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Reflecting the pride we have in our institution

Whether I'm standing at the front of a room full of proud and happy graduates, attending yet another fantastic show in our Performing Arts Theatre, or cheering on one of our winning athletics teams, I am constantly reminded of the amazing people who come to this College.

Just this past year, 13 of our Global Stewardship program students collected an award from the United Nations Association for their work in alleviating poverty in Mexico. Our athletics director, **Joe Iacobellis**, was singled out for an outstanding achievement award for his work at the College and in the community. Two of our instructors in the Community Outreach Development Office, **Diana Twiss** and **Pat Hodgson**, won a national award of excellence for municipal workplace literacy achievements, and Adult Basic Education instructor, **John Pass**, was this year's winner of the Governor General's Literary Award in the English-language poetry category. While the number of other outstanding award winners is too long to list here, I would like to congratulate all of them for their remarkable accomplishments.

Through the efforts of our employees, through the generous and continued support from our donors, and through their own diligence and hard work our students have excelled. We have watched them grow as they gained confidence and challenged themselves in ways they never before dreamed possible. The stories appearing here are a reflection of the pride we feel in their achievements and in our own.

Please accept my warmest wishes for a healthy and happy new year!

Dr. Greg Lee
President, Capilano College

Let your imagination roam

Continuing Education instructor, **Sharon Tokar**, has been described as passionate and inquisitive with a gypsy spirit. An archaeologist and anthropologist, she has climbed Mount Fuji, explored Aboriginal pictograph sites in Australia and visited Mayan sites in Guatemala. She exemplifies the philosophy of Continuing Education at Capilano College: learning through doing.

Sharon conducts several study tours that are available through Continuing Education. These tours let participants discover cultures and civilizations by experiencing the countries firsthand. Upcoming tours for 2007 include Eastern Anatolia, South Africa, and Guatemala and Spanish Immersion (learn Spanish in Guatemala—how hands on is that?).

Of course, one doesn't have to travel the globe to enjoy the experiential learning that Continuing Education offers. From painting, writing and languages to culinary tours, music and computers, Continuing Education at Capilano College lets students of all ages dig deep and learn through hands-on instruction. And speaking of digging deep, Sharon will also be teaching Forensic Anthropology in the spring 2007 term. Visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/ce, or call **604.984.4901** to find out more about this and other Continuing Education courses.



Visit Mayan sites in Mexico.



The First Lady of Paraguay, Gloria Penayo de Duarte, supports a new College project in her country.

Business student brings the world home

Capilano College School of Business student, **Herbert Cruz**, has such an active life that it's easy to see why he was selected to attend the elite *Bringing the World Home* conference held last November in London, England.

The 30-year-old father of three (soon to be four) will graduate in December 2007 with a Business Administration bachelor degree, an advanced diploma in strategic human resource management, and an advanced diploma in international business. His educational experience was certainly a factor in his being one of only 125 high-achieving young leaders out of 350 applicants worldwide accepted to attend the three-day summit.

And as if being a full-time student wasn't enough, the busy student is also employed full-time as a Network Analyst for Shaw Cable.

"I would never be able to do this without the support of my wife, Evelyn," said Herbert, who hopes to start up his own cross-cultural communications company one day. "Capilano College has also been very supportive and I'm really grateful for that."

While in London, Herbert was interviewed by two universities that he would like to attend to complete his MBA.

"The University of Manchester and the London Business School have both agreed to consider me for their MBA programs," he said. "While they will look at my credentials and take into account the fact that I was selected to attend the conference, they told me that what they really consider is the overall package."

For more information on the School of Business, visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/business, or call **604.984.4960**.



Herbert Cruz shares the spotlight with his eldest son, Nicholas.



Greg Vandeborne (left) helps prepare lunch in one of the Vietnamese homestays that was certified due to the work of Capilano College Tourism students.

Experiential education changes lives

While some students were enjoying last summer perfecting their tans, **Greg Vandeborne** was spending his changing the lives of people living in poverty in Northern Vietnam. His willingness to try new things has resulted in a career-altering path for the 28-year-old.

