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WELCOME

Friends,

Welcome to an evening of celebration as we pay tribute to 11 outstanding members of the UVic alumni community.

This is the second annual Distinguished Alumni Awards night and it has quickly become one of the real highlights of Alumni Week.

I am so pleased that you have been able to join us as we put the spotlight on the special talents, expertise and accomplishments of this year’s award recipients. On behalf of the leadership of the UVic Alumni Association, it’s my honour to welcome each of you and to extend sincerest congratulations to each of our honorees.

Glenda Wyatt, BSc ’98
President, UVic Alumni Association

Our Emcee: Chancellor Murray Farmer, BA ’68

In 2009, Murray Farmer became the University of Victoria’s 10th chancellor. He enjoys a long association with the university, beginning from his days as a student when the Gordon Head campus was just being developed and classes were still held at the old Lansdowne campus of Victoria College. The UVic Alumni Association is honoured to welcome him as our emcee for this evening’s proceedings.
ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Welcoming remarks — Chancellor Murray Farmer, BA ’68

Greetings — David H. Turpin, CM, PhD, FRSC
    President and Vice-Chancellor
    Michael Burns, President
    Clearsite Investment Program from Wellington West

Distinguished Alumni Award Presentations by order of faculty or division:
    Peter B. Gustavson School of Business
    Division of Continuing Studies
    Faculty of Education
    Division of Medical Science
    Faculty of Engineering
    Faculty of Fine Arts
    Faculty of Human and Social Development
    Faculty of Humanities
    Faculty of Law
    Faculty of Science
    Faculty of Social Sciences

Closing remarks

Please join us for a post-awards reception!

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Peter B. Gustavson School of Business

Elton Pereira, BCom ’98
    Co-founder, ParetoLogic software

The president and CEO of Victoria-based security and utility software developer ParetoLogic, Elton Pereira has led the company’s growth — from inception to its current position as a global leader in computer security with 145 employees and annual revenues exceeding $88 million (2009).

He has been responsible for working with the executive team, defining and executing a growth strategy and creating a corporate culture based on creativity, innovation and a strong work ethic. Elton was the 2010 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year, adding to an impressive list of other awards and honours.

Division of Continuing Studies

Barbara Wilson Kii’iljus, Dipl ’99
    Cultural resource specialist

With her Diploma in Cultural Resource Management, and a life-long commitment to learning, Barbara Wilson Kii’iljus has worked for the Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve and Haida Heritage Site (Parks Canada Agency) since 1989. Through her writing and photography she strives to help her people find healing from past traumas by reawakening and regaining their identity.

“I think healing includes honouring all portions of our life-ways,” she says. “My intention is to earn a master’s and PhD in environmental education and communications, attend our language school in Skidegate and live life fully.”
Division of Medical Sciences

Robert (Bob) Young, Victoria College ‘48
Leading physician

During his 38-year career as a family physician in Victoria, Dr. Bob Young was a tireless member of the provincial medical community. He was an elected member of the BC Medical Association board for 20 years — when the BCMA was introducing and promoting seatbelt, bicycle helmet and infant car seat legislation. He edited the BCMA News for 20 years and wrote more than 1,100 weekly medical newspaper columns.

In 1988, Bob became the first recipient of the BCMA’s Dr. David M. Bachop Gold Medal, in recognition of his extraordinary contributions in medicine and community service.

Faculty of Education

Bronwyn Taylor, MEd ‘95
Educator

Bronwyn Taylor has, to quote a friend, “immersed herself in many aspects of her profession” and her resume attests to achievement and a dedication to community involvement. Special education was the constant theme of her 35-year teaching career, combined with an exemplary list of volunteer activities, including: athletics coach, workshop presenter, and professional advisor.

A former president of the Sooke Teachers Association, she also served on UVic dean of education search committees. Now retired, Bronwyn continues her volunteer work, most recently as president of the Lower Vancouver Island Retired Teachers.

Faculty of Engineering

Gerry Douglas, BSc ‘95
Founder, Baobab Health Trust

Gerry Douglas is the founder of Baobab Health Trust, a non-profit organization based in Malawi that is revolutionizing healthcare in lower-income countries. Baobab’s cutting-edge touch screen clinical workstation gives clinicians a robust, low-power, inexpensive clinical tool to reduce documentation errors and improve patient care, particularly those with HIV/AIDS.

Gerry is a professor of biomedical informatics at the University of Pittsburgh. He is also director of the Center for Health Informatics for the Underserved, established to meet the challenges of delivering healthcare in poorer settings through health informatics, within the U.S. and internationally.

Faculty of Fine Arts

Paul Beauchesne, BMus ‘88
Musician

Paul Beauchesne has been with the Victoria Symphony (principal tuba) since 2004. He is a founding member of the Beacon Hill Brass Quintet and serves on the faculty of the Victoria Conservatory of Music. He performed across Canada and the U.S. with the Calgary-based Foothill Brass Quintet and he has performed with the Boston Symphony, Tanglewood Music Center, and the Vancouver Symphony.

