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## First UCC Degree has been awarded

KAMLOOPS - The first ever degree awarded in the name of the University College of the Cariboo has been granted to a Williams Lake student.

Diana Cockwill completed her Associate of Arts degree at the UCC Williams Lake campus this year, and received the degree at recent Convocation ceremonies there last month.

She become the first official degree graduate of UCC, which can award two-year Associate Degrees in it's own name. Changes to provincial legislation over a year ago gave all B.C. colleges the right to award Associate Degrees in Arts and Science, to formally recognize two years of lower level academic study.

In Kamloops, four students will receive their Associate of Arts Degree and two more will be awarded Associate of Science Degrees at the 1994 Convocation Ceremony on June 11 at the Riverside Coliseum.

Further changes to the College and Institute Act now coming before the B.C. Legislature will give UCC and five other provincial institutions the right to grant full undergraduate Bachelor Degrees. Those changes, expected later this year, will likely see the first UCC Bachelor degrees awarded in two years time.

Ceremonies recognizing the Certificate, Diplomas and Degree Graduates of 1994 begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 11 at the Riverside Coliseum. The event is open to any member of the public.

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