

2024 Fall
Student
Awards

December 6, 2024



VCC

Vancouver Community College Fall Awards Ceremonies

Friday, December 6, 2024

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Ceremony: Awards Presentation

Morning Ceremony – 9:30 a.m.

Centre for Continuing Studies

School of Hospitality, Food Studies, and Applied Business

School of Health Sciences

Afternoon Ceremony – 1:30 p.m.

Division of Library, Teaching and Learning Services

School of Trades, Technology and Design

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Welcome

Thanking the Host Nations

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Centre for Continuing Studies

British Columbia Paralegal Association Scholarship

The British Columbia Paralegal Association is pleased to offer a scholarship to an outstanding student in the Paralegal Certificate program who is a member of the BC Paralegal Association.

Awarded to:

Aisha Qazi

Chan Kent Foundation Award

Charles Chan Kent was born in Victoria B.C. in 1894. He was the eldest of 12 children and quickly understood the value in hard work and dedication. In 1910, he opened his first tailoring shop in Victoria. This was followed by a second store in Courtenay, B.C. He grew that business and others. In 1970, he purchased the land/buildings of what became Aero Garment Limited. Over the years, this clothing manufacturing business would go on to be one of the largest of its kind in Western Canada.

Awarded to:

Saffron Thomas

Coinamatic Building Manager Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a high-potential student in the Building Manager program at VCC.

Awarded to:

Sunnilee Davey

HSBC Bank Canada Aboriginal Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to an Indigenous student at VCC. The scholarship recipients have demonstrated a positive attitude, commitment to their studies, and keen desire to play a leadership role within their chosen industry.

Awarded to:

Sonja Marie Ledoux

Hudson Fashion Scholarship

This award is for the student in the Fashion Design and Production diploma who has attained the highest academic achievement at the end of the third term.

Awarded to:

Heather Cameron

Kwantenat (Chief Lois Guss) Award

The Kwantenat Chief Lois Guss Award was established in memory of the first female hereditary Chief from the Squamish Nation who was an elected Council member and worked in the Squamish Nation Education Department for many years. She was instrumental in establishing the curriculum and pedagogy for the Skwxw7mesh Snichim (Squamish Language) program in the North Vancouver School District. We honour her memory and acknowledge her descendants.

Awarded to:

Saffron Thomas

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in any program at VCC on the basis of academic achievement.

Awarded to:

Bahare Karami

Susan Perkuhn Textile and Design Award

This award was established to commemorate, sister, friend, and talented artisan, Susan Perkuhn, who passed away in 2020. Susan was born and raised in Pickering, Ontario and graduated from Carleton University. She pursued her first career working in technology in Ottawa and Toronto. Eventually she moved to Vancouver where she founded and passionately nurtured “ratatouille designs”, the textile company she operated from her North Vancouver studio for 10 years. This award recognizes a Fashion Design and Production student who shares Susan’s passion for fine textiles and design. The recipient possesses an entrepreneurial spirit and finds joy in crafting wearable pieces made with quality fabrics and loving care.

Awarded to:

Pui Yee Lui

School of Hospitality, Food Studies, and Applied Business

Amica Mature Lifestyles Scholarship

Amica Mature Lifestyles Residences established this award for students in the Culinary Arts or Hospitality Management program. The Culinary Arts recipient demonstrates positive interactions with clientele, adaptability to feedback, and flexibility and creativity in creating dishes and menus. The Hospitality Management recipient excels in service, demonstrates patience and sensitivity when dealing with colleagues and clients, and shows an ability to anticipate the needs of clients.

Awarded to:

Ricky Panopio

Anthony Dell’Orto Memorial Award

This award is given in memory of Anthony Dell’Orto, who was a dedicated and empathetic instructor in the VCC Culinary Arts program and a true natural leader as demonstrated in more than 25 years of success in the food industry. The award recognizes an ethical, sincere, kind, and hard-working student who displays a passion for food and for life and who has met life’s challenges head-on.

Awarded to:

Suwen Xi

BakeMark Ingredients (Canada) Award

In 1986, Kirkland & Rose, now BakeMark, established a fund with the VCC Foundation to provide this award for students in the Baking and Pastry Arts program to honour their academic achievements.

Awarded to:

Darareasey Dul

Bruna Giacomazzi Changemaker Award

Bruna Giacomazzi began her career with a Commerce program at Vancouver Community College, and returned to help establish our Foundation. Brunna also founded our alumni association and has led numerous fundraising activities which seeded the endowment that fuels our current awards' and bursary programs. In the spirit of Brunna's creativity, amazing work ethic and leadership skill, this award was founded to recognize a student who does well in their studies, but also understands what it takes to be successful. Through their interaction with classmates and instructors, it is clear that this student is a strong communicator who will break down barriers and become a leader in whatever field they choose to work in. Their strength; tenacity; ability to take action, read and work well with others exemplifies their potential to lead and manage others.

Awarded to:

Tania Puimen Hung

Bruno Marti Culinary Scholarship

This award, initiated by the Vancouver Bailliage of La Chaine des Rotisseurs and honouring professional excellence, was created in 2012 to honour Chef Bruno Marti's retirement, following 30 years as Chef and Owner of La Belle Auberge in Ladner. This restaurant was consistently ranked one of the Lower Mainland's finest restaurants and was a mainstay for young VCC chefs developing their skills. The award is offered to a student in Culinary Arts who is passionate about the program, inspires others in class, exhibits ongoing improvement in the program, and has excellent attendance.

Awarded to:

Pui Yan Hui

Cacao Barry Merit Award

This award recognizes VCC students who demonstrate high academic standing and community leadership.

