2010 President’s Distinguished Service Awards

2010 Recipient for the Excellence in Leadership Award
Martin Segger

Walk into any building or through any public space on the UVic campus, and chances are you will pass a piece of the legacy of Martin Segger’s three-decade-long career. Over 7,000 works of art from the university collection now enhance the UVic campus. These are part of the 27,000-object collection that Martin acquired and nurtured over his many years as director and curator of the Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery, now the University of Victoria Art Collections.

Martin oversaw the 2007 opening of the Legacy Gallery, UVic's gallery, teaching and meeting space in downtown Victoria. He established and developed the groundbreaking Cultural Resource Management program in Continuing Studies, and served as UVic's first Director of Government and Community Relations. Until his retirement in December 2010, he mentored students through his roles at the Maltwood and the University Centre Farquhar Auditorium and as an adjunct professor in the department of History in Art.

Over Martin’s 37 years at UVic, his steady leadership grew to include national and international communities, organizations and cultural approaches that have rendered him and UVic as recognized leaders on community-university collaborations, cultural resource management and heritage initiatives,” said Valerie Kuehne, Vice-President External Relations. “He has, sometimes single-handedly, ensured that UVic's art collection and related cultural commitments remain a priority for generations of administrators.

Beyond the campus, Martin's resume of community involvement is exhaustive. An authority in the museum and heritage fields, he is Past President of the International Council of Museums, and a fellow of the Canadian Museums Association and Royal Society of Arts. He served on Victoria City Council from 1988 to 1993, and has participated on countless local, national and international committees and boards, including the Provincial Capital Commission, Victoria Harbour Authority, BC Heritage Trust, Heritage Canada Foundation, City of Victoria Heritage Advisory Committee and Commonwealth Association of Museums.