Jennifer Davison is an electricity analyst with the Ministry of Energy and Mines in Victoria and has been working with the Government of British Columbia since 2001. An interest in British Columbia’s resource industries and their impact on economic development in the Province led her to pursue economics at the University of Victoria and complete both a Bachelor’s and a Master’s Degree. Jennifer established the Davison Graduate Bursary in Economics to encourage other young women to pursue a career in economics.

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Jennifer’s volunteer efforts led to the formation of the successful Economics Alumni Network. The Network is focused on keeping alumni in touch with both the university and each other, as well as supporting the Social Sciences Co-op programs with networking and mentoring activities. Under her leadership, the Network established the Economics Alumni Scholarship Economics which provides financial support for Graduate students in the Department of Economics.

Her ongoing commitment resulted in Jennifer being honoured as one of the 50 Alumni Who Made a Difference at the University of Victoria’s 50th Anniversary in 2013.