Awarded to:

Piper Ross

Coast Capital Trades Awards

This award is awarded to domestic students who are registered full time in one of VCC's six Red Seal trades programs. The students must be in their final term of their Foundations program and demonstrated progressive growth in their academic standing or strong academic standing or strong financial need. Preference given to students from underrepresented populations.

Awarded to:

Brandon Brueckert

Sarah Taylor

Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Award

Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs is a international gastronomic society founded in 1950. It is dedicated to fine cuisine and promoting and developing gastronomic values while at the same time widening its focus to table art. They offer these awards to deserving students in the Culinary Arts program.

Awarded to:

Alejandra Cardenas Covarrubias

Keisha Lyde

Darlene Luscombe Memorial Award

This award was established by Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP (Blakes) to honour the memory of Darlene Luscombe, a hard-working and valuable employee. This award is offered to an outstanding student in the Legal Administrative Assistant program.

Awarded to:

Ming Yi Debbie Li

Dr. Gerald Korn Scholarship for Culinary Excellence

When Dr. Gerald Korn completed his term as Bailli of the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the world's most prestigious gastronomic international society, that venerable company of connoisseurs honoured him by establishing this award in his name. It is presented to the top student in the Culinary Arts program.

Awarded to:

Amadeus Cameron

Heather Angel/Trumps Fine Food Merchants & Wholesalers Award

Awarded to a hardworking and entrepreneurial Baking or Culinary student who demonstrates dedication and skill towards their craft, while showing compassion to classmates and others. Heather put herself through university and culinary school and worked internationally before returning to Vancouver to found Trumps Fine Food Merchants & Wholesalers. This award recognizes students who juggle work and school, “go the extra mile”, and follow their own paths. Ideally, the recipients intend to give back once they have established their own career or business.

Awarded to:

Hye Min Kang

Xiyan Li

Hotel Association of Vancouver Emerging Leader Award

Serving as the collective voice of hotels within the City of Vancouver, the Hotel Association of Vancouver (HAV) represents the interests of these businesses on a local, provincial, and national level. Through collaborative activity and an engaged membership, HAV’s goal is to collectively address the wants and needs of Vancouver hotels. As part of our commitment to give back to the community and promote leaders of tomorrow – HAV recognizes an outstanding VCC Hospitality student every Fall.

Awarded to:

Virginia Rodriguez Verdin Galeazzi

Irene June Wealick Memorial Award

This award is in the memo of David Kirk’s late mother, Irene June Wealick. She was a loving mother of three who passed away at a very young age. She was from the Ch’iyáqtel First Nation. David has spent the better part of his career supporting Indigenous learners in their educational journey.

Awarded to:

Tiara Sumner

Jack Jung Scholarship

The Jack Jung Scholarship Endowment was established by the Jung family in 1999 to honour the memory of Jack Jung. Jack and his wife, Yvonne, owned the Rickshaw Restaurants and the Tropic Isle Restaurants in Surrey.

Awarded to:

Mikele Buckley

Jennifer Prosser Wade Scholarship

These scholarships honour post-secondary students who have overcome major life challenges to pursue their academic goals. The scholarships are made possible by Dr. Jennifer Wade, a human rights and community activist and long-time supporter of VCC.

Awarded to:

Hannah Malcolm

John Aisenstat Memorial Scholarship

Hy's Steakhouse Canada established this award to commemorate John Aisenstat, owner and vice president. John's father, Hy Aisenstat opened the first Hy's restaurant in Calgary in 1955; by 1960 the family had expanded to Vancouver. Hy's was an intrinsic part of John's youth, and he loved to welcome friends and guests to the restaurant. After John's death in 2018, friends and colleagues came together to create a legacy to honour John's love of hospitality, passion for business and politics, and tremendous sense of humour.

Awarded to:

Arpit Bhardwaj

Ken Cretney Scholarship

As an alumnus of VCC's Bachelor of Hospitality Management program, Ken appreciates the tenacity and dedication required to continue working while attending school. This award recipient studies hospitality management at VCC, works outside of school, achieves good grades, and maintains positive relationships with classmates and instructors.

Awarded to:

Daniel Rajs

Mueller Family Culinary Arts Award

This award both commemorates Ernst Mueller, a Kitimat pioneer, and celebrates the culinary connection long cultivated by Ernie's wife Agathe, a long-time pastry chef and Katherine (Ernie's granddaughter) a chef combining food science and nutrition into her passion for cooking. The Mueller's enjoy planning, preparing, and sharing creative family meals.

This award is presented to a student who is a hard worker, committed to overcoming challenges, and passionate about food. The recipient also embodies Ernie's good nature – always happy to share a good story or a meal.

Awarded to:

Virgo III Villacorta

Partners in Tourism Scholarship

Partners in Tourism is a group of passionate and forward-thinking tourism professionals who have identified the importance of giving back to the tourism and hospitality industry as well as the local community. Partners in Tourism was created to foster future generations of tourism and hospitality industry professionals.

Awarded to:

Alyf Somera

Pathfinder Hospitality Management Award

Beatric Antica has over 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry, currently working as an instructor at VCC. Her passion for the industry, desire to give back to the community, and reward bright talent are the central scopes of her professional endeavours.

Awarded to:

Brenda Itzel Ortiz Sanchez

Real Estate Foundation of BC Scholarship

The Real Estate Foundation of BC funds organizations and individuals doing work in land use/real estate. They are pleased to offer scholarships to students enrolled in the Building Manager program and/or the Legal Administrative Assistant program, specializing in conveyancing.

Awarded to:

Rongrong Wang

Robert G. Cooper Scholarship

When Robert Cooper retired as President of Kirkland & Rose, his family, friends, colleagues, and many business associates decided on a very special gift: a scholarship in his name to be awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the field of baking and pastry arts and in community service.

