri-Lynne Cameron. Jerri-Lynne has several years of experience in the research field at various universities. She is coming to UFV from Emily Carr University of Art and Design. Jerri-Lynne has a wide background of knowledge in various fields such as ITS project management and animal health technology. She will be assisting faculty in applying for grants, building their research programs, and engaging local industry and business in research.

Sabbatical and ROSA applications for the 2019-2020 academic year are currently under review.

Consultation is underway to create an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy for UFV. The Canada Research Chairs program are committed to achieving a more equitable, diverse and inclusive Canadian research population and as such we are eager to create such a policy for UFV.

The Research Office has launched its new website: <https://www.ufv.ca/research/> With this new layout, faculty and students will be able to find information pertaining to opportunities in Research and events easily.

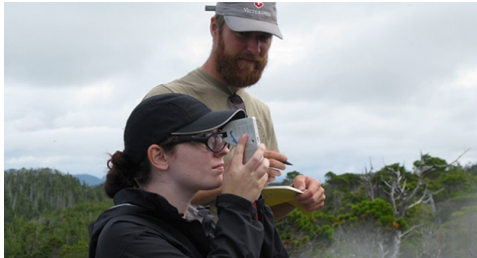
Centres and Institutes

UFV has [launched](#) a new [Food and Agriculture Institute \(FAI\)](#) that will focus on food security through the study of intensive sustainable agricultural land use and develop applied research to supply technology, knowledge and skills to the agriculture sector of the Fraser Valley. With extensive knowledge as a culinary geographer, and her position as UFV’s Canada Research Chair in Food Security and the Environment, Dr. Lenore Newman has been named as the director of the FAI.



The FAI is dedicated to improving the undergraduate research experience, offering hands-on training in applied agricultural study, practical work in the field, and leading the preservation of food security and entrepreneurial and sustainable agricultural land use.

Student Research



UFV earth scientist [Dr. Olav Lian and his student researchers](#) have taken part in an extensive research project that suggests the central coast of BC was ice-free by about 17,700 years ago, earlier than previously thought. The findings should help archaeologists target regions for investigations tracing the migration pathways of early people into the Americas. This project was covered by the [Vancouver Sun](#) as well.

Research Encounters

Dr. Jon Thomas, BC Regional Chair in Canada-India Partnership Development at UFV and faculty member in the School of Business presented on November 20, 2018 on [Building an Innovation Ecosystem](#). He discussed the need to build an innovation ecosystem to accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship in the Fraser Valley.

Dr. Arjun Kalyanpur visited UFV from India to present on [Teleradiology: options for Canada and the story of a start up](#) on November 29, 2018. The mayor, Henry Braun and his wife joined the audience for Dr. Kalyanpur's presentation of how teleradiology is relevant to Canada, and the remote locations of some Indigenous communities.

Upcoming Events

- [Faculty Microlectures](#) and [Publication Celebration](#) – February 12, 2019 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
- There will be a celebration for the publication of Sara Davidson's new book '[Potlatch as Pedagogy](#)', co-written with Sara's father, Haida artist, Robert Davidson – March 14, 2019 5:00 pm at the Gathering Place on the Chilliwack campus.
- [Student Research Day](#) – March 26, 2019 11:30 am to 2:30 pm

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**REPORT TO THE BOARD FROM VICE PRESIDENT,
STUDENTS AND ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

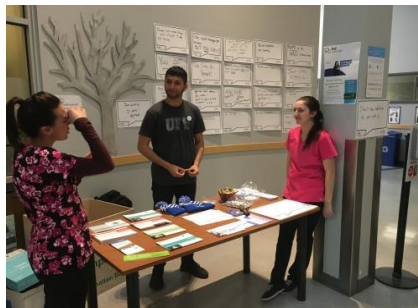
The start of the Winter semester has been a busy one across the VP Students division. Some highlights:

Counselling Services

Since the beginning of the Winter semester, the Counselling department has been involved in various student events and workshops, including:

- U-Join events at both CEP and Abbotsford, connecting with over 100 students; and
- Stress Management and Study Skills workshops for BSN, HCA, and ABT students (75 students).

