

# Rec News • Winter 2012

LANGARA DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION STUDIES

Langara.  
THE COLLEGE OF HIGHER LEARNING.



Front row (left to right): Recreation Studies fall term award winners Jennifer Chohan, Tiffany Vellios, Tiffany Kelman, and Shannon Penway. Back row (left to right): Doug Perks, Janet Ready, and David Klym.

## 2011 Fall Term Award Winners

Langara College is proud to announce the winners of the Recreation Studies fall term awards.

The dedicated and talented Shannon Penway was the recipient of the the Olympia Ice Resurfacers Scholarship, established by Vimar Equipment, for the student who has the top combined percentage grade in Recreation 1170 and Recreation 1270 (courses that include ice arena components). David Klym presented Shannon with the award. Shannon also won the Zamboni Company/Crocker Equipment Company Ltd. Scholarship, which recognizes the student with the top academic standing in the first year of the Recreation Leadership program.

Tiffany Kelman and Shannon Penway shared the D.B. Perks and Associates Ltd. Scholarship, awarded for demonstrating a talent for and an interest in the aquatics area of recreation, as well as a genuine interest in pursuing a career in the field. Doug Perks was on hand to present the award. Tiffany was also awarded the the Linda Robertson Event Planning

Award, presented to a student registered in the Recreation Leadership Diploma Program who excels in the area of event planning. The student must have completed RECR 1168 (Recreation Program Planning) and attained the highest percentage grade in that course to receive the honour.

Tiffany Vellios was awarded the Ethan Filsof-Acrylco Dasherboard Scholarship, recognizing the student who shows the strongest aptitude in the two first-year recreation facilities courses – RECR 1170 and RECR 1270.

Finally, the RFABC Associates' Scholarship, presented to a student who shows strong leadership and a high level of interest and aptitude in RECR 1162 (the first-year Direct Leadership in Recreation course), was presented to Jennifer Chohan. The recipient of this award must also demonstrate a willingness to help their fellow classmates during the Outdoor Field School component of the course. Many thanks to all of our sponsors for their continuing support of our programs.

## Bachelor of Recreation Management Gaining Momentum

On May 1, 2011, the Recreation Department at Langara College officially became the Department of Recreation Studies. The department is now home to two programs – the Recreation Leadership Diploma Program and the Bachelor of Recreation Management (BRM).

The BRM is gaining momentum and offers a unique and credible opportunity for recreation professionals to further their careers while continuing to work in the field. Our current students are a diverse cross-section of the industry. It is truly amazing how they are connecting their work experiences in recreation to the theory in our BRM courses, and how they are using what they learn to improve their knowledge and purpose back at work. I can speak from experience: I am teaching the RECR 3230 Leadership and Management in Community Recreation course, and it excites me to see our students critically analyzing and applying the leadership concepts they are learning to their recreation workplaces.

One of the key features of the BRM is its flexibility through online delivery. All courses in the BRM are offered online, which means students become part of a virtual classroom where they interact with instructors and other students through innovative technology, posting responses to discussion questions and completing assignments within the course timelines. The BRM's online delivery also removes the barriers of geography – we currently have two students in the program who live in Ontario, as well as students throughout BC.

Janet Ready, Department Chair  
Department of Recreation Studies

### 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. It would be great to hear from you!

## First-Year Field Trips

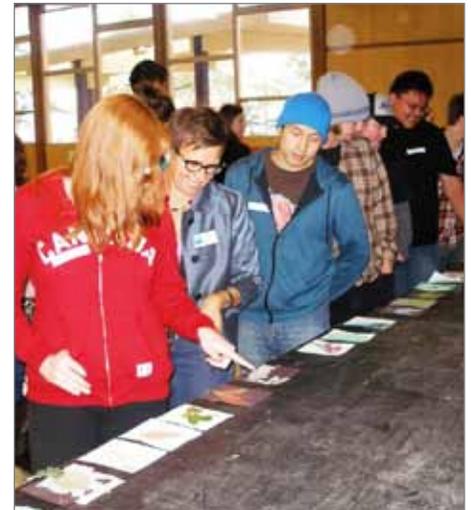
### MOBERLY ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE, VANCOUVER

The first-year students in the Recreation Leadership Diploma Program here at Langara College recently participated in a class field trip to the Moberly Arts & Cultural Centre in Vancouver. The goal of their excursion, part of their Direct Leadership in Recreation course, was to learn about facilitating arts workshops in the community.

Arts Programmer for the Centre Cyndy Chwelos, who also serves as a Langara College faculty member, lead the students through an enlightening session involving hands-on exercises combining botany and the arts. She set up a number of stations where the students had a chance to get creative and make their own botanical art pieces. At the conclusion of the session the students cleaned up their work area – an important part of the group leadership process – and put their pieces on display for each other.



Cindy Chwelos, Arts Programmer for the Moberly Arts and Cultural Centre in Vancouver, demonstrates some techniques of using botany as an art form



Artwork made on the field trip, showcasing various student talents, is shared by the class. The pieces were then put on display in the Department of Recreation Studies classroom.

### OUTWARD BOUND, METCHOSIN WILDERNESS CAMP

The first-year Recreation Leadership Diploma Program students also recently completed their five-day Outward Bound Outdoor Field School. As part of their Direct Leadership in Recreation Course the students participate in this school each year to learn and apply leadership skills in an outdoor setting.

This year's Field School took place at the Metchosin Wilderness Camp near Victoria. After arriving at the camp the students went through a day of orientation to prep themselves for the challenges ahead. The second, third, and fourth days of the trip were spent hiking and camping along the spectacular Juan de Fuca Trail. Students took to the trail in patrols of nine to 10, with two fully-trained leaders provided by Outward Bound Canada in each group.