Awarded to:

Kate Remigio

Ron and Carole Martens Scholarship

These awards were established by ABC Restaurants to honour Ron and Carole Martens and their 21-year contribution to the restaurant industry. Scholarships are awarded to students in the Hospitality Management program based on academic achievement, industry experience, and service to the department.

Awarded to:

Thi Thuy Tram Pham

Santiago Cuyugan Award of Excellence

The donor wishes to recognize a student who demonstrates dedication, a passion for cooking, and an openness to diverse culinary styles and influences. The student possesses strong communication skills, an eagerness to learn, and be a prepared and anticipatory learner.

Awarded to:

Brenda Alexandra Bermudez Cardona

Snow Cap Enterprises Scholarship

Snow Cap is a leading supplier and distributor of fine baking, pastry, and food service ingredients in B.C. and parts of Alberta. This award recognizes a student who excelled in the Baking and Pastry Arts Apprenticeship program.

Awarded to:

Totie Li

Stephen Darling Hospitality Management Award

In celebration of his 50th birthday and in appreciation of the rewards that the hospitality industry has given him, Stephen established this award to support students training for the hospitality and tourism industry. Preference is given to those who have demonstrated determination to make a fresh start, overcome personal challenges, and show commitment to making a difference in their own lives and those of others.

Awarded to:

Miguel Hermosillo Mendez

Suhyon Kim

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship

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Awarded to:

Wai Shing Wong

Tayybeh Award

Tayybeh is a unique social enterprise dedicated to empowering amazing Syrian and Middle Eastern newcomer women and offer opportunities for employment, financial independence, and social integration by offering and highlighting their delicious and authentic food.

Awarded to:

Sin Tung Chan

The University Women's Club of Vancouver Barbara Middleton Achievement Award

For a female student studying Culinary or Baking & Pastry Arts at VCC. Barbara Middleton was a founding member of the Kitchen Creations' group at The University Women's Club of Vancouver. She remained an active cook and baker until her passing in 2020. Barbara's passion was to feed others, but more importantly, to do so in ways that were both affordable and creative. This award recognizes a student who shares Barbara's passion and spirit, and excels at keeping sustainability and affordability in mind while creating delicious food to enjoy and share.

Awarded to:

Dawn Wedley

VCC Faculty Association Award

The Vancouver Community College Faculty Association is the union of the more than 600 faculty who work at VCC campuses. Each year, the union sets aside a portion of its members' funds to provide for awards for the various schools and centres. The criteria for each award is set by faculty in the departments concerned and are based on high achievement or outstanding progress. We are proud to offer this award and to recognize the tremendous achievements of our students.

Awarded to:

Yuen Lam Mok

William Tell Restaurant Scholarship

After 40 successful years, the William Tell restaurant closed its doors in December 2010. Owner Erwin Doebeli, along with his wife Josette and son Phillipe, celebrated his induction into the BC Restaurant Hall of Fame by creating the William Tell Scholarship, awarded to the top three students chosen from the Culinary Arts Student of the Year competition.

Awarded to:

Kar Kei Kate Lam

Sheung Yee Ng

Kwan Hay Tse

Yvonne Jacqueline Witt Culinary Arts Award

Jacqui's one fear in dying was that she would soon be forgotten, but the outpouring of love from so many assured her that this would not be the case. She will be sorely missed. Jacqui's Chinese name, Mei Seung, appropriately means "Beautiful Angel". To honour Jacqui's life, generous spirit, and passion for the culinary arts, family and friends have established the Yvonne Jacqueline Witt Culinary Arts Award at Vancouver Community College. This scholarship is awarded annually to a Culinary Arts student who shares Jacqui's passion for food.

Awarded to:

Anne Leung

School of Health Sciences

BC College of Oral Health

This entrance scholarship is offered by the College of Dental Technicians of BC to a Dental Laboratory Technician program student, who has achieved the highest score in the program's selection process.

Awarded to:

Faranak Karamouzi

BC Post-Secondary Support Staff Scholarship

For many years, the support staff of several post-secondary institutions met regularly for shared networking and career development opportunities. The BCPSSS membership held annual conferences celebrating the power of networking and learning. This award recognizes a student with a high academic standing in an administrative program at VCC, who shows great enthusiasm for learning, and demonstrates a desire to further develop social and networking skills.

Awarded to:

Hala El Khalil

BScN Term Three Professionalism Award

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Term Three Professionalism Award recognizes a student who most demonstrates professional conduct according to the College of Registered Nurses of BC Professional Conduct criteria.

Awarded to:

Marene Janzen

Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation Award

The Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation Award is presented to a Practical or Bachelor of Science in Nursing student who has overcome barriers or challenges, including financial need. The student also demonstrates compassion similar to the many dedicated and responsible Tzu Chi volunteers who serve and respond to needs in the community.

Awarded to:

Faadumo Ciise

Maddelyn Renstad

Edward Chesko Scholarship

An award is offered to a second-year Dental Hygiene student who demonstrates consistent competency in periodontal treatment, including all phases of the process of dental hygiene care.

Awarded to:

Michael Van Laethem

Ellen Low Ying Roets Scholarship

Ellen Low Ying Roets was a faculty member of VCC's Nursing department. This award, in her memory, is presented to a student entering their second-year of the Dental Hygiene program who displays above average ability in clinical and academic standing

Awarded to:

Flavia Fox

Simranjeet Kaur

Emma Westcott

Ellen McInnes Health Care Workers Scholarship

This award is inspired by the unwavering dedication of the staff and care aides at Opal Residence Vancouver. The kindness, compassion and patience shown by staff influenced Dawn McInness to establish this award to commemorate her late mother, Ellen McInness. This award is presented to a registered student in the Healthcare Assistant Program that demonstrates exceptional levels of academic achievement while simultaneously providing an exceptional level of care to seniors.