On January 30th, the UFV Counselling team hosted the annual **Bell Let's Talk** day, an annual awareness campaign encouraging national conversation to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and promote awareness and understanding about mental health. The UFV community engaged in conversations about mental health with the Counsellors, sharing their personal thoughts on mental health topics through speech bubbles, and interacting on social media platforms to raise awareness and bring in the donations. We had approximately 250 interactions across the Abbotsford and Chilliwack Education Park campus and our Trades and Technology Centre, and gave away 400 toques. Even Mac, UFV's Therapy Dog, had his own toque!



Student Life & Development

The **Food Bank** has seen a huge increase in use this semester. In January, over 100 emergency hampers were filled. Students who access this service more than once are asked to meet with a staff person to discuss financial planning. The Food Bank and the Indigenous Student Centre partnered to offer free lunch for students on Thursday, January 31st; staff ran out of food within 15 minutes. Food security is an ongoing concern for the students we serve; as such we will be participating in the Hungry for Knowledge Food Insecurity Study to develop a better understanding of the unique UFV hunger and poverty context. We have a Business Coop student working with us to research and create a proposal for a community garden at Abbotsford and Chilliwack. This would be offered in partnership with Sustainable UFV, Facilities, and the Agriculture Program.

Working with Continuing Education, the In This Together Sexualized Violence Prevention program is now being offered to other post-secondary institutions as the UFV model for preventative education.

May and September orientation planning are underway. The May orientation on the Abbotsford campus will be held on Saturday, May 11th to accommodate the renovations occurring in Building A and the lack of space on campus caused by the construction.

Working with the Social Work Program, we have a 4th year practicum student who is researching and creating an Autism Support Club to operate under the Centre for Accessibility Services. This club will be self-opt-in and will focus on building social connections, academic skills, and life experiences for participants. Examples of clubs such as this are beginning to appear across Canada after a longer history in the US. While targeted at individuals with spectrum related diagnosis, it will be open to any students who are interested in participating.

Career Centre

Career Services successfully held the CPHR Networking Event on Feb. 5th with 67 students in attendance. All the guests enjoyed the event and both Tracy Ryder Glass, Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies and Marnie Wright, AVP Human Resources were present. In addition to the Career Centre staff, several Co-op and Work-study students played an instrumental part in making this event successful.



Next up is the annual Career Fair on March 7th. More than 60 businesses will be in attendance to speak with students about job opportunities with their organizations.

Athletics & Campus Recreation

The first month-plus of 2019 has been both busy and exciting for the University of the Fraser Valley athletic department.

It's a period that's been defined by major events. On Jan. 25, UFV Athletics welcomed its third annual class of Cascades Hall of Famers, featuring athletes Derek Fletcher (men's volleyball) and Andrea Wigman (women's soccer), former UFV president Skip Bassford (builder), and the 1999-2000 men's basketball team. The inductees were feted at a reception hosted by UFV president Joanne MacLean, and later introduced to a crowd of roughly 800 at halftime of the Cascades men's basketball game. It was an incredible night of connecting with our alumni.



Major tournaments have also found a home at UFV. Jan. 25-27, the Abbotsford campus played host to the Western Canadian Age Class Championships, a wrestling tournament for school-aged athletes, with the annual Cascades Classic varsity event running simultaneously on the Sunday. Feb. 1-2 brought the Canada West Women's Rugby Sevens Series to town, and to cap it all off, UFV will host the Canada West Wrestling Championships Feb. 8-9 at the Envision Financial Athletic Centre. It will mark the first time that UFV has hosted a Canada West championship in any sport.

In terms of on-court results, the Cascades basketball teams have both qualified for the Canada West playoffs – the women's team punching their ticket for the ninth straight year, with the men returning to the playoff party after a one-year absence. The men were successful in fending off the UNBC Thunderbirds in their first play-off game; the women's first play-off game is February 8th against UVIC.

