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LANGARA COLLEGE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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First year diploma students toured Rogers Arena in Vancouver during their Applied Skills in Recreation Operations course.

First Year Student Update

The first-year students are now on their summer break. While many will be working to earn money to continue their education, some students will use the summer term to pick up courses, like Introduction to Business in Canada and Marketing, to allow them to take a reduced load in the upcoming fall term.

First-year students were kept busy during their second-term (January to April) with course work in: Recreation Program Planning, Personal Portfolio Development and Seminar,

English or Communications, Applied Psychology, Valuing Diversity in Leadership as well as Applied Skills in Recreation Operations.

In addition to their "in the classroom" material they also participated in a number of field trips to major facilities in the Vancouver area including Mount Seymour, Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club, and Rogers Arena. They also participated in the 24th Annual Recreation Students' Custodial Lecture and Competition at Queen's Park Arena in New Westminster.



Student organized a Roaring 20's party for seniors at Century House in New Westminster.

RECR 1168: Special Events

The Recreation Program Planning class (RECR 1168) had the recreation students creating, planning and implementing special events in partnership with local community recreation agencies. As special events is the major project for the course, it was wonderful to see the learning and program planning theory come to life in these high quality recreation events.

This year's special events included: a roaring 20's party for seniors (Century House, New Westminster); a "Kids Spring Fling" event (Surrey Nature Centre); an amazing race at Langara (Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver); a rummage sale (Arbutus Village Recreation Centre); and an after-school kids event celebrating spring and sustainability (Thunderbird Community Centre).

Shannon Wall
Langara College Recreation Instructor

Looking for Recreation Alumni

Help us find and keep in touch with "old" recreation diploma classmates. If you have any information, please contact Vince Kreiser, Program Coordinator for the Recreation Leadership Diploma Program, at 604 323 5276 or cfields@langara.bc.ca. We want to hear from you!

FOURTH TERM INTERNSHIP

The second-year students finished their fourth-term internships which took place in a variety of lower mainland agencies including:

- Richmond Parks, Recreation and Culture
- City of Burnaby
- City of New Westminster
- City of Port Coquitlam
- North Vancouver Recreation Commission
- West Point Grey Community Centre
- Rick Hansen Foundation, Swan-E-Set Bay Resort and Country Club
- Basketball BC
- South Burnaby and South Vancouver Neighbourhood Houses
- Vancouver School Board's West 1 Community Schools Teams.

The 14-week internships ended with a student Camp Day held at Camridge House near Tsawwassen, BC. The event was set up to allow graduating students a chance to wrap up their two-years of study in an outdoor setting. Following Camp Day the Annual Internship Luncheon was held at Langara College to thank internship agencies and program partners. The spring scholarships winners were also honoured at the luncheon.

It is 'off to the field' for many interns while some are planning to pursue their online Bachelor of Recreation Management Degrees here at Langara College.



Student Camp Day at Camridge House near Tsawwassen, BC. A fun wrap-up for graduating students.

Recreation Diploma Student Internships 2011



I was at Sunset Community Center for my internship.

I enjoyed working on my special event which was a senior's live music and dance event. I played my saxophone and was the MC. Another highlight was creating a program that still runs today called the 'coffee house' program where people can hang out, have coffee, and play and listen to music.

Derek Yeung
Student, Langara College



My internship agency was at the South Vancouver Neighbourhood House.

My highlights were working along side with different youth programs and agencies such as SVNH Out-of-School Care; BC Housing after school kids club programs; Cultural Buddy Programs - including leading Friday Night Youth Activities for David Thompson Students; and John Oliver Community Schools team to deliver a 2 week spring break program to mostly subsidized housing for families.

This internship opportunity was a good way to put what we learned in class into practice.

Trey Melton
Student, Langara College



For my internship, I worked with West Point Grey Community Centre (WPG) which offers a wide variety of programs, special events, and rental opportunities for the community. I chose WPG because I wanted to learn about west side community centres and how they run their programs differently from the east side.

Internship was a great finishing touch to the program. Being placed in the field gave us an up close experience of what to expect when employed in recreation. Not only were we able to implement theories and practices we learned in the past two years, but we also gained skills and developed knowledge that we could not acquire in a classroom setting. In addition, it provided networking and employment opportunities. This experience has given me the opportunity to grow as an individual and gain confidence in my abilities!

Sabrina Chan
Student, Langara College



2011 INTERNSHIP LUNCHEON

Langara President and CEO Dr. David Ross welcomed guests to the 2011 Internship Luncheon. The event recognized internship agencies, program partners, as well as spring scholarship winners.