Awarded to:

James Nicholson

Hu-Friedy Award

Hu-Friedy supplies dental instruments to VCC's dental programs. The Golden Scaler is presented to a Dental Hygiene student who has demonstrated consistent perseverance in pursuing excellence in clinical competency throughout the program. The instrument kit is presented to the student entering third year who prepared the best term two argumentative paper.

Awarded to:

Christine Beyleveldt

Flavia Fox

Tianna Huston

Emma Westcott

Jane Shin Family Spirit of Resilience Award

This award recognizes a student who faced and overcame significant challenges to complete their studies at VCC, inspiring us with their spirit of perseverance and determination. Dr. Jane Jae Kyung Shin is a first-generation immigrant from South Korea, and is a science instructor and administrator at VCC. Jane established this award in honour of her mother Myung Lee, to celebrate students who, like her mother, never gave up in the face of hardship and barriers to achieve their dream.

Awarded to:

Kenneth Kasule

Jennifer Prosser Wade Scholarship

These scholarships honour post-secondary students who have overcome major life challenges to pursue their academic goals. The scholarships are made possible by Dr. Jennifer Wade, a human rights and community activist and long-time supporter of VCC.

Awarded to:

Randi Severinski

Karl Vetter Scholarship

In honour of Karl Vetter's significant contribution to VCC, scholarships are given to students enrolled in any VCC program who are showing good effort in their coursework.

Awarded to:

Shalayna Kannan

Hao Han Lim

McKay Family Fund Award

The McKay Family Fund Award is presented to a student who has good academic achievement and regularly demonstrates compassionate care and respect for client dignity in practicum settings. Preference will be given to a student planning to pursue a career in senior care environments. .

Awarded to:

Nicole Ma

Protec Dental Laboratories Scholarship

Protec is a full service dental laboratory committed to providing the dental community with leading edge new products, outstanding quality workmanship, and exceptional customer service. This award is presented each year, alternating between the first-year student with the best academic grades in Dental Technology program and on the following year to the most outstanding graduating student in Dental Technology program.

Awarded to:

Eunbin Shin

School of Health Sciences Flourish Award

This award is one of ten esteemed awards curated through the contributions of our VCC community. These awards stand as a testament to our commitment to nurturing student potential, fortified by the financial resource garnered from our annual Flourish Gala.

Awarded to:

Megan On

Sharon Fraser Memorial Award

The Sharon Fraser Memorial Award stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of a remarkable individual. In memory of Sharon Fraser, this award celebrates her boundless compassion, resilience, determination and work ethic, all of which shone brightly in the face of her ALS diagnosis.

Awarded to:

Celina Saari

Sinclair Dental Scholarship

Sinclair Dental Co. Ltd. is pleased to offer an award to a student in the Certified Dental Assisting program. The award is made on the recommendation of the department. Sinclair Dental is a proudly Canadian, family owned and operated, and full-service dental supply company with branches coast to coast.

Awarded to:

Staci Dennison

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship

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Awarded to:

Joshua Sharp

The Li Family: May-Mei-Chu Tsoi Resilience Award

This award was established by Mr. Eric Li in honour of his mother's strength, determination, unwavering perseverance and willingness to help others while facing her own adversities. The Li Family is honoured to recognize a VCC student who is committed to building a career in Health Sciences, no matter the obstacles they face to progress and stay true to their values. Never Ever Give Up.

Awarded to:

Jaswinder Dhaliwal

VCC Faculty Association Award

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Awarded to:

Joanna Ho

Wolfgang Strigel Award

This Award has been established by Wolfgang Strigel to celebrate the tenacity of a student with who has overcome adversity while working toward through post-secondary education. Wolfgang Strigel is a retired software entrepreneur. He worked in aerospace and founded two software companies. For the past 15 years, Wolfgang has served as a mentor to over 50 companies in a variety of businesses. He is committed to helping young people to achieve their dreams through education.

Awarded to:

Mark Autencio

Y. P. Heung Foundation Post-Secondary Awards

These awards recognize the achievements of students who have demonstrated a combination of high academic standing, leadership, community service, and/or all-around achievement. The Y. P. Heung Foundation is committed to investing in quality education and widening the scope of possibilities and opportunities for future generations.

Awarded to:

Joo Won An

Tom Thermadam

Division of Library, Teaching and Learning Services

Lockhart Memorial Award

This award is presented to a student in the Provincial Instructor Diploma program who has demonstrated perseverance and professionalism in overcoming a serious obstacle in the pursuit of their studies. The Lockhart Memorial Award is presented by Dr. Kathryn McNaughton in memory of her parents, Marjorie Rea Lockhart and Donald Lockhart whose belief in lifelong learning was a powerful example.

Awarded to:

Gordon Gunter

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship

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Awarded to:

Nathan Stirling

VCC Faculty Association Award

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Awarded to:

Martha Villa Martin

School of Trades, Technology, and Design

Applewood Auto Group Award

Applewood Auto Group is committed to the communities it serves. This award is offered to Automotive Service Technician student who has a passion for excellence, is customer service and team focused and is always striving to improve.

Awarded to:

Kam Wai Chiu

Brady / Sanders Scholarship

Awarded to a student in the Heavy Mechanical Trades program who excels in his/her studies. This scholarship was created in memory of Jim Sanders, the man behind the design and delivery of the original Diesel Engineering program established at Vancouver Vocational Institute in 1949. Jim's motivation, standards of excellence, and positive attitude were absorbed by the students of the program. His concern for his students was obvious and his door was always open.

