



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA - ARTS AND CULTURE ACHIEVEMENT

Tucked away like a treasure in the heart of downtown Kamloops is the studio of one of this year's distinguished alumnae, Patricia Sellmer. A graduate of UCC with a BA in General Studies in 1992 and a Fine Arts Diploma in 1993, Tricia has become an artist of international renown.

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# 10TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1989 Cariboo College underwent a dramatic change with the introduction of degree granting programs and the concurrent renaming of the institution to the University College of the Cariboo. New programs, new degrees, new buildings on an expanding campus; all significant parts to a growing, maturing institution.



Photo: First Board of Directors for the Alumni Association at Homecoming '90 celebrations.

L to R: (front row) Pat Campbell, Laurie Clarke (Alumni Officer), Alana Niederaufner, Karl DeBruijn; (middle row) Robert Campbell, Doug Baleshta, Sherry King, Lynda McGarvie, Sandra Backman; (back row) Nelson Riis, Tom Wilcox, Irmie Hoppenrath. Missing Robert Holden, Ron Brandt.

As part of that growth the Alumni Association had its inauguration at the 20th Anniversary Homecoming celebration in 1990. The goal of the Association was to develop a friendship network for the benefit of the alumni, the students and the university college.

The Association's volunteers and staff worked hard in those

first years to establish the society and to build a network for alumni. It was a daunting task to find the whereabouts of 20 years worth of college students, many of whom had moved to the lower mainland to complete a university degree.

Now in our 10th year, we have over 130 volunteers donating their time and expertise by serving on the Association's Board of Directors and committees, helping with reunions and on-campus events, the UCC Mentoring Program, and advocating for their *alma mater*. As an alumna/us of UCC, or Cariboo College, you too can have an important role in the success of UCC and its students.

You can donate your time, or financially contribute to one of many ongoing successful UCC Foundation or Sports Task Force fundraising efforts, by contacting me, or Kathleen Biagioni, Executive Director of the UCC Foundation. Please give us a call.

Pat Lee  
Executive Director



Photo: UCC Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2000-2001  
L to R: (front row) Bob Stewart, Marilyn Poncelet (Chair), Rod Andrew; (back row) M-J Cousins, Denise Harper, Carolyn Hepburn, Flo Tyson, Susie Russo, Larry Iles, Errol Wild. Missing: Tom McNulty, Bill Jaswal, Matt McLean

## Sign up today as a Mentor for UCC students.

### The UCC Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program links students with alumni who share information about their occupations and offer advice on the realities of the workplace. If you are able to volunteer some of your time and expertise to help students make some career decisions – call us.

### Interested?

We encourage you to call our Mentoring Coordinator, Judith MacIntosh, at (250) 371-5711 or email her at [mentor@cariboo.bc.ca](mailto:mentor@cariboo.bc.ca)



# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNAE

By Megan Humphrey, Bachelor of Journalism student

Tricia Sellmer continued

Before exploring her artistic side, Tricia attended SFU and UBC, and taught at an elementary school in Burnaby. In 1974, her husband got a job in Kamloops and they started a family.

"I threw myself into the children and the community in many ways. I did a lot of fundraising... it was the perfect wife, perfect mother situation. It wasn't until my third child was going into grade one that my husband said to me just as we were about to leave on a trip 'what are you going to do with your life?' It sort of surprised me and I thought, well, maybe I'll go to UCC."

When Tricia graduated from UCC, she went on to spend a summer at the Emily Carr School of Art in Vancouver, and after returning to Kamloops she opened her studio, Chazou Contemporary Art, on Victoria Street.

"I thought what on earth have I done? I was totally vulnerable; you totally expose yourself. It's like standing on the corner of Third and Columbia naked and saying 'here I am.'"

The studio has grown continuously more successful, with Tricia's paintings touching lives across Canada and the United States. "One of the reasons I paint is to touch people," said Tricia, recalling the story of a convalescing cancer patient. The woman reflected that it was the Seattle sunsets and one of Tricia's paintings that pulled her through the days of her recovery.