Both Cascades wrestling teams are nationally ranked – the men are No. 4 in the latest U SPORTS poll, and the women are No. 7. The UFV women's volleyball team is also ranked, sitting No. 10 in the CCAA national rankings, while the men's volleyballers are battling for a playoff berth.



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COMMUNICATIONS

Media Highlights:



Calvin Chrustie, Criminology was quoted extensively in a Globe and Mail item on the RCMP investigation into money laundering. The UFV **Cascades men's basketball team** was also positively profiled. **Hamish Telford, Political Science**, was quoted on the provincial by-election in Nanaimo. **Len Garis, Criminology** commented on making carbon monoxide detectors mandatory in new homes.



Yvon Dandurand, Criminology appeared in a CTV item on the Surrey RCMP and a Surrey Police force. **Lenore Newman, Canada Research Chair, Food Security and the Environment** was quoted in an item in CTV online news on diet and eating for a healthier planet. **Dave Pinton, Dir. Communications** answered questions on CTV news regarding a UFV student killed in relation to possible gang violence.



Craig Toews, Vice-President, External appeared in a CBC Radio item on the Salton Bridge **pedestrian and cycling overpass**. **President Joanne MacLean** was quoted in a web story on CBC.ca on the same topic with **Mayor Henry Braun**. **CBC TV News** televised a story on the bridge opening and the impact it will have on UFV and **the UDistrict** and the bridges important connection to UFV and the **UDistrict**. **Iris Lesser, Kinesiology** was interviewed about a provincial report on British Columbians health for **Global TV**



Dave McGuire, Executive Director of UFV International was cited in an item on UFV achieving four-stars by **QS-Stars**, a prestigious international post-secondary rating system. **Andrew Alexander, (Science, 2014)** was profiled in the Abbotsford News as a UFV Distinguished Alumni award winner. **President Joanne MacLean** was quoted on the Salton Road pedestrian overpass and its importance to the community.



The **UFV Health Sciences Health fair** was featured in the Chilliwack Progress and **Bethany Jeal, Nursing** was quoted. **Marnie Wright, Vice-President of Human Resources**, commented the **Chilliwack Women's march**. The **Chilliwack North UFV** campus sale was featured. The **UFV Athletics Hall of Fame** awards were promoted in the Progress.



MA Criminology alumna Geri Bemister's journey to redemption was featured in the Vancouver Sun. Richard Konarski of Criminology shared tips on **CBC Radio** for keeping safe from sexual predators. Linguist **Strang Burton's** talk on revitalizing Halq'eméylem at UFV (Jan 24) was promoted in the publication **NationTalk**.

MARKETING

Marketing kicked off a major project in partnership with the Office of the Registrar to optimize our communication with potential students at key points of the enrollment funnel. This year-long project will better position marketing to carry out complex digital marketing campaigns that cross UFV's current functional boundaries.

Marketing continues to support President Joanne MacLean's visioning process, leading community consultation efforts and facilitating the discussions of the Visioning steering committee.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Outreach and Events

Social Media: The UFV Alumni website, Facebook and Twitter feeds have shared over 12 news pieces and stories featuring UFV alumni, in addition to promoting other UFV news and events.

Vancouver Alumni Event: On November 1st, alumni living and working in the Vancouver area came together for the first ever UFV Alumni Association Vancouver Alumni Event. This casual pub social took place at Main Street Brewing, and was attended by 32 alumni. More socials like this are planned to connect with UFV alumni throughout the Lower Mainland.

Marketing Panel Event: On January 24th the Alumni Relations office hosted a marketing panel event co-sponsored by the UFV Alumni Association and the BC chapter of the American Marketing Association (BC AMA), as part of the Alumni Expert Speaker Panel Series. Five experts from *Prospera Credit Union*, *Jelly Marketing*, *Fieldhouse Brewing*, *SkyRocket Digital* and *UFV* explained how today's leading marketing teams are adapting to changing technology and demands of each generation. The event was attended by 93 people in total; a mix of students, alumni, faculty & staff, and BC AMA members.

