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A LETTER FROM EMMA LEWIS

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the support that the University of Victoria and the Kerr family has provided me through the James and Phillippa Kerr Scholarship. I am very appreciative to have been selected for this award.

After completing my master's degree in Occupational Therapy at McGill University, I have been working for the past five years in rehabilitation for persons with physical disabilities. Currently practicing phase three rehabilitation, I focus on clients' social participation and functioning in the community.

Now in my second year of the Master's of Public Health and Social Policy, learning online, I am gaining the skills and knowledge to improve the circumstances of persons with disabilities, their caregivers, and social networks, through changes in social policy.

This scholarship has meant a lot to me as it has reduced the financial burden of my studies while I work part-time as an occupational therapist. Thank you once again for the generous support in attaining my educational and career goals.



James and Phillipa Kerr Scholarship PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL POLICY, NURSING

Passionate about the value of public health nursing, James and Phillipa Kerr wanted future UVic Nursing students to serve their communities with advanced clinical care.

The Kerrs were educated on three continents, travelled the world, and had fascinating,

diverse careers. When it came to leaving a legacy, they heeded the call that first drew them together.

Jim was an Englishman who served the army in India and Burma during WWII. He qualified as a psychiatric nurse before immigrating to

Canada. Phillipa was born and educated in New Zealand, lived in England for seven years, then moved to Canada. She was a qualified maternity nurse and midwife.

They met on the job in northern Saskatchewan working with First Nations as public health nurses. The Kerrs worked in every Canadian province between Quebec and BC; upgrading their education as they moved west. Phillipa eventually taught nursing and then held senior management roles in the BC Ministry of Health. Jim used his psychiatric training and hospital administration experience to support his latter careers with BC Health and Corrections Canada.

Through it all, their support and appreciation of the work done by public health nurses never wavered. After Jim's death, Phillipa established the James and Phillipa Kerr Scholarships at the University of Victoria, then left a generous gift of life insurance to support the Kerr Scholarships forever after she passed.



Mischa Weisz Foundation

YOUTH IN CARE COST OF LIVING BURSARY

This foundation embraces two principles: that youth are our future and we should invest in them deeply to make the world a better place; and while people may struggle in some way, all of us have potential.

Guido Weisz, who now runs the foundation after his brother Mischa passed away from pancreatic cancer, discovered even the basic costs of living could be a deal-breaker for students who had no other financial supports. He created an endowed bursary in his brother's name to support living

costs for students from government care—the **Mischa Weisz Foundation Youth in Care Cost of Living Bursary**—marking the first time the foundation has entered into a long-term relationship with an organization.

Other generous gifts have followed, including an endowed fund that will always be there for youth who have aged out of foster care. In fact, just last month an anonymous donor pledged \$10,000 per year for five years exclusively toward this bursary.



"This award has impacted my life in such a positive way. I am the first in my family to attend post-secondary school, so this award has helped me be a positive role model for my younger siblings. I hope it motivates them to follow in my footsteps and pursue post-secondary education themselves.

This award isn't just money to help me get an education, it's a life-changing gift that allows me to fulfill my dreams and encourage my younger siblings to do the same. I will forever be thankful for this opportunity, and am beyond grateful for your part in helping me achieve this.

Thank you endlessly for allowing others to do the same."

Cheyenne Seaman

Hazel Morris and Thomas Shoyama Scholarship

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Thomas Shoyama MPA Student Leadership and Achievement Award was established by a generous donation from Hazel Morris to honour the life work of her beloved friend, Dr. Thomas K. Shoyama, O.C.

A former faculty member of UVic's School of Public Administration, Thomas devoted his life to public service. He was Canada's deputy minister of finance and special advisor to the Privy Council. He held the Order of Canada, the Order of the

Sacred Treasure from the Government of Japan, a 1999 honorary degree from UVic, and a 2004 honorary degree from the University of Regina.

Born in Kamloops and the son of a shop owner, Thomas graduated from UBC in 1939 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Rejected for training as a chartered accountant, he went to work as a reporter for *The New Canadian*, the only Japanese-Canadian newspaper in the country, becoming editor in 1940. Allowed to continue publishing after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Thomas was forced to move the offices of the eight-page weekly from Vancouver to Kaslo in 1942. He continued to edit the newspaper until 1945, when he was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Canadian Army's intelligence corps.