Awarded to:

Geran Koornhof

Canadian Association of Equipment Distributors BC Group Scholarship

The Association of Equipment Distributors BC Chapter, comprised of Brandt Tractor, Cullen Diesel, Cummins Western Canada, Douglas Lake Equipment Ltd., Falcon Equipment Ltd., Finning Canada, Great West Equipment Ltd., Liebherr Canada, Pollard Equipment, RDM Equipment, Shearforce Equipment, S.M.S. Equipment Inc., Top Lift Enterprises Inc., Vimar Equipment Ltd., Wajax Industries Ltd., and Van-Ed Equipment, supports an endowment fund to provide scholarships to the top student based on academic achievement in the Heavy Mechanical Trades program.

Awarded to:

Jakub Wiatrak

Coast Capital Trades Awards

This award is awarded to domestic students who are registered full time in one of VCC's six Red Seal trades programs. The students must be in their final term of their Foundations program and demonstrated progressive growth in their academic standing or strong academic standing or strong financial need. Preference given to students from underrepresented populations.

Awarded to:

Julia Anderson

Simon B C

Hunter Blundell

Welsin Eliya

Color Compass Corporation Scholarship

Color Compass is an automotive refinish supply company that specializes in the distribution of auto body supplies, collision repair training services, and specialty market coatings nationwide. Color Compass is pleased to offer scholarships to top students in the Automotive Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing programs.

Awarded to:

Tyhree Nguyen-Serrano

Kiara Reissner

Craftsman Collision Excellence Award

At Craftsman Collision, craftsmanship is in their name. The Craftsman story began more than 40 years ago with savvy, young businessman, Bill Hatswell. Today, with over 40 locations from British Columbia to Saskatchewan, the name is synonymous with quality auto body repair accompanied by honest and caring customer service. This award is presented to a VCC Auto Collision student, who exemplifies the hard work, dedication, and integrity associated with the Craftsman brand.

Awarded to:

Adrian Aguilar Sanchez

Ed Coates Memorial Foundation Scholarship

The Ed Coates Memorial Foundation created this scholarship in the memory of Ed Coates who was a true pioneer in the automotive industry. As Co-founder, President, and CEO of Lordco Auto Parts, a Maple Ridge-based company established in 1974, Ed took his original small automotive parts store and through perseverance, courage, and an unfailing belief in his vision over the course of 40 years, molded it into the largest privately held automotive parts distributor in Canada. It is our hope that the recipient will be inspired by Ed's passion and drive as an industry icon. This scholarship is awarded to two students who show high academic achievement, strong leadership skills, and positive attitude.

Awarded to:

Samuel Conti
Roderico Dela Cruz

Finning Award

Finning Ltd., a long-time supporter of VCC and particularly the Heavy Mechanical Trades program, established this award to recognize excellence in the theoretical, practical, and behavioural aspects of the program.

Awarded to:

Taylor Elliott

Flourish Award: Auto Collision

This award is one of ten esteemed awards curated through the contributions of our VCC community. These awards stand as a testament to our commitment to nurturing student potential, fortified by the financial resource garnered from our annual Flourish Gala.

Awarded to:

Kartik Jakhu

Flourish Award: Auto Service Technician

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Awarded to:

Kathleen Morales

Flourish Award: CAD and BIM Program

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Awarded to:

Alexander Jordan Bautista

Flourish Award: Digital Media Design

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Awarded to:

Batoul Ismail

Flourish Award: Hair Design & Skin Body Therapy

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Awarded to:

Saniya

Jack Goodale Memorial Award

Following the death of Jack Goodale, his friends and co-workers (Whistler Ski Corporation) set up an endowment fund to provide a scholarship to VCC students in either the Heavy Mechanical Trades, Automotive Technician or Automotive Collision programs. Awarded to:

Joel Kasthurirathna Thennakoon Appuhamilage

Marie Wells Award

David Wells established this award in recognition of his mother Marie. Of Indigenous ancestry, Marie was an alumni of the Legal Assistant program and has been practicing in the legal field for more than 50 years. This award is given to an Indigenous learner who demonstrates financial need, with a preference given to a student from the Applied Business programs.

Awarded to:

Andrew Wade

Mejuri Design Excellence Award

Since being founded in 2015, Mejuri has turned fine jewelry into an everyday occasion while working towards making a positive impact in our communities, the industry, and the world. The Mejuri Design Excellence Award is offered to students studying jewelry making who are recognized for their dedication and growth throughout the program, as well as their passion and commitment to learning.

Awarded to:

Rhyleah Hylands-Paszana

Tyler Scalabrino

Meridian Automotive Merit Award

Statement for Ceremony The donor has a passion for working with his hands and appreciates students taking ownership of their craft with a keen attention to detail. Automotive Services Technicians (AST) students will be recognized for the complete sphere of effort that has gone into achieving outstanding results. An award is offered each Fall to students who apply themselves diligently to their studies and the practice of their trade.

Awarded to:

Eric Zhong

Native Northwest Reconciliation Award

This award recognizes an Indigenous student, who is demonstrating creativity and passion in their program of study. Financial need can be a consideration. The award was established to recognize positive change, support wellness, learning, and culture in the Indigenous community.

Awarded to:

Makenzie Gladstone

Pacific Spirit Award

This award recognizes an Aboriginal student in the Heavy Mechanical Trades program with high academic achievement. Pacific Spirit Foundation's vision is to help individuals and families build better lives for themselves.

Awarded to:

Braydan Larsen-Lewis

Pyrrha Award for Indigenous Students

Handcrafting their signature talisman jewellery from their Vancouver studio since 1995, Pyrrha designers Danielle and Wade Papin established the Pyrrha Award for Indigenous Students to provide financial assistance to an Indigenous first-year VCC Jewellery Art & Design student whose work shows creativity and promise.

