

## WHAT'S NEW @ BC COLLEGES



JANUARY 2017

### Colleges and Institutes Celebrate Canada's 150th

In 2017, Canadians across the country will celebrate 150 years of shared history since the signing of Confederation in 1867. Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) will take part in the festivities by engaging Canada's 1.5 million college and institute-based learners in over 3000 communities across the country in a suite of inter-related activities throughout the year. [Read More](#)



### Camosun Receives \$43.5M in Provincial and Federal Funds for New Health Education Centre

Advanced Education Minister Andrew Wilkinson announced on January 19 that the Province of BC and the Government of Canada are investing \$43.5M in a new Health education centre at Camosun's Interurban campus. "A new leading-edge Health Sciences education centre at our Interurban campus is an essential investment in the future health of our province," said Camosun President Sherri Bell. [Read More](#)

### Canada and BC Invest in New Trades Facility at College of the Rockies



Canadians will be better equipped for the well-paying middle-class jobs of today and tomorrow as a result of a \$10M investment in College of the Rockies for a new trades-training facility. This joint federal-provincial investment was announced by the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of

Innovation, Science and Economic Development and Kootenay East MLA Bill Bennett on behalf of BC Minister of Advanced Education Andrew Wilkinson. [Read More](#)

### Canada-BC Partnership to Train British Columbians for Jobs

More than \$12M has been invested into 49 training projects which will benefit about 2,000 British Columbians throughout the province, thanks to funding provided through the Canada-BC Job Fund Agreement under the Employer-Sponsored Training stream. [Read More](#)

### North Island College's Campbell River Campus Receives \$13.5M Upgrade

NIC will receive a \$13.5M upgrade to support students at its Campbell River campus, the provincial and federal governments announced on January 24. "We are number one in the country for job creation and many of those jobs will require education in the skilled trades," Premier Christy Clark, told a large gathering. "The new trades training facility in Campbell River will



### Legacy Artwork Finds New Home at Northwest Community College

It was a momentous event for First Nations Fine Arts students when two carvings, crafted by Haida artist Freda Diesing herself, were donated to the art studio at Northwest Community College. Donors Kelsey Wiebe and Corey Bulpitt, presented a Wolf Panel carving and a Portrait Mask to the

help ensure Vancouver Island students are able to build a future in Canada's leading economy." [Read More](#)

## Langara College Raises Over \$35K for United Way



During the 2016 fall season, Langara College students and employees raised over \$35K in their annual fundraising initiative for the United Way of Lower Mainland. The amount was raised through the generous support of donors within the Langara

community and through a number of events on and off campus.

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## Vancouver Community College Culinary Student's Journey: From Curious Kid to Molecular Mastermind

Jefferson Bueno has always been mesmerized by food. As a kid growing up in the Philippines, Jefferson remembers watching in amazement as pancake batter puffed up in a hot pan.

Determined to find what made it happen, he would wait until his

mother was at work, and then conduct his own experiments with eggs and flour. [Read More](#)



## Selkirk College Graduate Carves Out a Successful Career



One of Selkirk College's top Hairstylist Program graduates has cut, coloured and up-done herself to a successful career in a downtown Vancouver salon. Amber Beckjord graduated from Selkirk College's Hairstylist Program in 2014 at the age of 17

passionate about all things hair. She graduated at the top of her class with a 4.0 GPA and a Gold Medal earned at the BC Skills Competition in Hairdressing. [Read More](#)



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Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art students. [Read More](#)

## Northern Lights College Students & Staff Raise Funds for "Adopt a Family" Program

"The students really stepped up to the plate this year to donate items for the silent auction," said HR Advisor Pam Beattie. The tradition of adopting a family began many years ago with a staff member who started a silent auction as an effort to raise funds to support a family in need's Christmas, starting with meals of the day and extending to presents, if funds allowed. [Read More](#)

## Online Texts Saving Okanagan College Students Money

Okanagan College students are saving big with an innovative provincial program that gives access to free textbooks. Ryan McAllister, a second-year environmental studies student at the College, has already felt the positive impacts from using open textbooks in four of his courses. "The biggest perk of open textbooks are the cost-savings - saving money as a student will always come first," he says. [Read More](#)

## Former NHL Player Connects with Youth at Risk

The College of New Caledonia welcomes former NHL great Theo Fleury to the Prince George Campus on February 6 to speak to aboriginal youth at risk and the community during a free event taking place in the Gathering Place. Fleury will share his story of hope, moving forward, and never giving up even when the obstacles are great. [Read More](#)

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