

## Message from the Dean



This is the third edition of our Faculty's Newsletter, and we are still in a stage of "experimenting" with the design of this publication. However, we are bold and innovative - and as you will see in this edition, we have been pioneers of various initiatives. The Faculty of Professional Studies has a number of accredited programs which are broad in scope and which provide students with a wide range of career choices.

We value excellence in teaching, scholarship and service. We place a high premium on faculty and students bringing their expertise to bear on new knowledge production, whether through active engagement in teaching and learning, or through working together on applied research projects. We seek to stimulate the intellectual inquisitiveness of our students and help them become innovative practitioners in their chosen fields. We partner with community agencies and organizations to provide opportunities, particularly through practicum placements, for our students to develop personally, academically and professionally. We have a number of vibrant student associations engaged in outreach activities aimed to enhance students' social and academic experiences.

As a Faculty of Professional Studies we are cognizant of our duty to make a positive impact on our local, regional and global community.

**Dr. Rosetta Khalideen**

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## Student Success: Teacher Education Program

The University of the Fraser Valley Teacher Education Program has 34 of its 36 student teachers registered as student members of the B.C. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (BCASCD). As well as sponsoring social and professional development activities, the student chapter raises money for its Legacy of Love and Lifelong Learning Fund. Over the last school year, they collected \$3,000 to be dispersed to both local and international schools in need, as well to purchase equipment or material for future generations of UFV teacher education student teachers.



*Laura MacPherson (UFV ASCD Chapter President) and Marlin Toftager (UFV ASCD Vice-President) presenting \$300 to Murray Butt, Principal of West Heights Elementary in Mission*

The funds were dispersed as follows:

1. \$300 each to 4 high needs schools for a school environment club, a school's breakfast programs, a school's mailing costs for cards and letters sent to soldiers in Afghanistan, and a school's community mural
2. \$700 each to a local school-sponsored project in Haiti
3. \$700 to Greg Mortensen's IKAT project building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan
4. \$400 to the University of the Fraser Valley Teacher Education Program for curriculum resources

## Faculty and Student Activities: Health Sciences

On October 15 UFV's Centre for Education and Research on Aging (CERA) hosted "Adventures in Aging", a full day of presentations and workshops. Dr Art Hister was the keynote speaker. He was introduced by UFV President Dr Mark Evered, and entertained over 200 registrants with a mixture of humour, common sense and some of the latest statistical evidence regarding aging.

Registrants came from Chilliwack, Mission, Langley and Abbotsford, filling workshop classrooms in buildings B and D. Workshops included a philosophy café; Memory: facts, tips & myths; Negotiating Homehealth; Seniors on Stage; financial planning and many others. Workshop facilitators included UFV faculty and professionals from the community.



*Nursing students Sarah McMurchie (L) and Jordan Peters (R) with "Adventures in Aging" participants*

Throughout the day, third year BSN students ran a "Health & Wellness" centre. Bayshore Homehealth provided the equipment for these seven students to perform blood pressure, blood glucose, cholesterol and osteoporosis screening. The students were able to provide important teaching and information to registrants.

Dr. Jean Scott, recipient of an honorary UFV degree, was also honoured during the day. The day ended with a presentation by "Elders in Motion" directed by Lee Kwidzinski, featuring residents of Pleasantview Residential Care Facility in Mission who are involved in a weekly dance programme with young ballerinas.

With over 200 visitors moving between buildings, CERA was very fortunate to have a small army of very helpful student volunteers. These students helped direct registrants, set up rooms for presentations, manned the registration table and answered many questions. In particular, I would like to recognize the nursing students who represented our faculty and the nursing programme so professionally during this event: Jordan Peters, Janelle Halldorson, Sara Mallari, Rosie Thiessen, Matt Krabbendam, Sarah McMurchie, and Jess Roberge.

*Shelley Canning (Health Sciences)*



## Faculty Research and Accomplishments

**Dr. Adrienne Chan** (School of Social Work and Human Services) & **Dr. Lisa Moy** (School of Social Work and Human Services)

Adrienne and Lisa both shared their research at the international conference ‘Changing Health: Acting and Reacting, Challenges for Social Work Theory and Practice’ held in Dublin, Ireland, from June 28 to July 2, 2010.

The conference theme focused on new and ongoing challenges for practitioners, researchers and educators of social work on an international basis. The conference theme also reflected on the active role that social work plays in challenging the boundaries of knowledge and skills in health care and practice.



*University College Dublin entrance gate*

Adrienne presented a paper entitled “Health and Mental Health Issues for South Asian Families”, and Lisa presented a paper entitled “Interrupting Bully Talk: Re-imagining Safety and Cultivating Health in Schools”.