Awarded to:

Andrew Wade

Spicers Canada Scholarship

These entrance scholarships are offered to the highest-ranking applicants to VCC's Digital Media Design program and determined through portfolio review and interview. Ranking includes creativity and originality of concept and form of presentation; freehand drawing; and previous record of achievement.

Awarded to:

Carmelo Nicolo Encluna

Haewon Gong

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in any program at VCC on the basis of academic achievement.

Awarded to:

Lai Yin Cheng

Urban Systems Award

Urban Systems Ltd. are community consultants, brought together by our shared values, and a deep commitment to building vibrant communities. Since we were founded in 1975, we have worked alongside municipalities, governments, Indigenous communities, agencies, and private sector clients to make communities the best they can be. We do this through safe and sustainable transportation networks, green spaces, water systems, clean energy sources, and so much more. Our work and areas of practice are constantly evolving – because communities of all shapes and sizes are constantly evolving too.

Awarded to:

Jaskaran Singh

Vancouver Executives Association Scholarship

Founded in 1920, the Vancouver Executives Association was established to promote networking opportunities for business professionals. Their scholarships honour students who excel in the Technology or Business programs.

Awarded to:

Phung Nghi Nguyen

VCC Faculty Association Award

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Awarded to:

Nga Chi Chow

VCC Graphic Design Entrance Scholarship

These entrance scholarships are offered to the highest-ranking applicants to the VCC's Graphic Design program as determined through portfolio review and interview. Ranking includes creativity and originality of concept and form of presentation, freehand drawing, and previous record of achievement.

Awarded to:

Rebecca Santana Sucasas Da Costa

Ivan De Oliveira Aguiar

Kana Goto

Yash Laxmidas Khant

Bloomingtondale Yoko Maria Mea

Y. P. Heung Foundation Post-Secondary Awards

These awards recognize the achievements of students who have demonstrated a combination of high academic standing, leadership, community service, and/or all-around achievement. The Y. P. Heung Foundation is committed to investing in quality education and widening the scope of possibilities and opportunities for future generations.

Awarded to:

Levina Johnson

School of Arts and Science

AJ Bay Scholarship

A scholarship is offered, in memory of former VCC Music student, AJ Bay, to a student enrolled in the Music program at VCC. AJ was a man to whom music meant everything. He embraced all people in his life and was inclusive of all cultures. The recipient will be passionate about music and embody AJ's love of people from all walks of life.

Awarded to:

Farbod Biglari

Balinder Johal Scholarship

An award is offered to a student in a college and/ or career access program with strong work habits and a good attitude who has shown progress and achievement.

Awarded to:

Nicholas Carioti

Barbara Gray-Richards Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honour the memory of Barbara Gray-Richards, an English as a Second Language department faculty member. This fund provides support to students in the English as an Additional Language Department who demonstrate excellence in writing.

Awarded to:

Liangyu Zhang

BC Hydro Scholarship

This scholarship, open to all visually impaired VCC students, honours academic achievement.

Awarded to:

Kossi Lazare Hounnake Adele

Bob Smith Jazz Scholarship

Bob Smith was a Vancouver jazz enthusiast, writer, and broadcaster. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding returning student in Instrumental Jazz Performance or Composition.

Awarded to:

Leandro Martins de Araujo

CHQM Scholarship

This award is awarded annually to an outstanding student enrolled in the Music program at VCC.

Awarded to:

Sze Wai Chan

Roshanak Saadat Beheshti

Shane Skworoda

Chris Gage Memorial Award

This award, in memory of local master jazz pianist Chris Gage, is given to a talented contemporary keyboard performer.

Awarded to:

Jeanine LeDuc

Christopher Vincent Shannon Memorial Scholarship

Chris Shannon's love of music started as a toddler. As he grew up, he developed an eclectic taste ranging from classical to Sinatra to heavy metal, finding his real musical passion when he bought his first bass guitar. Chris lived life to its fullest every day. This award was established by his family and friends to honour Chris' kind and generous nature and his love of music. This award is given to a bass student who has demonstrated a serious and consistent commitment to his/her program of study through either performance or a substantial contribution to musical production in the Music program.

Awarded to:

Lucas Drever

Dan Lutz Memorial Scholarship

Dan Lutz was a saxophone and clarinet student in the Music department who later taught Community Ensemble courses through VCC's Continuing Education program. This annual scholarship goes to a student enrolled in the Music program, who demonstrates a desire to become involved in and contribute to the activities of the program, especially with regard to ensemble participation.

Awarded to:

Zarina Mulla

Dave Robbins Scholarship

Created in memory/honour of jazz luminary Dave Robbins, who taught at VCC from 1974 to 1980 and was a founder of the Jazz Studies curriculum in the School of Music. His remarkable career included performances with the Harry James Big Band and Latin legend Perez Prado. He was also a fixture in the Canadian big band and recording field.

Awarded to:

Adrienne Sweat

Elder Lilly Whonnock Helping Hands Award

This award was established to commemorate Elder Lilly Whonnock, VCC elder-in-residence, who passed away in 2021. Elder Lilly was always available to lend an ear or offer a helping hand to those who needed her. Available to Indigenous learners in any program at VCC; financial need can be a consideration. Priority will be given to a student transferring to VCC from Native Education College (NEC), who is working toward a career which involves serving the greater community.

Awarded to:

Chelsea Miecznik

Elizabeth MacLeod Award

This award recognizes students who have made significant progress in both achievement and attitude towards mathematics courses at the Broadway campus. It was established in 1986 to honour Elizabeth MacLeod on her retirement from the Mathematics department.

Awarded to:

Camilla van Lamsweerde

Flourish Award: Science

This award is one of ten esteemed awards curated through the contributions of our VCC community. These awards stand as a testament to our commitment to nurturing student potential, fortified by the financial resource garnered from our annual Flourish Gala.