"My art isn't for everyone, but it's for me. I feel quite happy, successful; I feel joyful."

Tricia is set to show her tapestry series, which is an homage to her parents, at the Kamloops Art Gallery in 2002. She had an exhibition of her work on display at Elements Cafe on Victoria Street in Kamloops throughout October.

Tricia is actively involved in the Kamloops community with chairing of the Arts Commission, she sits on the executive for the Millennium Trail, is involved with the Arts Council, and is a director on the B.C. Assembly of Arts Councils.

## CAROLYN VOSSLER, BSN 92 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Carrie Vossler is truly a deserving recipient of this award, which recognizes local, national and international community service. Carrie works on the front lines of health care as a Public Health Nurse in Merritt, BC, where she helps seniors, children, new parents and immigrants to Canada who may not be familiar with our health care system.

Community Health Units in BC focus on health promotion and illness prevention. "Public health nurses work with community groups and with families to promote wellness at all stages of life," says Carrie. "I work with moms with new babies, counsel teenagers, help high priority families, and work with other service groups to try and stop problems before they arise."

"With what I am doing now I could pick up and go to a developing country to nurse."

Carrie's humanitarian work extends to Africa, where she has twice volunteered in Zaire. Her first trip was for three months in 1988 while a student nurse at UCC. Her second trip in 1994 was with World Relief Canada when she went to help Rwandan

refugees who had fled their civil war.

After three months of fighting between Hutus and Tutsis, over 2 million people fled the country, with an estimated 1.2 million descending on Goma in just a few weeks.

Carrie worked in a refugee camp of 300,000 just outside of Goma for 14 weeks. "Every day, every hour what we did changed. There were 20,000 people an hour crossing the border from Rwanda. People were dying on the road," explains Carrie. "About 40,000 people died the first week I was there. It was very overwhelming."

"We had to choose who to help and always had to think about the greatest good for the greatest number."

Carrie and her husband Darryl are hoping to work overseas again in a developing country and have expressed a desire to go to a country where the people are in the greatest need.



Photo: Carrie Vossler (right) visiting new mom Mandeep Panghli and her daughter Simren.



# UCC ALUMNI GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL

By Megan Humphrey,  
Bachelor of Journalism student

There is a twinkle in the eye of Larry Dyck, Program Co-ordinator for the Career Technical Centre (CTC), as he enthusiastically explains the unique program derived from an exciting partnership between UCC and School District 73.



Larry Dyck

"Two years ago there was a joint announcement between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education, announcing the expansion of the Career Technical Centre, which was started five years ago in Abbotsford.

The 'career centre' combines grades 11 and 12 with career training in both the high school and college settings.

"The success of the Abbotsford model prompted the government to create further pilot programs." Kamloops was among three cities chosen to pilot the new CTC program, which according to

Larry, was a natural outgrowth of the existing partnership between UCC and School District 73.

"We're making sure we don't create any roadblocks. There is no barrier in the transition from the CTC to further post-secondary studies, and students gain the tools and training they need to become viable members of the work force."

"We're doing things we thought we couldn't do," says Larry. "We have a strong and vibrant partnership between UCC and School District 73."

The program operates on a semester model, which integrates two semesters of career training into the natural rhythm of the secondary school environment. Students have four career options within the CTC, including cook training, welding, automotive partsperson and information technology. The program gives students dual credit for university and high school courses, and enables them to complete the first year of a career program without paying university tuition.



Matt Bruneau at UCC in the welding class



Ross Spina, the Director of Education with School District 73 knows first-hand the benefits of this innovative partnership. Not only is he on the CTC committee, his daughter is also enrolled in the first intake of students in the information technology course at Sahali Secondary.

"This program is a wonderful initiative that gives students a practical way to finish their schooling." Ross feels some students become disengaged from academics, and exposure to different forms of education can capture bright kids who aren't fully engaged in their education and motivate them.