Upon leaving the military in 1946, Thomas went to work in the Saskatchewan public service, where he was one of the architects of the provincial medicare system. He moved to Ottawa with Tommy Douglas who later won the leadership of the New Democratic Party, but was enticed into the federal public service by Pierre Trudeau. Thomas eventually became deputy minister of finance, and went on to serve as an executive leader for other major organizations.

Upon his retirement from public service, Thomas moved to Victoria and taught public policy development at UVic. He passed away in December 2006 at the age of 90.



"I am a recipient of this scholarship and am very thankful. I'm currently working for The Office of the Taxpayers' Ombudsman in Ottawa, Ontario; an arm's length organization of The Canada Revenue Agency. I'm interested in contemporary legal issues and think a career in privacy law or information law will be fascinating.

Thank you again for sponsoring this amazing award. I feel privileged to have received it and I am inspired to further pursue my goals, and hopefully will make an impact on others in the process. As a student with lots of school debt, I appreciate this financial donation extremely."

Magdalena Trzuskot





Sharron Higgins (left) with Alice Sims, then president of the Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association.

Sharron Higgins Scholarship

NURSING

This scholarship is awarded to an academically outstanding undergraduate student entering their third year in the School of Nursing intending to complete their fourth year consecutively, and who is also a parent. Preference will be given to a student who is planning to practice in the field of Public Health Nursing. Nominations are put forward by the School of Nursing.

Sharron Higgins, BScN 1982 (Nursing) received the Public Health Association of BC's 60th anniversary award for her significant contributions to public health practice. She is a pioneer in promoting healthy living in schools, working with several school districts in the Capital Region and the province "to foster comprehensive school health within a health promotion paradigm."



"I am honoured to be the recipient of such an admirable award that acknowledges the strength it takes to be a parent while attending nursing school. Your generous financial support is a wonderful gift that enables me to continue my studies and ease the expense that my husband and two children bear with me."

Jacqui Bohmer, School of Nursing

Darlene Scott Memorial Scholarship

CHILD AND YOUTH CARE

Created by Dr. Daniel Scott, recently retired professor with the School of Child and Youth Care, in memory of his mother, Darlene Scott (nee Ingham), this scholarship's preferred recipient would be a woman returning to study after years of work and/or raising a family. It is Darlene Scott's example that inspires this award.

In the late 1930s, Darlene began her studies as a nursing student but was unable to complete them because of an allergic reaction to the black stockings required for nursing students. She never gave up her dream of education and, so, in her late forties began taking university courses through extension at York University, Glendon College.

Darlene had raised four children and was the founder and leader of a network of women's study groups through her church when she died from cancer at 54. All her children became university graduates. Two of her sons have followed her example and returned to school later in life both completing PhDs. Darlene's daughter is an acclaimed writer and university faculty member.



"Growing up with a disabled brother fueled my passion for working with those who have disability issues. The School of Child and Youth Care offers an immediate sense of community and commitment to supporting students. Your gracious gift supports that. Your kindness is truly appreciated. Thank you."

Heather Chase, School of Child and Youth Care



Anna Allen Scholarship

SOCIAL WORK

Anna Allen was born and raised in Victoria. "Bunty" to friends, she attended Victoria College at Craigdarroch Castle from 1943 to 1945—then the forerunner to UVic—and received a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Social Work, and, later from UBC, a Master's of Social Work.

Anna was a Program Director and consultant for the Child Welfare Division of the Child-in-Care Program from 1961 to 1968. Previously, as a social worker in both Victoria and the Okanagan, this experience helped her recognize the need for clear policies as well as inclusion of families, children, social workers and related professionals in all aspects of the Province's care programs.

While at Child Welfare in Victoria, Anna served the Superintendent of Child Welfare to administer the province-wide program for some 10,000 wards and non-wards and three Children's Aid Societies. She also organized and co-chaired the first of two Foster Parent Conferences in B.C. and the first Youth Conference to promote dialogue between foster parents, adolescent children-in-care and social workers. This led to the establishment of the provincial Foster Parent Association. She also developed a Group Home Program in BC along with new, relevant policies.