Awarded to:

Nicholas Symons

Fred Bass Scholarship

Created in memory of Fred Bass, a very active and popular member of the Kiwanis Club of Uptown Vancouver. This scholarship is presented to an all-round music entertainer.

Awarded to:

Susana Williams

Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir Award for First Year Students in Music

As part of the choir's "Good Noise VIP (Voices In Performance) Young Artist Program," and in celebration of its 20th Anniversary year, Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir is providing a \$1000 entrance scholarship (per year) for a 3 year commitment. The scholarship will be awarded to a voice student entering in the VCC music program as a voice major. The recipient will be selected by the voice faculty in the music department, based on a successful audition and fulfillment of entrance/placement exams that may be required. Members of Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir are not eligible for this award.

Awarded to:

Li Wu

Grace Borda Education Award

Throughout her life, Grace Borda was committed to empowering women, particularly those who needed help towards realising their aspirations and career goals. She believed anyone could make a difference in their communities and the people around them. Grace, came from modest beginnings and travelled to England on her own to seek vocational training in a healthcare setting. Her journey gives insights into the challenges of achieving an education through balancing work to self-finance her studies. Grace moved with her family to Vancouver in the late 1960s and transferred her skills to aged care and early childhood education. She was also a dedicated and tireless volunteer, regularly visiting patients in palliative and long-term care. Grace was also a supporter of the arts, encouraging young entrepreneurs to be bold in following their educational aspirations. Her empathy, energy, enthusiasm, plus unreserved ability to see that everyone is capable of achieving positive change, are part of her enduring legacy. The Grace Borda Education Award supports women who are currently pursuing or aiming to pursue any type of education program at VCC, overcome personal challenges, and aspires to make an impact on the community and social well-being.

Awarded to:

Yuning Bao

Herbert Edwin Graves Award

Herbert Edwin Graves was from Armstrong, British Columbia. His family and friends established this award to ideally recognize a community-minded individual whose good will honours the connections built through the gift of music.

Awarded to:

Trinity Donecz

HSBC Bank Canada Aboriginal Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to an Indigenous student at VCC. The scholarship recipients have demonstrated a positive attitude, commitment to their studies, and keen desire to play a leadership role within their chosen industry.

Awarded to:

Kyler Fletcher

Ian Docherty Scholarship

In recognition of the contributions of retired VCC Music instructor, Ian Docherty. Awarded to an outstanding returning student in Classical Voice.

Awarded to:

Xin-ci Campbell

Imperial Tobacco Canada Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded annually to International music students.

Awarded to:

Wai Hung Au

Lucia Judith Delgado Martinez

Ka Yan Katharine Wong

Jack Cullen Music Award

Jack Cullen was a legendary local broadcaster. The award goes to a student enrolled in Contemporary Voice in the Music program.

Awarded to:

David Cabador

Jackie Sandy Memorial Scholarship

Jackie Sandy was a long-time employee of VCC. This scholarship, established in her memory, is given to students who have demonstrated good progress in their coursework.

Awarded to:

Stella Emmanuel

Jean MacLeod Award

A respected instructor in the Math department, Jean MacLeod established this award to honour a mature student (35 years or older) who has made a significant effort and demonstrates a good attitude and progress in his/her mathematics coursework.

Awarded to:

Or Goren

Jennifer Prosser Wade Scholarship

These scholarships honour post-secondary students who have overcome major life challenges to pursue their academic goals. The scholarships are made possible by Dr. Jennifer Wade, a human rights and community activist and long-time supporter of VCC.

Awarded to:

Ammar Alhasno

Jerry Mahal Scholarship

In memory of Jerry Mahal, his family created the Jerry Mahal Scholarship.

Awarded to:

Olga Alonso Mendoza

John Young Scholarship

In memory of John Alfred Young, who established programs in Skills Instruction at VCC. Awarded to a returning student of outstanding potential and intellectual distinction.

Awarded to:

Juan Sebastian Leal Diaz

Kathy Kidd Scholarship

In memory of music instructor Kathy Kidd, a distinguished pianist and composer. Awarded to a promising returning student in keyboard, composition or world music.

Awarded to:

Cody Larsen

Kevin Stokes Memorial Music Scholarship

In memory of former VCC Music student Kevin Stokes, this award provides a scholarship to a full-time returning Jazz and Contemporary Music student who has shown exceptional progress during their course of study at VCC.

Awarded to:

Elijah Mossey

LINC Department Scholarship

Established by the LINC department to be awarded to a LINC student who has demonstrated strong positive involvement in class, willingness to help others and outstanding effort to learn

Awarded to:

Hanil Mohamed Tahir

Mainstream Broadcasting Scholarship

Mainstream Broadcasting has served the multicultural communities of British Columbia for over three decades with much pride and dedication. This award was established in 1982 to recognize students making good progress in their studies and to further international understanding in our community.

Awarded to:

Yullia Ksienda

Margo Ehling Scholarship

In honour of retired Music instructor, Margo Ehling, recognizing her years of exemplary service to the Music department.

Awarded to a returning outstanding pianist.

Awarded to:

Manijeh Daei

Maria J. Brown Music Scholarship

Maria, a former music student at VCC, established this scholarship to be awarded annually to an exceptional student enrolled in the Music program. Preference is given to a wind instrument student.

Awarded to:

Leonardo Arce

Milton Hwang Mathematics Achievement Award

Colleagues, family, and friends created this award to honour Milton Hwang on his retirement from VCC's Math department. It is given to a mathematics student who has outstanding academic achievement.

Awarded to:

Aaron Tran

Zhiyan Yang

Morag Cuthbertson Scholarship

In honor of retired Music instructor, Morag Cuthbertson, recognizing her contributions to the development of the Music department. Awarded to an outstanding and well-rounded returning student.