UFV School of Business Acting Director Mark Breedveld at the School of Business Launch Event with the students who were the subjects of the “BASA Bingo” game. (L-R) Spencer Landsiedel; Faith Woodard; Dayna Fiddler; Nissa Carmack; Graham Sherk; Tobias Cross; Mark Breedveld; and Masi Mahmood.

## School of Business Launch Event

The School of Business celebrated its new name at a launch event on September 29. The many guests at the event were welcomed by Dr. Rosetta Khalideen, Dean of the Faculty of Professional Studies. Special invitees and speakers included UFV President Dr. Mark Evered, UFV VP Academic & Provost Dr. Eric Davis, UFV School of Business Acting Director Mark Breedveld, and City of Abbotsford Councillor (and UFV sessional instructor) Simon Gibson.

Guests at the event participated in “BASA Bingo” organized by the Business Administration Students’ Association. Each guest received a bingo card with information about six Business students who were at the event. They then had to interview the students and find out which information belonged to which student, and then enter their completed cards into a prize draw. The game was a great way for guests to learn more about the experiences and talents of our Business students.

## Amazing People, Amazing Weekend: LIBIT Reunites in a Big Way

Since the program's 25th anniversary, five years ago, the Library and Information Technology department has wanted to celebrate this achievement. Really celebrate. With the introduction of a properly funded Alumni Relations office, we were finally able to dream big. Members of the LIBIT department know on a personal level how life-changing our program really is because we are **ALL** alumni of the program! We were delighted to have the opportunity to share the accomplishments of our alumni and our program in a heartfelt way.

We wanted to offer attendees a chance to socialize, but we also wanted to provide some professional development opportunities. The increasing expectations for most library technicians gave us inspiration to present workshops and team building activities that centered on *leadership*. The remarkable changes to UFV infrastructure were inspiration for offering campus tours, too.

On Friday night in the library foyer we began our weekend with a wine and cheese reception. Our goal that evening was to pay homage to our ambassadors - our program grads. It was a delight to exchange "hellos", reconnect, share stories and laugh, all while enjoying a glass of wine and some lovely food.



Geocaching at Aldergrove Lake with 'Geocacher Jones' (L); reunion attendees (R)

Bright and early the next morning, a group of alumni gathered at Aldergrove Lake for their Guided Discovery adventure. It was a riot! We hunted for lost treasure while competing (in a friendly way, *of course*) to solve a mystery using a GPS. Others attended a workshop with Margaret Read MacDonald, accomplished scholar and folklorist, where participants practiced and participated in "*Leading with Story*". The busy day finished with an informal dinner, where some of the rowdiest attendees were current and former LIBIT faculty and staff.

On Sunday the President of UFV, Mark Evered, hosted a lovely breakfast.

The value of alumni was reinforced on many occasions during the weekend. Our LIBIT alumni have a profound impact within their communities. Program grad Lisa Morry, for example, has worked with the First Nations community of Chilliwack to produce a display depicting the legacy of Residential Schools. Her contribution is part of the first steps in exploring the trauma of these schools.

With dozens of guests, the weekend was a huge success, for the Library and Information Technology department, Alumni Relations Office, UFV, and all of our wonderful graduates and current students. A special thanks to Alumni Relations and all of our dedicated volunteers for the huge effort they made in pulling off this event.

Christina Neigel (LIBIT)



## Meet Our New Faculty Members: Kevin DeWolde (Business)

Kevin joined the School of Business in September, but has been teaching as a sessional in the School for the past four years. His subject areas are accounting and international business. He has a BA and MBA, and holds the CGA professional designation.

Kevin was born in Chilliwack but has lived in Abbotsford for the past 15 years. Before joining UFV full-time, he was the Senior Manager, Finance and Accounting for an international manufacturer. Prior to that, he was the controller for a publicly traded ginseng grower. Before that he was working in public practice accounting, where it all began.

Kevin and his wife have three children under the age of five. His hobbies include hockey, the outdoors, camping, hiking, and history.

His favourite ice cream flavour is blackberry, and the item at the top of his “bucket list” is “hiking the Inca Trail!”

## Meet Our New Faculty Members: Dr. Diane Reed (Health Sciences)



Diane joined UFV in June as the Interim Director of the School of Health Sciences. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, a Master of Arts degree in Adult Education, and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership & Policy.

Her areas of expertise are the management and delivery of post-secondary education, distance education, and educational technology.