5th Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament: Planning is underway for this special anniversary edition of our annual event. To become a sponsor or for more information contact Alumni Relations.

Celebrating Alumni

Honorary Lifetime Membership: UFV Elder T'it'elem Spath (Eddie Gardner) was honoured on November 8th in a traditional Stó:lō ceremony as he received an Honorary Lifetime Membership into the UFV Alumni Association. Sincere thanks to Shirley Hardman, UFV's Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs and Carol Dickson, Executive Assistant to the Vice-Provost for their leadership and guidance with planning and executing this event. Alumni who attended the event expressed their gratitude for the rich cultural learning experience.

2018 Distinguished Alumni Award and Young Distinguished Alumni Award winners:

Liz Harris (Distinguished Alumni Award recipient), who completed a Bachelor of Arts at UFV in 2001, carries a deep history of improving the lives of others through organizations she worked with, including the Canadian Cancer Society, BC-Yukon Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the SOS Children's Village. Harris now serves as the Executive Director for the Fraser Valley Healthcare Foundation, where she has helped raise millions of dollars for critical health care equipment and services, including a state-of-the-art CT scanner for Abbotsford Regional Hospital and cataract surgery equipment in partnership with the Mount Cheam Lions Club. Harris recalls her time at UFV as instrumental to her success. "It helped me navigate things like research and deadlines, giving me the life skills I needed to create strong reports and develop applicable job skills," she says. "And in the end, that co-op opportunity was one of the best things that could've happened for me."

Andrew Alexander (Young Distinguished Alumni Award recipient), who earned a Bachelor of Science (Honours) with minors in biology and chemistry in 2014, is fighting a scientific battle against antibiotic resistance. Immediately following his studies at UFV, he headed into a master's degree program in molecular biology and biochemistry at the University of British Columbia, and then was invited to transition straight into a PhD program, where he continues his research. He has completed all the coursework for his doctorate with an A+ average. In his current research, he uses X-ray crystallography to study the molecular basis for antibiotic resistance in bacteria, exploring and characterizing proteins involved in peptidoglycan biogenesis and antibiotic resistance. Since 2016, Alexander has held a prestigious Vanier graduate scholarship, funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research, worth \$50,000 per year.

ADVANCEMENT

Staff Updates

Anita Nielsen joined UFV as Executive Director, Advancement & University Relations on Nov. 12, 2018. Maureen Berlin, who was serving in this capacity on an interim basis is UFV's new Director, Events and Community Relations.

Major Gifts

- Anonymous donations have been received by two of Vancouver's leading philanthropists each for \$50,000 totaling \$100,000
- Active asks and positive responses waiting for confirmation from the City of Surrey and Prospera Credit Union; each ask for \$100,000
- We are currently working to advance the success of Peace and Conflict studies (PACS) through working directly with Fran Vanderpol. Fran and Peter have promised the opportunity of a large donation based on UFV and PACS meeting a series of milestones.
- Schneider Electric donated a Gift-in-Kind (GIK) of electronics equipment valued at more than \$220,000 (pending valuation) to the Electronics Lab at CEP. Special thanks to Joel Feenstra for facilitating this generous donation.
- Coast Capital Savings has renewed its support of the Peer Resource and Leadership Centre at the Abbotsford campus with a gift of \$50,000, and an additional contribution of \$35,000 to enable a second PRLC at CEP.
- Westerra/Wesgroup has contributed \$26,000 in equipment, donation and student awards for the Heavy Mechanical Program at CEP.
- Cummins donated a forklift with an approximate value of \$15,000 (pending valuation).
- Donations in support of Golf Program Leadership Awards
 - Bill Miller and family - \$25,000
 - Phil Algra and family - \$10,000
 - Nick and Andie Taylor - \$10,000

Special thanks to Chris Bertram and Steve Tuckwood for facilitating these donations.