"Initially, I went back to school for a diploma because I wanted to gain some business knowledge to open a restaurant," said the Capilano College student who is now completing the Tourism Management degree program. "But in my second year at Cap, I discovered the power of experiential education and making a contribution, and now I want to get my master's degree and become a teacher."

In 2003, Greg was part of a team of 12 from the Tourism program to go on a needs assessment trip to Vietnam's remote villages of Ta Phin and Ta Van. The group was there to help the villagers develop a culturally and ecologically sustainable tourism industry.

While the CIDA-funded venture was only meant to last five years, the College will continue to offer three-week field study trips to the region where students can accumulate credits through hands-on experience.

"The project has opened up possibilities that these people never could have imagined," said Greg, who has returned twice to the region to lend a helping hand, "and that's what matters most."

For more information on the College's Tourism programs, visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/tourism, or call **604.984.4960**.

Seamless transition for Costuming grad

Some might think it's a big leap from selling retail clothing to creating costumes for stars such as **Lucy Liu** and **Brenda Strong**, but for **Shanna Mair** it was a seamless transition.

After moving to British Columbia from Toronto in 1994, Shanna, who had already taken some art and design classes in Ontario, initially worked in the retail clothing business.

Wanting to get into the film industry, she volunteered on film sets to learn more about the business. When a production manager told her about the Costuming for Stage and Screen program at Capilano College, it turned out to be a perfect fit with her past experience.

"I definitely knew this is what I wanted to do," Shanna said. "The program was an unbelievable learning experience."

The one- or two-year full-time program is unique in Canada – no other post-secondary costuming program covers both theatre and film. Students learn all aspects of costuming and how to collaborate creatively with directors and production designers.

For more information on the Costuming for Stage and Screen program, visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/film/stagecostuming, or call **604.990.7868**.



Shanna Mair found the Costuming for Stage and Screen program to be a cut above the rest.



Music Therapy grad, Alpha Woodward, is changing children's lives in war torn Bosnia.

College degree helps heal the wounds of war

For the many children in Bosnia-Herzegovina who lived through the horrors of a civil war, **Alpha Woodward's** Capilano College Music Therapy bachelor degree means the difference between a normal life and one filled with the nightmares of the memories of conflict.

Alpha has spent the past two years providing music therapy to children at the Pavarotti Music Centre based in Mostar, Bosnia.

"In our western culture, we forget about each war when the cameras turn in another direction," Alpha said, "but the long term impact of war on health and quality of life are real."

Alpha graduated at the age of 46 from Capilano College's four-year Music Therapy bachelor degree program in 1994. She then continued her education through B.C.'s Open University distance curriculum, acquiring her master's degree in 1998.

"I would have to say that the program at Capilano College was one of the most enriching, meaningful programs I have ever taken," Alpha said. "My life truly got on track and went forward as a result of this training."

For more information on the Music Therapy bachelor degree program at Capilano College, visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/music-therapy, or call **604.984.4951**.

Science courses lead to dream job

Cait Nelson had so much summer fun working with the Canadian Wildlife Service that there otter be a law. She scoured the coastline around Victoria in a zodiac looking at river otters and their habitat.

"I had some pretty close encounters with the otters, especially when the babies were coming out of the den for the first time," Cait said. "A baby river otter might be the cutest thing I have ever seen, but the mothers can sure be aggressive when protecting their young."

Cait's path to her dream job started at Capilano College, where she entered the university transfer program in Science after graduating in 1999 from North Vancouver's Argyle Secondary School.

Concentrating on biology and ecology, Cait took to the College's small class sizes and the one-on-one attention from her instructors like an otter to water. The foundation she built in ecology, zoology and chemistry is one she uses to this day.

After earning her Associate of Science diploma from Capilano College in 2004, Cait went on to the University of British Columbia to earn her Science bachelor degree. From there she landed her current job with the B.C. Ministry of Environment.

For more information on the College's university transfer courses, visit www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/university-transfer.



Cait Nelson's college science courses led her to an amazing job.

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