

## **Monthly Report to the Provost – Faculty of Science**

The Faculty of Science (FoS) has the following to report for **November-December 2023**:

### **Engaging Learners**

**Dr. Lenore Newman**, CRC, Associate Professor from PGES and Director of the Food and Agriculture Institute, was invited to attend the MaRS Climate Impact Conference in Toronto on November 29. <https://climateimpact.marsdd.com/> Lenore shared her research and how the idea of setting the table off-planet can help efforts to produce food sustainably here on Earth. The conversion was followed by a panel discussion with alternative protein innovators working to transform food systems.

### **Building Community**

On November 15, in partnership with the Abbotsford School District Indigenous Education Office, the Faculty of Science coordinated a visit to the UFV campus for all Indigenous students in Grades 11 and 12 in the Abbotsford School District who are considering post-secondary education. Roughly 100 students and 15 teachers and support workers attended. Drummers and singers and Elder Gary Williams welcomed guests. They then participated in two of the six activity sessions: Humanities / Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences / Criminology, Lab Sciences, Land Sciences, Creative Arts, and Business. All guests were given a campus tour by the Future Students staff, visiting the Library, Athletics and Campus Rec, the Indigenous Students Centre, and the Indigenous Teaching Garden. Lunch for all involved was provided by Sto:lo Catering. Feedback from all guests has been very positive. Faculty, staff, students, alumni and administrators from Science, Arts, Business, the Indigenous Student Centre, OReg, Athletics and Campus Rec, and the Library - too numerous to mention here - collaborated to put on an event that we can be very proud of.