- As of January 2019, Envision Financial concluded its 10-year term to name the Athletic Centre. *For more information on this naming opportunity please contact Advancement.*

Annual Giving and Donor Relations

- Giving Tuesday Campaign generated \$14,000
- Year End Thank you Campaign –integrated multi channel campaign featuring Global Development Studies student Gina Dhinsa <https://giving.ufv.ca/stories/gina/>
 - December E-news & Year-end E-solicitation
 - Holiday Cards – 818 signed cards sent to donors with cumulative giving of \$1,000+
 - Thank-you video - viewed over 4,000 times by nearly 27,000 viewers <https://giving.ufv.ca/stories/thank-you-to-our-donors/>
 - UFV Facebook, Twitter and web pages
- Fall Bursary, Entrance Scholarship and Athletics donor funded awards distributed. 112 recipients received awards funded by 55 donors.

Events

- 2019 Building Bridges Community Golf Day planning has commenced. This tournament launched in 2018 under the leadership of Dr. Malwinder Dhama and Dr. Amarjit Bajwa to benefit SASI.
- Planning has begun for the 2019 Nick Taylor Pro Am Golf Tournament to benefit the Golf program, under the leadership of UFV donor and volunteer Phil Algra.
- Planning for UFV's 2019 Town & Gown is also underway. This will be the 5th annual event.

Please contact Advancement regarding sponsorship of these signature UFV events!

External Relations, potential opportunities and funding

- Regular monthly meetings with mayors and city hall staff in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission have been established.
- Eleven agricultural students toured the farm of potential donor, Kathy Cooper.
- UFV will be hosting the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne Minister of Infrastructure and Communities on Feb 13 with a tour of the Trades & Technology Centre at CEP.
- Darryl Plecas has asked UFV to undertake a new project for the provincial government, initial meeting scheduled for February 2019.

ANCILLARY SERVICES

Housing Operations

Housing Operations has continued to focus on capital improvements to Baker House, with modifications to the security of the underground parkade and bike storage, new freezers for residents, and lighting upgrades.

Housing applications for the Summer 2019 and Academic 2019/20 sessions opened on January 21st, 2019. All available spaces are expected to be filled by the end of April.

In January 2019, 53 new students moved into Baker House, with winter occupancy at 100%. There are currently 201 students in residence; of these, 130 are international (65%) and 71 are domestic (35%).

International students from 30 countries have arrived to study at UFV:

Bangladesh	1	Liechtenstein	1
Brazil	1	Mexico	3
China	23	Pakistan	2
Columbia	2	Philippines	1
France	3	Russia	2
India	39	Singapore	2
Indonesia	2	Spain	3
Iran	1	Sri Lanka	1
Ireland	2	Switzerland	1
Israel	1	Taiwan	1
Japan	11	Turkey	1
Jordan	1	Uganda	1
Kazakhstan	1	United Kingdom	7
Kenya	1	USA	2
Korea	4	Vietnam	9



Print Services

Print services has recently added another important piece of equipment that will enhance our large format capabilities. The Royal Sovereign RSC-1402HW is a compact wide format laminating machine. Great for laminating and mounting pressure-sensitive graphics or materials up to 55" wide. Now all large format mounted signs can be water, grease and stain proof. Laminating options include Satin, Matte and Gloss finishes.



We have also just added an 8-foot vertical cutter that will enable us to accurately cut banners and dry mount signs.

Print Services has just hired a work study student from our Graphic Design Program. Kelly Ning will be working on various print projects including standard templates for any UFV printed materials. She is a talented designer and we are already benefiting from her contribution.

UFV Print Services continues to prepare for our hosting of the 2019 Canadian University and College Print Management association of Canada (CUPMAC) conference, to be held in Harrison Hot Springs between June 23rd and June 26th, 2019. This is the 52nd Annual conference and the first time that it will be hosted by UFV. The conference will include professional development, seminars and a vendor trade show. Delegates from over 25 Universities and Colleges across Canada are expected to attend.

