2011 President’s Distinguished Service Awards

2011 Recipient for the First Five Years – Outstanding Contribution

Leah Stone – Enrolment Services

Leah Stone knows how to create transformative student experiences. The key ingredient is team spirit, and Leah’s got it in spades.

As a UVic undergrad and a member of the women’s varsity rowing team, she pulled with her team to row the Thames while the Queen of England looked on. Now, as a manager in Enrolment Services, Leah not only shows prospective students how they can explore their goals and ambitions, but also keeps her own team inspired.

In her first five years at UVic, Leah has been described as an effective leader with an incredible vision, a proactive style and an unflappable commitment to a service focus. According to Lori Nolt, Director, Student Awards and Financial Aid, “Leah has established a campus-wide reputation as a creative and innovative professional and has made an enormous contribution to improving service delivery.”

Leah’s accomplishments include increasing enrolment through personalized and service-focused outreach; instigating improved collaboration among UVic partners for unified service; leading campus-wide professional development in student recruitment; and representing a unified UVic voice as an executive member and planner with Post-Secondary Institutions of BC (PSIBC) and as the BC Coordinator for Canadian University Events (CUE).

As a proficient manager, Leah provides a work environment that is safe, supportive and inclusive, developing and retaining staff by recognizing that people are any institution’s primary strength.

“Leah is the kind of leader who creates a culture of trust, consistency and collaboration in our institution,” says Kathryn MacLeod, Director, Residence Services.