"Being a grade 11 student and a college student at the same time builds students up, and makes them more likely to move on to further education. They experience first-hand the demands of their chosen line of work," he says.

According to cook training instructor Claire Hanaghan, the students who complete the CTC program will have the skills to find good paying jobs, adding that almost all of her students found cooking jobs to fulfill their practicum last summer.

"This program gives students a more in-depth learning, and allows them to feel they have a viable opportunity in the workplace," she says. At the completion of the program, the students will have their Level II cooking, and can register at UCC in the fall of next year to complete their Level III Professional Cook Training.

With her first year of cook's training and her grade 11 studies behind her, CTC student Cassie Huston (16) has clear sight of her goals and is eager to accomplish them.



*Claire Hanaghan (L) and Cassie Huston in the kitchen at North Kamloops Secondary School*

"I wasn't sure how I would like the program, but it is more fun than I thought, and more work." Cassie adds that, "I actually look forward to school, and the program has given me a sense of purpose and direction." Cassie plans to apprentice in Europe, and eventually open her own restaurant.

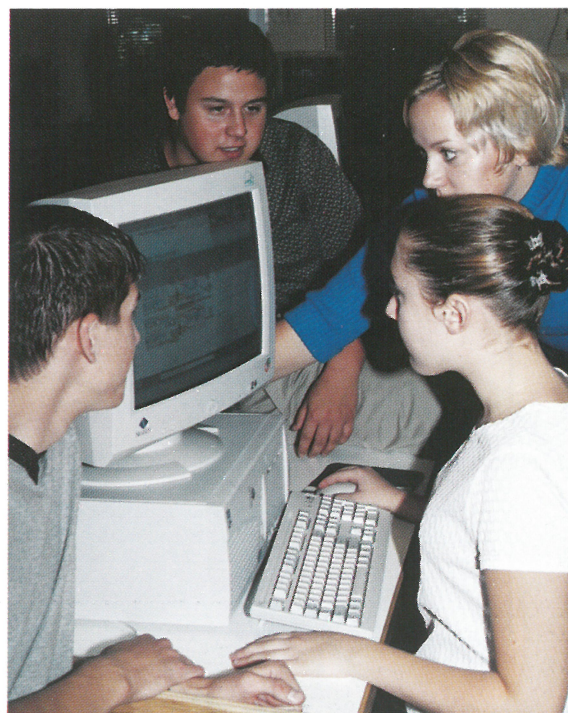
According to Larry, "It's the absolute goal of the CTC to expand. In fact this fall we have added Electrical, Heavy Duty Mechanics, Horticulture, Piping Trades and Retail Meat Processing to the program." The high school students enrolled in these programs are now in Grade 11 coursework and will start the UCC components next semester.

"We are very grateful for the financial support of the Provincial government through the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Advanced Education, Training and Technology, and the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission."

Still, as Larry affirms, "the students really are the heart and soul of the CTC."

Students will become UCC alumni before they earn their high school diploma, which only adds to the unique and exciting nature of the new program.

"CTC students pay UCC's student fees, and are being strongly encouraged to utilize the campus and its facilities. We told them the Campus Activity Centre is their activity centre with one restriction... Heroes Pub!"



*Information Technology students at Sa-Hali Secondary  
L to R: Eric Rempel, Cameron Miller, Chrissie Spina  
and Cyrena Robinson*



# THE ALUMNI

## 1970s

**JEFF TANGERMAN, ELECTRICAL TRADE ENTRY CERTIFICATE '75**, runs his own computer consulting firm. Jeff worked as an electrician for 15 years, eight of which he owned his own electrical contracting company. In 1990 he went back to school and earned his Bachelor of Computer Science degree and now consults from his home in Airdrie, AB.

**GARY BIRKELAND, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DIPLOMA '79**, works in Kamloops as a financial analyst in the oil transportation industry. Gary has worked in the administrative management field for 20 years. Gary enjoys woodworking and painting and travelling with his family.

