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UCC ACCOUNTING GRADS TOPS IN B.C.

KAMLOOPS-Two UCC graduates from the Bachelor of Business Administration program have finished in the in top ten in the province on the Uniform Final Exam offered annually through the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Lori Bray and Wendy Crawford, who graduated from UCC in spring of 2000 with a major in accounting, were tops among 320 writers. They and three fellow classmates, Louis Blom, Jay Cheek and Chris Henderson were successful in completing the exam in September of 2001.

UCC accounting graduates have had a pass rate above the provincial average for six of the seven years that students have been writing the exam, said Brock Dykeman, BBA Program Advisor and UCC accounting instructor.

The cumulative pass rate, 84.2 per cent, has been significantly higher than the B.C. average (69.4 per cent) and the national average (63 per cent) over the seven year period. This year, only two accounting programs with more than four graduates had better pass rates than UCC. Those were SFU and UBC co-op programs. UCC students had better pass rates than both the UBC and SFU non-co-op students.

Dykeman said the results suggest UCC courses are targeting the right areas when it comes to preparation for the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants exam. "It's partly related to smaller classes. Students are more likely to work on case studies or projects and the exam is based primarily on case studies."

Dykeman said the results are also encouraging given the lower GPAs of UCC students entering their third year of the BBA program compared to their counterparts at schools such as SFU and UBC.

In the past year, The University College of the Cariboo has seen a significant increase in the number of students choosing an accounting major in their third year of study.

"Enrollment in that area has practically doubled over the past year. That's partly because of the good word that has been getting out about our accounting graduates," said Dykeman.

This year, there are 28 third-year students majoring in accounting. BBA students at UCC take two years of general courses and introductory business courses before choosing a major or area of interest in either accounting, economics, marketing, finance or human resources.

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