Timeless Lessons of Generosity

Born in the war-torn capital of Chungking, China, Dr. Betty Jamie Chung’s initial years were difficult ones. Many of those early days were spent trapped in bomb shelters where resources were scarce.

Betty recalled her mother telling of a “lady that gave us water when we desperately needed it; water that her own children were probably deprived of because of us.” As her mother later explained, “How can we not help people now? It is our turn.”

Later in life, Betty wanted to pass along these examples through her book *Life Recipes from My Mother: Timeless Lessons for Living a Contented Life*. As Betty notes, “These lessons are about basic human values, many of which have been forgotten or simply ignored in our fast-paced lives.” One of those life lessons was that “giving and helping others is the best policy.”

In March 2017, UVic received a gift through Betty’s estate to establish awards in both Anthropology and Psychology. These scholarships are a testament to the person Betty was and her strong belief in the power of education and in the changes it can make.

Over the last four years, 33 students have been supported through Betty’s generosity - one of these students is Antonella Feeny.

Antonella is a first-generation Canadian who chose UVic because of its world-class facilities, diverse student body and strong emphasis on innovative research that enables her to receive the formal training needed to pursue a meaningful career as a clinical psychologist.

“Receiving this scholarship has opened so many opportunities to pursue research positions, work studies and internships, enabling me to achieve my future goals,” writes Antonella.

While at UVic, Antonella has also been volunteering with the Global Community as a communication partner. She notes that “Like Betty, I too was raised in the belief of service through helping others and this has greatly enriched my own personal development. My goal is to pass along those very same values to the next generation.”

Just like Betty did.
The Gifting of Shares to the University of Victoria

Did you know? If you own publicly traded securities (that have increased in value) and you donate them in-kind to UVic, you’ll realize even more tax savings than you would with a cash gift.

To find out more, contact the Planned Giving office at UVic.

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Marion Buller named as next UVic Chancellor

The Honourable Marion Buller — an Indigenous legal scholar and former chief commissioner — has been named as the University of Victoria’s 12th chancellor.

She is a member of the Mistawasis Nêhiyawak, a Cree First Nation, and a long-time advocate for Indigenous issues and rights. Judge Buller was the first Indigenous woman appointed as a judge in British Columbia and later created and presided over the First Nations Courts of B.C. — now known as Indigenous Courts.

Judge Buller, an alumna and Distinguished award recipient of UVic, notes “As a leader I’ve strived to use my privilege and position to address systemic barriers and advance society. This is an incredible opportunity that I’m honoured to be given and I can’t wait to get started.”

T. S. McPherson Legacy Society Luncheon — Save the Date!

The annual, in person, luncheon is back! This event is an opportunity for the university to honour and thank individuals whose legacy intentions will support future generations of UVic students, research and capital projects.

This year’s luncheon will be hosted by Dr. Kevin Hall, UVic President and Vice-Chancellor.

Date: Friday, March 18, 2022
Time: 11:30am — 1:30pm
Location: University Club

We wish you the Happiest of Holidays and all the best in 2022. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming legacy society appreciation luncheon.

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