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At Capilano College our mission is to enable student success



## Inspiration abounds

This past year has been one of several new and exciting initiatives for Capilano, our students and our communities.

At the top of the list is our continued pursuit of a change in designation to that of a regional university. This new designation would provide our students and potential students with additional assurances that they will continue to receive university-level programs and degrees with college-quality teaching and student support.

The backing from our MLAs and from all members of our communities has been overwhelming and Capilano would like to extend its sincerest appreciation to everyone who has helped us in our ongoing efforts to be recognized as a regional university.

Another major endeavour currently underway is our pursuit of accreditation with the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. This move reinforces the institution's continued commitment to excellence and works to ensure that the economy of the communities it serves remains strong.

We also introduced this year two new ways to celebrate the success of our graduates – the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the One to Watch Award. Capilano takes great pride in the achievements of its alumni, and all our award recipients and nominees reflect the quality of the education they received while here. They have learned from the best and today are setting themselves apart with their accomplishments.

We hope that the stories in this report will inspire you as much as they do us.

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

Dr. Greg Lee  
President, Capilano

## The absolute best

For people who want to be their best, the place to be is Capilano College Continuing Education. It was voted the number one Continuing Education facility on the North Shore in the 2007 Best of the Shore feature conducted by the *North Shore Outlook*.

So why was Capilano College Continuing Education voted as the best? Probably because it offers an uncommon mix of exceptional courses in a surprising number of areas. For example, in addition to old favourites, such as Applied Arts, Music, Languages, Writing, and Computers, there are classes in Private Investigation, Surveillance Techniques, Sustainability, and Motorcycle Training – not to mention the incredible study tours and the new real estate courses. It also delivers top-notch children's programs, including the enormously popular Serious Fun summer camps, and the Community Music School, renowned for its peerless music lessons for children. And for people 55 plus, it's hard to go wrong with Eldercollege.

Spring 2008 registration is on now. Visit [www.capcollege.bc.ca/ce](http://www.capcollege.bc.ca/ce) to learn more. For a copy of the latest course calendar, call 604.984.4901.



Capilano College Continuing Education, with its uncommon mix of courses, is a true passport to knowledge.

## Setting her sights on high

The notoriously picky University of Toronto knows a good student when it sees one. That's why it flung its doors wide open when Capilano alumna, **Kathleen Mahannah**, applied to its Physical Education and Health degree program.

"Every single one of my Human Kinetics courses transferred over to the U of T," said the multiple award-winning volleyball player who also took several University Transfer courses at Capilano and ranked English as one of her favourite subjects. "Other students here said that this university is really tough on giving transfer credits, but Capilano's programs are definitely on par with its high standards!"

Kathleen excelled in both the classroom and in the Sportsplex. In 2007, a 4.25 grade point average helped her claim the British Columbia Colleges' Athletic Association's Academic Excellence Award and led to her being named the 2006-07 Canadian Colleges' Athletic Association Academic All Canadian.

The 20-year-old former Lynn Valley resident is now the setter for the U of T's volleyball team and credits Capilano with readying her for a possible career in sports medicine or physiotherapy.

"I had a really great time at Cap," she said, "and I definitely feel more prepared for university after spending two years at college."

For information on the Human Kinetics program, visit [www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/human-kinetics](http://www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/human-kinetics), or call 604.990.7966.



Volleyball setter, Kathleen Mahannah, was accepted into the University of Toronto based on her Capilano education.

## Geneskool workshops enthrall student crime sleuths

More than 200 Lower Mainland high school sleuths were hot on the DNA trail of a killer earlier this month at Capilano's North Vancouver campus during a series of eight Genome B.C.-sponsored Geneskool on the Road workshops.



And while the homicide they investigated was fictional, the secondary school biology students from Burnaby, Vancouver, Mission, Richmond and Delta employed the same techniques and equipment used on the popular TV crime drama, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*.

"The kids just have a ball at these events," said Capilano lab convener, **Ann Meitz**, herself a huge *CSI* fan who sat in on Capilano's first Geneskool workshops last year and who was one of three facilitators for the fully booked daylong sessions.

"They do DNA extraction from fruit, as opposed to real crime-scene DNA. But they use the same genetic fingerprinting tools that forensics and biotech labs work with," she said.

When the culprit's DNA is finally revealed, many of the students "are totally surprised," said Ann, "because the person they initially suspected didn't do it."

For more information on the April 2008 workshops, call 604.986.1911, local 3478, or e-mail [mdejong@capcollege.bc.ca](mailto:mdejong@capcollege.bc.ca)

## Fane family legacy

After a long and fulfilling career flying bush planes and performing aerial acrobatics, **Margaret Fane Rutledge** spent her later years in Richmond with a clear view of incoming and outgoing aircrafts. Aviation was her passion and when she died, Margaret ensured that others would have an opportunity to follow their passions, as well.

