

# President's Update to the College Community

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## "Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art" Public Launch (and name change)

November 1st marked the official launch of the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art, the world's first post-secondary Northwest Coast First Nations Fine Arts program. This was an historic event celebrated by close to 200 people from around the College region.

Various speakers, elders and matriarchs participated in the ceremony including Dempsey Bob, Christian White (from Haida Gwaii), Stan Bevan, and Bill McLennan (Curator for the Museum of Anthropology, UBC), Penny Denton, Vera Dudoward, Phyllis McNeil, Mildred Roberts and Glen Bennett. Roberta Perry (Freda's sister), and other family members also attended. Greetings were sent from the School's Steering Committee member, Nathalie MacFarlane, Director, Haida Gwaii Museum and Dempsey Collinson, Chief, Skidegate.

A new scholarship and bursary program was announced at the event by Roberta Perry. Roberta noted that the commission proceeds from the sale of Freda Diesing clothing will be now be donated to the College. These funds represent \$200 to \$300 per month.

Roberta Perry and I were presented with original art work of the new logo for the School. The logo, designed by Stan Bevan and painted by student Dean Heron, will be released shortly pending copyright.



*Roberta Perry is presented with an original painting of the new Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art logo.*

*Pictured from left to right, student John Wilson; artist and school instructor Stan Bevan; Roberta Perry; student Dean Heron.*

## ACCC Excellence Awards - call for nominations

ACCC is soliciting nominations for their 2006-07 Awards of Excellence. The Awards program recognizes and promotes excellence within Canadian colleges and technical institutes. Featuring both a national and international scope, the Awards showcase the extraordinary contribution of individuals to their college/institute communities and highlight the role of our institutions in social, cultural and economic development.

I encourage you to review the award categories and forward nominations to Ali McDougall by November 30th. Information on nomination procedures can be obtained at:

[http://www.accc.ca/ftp/awards/accc\\_awards06-07.pdf](http://www.accc.ca/ftp/awards/accc_awards06-07.pdf)

## Scholarship/Bursary Fundraiser

On Friday, November 10 at 7pm, Northwest Community College will be presenting "Tastes from around the world"; a fundraising event featuring exquisite hor d'oeuvres and canapés prepared by 2nd-year Culinary Arts students.

Proceeds raised will go to the NWCC Scholarship and Bursary Fund, providing much-needed financial support to students.

Tickets cost \$50 and are available at Misty River Books, the Artful Cup or Northwest Community College.

Enjoy culinary delights from around the world while supporting students here in the northwest.

## Terrace "Make Children First" Initiative

provided a very generous donation of \$10,000 towards student scholarships for ECE's Post Basic Certificate Program in Supported Child Care and/or Infant Toddler. \$5,000 will be provided for this year's budget, and \$5,000 for next year.

## Call for Scholarship & Bursary Donations

Once again I am encouraging staff to consider contributing to the College Scholarship and Bursary Fund. An easy way to contribute is through the payroll deduction plan. Simply fill out the attached form and forward to Diane Ready, VP, Finance & Administration.

For any single gift of \$5,000 or more, the College will match the donation. So, if you are so inclined, or know someone who might be (see separate form), please give Diane a call at 638-5416.

These forms can also be found in the 'Global Documents' folder located within the 'Global Document Library' site off the College's Intranet home page.



## Campus 2020

### Thinking Ahead - An Initiative Launched by the Government of British Columbia

Campus 2020 is a planning process that is intended to "shape the vision, mission, goals and objectives of B.C's post-secondary system for the next 10 to 20 years."

*"Special Advisor Geoff Plant, Q.C. will present a report to government in the spring of 2007, containing recommendations based on input to Campus 2020 from experts, students and the general public."*  
www.campus2020.bc.ca

To prepare his report, Geoff Plant and assistants have embarked on an extensive consultation process. On Wednesday, October 25th Geoff visited NWCC, Terrace campus and met with the Culinary Arts program, the Freda Diesing School of Northwest Coast Art students, and with students in an open invite session in the Kiva. Later that day, the Special Advisory held both an invitation only community Forum and Open Public Forum.

The College was able to have significant input into the discussions on Oct. 25th and emphasized several key issues, for example:

1. The need to recognize the costs of post-secondary education (PSE) are higher in the north due to scale, geography, demographic, climate and education levels.
2. The social and economic importance of post-secondary education in rural BC.
3. The need to change MHR income assistance policies which prohibit recipients from accessing the training and education they require to find employment.
4. The need for the post secondary system to work as a system, rather than a collection of independent entities competing for students and resources.
5. The value of applied, experiential and service, learning and the need for appropriate funding of the same.
6. The need for greater investment in rural PSE institutions to build capacity within the rural areas of BC, for example in the area of trades, health and university transfer.
7. The need for new models of educational institutions that recognize predominance of cultural groups as opposed to those groups establishing and creating their own schools and institutions as we are witnessing in the northwest.
8. The value and importance of community-based programs (trades, ESWK) and the need for appropriate funding of the same.

We also participated in the Wosk Centre for Dialogue Forum on Oct 31st and Nov. 1st in which 160 educators and students met to discuss Campus 2020. Arlene Herman and Kaarlene Lindsay participated on our behalf.

If you would like to provide input into the Campus 2020 deliberations, you may make a submission online - see [www.campus2020.bc.ca](http://www.campus2020.bc.ca) for information.

Closing date: Dec. 15, 2006.

### New Scholarship/Bursary Donations

#### The Northern Savings Credit Union

presented cheques to five NWCC students in October. These awards were initiated to assist students enrolled in Northwest Community College's (NWCC) Applied Coastal Ecology Program (ACE) and Culinary Arts Program (CA) further their education with the College.

2nd year ACE student Wade Kennedy and 1st year CA students Teresa Moore and Stolly Collision each received \$1,000 with 1st year ACE students Erin Dowd and Julia Daly receiving \$500 each.

Both programs were chosen by NSCU for their distinctive design and fit with the economic, social, environmental, and cultural needs of people and communities of the northwest region.

Our thanks to Ken Shaw for encouraging NSCU to consider NWCC!



(left to right): Penny Denton, Chair, NWCC Board of Governors; Ken Shaw, ACE Instructor; ACE students Erin Dowd, Julia Daly, Wade Kennedy; Mark Mastroianni, Assistant Manager, Prince Rupert Branch, Northern Savings Credit Union (NSCU).



(left to right): Tony Deviveiros, Manager, Terrace Branch, Northern Savings Credit Union (NSCU); Theresa Moore, CA student; Randy Chalifoux, CA Program Coordinator; Stolly Collision, CA student; Dave O'Leary, Dean of Instruction, NWCC