The Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education (STLHE) and Desire2Learn are pleased to announce five outstanding post-secondary educators who have been named winners of the 2014 Desire2Learn Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning. The Desire2Learn Innovation Award celebrates innovative teaching and learning approaches in post-secondary education, both nationally and internationally. UVic’s Dr. Brent Mainprize, Teaching Professor with the Peter B. Gustavson School of Business, was one of the five.

Mixing teaching, research and entrepreneurship, Professor Brent Mainprize has created highly effective learning opportunities for students. His approaches, including his Venture Intelligence Quotient (VIQ) teaching system, and his curricular innovations, like the 3C Challenge and 7S (Seven Steps) of Entrepreneurship, showcase his leadership, passion and creativity.

His VIQ teaching system has been used in Canada, Australia and Italy and was translated into Danish and Mandarin for use in universities in Denmark and China.

A key part of Prof. Mainprize’s innovative approaches is the development of enduring partnerships and shared ownership of teaching and learning, which is showcased in his extensive work with local Aboriginal communities.