Diane was born in Vancouver and lives in Vancouver and Chilliwack. Prior to joining UFV she worked at UBC Okanagan, the Open Learning Agency, and the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST).

Her hobbies are cross-country skiing and photography.

## Meet Our New Faculty Members: Adele Phillips (Practical Nursing)

Adele joined UFV in June. She is a Registered Nurse and has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and a BBS. She is now working on her Master's in Nursing. Her specialty in nursing is surgical nursing.

Before joining UFV, Adele worked as a surgical nurse at MSA Hospital and at the Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

She and her husband have three grown-up sons and live in Abbotsford. Her hobbies include hanging out with family, biking, watching sports, skiing, reading, and travelling. Her favourite ice cream flavor is strawberry.

## Meet Our New Faculty Members: Lisa Almos (Health Sciences)

Lisa is an instructor in Year 2 of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Lisa is a registered nurse and has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and Master's of Science in Nursing. She also holds the Certified Nurse in Critical Care certification from the Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses. Lisa's specialty area of interest is Surgical Nursing and Critical Care Nursing.

Before joining UFV, Lisa was the Patient Care Coordinator



in the Intensive Care Unit at the Abbotsford Regional Hospital.

Lisa lives in Abbotsford, is married and has two children. She enjoys going for walks and spending time with family and friends. Her favorite flavour of ice cream is chocolate peanut butter cup.

## Goodbye from Alison

Alison Kalnicki, the administrative assistant in the Dean's Office, has resigned to work closer to home as the new Coordinator at ElderCollege Chilliwack. She is excited about working with the non-profit organization, which has a strong partnership with UFV. Alison says, "Thanks to everyone in Professional Studies for all your support."



## Celebrating the Master of Social Work Degree

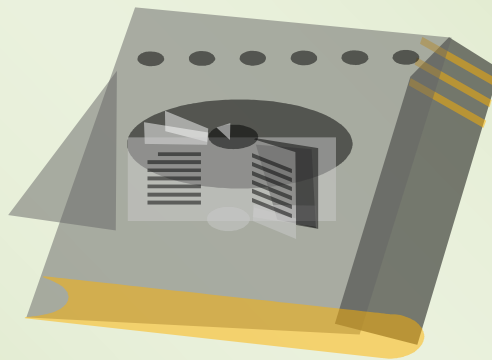


The new Master of Social Work degree was launched on October 29 at a celebratory event with guests from UFV and the Fraser Valley community. (L) UFV President Dr. Mark Evered, School of Social Work and Human Services Director Dr. Elizabeth Dow, and MSW Program Chair Dr. Adrienne Chan. (R) Chief Maureen Chapman of the Sto:lo Nation welcomes guests.

## **Program Profile: BA in Adult Education The Invisible Giant, the Hidden Profession**

Adult Educators are everywhere – in the workplace, in our communities, in hospitals, in recreation and seniors' centres, in libraries, in schools, colleges and universities, and online. Adult educators train and facilitate individual learners, and whole communities; advise and counsel learners; and design, plan and manage programs, in subjects as divergent as arts and crafts, health and safety, literacy, job skills and corporate training, continuing professional education, and digital and computer skills training. In relative terms, it is huge in the world of education, yet unrecognized amongst both the general public and by educators themselves.

How big is adult education? In 2001, Human Resources and Social Development Canada found that 28% of adult Canadians participated in adult education activities and training; that number increases to 31% when post-secondary education is included. This rate of participation was five times the total rate of participation in all forms of youth-oriented education.



The Bachelor of Arts in Adult Education at UFV is now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year. This degree is a unique, mid-career professional development program for people who are instructing, administering, or developing programs, or providing educational support for adult learners. Its purpose is to provide practitioners, representing a variety of content backgrounds, with the opportunity to obtain an academic grounding in adult education, and to solidify the practice of adult education into the professional field of adult education. The program offers learners the opportunity to link both practical and theoretical coursework to the challenges they meet in their work setting while enhancing their knowledge, skills, and appreciation of the field of adult education.

The UFV Adult Education degree is the only bachelor degree program in adult education in BC and Alberta, and has students from across Canada. It is accessible, offered both in classrooms and online; it “ladders” in previous education and recognizes learning gained through life and work. In the words of program graduate Michelle Nakano, “The BA Adult Education program provides the context for self-directed and collective learning that sustains meaningful and effective contributions to the adult learning community.”

For more information about the Bachelor of Arts in Adult Education, please check out the program website at <http://www.ufv.ca/aded.htm>. Or call us at 604-864-4621 or 1-888-504-7441 ext 4621.

*Ian Hunt (Adult Education)*

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