Once back in the camp at the end of day four the students cleaned up all of their gear, held a leadership debriefing, and prepared for a fifth day of wrap-up activities. On this final day many of the students tested their climbing skills on the camp's challenge wall.

This annual trip is a long-standing tradition within the diploma program, and a number of grads over the years recognize it as a highlight of their studies here at Langara College.



Students are welcomed to their five-day field school by Outward Bound Canada staff at the Metchosin Wilderness Camp near Victoria.

## Fourth Term Internship

The second-year Recreation Leadership students at Langara are now into their fourth and final term, and working in their full-time, 14-week internships. With faculty supervision, students choose the recreation organizations they would like to work with in the fall, and from January to April they are in the field contributing to event planning and project work at their agencies. They balance this work with their Langara studies, collecting information to complete a binder full of questions. They also focus on specific areas of research involving their internship areas.

Students work with their Agency Supervisors and related agency staff and volunteers. In addition, they communicate at least once a week with their Faculty Supervisor, who works to coordinate curriculum-based learning with students' internship goals.

These 14-week internships are taking place at a wide variety of agencies throughout the Lower Mainland. Agencies who are sponsoring students this year are:

- Kitsilano War Memorial Community Centre
- Swan-e-set Bay Resort & Country Club
- City of Langley
- Marpole-Oakridge Community Centre
- Vancouver Aquatic Centre
- Catching The Spirit Youth Society
- Vancouver International Marathon Society
- Boys & Girls Club of South Coast BC
- West End Community Centre
- Canucks Autism Network
- Queensborough Community Centre
- Britannia Community Services Centre
- Gymnastics BC
- Canadian Outback Adventures & Events
- City of Coquitlam – Poirier Sport & Leisure Complex
- Sunset Community Centre
- Canadian Sport Centre Pacific
- Vancouver Whitecaps Football Club
- John Braithwaite Community Centre
- The City of Port Coquitlam
- Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver
- Richmond Arts Centre
- SportAbility
- Kerrisdale Community Centre
- City of Coquitlam – Dogwood Pavilion
- Langley Events Centre
- Minoru Place Activity Centre



Top left: Students practice setting up their tarps, before setting out on the Juan de Fuca Trail. This spectacular route stretches for 47 kilometres along the western shoreline of southern Vancouver Island.

Bottom left: Packing up the gear in preparation to move from base camp to the Juan de Fuca Trail for three days of hiking.

Right: On the final day of their Outward Bound Field School students tackle the challenge wall.

# The Department of Recreation Studies Welcomes Joanne Edey-Nicoll



The department is excited to announce the arrival of Joanne Edey-Nicoll, who will be joining the online instruction team for the Bachelor of Recreation Management.

Joanne began her career at the YMCA and in municipal recreation as an instructor of preschool and children's programs, before moving into the area of youth leadership. Over the past 30 years she has progressed through various positions from Recreation Programmer, Area Supervisor, and Facility Manager to Parks, Culture, and Recreation Administrator. In addition to instructing at Langara College in the BRM program she works in municipal recreation, where she is responsible for supervising eight facility/area managers that manage pools, arenas, community centres, museums, and archives, as well as arts and culture, youth, and seniors' services. Over the last decade Joanne has also been involved in several major maintenance projects, including the retrofitting and renovation of existing recreation facilities, and is presently a staff lead on the planning of a \$35 million dollar civic cultural facility that will revitalize the historic downtown core of the City of New Westminster.

---

#### Education / Professional Associations

- MA (Leadership and Training), Royal Roads University (2006)
  - Child Care Diploma, Mohawk College (1976)
  - Recreation Leadership Diploma, Mohawk College (1975)
  - Active member British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (1980-2011)
  - Board member British Columbia Recreation Foundation (2003-2011)
  - Active member Creative City Network (2006-2011)
- 

Joanne has a strong belief in the value of parks, culture and recreation facilities, and programs and services, and is continually searching for ways to deliver a message to funders and decision makers about the benefits that these services bring to our communities.

#### Publications / Speaking Engagements

Joanne's thesis was published into a book titled "Measuring Performance: A Link Between Resources and Results" 2008 (ISBN 13: 9783836487351)

She has written articles for the BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Magazine and been a speaker at BCRPA, Creative City Network, and BC Recreation Foundation conferences and workshops.

Joanne Edey-Nicoll  
jedeynicoll@langara.bc.ca

---



### RECREATION LEADERSHIP DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Recruiting for the September, 2012, term of the two-year Recreation Leadership Diploma is now underway.

If you're a Grade 12 graduate and interested in helping to build community life, check us out on our website. Or, if you are a recreation professional or a graduate of the program, we would appreciate your help in spreading the word about Recreation Studies at Langara to potential students, including referrals to your family, friends, co-workers – or the kid down the street that cuts your lawn.

#### Contact Us

Recreation Leadership Diploma Program  
Langara College  
100 West 49th Avenue  
Vancouver, BC Canada  
V5Y 2Z6

Vince Kreiser  
Program Coordinator  
T 604.323.5276  
F 604.323.5555  
E cfields@langara.bc.ca

#### ONLINE:

[www.langara.bc.ca/recreation](http://www.langara.bc.ca/recreation)  
[www.langara.bc.ca/recweb](http://www.langara.bc.ca/recweb)



Did you know we have a Facebook page? Find us by searching "Recreation Leadership" on Facebook.

---

Visit our blog at  
[iweb.langara.bc.ca/recreation-studies](http://iweb.langara.bc.ca/recreation-studies)