‘Tis the Season for Giving

A class of 23 collects 200 pairs of socks for Our Place

The undergraduate class of ED-D 420 (A02) collected 200 pairs of socks for Our Place in friendly competition with the UVic Psychology department. While the EPLS department collected 400 pairs of socks, our single class of 23 collected 200 pairs (with additional hygiene products); that's 8-9 pairs per student!! That is a lot of dry, clean, warm feet on the street this winter. If you see any of these 23 students in the halls, please congratulate them on a job well done.

~Submitted by Stacey Voll
Cycle-Paths Racing for The United Way!

On October 28th the “Cycle-Paths” competed in the 7th Annual Plasma Car Race in support of the United Way. The coveted hubcap trophy was up for grabs against challengers from across campus including the reigning champs “The Fighting Mongoose”. This event was originally created by our very own team leader “Long Gone” John who year after year leaves challengers in his dust. The remaining team members consisted of “Speedy” Stacey, “Hot Rod” Todd and “Soarin’” Lauren.

For those who did not get the chance to see our team practicing outside the EPLS main office in October, a Plasma car is a miniature vehicle designed without gears, pedals or batteries. All you do to move forward is harness your steering talent and racing expertise. Although typically designed for children aged 3-5, our team was able to master the take off, turns and speed.

While our team spent weeks mentally and physically preparing for the event, we were able to raise hundreds of dollars for this important cause. A special thanks to those who donated to our team. This year the overall event raised $4,808 for the United Way.

Even though we were unable to capture the trophy this year, due to some questionable racing etiquette of our competitors, we were happy to be part of the event and look forward to a re-match next year. For more information on the race, check out: http://www.uvic.ca/unitedway/events/plasmacar.

~Submitted by “Soarin’” Lauren
'Tis the Season to be Jolly

Join me to congratulate our upcoming EPLS graduates

**Kelly McManus**- MA Educational Psychology (Learning & Development)
**Thesis:** “PREP, TALK, and CHECK: Dictation, Composition and Revision Strategies to Improve the Writing Skills of Postsecondary Students with Learning Disabilities.

**Lauren Goegan**- MA Educational Psychology (Special Education)
**Thesis:** The Effects of Extended Time on the Writing of Students with Learning Disabilities: Maximum Potential or Differential Boost?

**Kathryn Butler**- MA Counselling Psychology
**Thesis:** Exploring the Impacts of Intimate Partner Violence on Emerging Adult Women’s Sense of Self: A Qualitative Case Study.

**Lucinda Brown**- PhD Educational Psychology (Learning & Development)
**Dissertation:** I Kissed a Girl: Do Women Feel Pressured to Engage in Public Same-Sex Sexual Behaviour?

**Helena Hodgins**- MA Educational Psychology (Special Education)
**Thesis:** The Efficacy of the Talking Tables Program in the Development of Phonological Awareness in Kindergarten Children At Risk for Reading Difficulties.

**Jessica Spurling**- MA Educational Psychology (Special Education)
**Thesis:** Evaluating Lexical Quality in Writing in First and Second Language Learners.

**Catherine Bealuac**- MA Counselling Psychology
**Project:** C.H.I.L.L. (Calming, Helping, Inclusion, Learning, Letting go): A School-Based Program Helping Youth Cope with Worry.

**Bushra Mohammed Alqudayri**- MEd Leadership Studies
**Project:** The Impact of Studying Abroad: Graduate Female Saudi Students in Canadian Universities.

**Xiwen Wang**- MEd Leadership Studies
**Project:** An Exploration of the learning and education practices of UVic International Graduate Students in Education Faculty Preparing Themselves to Live and Work in Canada.
Abstracts are now being accepted for the

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JANUARY 21st, 2015