For the 14-weeks of my Recreation Leadership internship, I worked at the Roundhouse Community Art & Recreation Centre. I had the opportunity to organize and create a unique special event to transform Engin 374 at the Roundhouse into a constellation of lights. The idea was to have 2,000 LED throwies covering the engine. The event was a great success with over 4,000 people showing up. Being a part of a group event where people take pleasure and joy in what they are doing was truly a treat.

The knowledge I attained from the Recreation Leadership program and my internship is that recreation and leisure are essential to building and sustaining healthy communities. It contributes to the cultural richness, diversity and quality of people's lifestyle. Recreation develops leadership and you learn to cooperate, play together, and work as a team.

Ellen Dacamara
Student, Langara College



I completed my internship with the City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. My internship experience was unique in that although I was based out of the Sport & Outdoor Recreation Division, my internship was a shared experience among 6 Program divisions and 10 facilities. Thus, I was able to experience, explore and contribute in numerous recreational aspects of program development, leadership and preventative maintenance.

I feel that the internship opportunity is highly beneficial and crucial in the Recreation Leadership Diploma Program as it provides the student with the opportunity to not only apply the lessons and skills learned throughout the program but to also direct the internship process, showcase their talents and character, increase professional contacts and maximize experiential learning.

Karen Lepine-McFeeters
Student, Langara College



I completed my internship at Swan-e-set Bay Resort & Country Club working with the weddings and events department. While my true passion is outdoor recreation and education, I have always had an interest in wedding planning. I used this opportunity to gain experience in event coordination and office administration which are skills that will be beneficial to whatever career path I follow.

I enjoyed my entire internship experience. My main highlight was gaining knowledge about the in's and out's of weddings which will help me plan my own wedding in December. Internship is a fantastic way to send students into higher education or into the work force; because it allows them to use the knowledge they have learned in a practical setting, network in the field, and gain the confidence to be successful in whatever path they choose.

Amy Bushby
Student, Langara College

Moving Forward with a Clear Vision

Great news! As of May 1, 2011, The Recreation Leadership Diploma and Bachelor of Recreation Management programs are part of the new Department of Recreation. We're very excited about the changes and are looking forward to creating a new vision for recreation at Langara.

Janet Ready will be its new Department Chair. Vince Kreiser will continue to lead the Recreation Leadership Diploma as its Program Coordinator.

Part of our new vision is to ensure that our programs are grounded in community recreation principles, engage students, and directly connects to jobs in recreation.

Our mission is to give students the education they need to grow and succeed through our two programs: Recreation Leadership and Recreation Management.

The two-year Recreation Leadership Diploma Program will introduce the culture and principles of community recreation and give students the skills, knowledge and leadership experience they need to become recreation professionals.

The Recreation Management program, a degree completion program (third and fourth year of a bachelor's degree), will offer skills upgrading opportunities to students who already have a

recreation diploma or equivalent. To maximize opportunities for working students, all courses will be offered online. The program will provide a deeper understanding of community recreation, business and management theory, and give students the knowledge and tools to move their recreation careers ahead.

Janet Ready
Department Chair, Recreation



Larry Alas (Intern) and Gilbert Savoie (Agency Supervisor) from Cambie Community Centre in Richmond.

Internship: Where Theory Meets Practice

The 14-week internship that Langara Recreation students do in their fourth and final term offers a great opportunity to make solid connections between theory and practice by allowing students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to situations in the field.

Mentorship by agency supervisors is one of the keys to the success of the internship experience. Our students emerge as future leaders in the recreation field, due to the dedication of these full-time recreation professionals.

The Manual, which contains focus areas, frames the learning in the Internship. Focus areas include topics such as:

- Program Services
- Community Development
- Human Resources
- Facility Maintenance and Operations
- Sponsorships and Partnerships
- Marketing and Promotions

During the intership, interns are given a series of tasks and question in each focus area that

they need to work on with the assistance of their agency supervisor. The tasks and question are structured so that by the time the intern has completed their internship they have a solid understanding of how “their” recreation organization operates and why.

In addition to these tasks and questions, intern also need to complete major projects such as:

- Running a Special Event
- Designing a new program
- Leading a program
- Putting together a Policies & Procedures Manual

A recreation internship is intensive. It is a great way for students to finish their diploma studies and develop a sense of what they want to do next in the recreation field.

We would like to thank all of the agency supervisors who generously gave of their time to make this learning experience possible.

Steve Musson
Langara College Recreation Instructor



RECREATION LEADERSHIP DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Recreation Leadership Diploma Program is looking for people who are passionate about make a difference in their community through recreational activities and services.

If you're a Grade 12 graduate or interested in helping to build community life, check us out at our website. Applications are now being accepted for September 2011.

If you are a recreation professional or a graduate of the program, we would appreciate your help in spreading the word about our program including referrals to your family, friends, co-workers, or the kid down the street that cuts your lawn.

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