Anna established the first receiving home on the Hazelton Reserve—and the first program of its kind in B.C. based on settlement land—to encourage improved child care.

Her scholarship fund is awarded to outstanding Social Work graduates with an interest in child welfare.

Alysha Brown, MSW, was a grateful recipient of the Anna Allen Scholarship and remains good friends with Anna today. Alysha now works as a Guardianship Social Worker with Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services in Victoria. There, she serves as a legal guardian to urban Aboriginal children in care and strives to find permanent homes and, when possible, return children to their original families.

"I have returned two children so far, one to an aunt and one to a grandma," said Alysha. "I also brought two youth siblings back to their home territory in Northern Saskatchewan which was an amazing experience. These teens got to meet grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins which was so profound to witness."

"The lack of connection to family and community has such a significant impact on our young people," she said. "That's why we work diligently to ensure connections for future generations of children in care."

David and Mary Norton Fellowship

INDIGENOUS GOVERNANCE

David and Mary Norton had been members of the academic community for years, in Canada, the United States, Europe and Australia. Prof. Norton taught at the University of California and McGill University, and as an Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at the University of Victoria. He also held research appointments at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, and in similar institutes at the University of Edinburgh and the Australian National University.

Mary Norton was a teacher, librarian, and editor. She joined with David in his scholarly work on the well-known

Scottish philosopher, David Hume. Both worked as editors with Oxford University Press.

Their experience and, in particular, their work with graduate students resulted in a shared desire to help qualified Indigenous students pursue graduate studies without the distractions of employment.

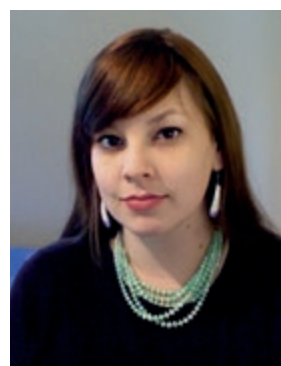
David died in 2014 but Mary is alive and well and still giving generously while running the library at Somerset House here in Victoria.

In 2009, David and Mary donated five pieces of Indigenous art to the First Peoples House in hopes of encouraging others to also give back to the university. Their donations included:

- "Our Beginnings": U009.2.1, Art Thompson, Screen print, 50/133, 1999
- "Change of Season": U009.2.2, Manuel Salazar, Screen print, 146/160
- "Twin Humans": U009.2.3, Art Thompson, Screen print
- "Berry Picker in the Moon": U009.2.4, Kevin Neel Ryland, Haida artist, Screen print
- "Owl": U009.2.5, Mark Henderson, Kwakwilt artist, Screen print



Our Beginnings – Art Thompson



"I will be the first in my family to attain a graduate degree, and my mother and grandmother are looking forward to being present when I defend my thesis. I thank you for providing me with the opportunity of alleviating costs so I can focus on the importance of my education. Chi Miigwech! (Thank you greatly.)

Eva Jewell, Indigenous Governance Program

Eva is Anishinaabekwe from Chippewas of the Thames First Nation in Ontario.



Denis and Pat Protti Scholarship

HEALTH INFORMATION SCIENCE

This award was created by colleagues in honour of the Protti's dedication to the field of health informatics. When this UVic health information science professor announced he was stepping down as chair and founder of Partners in Productivity—a highly respected forum for professionals in the health care delivery sector—Protti received more than the standard farewell.

His colleagues raised over \$100,000 to establish the Denis and Pat Protti endowment fund for health information science. After a three-month fundraising blitz, contributions poured in.

The Protti Scholarship now has endowments that support between eight-and-ten students each year!

"I am pursuing my master's in health informatics via the distributed stream while completing my Fellowship training in Endocrinology in Calgary. I also have the great fortune of being a new mom to a beautiful baby girl. The support of this award for me and my family could not have been more opportune. Many thanks!"



*Karmon Helmle,
School of Health Information Science*

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