Bookstore

The bookstore has made it through another busy season of "rush", with students filling the store to purchase their textbooks for the new winter semester. The bookstore stayed open in the evenings and weekends this January to better assist students during the busy time. Additionally, the bookstore was open during Christmas break to accommodate the needs of the students with the



increasing popularity of the online store and the purchases of textbooks and course materials.

Abbotsford Bookstore opening hours

Holiday Hours:

January 2nd - 8:00am-4:30pm
 January 3rd - 8:00am-4:30pm
 January 4th - 8:00am-4:30pm

Winter Semester Hours (January 7th to 31st):

Monday-Thursday | 8:00am-8:00pm
 Friday | 8:00am-4:30pm
 Saturday | 10:00am-4:00pm

The bookstore is eagerly anticipating the arrival of the new Bookstore Manager, Jeff Thiessen, in February 2019. Jeff comes from a 10-year background of university bookstore management, along with finance experience. Throughout the waiting period for the new manager, the bookstore staff has done an incredible job of stepping up to complete the necessary tasks and has gone above and beyond to ensure work is done in order to serve the students and employees at UFV. The

bookstore looks forward to a new year under the guidance of an experienced manager with fresh perspective.

Parking Services



The parking desk was once again busy with the line-ups of Winter Rush, where many students purchased semester parking passes for the Winter 2019 semester. In addition to physical parking pass sales, student e-permit sales have increased by \$20,000.00 in comparison to last January. The New Year consists of many events on campus, and Parking Services has begun to schedule and coordinate the parking lot logistics in cooperation with a wide variety of UFV departments.

Parking Services has created a new short-term rental agreement with Reach Christian Church. The church will be holding services Sunday mornings in S building, and will be using a portion of lot 10 for its members. Parking Services, with the help of UFV Legal, has created a parking contract that will bring in revenue until the end of January 2020.

The Fraser Valley Bandits, a professional Canadian basketball team, has announced the Abbotsford Centre as its home game base. Starting May 2019, there are 10 scheduled home games that will create added revenue to Parking Services, as the UFV lots surrounding the stadium will be used.



Dining Services



Restaurants on campus have kept busy, with a revenue increase of 8.1% year to date in comparison to last year. The implementation of popular brands such as Triple O's and Tim Hortons has contributed to this increase, as well as the popularity of Dining Services' catering department.

Dana Hospitality recently hired a UFV student to manage social media platforms for Dining Services. A new Instagram account was created called "@ufveats" and has already obtained 197 followers in a few short weeks. With a steady flow of posts, Dining Services hopes to increase its follower count, and overall business, by the end of the semester.



Conference Services

Conference Services had an incredibly busy end to the 2018 year, with projected revenue exceeding expectations. The last three months were particularly busy with the new business of three Hallmark movies filmed at our Abbotsford (King Rd.) campus. In addition to these film shoots we continue to build healthy business relationships in our community.

Conference Services had the privilege of bringing on an UFV Work-Study for Winter Semester 2019. Sarah Naylor is a fourth year Business student with a background in customer service. She

has quickly become a great addition to our CS team. We are grateful to UFV's Career Centre for allowing us an opportunity to give Sarah a real life work experience in one of UFV's functioning business units.



The work-study assistance is timely and critical. As we welcome a variety of groups to campus there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. Marketing/promotion, campus tours, rental agreements, certificates of insurance requests, invoicing, budgeting, booking space, quoting and organizing catering, and crucial inter department communications are all important logistics that need to be handled well for each customer. Conference Services looks forward to another busy year ahead.

Campus Card

Print Services and the Campus Card office coordinated efforts to offer students the option to purchase printing services using their Campus Card. A new card reader was successfully installed, late December, at the Abbotsford Quick Print location in building D.

The Winter semester is well underway and to date the Campus Card office has issued over 1,600 cards to new and returning staff, faculty, and students.

During the 2018 calendar year there were 11,000 cards issued to staff, faculty, students, and alumni on all campuses. There were approx. 7,700 active card users who swiped their Campus Card 150,255 times for financial transactions or events on campus.