Awarded to:

Jacob Harada

Music Program 4th Year Scholarship

Awarded to students continuing in the Bachelor of Applied Music program who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement.

Awarded to:

Adrianna La Chimea

Balam Santos Antonio

Music Program Jury Award

Awarded to students in the music program who achieved a grade of A or higher on their previous term's juried performance in their area of specialization.

Awarded to:

Kody Buchar

David Cabador

Xin-ci Campbell

Sze Wai Chan

Manijeh Daei

Trinity Donecz

Lucas Drever

John-Henry Guy

Cody Larsen

Oleksandr Martyniuk

Elijah Mossey

Tanner Oracheski

Shane Skworoda

Evan Turner

Marco Walraven Diaz De Leon

Ka Yan Katharine Wong

Michael Woolgar

Music Program Third Year Scholarship

This entrance award provides financial support to students entering the Bachelor of Applied Music program.

Awarded to:

Kristoffer James Gonzalez
Dominik Wieronski
Zhihan Xiao

Phoenix Engineers Scholarship

This scholarship is given to a student in the music program, who has shown aptitude in audio engineering and who has an interest or desire to work in this area.

Awarded to:

Oleksandr Martyniuk

Ray Smith Scholarship

Before becoming a prominent B.C. businessman, Ray Smith was a trumpet player in the Vancouver big band music scene. This award is presented to a promising wind or brass performer in the area of contemporary music.

Awarded to:

Evan Turner

Robert Cunningham Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Robert Cunningham, a former dean at VCC, this scholarship is for a student in the Math department who has demonstrated significant progress.

Awarded to:

Hui Miao

Ron Meyer Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Ron Meyer, a respected and long-time member of the Humanities department at VCC, this scholarship is offered to a student in humanities who demonstrated excellence.

Awarded to:

Gillian Hobbs

Sal Ferreras “One to Watch” Award

This scholarship was established in honour of Sal Ferreras for his many years of service at VCC. From instructor to vice president, Sal was an integral member of the Music department and the college community. In recognition of his passion for education and music, this award will be given to a Music degree or diploma student who has shown outstanding originality, innovation, and a singular musical gift in composition, arrangement or performance.

Awarded to:

John-Henry Guy

Seaforth Cup Award

The Seaforth Cup survived the King Edward fire of 1973 and was later found in the archives of this campus. Permission was granted by the Colonel-in-Chief of the Seaforth Highland Regiment, His Honour, Henry Bell-Irving, to rededicate the cup in memory of that young officer-teacher, Major John Douglas Newberry. John Newberry was the first principal of King Edward and a leader in Canada’s community college system.

Awarded to:

Nidal Mohammad Eisa Harush

Sonja and Monty Alton Humanities Achievement Award

This award is in memory of Sonja Alton and her husband Monty. Sonja was a retired department head of Humanities at Vancouver Community College and a dedicated instructor, donor, friend, and family member. The award will be presented to a Humanities student demonstrating excellence.

Awarded to:

Lama Khalil

Student Tech Award

The Student Tech Award is presented to student aids for outstanding dedication and service in Performance Techniques and Special Events

Awarded to:

Dale Sawyer

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship

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Awarded to:

Ahmad Sohrab Farhad

Terry and Lynne Smith Scholarship

Terry was a long-standing program coordinator in the Music department and brought great commitment and dedication to his work. His wife, Lynne, was an ardent supporter of the Music program and gave much of her time in support of VCC Music events. This memorial scholarship is awarded annually to a Music student who has demonstrated consistent, conscientious involvement in departmental activities and service to fellow students.

Awarded to:

Leandro Martins de Araujo

Ti-La Kremer Memorial Scholarship

Paula and Dalton Kremer established this award in memory of their beloved black lab Ti-La. Awarded annually to a first- or second-year student who has enthusiastically embraced and applied the Solfege methodology to improve and develop their aural skills, sight singing, and dictation, while excelling in their work and participation in the class environment.

Awarded to:

Michael Woolgar

Tom Lee Music Scholarship

Awarded to a music student on the basis of outstanding proficiency and/or financial need.

Awarded to:

Hyeonsu Chae

Top GPA Award

Awarded to a student or students who achieve the highest GPA.

Awarded to:

Tanner Oracheski

University Women's Club of Vancouver 'Pathways to Health Sciences' Award

This award is given to a female student who has completed a minimum of ten credits in subjects on a pathway leading to a Health Sciences program at VCC, and who demonstrates the skills, attitudes, and attributes which will help ensure her success as a student and as a future healthcare worker.

Awarded to:

Anmolpreet Kaur

VCC Faculty Association Award

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Awarded to:

Jihye Jang

Wayne Bottlinger Memorial Award

Wayne Bottlinger touched many lives during his time as a dedicated and empathetic instructor and administrator at VCC. A true leader by example, he devoted his life helping Deaf and Blind communities. With a mission to remove the literacy gap, poverty, societal exclusion, popular stigma, and barriers to education that plague the deaf and blind community, Mr. Bottlinger founded the Program for the Deaf at VCC. The purpose of the program was to arm Deaf and Hard of Hearing students with the skills they need to achieve the personal/career/education success they envision and deserve. This award reflects Mr. Bottlinger's empathy toward Deaf and Blind individuals by recognizing a student who demonstrates strong perseverance and bravery to tackle life's challenges head-on.

Awarded to:

Olena Pavlichenko

Yamaha Music Scholarship

To be awarded annually to a student enrolled in the Music program at VCC, in accordance with recommendations of the Music Scholarship committee on the basis of outstanding proficiency and/or financial need.

Awarded to:

Cheyenne Pokeda