Her two nephews, including Capilano Business instructor, **Graham Fane**, were named administrators of her estate and the Fane family generously donated \$50,000 in Margaret's memory to the Capilano Foundation. The financial support was used to establish a permanent endowment fund that will assist a deserving Business student to participate in an international study abroad program.

"The reason I chose the Capilano School of Business is obviously my connection to it," said Graham, who has worked at Capilano since 1980, "but more importantly, I wanted to give students the opportunity to study abroad – especially those who wouldn't otherwise be able to do so. Plus, donating money from my aunt's estate to programs and charities enables us to keep her memory alive."

For more information on Capilano's Foundation, visit [www.capcollege.bc.ca/about/alumni-giving/giving/foundation](http://www.capcollege.bc.ca/about/alumni-giving/giving/foundation)



In 1936, Margaret Fane Rutledge, seen kneeling second from right, was a member of the Flying Seven, an all-female group of B.C. pilots.



## Courting Bond

The guy on the left in the photo? That's Bogavelli. **Kiran Bogavelli**. And he likes his birdies shaken, not stirred. More realistically, the provincial men's singles badminton champion probably prefers them whirling into his opponent's court as unreachable targets.

"I've played badminton in more than 35 countries and used to be one of the top ranked players in India," said Kiran, who struck his first birdie at the age of 8. "Badminton is a big sport in that country and a person can make a good living at it."

In 2001, Kiran left his hometown of Hyderabad in southern India to move to Vancouver. Today, at age 28, the third-year Capilano Bachelor of Business Administration student is also the reigning Canadian College Athlete of the Year and has two national college badminton titles in men's singles.

But there's much more to the double life of this elite athlete who plays for both the Capilano men's and mixed badminton teams. To pay for his education, Kiran also coaches Capilano's men's and women's badminton teams and works as the badminton pro at the Vancouver Lawn and Tennis Club. That's where he ran into 007 himself, **Pierce Brosnan**. The two posed for a snapshot after playing a spot of tennis in September.

For information on the School of Business, visit [www.capcollege.bc.ca/business](http://www.capcollege.bc.ca/business), or call 604.984.4960. For information on Capilano's Athletics and Recreation programs, visit [www.capcollege.bc.ca/services/campus-activities/athletics](http://www.capcollege.bc.ca/services/campus-activities/athletics)



Ariana Flynn

## New career found on the run

Armed with a bachelor of arts degree and no plans for her future, **Ariana Flynn** decided to travel. While working in resort areas in New Zealand, Australia and South East Asia, the former Williams Lake resident discovered that her career path lay within the resort industry.

Ariana graduated in June 2007 from Capilano's Destination Resort Management Co-op program and collected the Governor General's Academic Collegiate Bronze Medal for her efforts. She achieved the highest overall grade point average upon completion of the two-year, full-time diploma program.

"Ariana brought a great deal of professionalism mixed with the right amount of curiosity and passion for learning," said her instructor, **Stephanie Wells**.

Today, Ariana is working at a five-star resort on Vancouver Island.

"Now that I've graduated from my second round of post-secondary education, I no longer feel that I need to skip the country to find direction," she said at Capilano's June 11 convocation. "I only had to travel as far as Victoria, where I'm currently beginning my career in resorts at Brentwood Bay Lodge and Spa."

For information on the Destination Resort Management program, visit [www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/squamish/destination](http://www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/squamish/destination), or call 604.986.1911, local 5800.

## Lights, camera, action

An information meeting for Capilano's Film Centre programs changed **Josh Whittall's** life forever.

He had already graduated from Capilano's Retail Marketing program in 1999 when he decided to set his sights on motion picture production.

"The program was an incredible experience and I learned a broad range of skills that enabled me to get industry jobs immediately," he said.

In 2001, Josh and his wife started Wandering Gecko Entertainment. In 2003, he wrote a feature length script, *The Gutter Diaries*, for which he won Best Director for a feature film at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival in November 2006.

Over the past few years, Josh has worked as an assistant director on numerous feature length movies. He has since obtained a literary agent and is currently producing a second feature film. More recently, Josh was selected as one of four accomplished young Capilano alumni honoured with a One to Watch Award.

For information on Capilano's Film Centre, visit [www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/film](http://www.capcollege.bc.ca/programs/film), or call 604.990.7868.



Josh Whittall

## Did you know . . .

- Capilano's vast region, which includes campuses in North Vancouver, Sechelt and Squamish, has one of the highest post-secondary completion rates in British Columbia.
- Fifty-nine per cent of the students attending Capilano are female.
- Provincial and local government allocated around \$39.5 million in support of Capilano in fiscal year 2006.
- Capilano returns \$4.90 for every dollar of taxpayer financial support.
- Currently, 607 international students from 45 countries are studying at Capilano.
- The international student program at Capilano injects about \$20 million into the local economy.
- Students see their annual income increase by \$136 per year for every credit completed at Capilano.

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