



University
of Victoria

2014 President's Distinguished Service Awards

Arthur Makosinski
**Department of Mechanical
Engineering**

**2014 Recipient for the
Excellence in Service Award**



Arthur is the Laboratory Manager in Mechanical Engineering, and is one of the founding members of that department with over 20 years of service. He supports the daily operation of all teaching and research labs, generates and maintains the course schedules, leads the technical support staff, and much more.

But his contributions go well beyond the daily job requirements. Art is committed to the excellence of the learning and teaching environment, and to the experience, and safety, of the students in his labs. He is a problem solver who designs and fabricates custom lab equipment that has saved a great deal of money and helped develop our highly-regarded mechanical engineering department.

Art is seen as the “wise council” of the department, who gives his time and expertise willingly to anyone who seeks it. He has demonstrated his exceptional dedication through an extraordinary breadth of activities, working extra hours and on weekends if necessary, to keep things running smoothly.

I'll paraphrase from one of the letters of recommendation that came with Arthur's nomination. Dr Rustom Bhiladvala wrote the following:

“This self-effacing person makes light of his own contributions and achievements and would likely sidestep the question ‘Who *Art* thou?’ The Department of Mechanical Engineering would answer it with:

- The **Art of Electronics**, who lends his knowledge and skills to find solutions to knotty problems.
- The **Art of Repair at Very Short Notice**, helping the labs through equipment crises.
- And the **Art of Keeping Things Running**, through impossible space, time and equipment constraints.”