## 1980s

**MAUREEN HOOPER, ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY DIPLOMA '84**, is living in Hampton, New Brunswick where she works at the St. John Animal Hospital. Maureen ran a home-based clothing design business for 9 years, but once her two children were both in school, she went back to work in animal health. Maureen is proud to say that in 6 years with the hospital she has only been bitten once.

**DAN SEMENOFF, DIGITAL ART AND DESIGN DIPLOMA '89**, is the President of GIG Graphic Image in Saskatoon, SK. GIG, a video production company, celebrates its 10th anniversary in January and has grown to include clients across Canada and in the US. Dan has worked in the broadcast industry now for over 23 years, including with the CTV and CBC networks.

**KERRY CARMICHAEL, COMPUTER SYSTEMS OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT DIPLOMA '89**, is the Chief Technical Officer of IP Applications Corporation in Vancouver. IPA helps Internet service providers, telecommunications companies, cable operators and other organizations that want to create a private branded Internet service or manage their service more effectively. Prior to co-founding IPA, Kelly was the senior programmer and systems administrator at HookUp Communications, a national Internet service provider.

## 1990s

**LINDA FOSTER, FINE ARTS DIPLOMA '93**, lives in Kamloops where she teaches "Round Dancing," a form of ballroom dance. Linda continues to develop her artistic skills and is taking watercolour classes.

**LILLY GOTTFRIEDSON, FINE ARTS DIPLOMA '93**, works as an education assistant for the Kamloops Indian Band. Lilly is married and says her four children and her work keep her very busy.

**LAURIE ROBINSON, FINE ARTS DIPLOMA '93, COMPUTER AIDED DESIGN AND DRAFTING, '94**, works as the Web Design Coordinator for Douglas College in New Westminster, BC. Laurie recently received a gold award from the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations for the College's web site design. While attending UCC, Laurie worked two summers as a graphic designer for the Cariboo Student Society and worked for Re/Max, Sun Peaks Resorts and HookUp Communications in a graphic design capacity.



## BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES

September 2001 is the Homecoming for 10 years of BSW graduates. Contact Michael Crawford at (250) 371-5520, or email [mcrawford@cariboo.bc.ca](mailto:mcrawford@cariboo.bc.ca) to ensure you are on the invitation list.

## REUNION!

# PATHFINDER

## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF UCC

On September 29, 2000 the Pioneer Wall at UCC was dedicated to the faculty and staff who started working at Cariboo College in the 70's and have been with the institution for more than 20 years. About half of the 124 "Pioneers" attended the dedication. The Pioneer Wall is located at the west end of the Old Main building.



*Photo by John Enman, standing on far left, front row*

## FACULTY RETIREES

**KAREN DAY, BA (NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS), M.ED (N. TEXAS STATE), PHD (U OF ALBERTA)**

Karen has taught in the Education program at UCC since 1993. Karen was an elementary school teacher for more than 20 years before she went back to university to complete a PhD to then teach the future teachers. Karen says that she enjoyed teaching in a program whose graduates are so highly respected by the school districts in the BC interior.

**RUFUS DAY, BS (YALE), MS (NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS), PHD (PENN. STATE)**

Rufus was UCC's Research Services Coordinator. Rufus worked behind-the-scenes for the faculty helping them secure research money from organizations such as the National Science and Engineering Research Council. Prior to working at UCC, Rufus was most recently a research scientist at the Cross Cancer Institute at the University of Alberta.

Rufus and Karen are retiring to Portland, Oregon where they have family.

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# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NIGHT

HEALTH SCIENCES, SCIENCES AND TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY HOSTED A FUN EVENING ON OCTOBER 11. THE EVENING WAS CO-SPONSORED BY THE UCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE INTERIOR SCIENCE INNOVATION COUNCIL.



*Photos by David Williams*

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