His first orchestral position was with the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra in Durban, South Africa. Paul has played on numerous recordings and is active as a clinician and adjudicator.
Faculty of Human and Social Development

Lynn Stevenson, PhD ‘03
Executive Vice-President and Chief Nurse,
Vancouver Island Health Authority

Lynn Stevenson is responsible for excellence in nursing and related disciplines within VIHA. She consistently demonstrates highly strategic thinking, the ability to deliver on commitments and she has a gift for engaging and inspiring employees and colleagues at all levels.

Before joining VIHA, Lynn was the chief nursing officer with the Fraser Health Authority. Her other past positions include chief nursing officer at the B.C. Cancer Agency, and a variety of senior health care positions in the former Capital Health Region and Greater Victoria Hospital Society. She holds adjunct assistant professorships at UVic and UBC.

Faculty of Humanities

Charlayne Thornton-Joe, BA ‘83
Community leader

Elected to Victoria city council in 2002, Charlayne Thornton-Joe has been chair of the steering committee for the Mayor’s Task Force on Homelessness and is currently a member of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness. In 2004, with Victoria Police Cst. Rick Anthony, she started the first Emergency Cold Weather Shelter (known as the Extreme Weather Protocol).

Charlayne has a “passion for serving people” and has been a board member with the Victoria Women’s Transition House, president of the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria, and with her husband Phil, co-chaired Vancouver Island’s 24-Hour Relay.

Faculty of Law

Sharon McIvor, LLB ‘86
Legal scholar and activist

Sharon McIvor is a member of the Lower Nicola Indian Band and is an Indigenous activist and academic. She is an instructor of Indigenous studies at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology in Merritt, and she writes and speaks on women’s rights in the context of Aboriginal self-government. Sharon has worked in areas related to prison reform, violence against women (including Aboriginal women), disability rights, Aboriginal rights and equality rights.

In McIvor v. Canada, she successfully challenged discriminatory provisions of the Indian Act, forcing the federal government to amend the act (the “McIvor” amendments).

Faculty of Science

Robert Young, BSc ’67
Pharmaceutical scientist

Dr. Robert Young’s career has focused on the design and synthesis of novel drugs for asthma, inflammation, osteoporosis and related diseases. He is noted for his part in the discovery of the asthma drug Singulair, as well as the antiliptic drug Tredaptive, and the anti-inflammatory drugs Arcoxia and Precicos. He spent most of his career with Merck Frosst Canada before joining SFU in 2006.

Robert is a member of the Order of Canada, fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada and president-elect and fellow of the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences.
Faculty of Social Sciences

Chris Fibiger, BSc '66
Neurological scientist

In 26 years at UBC’s division of neurological sciences, Dr. Chris Fibiger’s lab was the first to show that activation of dopamine-containing neurons is associated with the feeling of pleasure that sex, food, cocaine, and various other drugs can produce. The finding became the basis for new treatment for depression.

Prior to his retirement, he oversaw the product pipeline for Biovail Laboratories (now Valeant Pharmaceuticals). His other awards include a Killam Prize, the B.C. Science and Engineering Gold Medal in Health Sciences, and the Clark Institute Prize in Psychiatry.

Award Artist

Each Distinguished Alumni Award recipient will receive a unique silk-screen print created by fourth-year Visual Arts student Everett Wong. His award artwork depicts campus scenes, in different seasons, evoking the feel of traditional Japanese prints and our West Coast weather.

“This project began on the contemplation of what is to be at UVic,” he says. “Through meeting new people and enriching ourselves with different experiences, students embark on a journey that is cyclical and reflective as we grow into well-rounded individuals.”

“Cycle 2.1,” by Everett Wong

Congratulations
UVic Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients!

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Best Wishes to all of the Recipients!

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**EVENTS**

**Feb. 7**
- Campus Alumni Luncheon
- School of Child and Youth Care Alumni Reception
- Presentation: Ocean Gybe Expedition
- Open House/Tour: Division of Medical Sciences and Island Medical Program

**Feb. 8**
- School of Social Work Alumni Luncheon
- Alumni Week Pub Night
- Faculty of Business — Vancouver Alumni branch event

**Feb. 9**
- Distinguished Alumni Awards Night
- Indigenous Alumni Gathering

**Feb. 10**
- Open House/Tour: Division of Medical Sciences and Island Medical Program
- Teaching Awards Celebration
- Law Alumni Reception — Vancouver

**Feb. 11**
- UVic Bookstore Alumni Welcome
- Faculty of Education Alumni Week Celebration

**Feb. 12**
- Victoria College Alumni Chapter: Lunch-and-Learn event

**Feb. 13**
- Grand Prize Draw

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