



Your VIU...

Bulletin

Cowichan Campus Staff Bulletin, December 2013



Mark Your Calendar For These Cowichan VIU Events



December 3 ~ Fair is Fare Market; 9:30-11:00am

December 4 ~ President's Festive Reception; Nanaimo campus

December 5 ~ Renee's Campus Café, last evening opening for 2013

December 6-13 ~ Renee's Campus Café open 8am-2pm

December 11 ~ Cowichan campus Christmas Gathering; 3:30-5:30

December 14, 2013 - January 5, 2014 ~ Renee's Campus Café Closed

December 21, 2013 - January 1, 2014 ~ Campus will be closed

January 2, 2014 ~ Campus will reopen at 7:00 a.m.

March 13, 2014 ~ the Farm Table Restaurant reopens

A Message From Warren Weir

Good Day Cowichan Campus staff and faculty. It's hard to believe, but here we are, coming to the end of the 2013 Fall Academic Term. By the time we leave for the Holiday break, I will have been here for 6 months. Last week I held a session for all campus staff and faculty on "Moving the Cowichan Campus Forward". In my presentation, the first of more to come, I highlighted a) what I have been doing as Campus Academic Administrator, b) what I have learned, and c) what we need to do to move the campus forward in good ways, together. There was a great turnout, which I very much appreciated. I look forward to working with everyone on moving the Cowichan Campus forward through one-on-one's, "teams of interest", and collaborative advisory committees. Let's plan on starting the ball rolling in the New Year, by getting together and brainstorming our ideas.

Next year will be exciting for a number of reasons, including the launch of our own campus-based 5-year Bachelor of Education cohort. We had our first information session on-site Wednesday November 27th and twenty-six interested prospects joined our Mr. David Sufrin for a better understanding of the opportunity, and pizza! It is my hope that we will have a full cohort of 32 students starting that program next September. Spread the word!

In the New Year I will plan on being available for staff and faculty visits and team meetings. In addition, I will be developing more ways to communicate with everyone at the Cowichan Campus, starting with the launch of my Academic Administrator blog in January. I am attending the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) Conference on Serving Indigenous Learners and Communities in Vancouver, December 2 & 3. I will cover that and other events and interests over the year.

Once again, thanks for your ongoing support, and keep up the great work.

~ Warren Weir





Award winning VIU Cowichan featured in Living Architecture Magazine

On October 25th I was invited by Randy Sharp, of Sharp & Diamond Landscape Architecture Inc., to attend the awards luncheon at the Green Roofs for Healthy Cities 11th Annual Green Roof and Wall Conference (CitiesAlive), in San Francisco. Our Cowichan Campus rooftop project (which Randy

was in charge of), received the 2013 Green Roof Award of Excellence in the Intensive Institutional category. Adam Weir (no relation) of Paradise Cityscapes was also there. Please see <http://www.greenroofs.org/index.php/events/awards-of-excellence/2013-award-winners> and the Green Roofs for Healthy Cities website.

Green Roofs for Healthy Cities established the Green Roof Awards of Excellence in 2003 to recognize green roof projects which exhibit extraordinary leadership in integrated design and implementation. The awards also increase general awareness of green roof and green wall infrastructure and its associated public and private benefits, while recognizing the valuable contributions of green roof and green wall design professionals.

Here is a link to Randy's web site (see <http://sharpdiamond.com/profile/>).

To "top it off", our VIU Cowichan Campus is featured in the current issue of Living Architecture magazine (see page 3 for the article). The article features a great quote by Drew Taylor. The photo was graciously supplied by Garyali Architect.

~ Yours, Warren Weir

Congratulations Naomi!

I'm very pleased to announce that Naomi Knodel will be filling the position of Manager of Registration Services for the period of my leave, through April 14, 2014. Naomi has many years of experience in the Registration Services department at Cowichan, and her high level of competence and calm manner will be a great asset in this new role.

~ Karen Leeman

Welcome Nola!

Please extend a warm Cowichan welcome to **Nola McMullen**, Administrative Assistant, Cowichan Campus (local 3505). Nola comes to us with a background in administrative support, customer & community relationship building & service, multi-project management, event & presentation preparation, and policy & procedure administration to name but a few of her strengths, and has an Honours Diploma in Business Administration as well as one in Hospitality Administration.

~ Gay Patterson

Halloween Potluck

Thank you to everyone who attended the Staff Halloween Potluck. There was a great assortment of delicious food. And the costumes were great too! Thank you to the volunteers that helped set-up and clean-up. We couldn't do it without you!

2013 AWARDS
OF EXCELLENCE

CATEGORY:
**INTENSIVE
INSTITUTIONAL**

TEAM

PROJECT:

*Vancouver Island University,
Cowichan Campus, Duncan, BC,
50,000 square foot green roof*

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:

*Sharp & Diamond Landscape
Architecture Inc. (Award Winner)*

WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE:

Soprema

CIVIL ENGINEER:

Herold Engineering

GREEN ROOF CONTRACTOR:

Paradise Cityscape

ARCHITECT:

Garyali Architects

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:

Yellowridge Construction

LANDSCAPE AND GREEN ROOF MAINTENANCE:

Island Irrigation

MECHANICAL ENGINEER:

AME Consulting Group

LEED/SUSTAINABILITY:

Advicas

IMAGE PROVIDED BY: SHARP & DIAMOND
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE INC.



A PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW

Vancouver Island University's new Cowichan Campus is a place for celebration and learning. Located approximately 38 miles northwest of Victoria, the university is one of the largest employers in the Cowichan Valley; and 17 percent of students belong to the Cowichan Tribes. Through consultation with the Cowichan Tribes, First Nations' values and culture are expressed in the open building format with cultural artifacts, the significant use of wood and ethnobotanical gardens on the rooftop. The connection to the greater landscape of Cowichan Valley is reflected in extensive wet grasslands, large bigleaf maple trees and multiple green roofs that recreate meadow, forest and coastal bluff ecosystems. The site is an extension of the Someones Marsh, which is comprised of large meadow areas. Plants were chosen from the local nursery to reflect the surrounding landscape; and the roof was planted with over 44,000 native coastal meadow sedums, grasses and wildflowers.

The building features 6 types of roof systems on 3 levels. Level 3 is fully accessible by students, staff and visitors; and provides quiet spaces to gather

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DREW TAYLOR, PROJECT MANAGER, FACILITIES SERVICES AND CAMPUS MANAGEMENT, VIU

and areas for hands-on learning. Level 1 is on grade and accessible; and Level 2 locations are inaccessible. Green roofs cover 88 percent of the campus buildings, with sections of intensive green roof (with trees, shrubs, climbers and groundcovers), extensive green roof (with native coastal meadow sedums, grasses and wildflowers), extensive sloping roofs with additional slope / water retention to reflect the hillsides of the Cowichan Valley, pre-vegetated sedum mats and a blue roof (which provides additional stormwater retention). The project has been awarded LEED® Gold Certification.

On average, 90 percent of the annual rainwater is retained on the roof in 8 cisterns, which

are partially buried in the ground next to the building. Runoff is also retained onsite through permeable surfaces under the parking lot and the entrance plaza, rain gardens and wet meadows.

Students and staff have created a rooftop garden area and have planted salad greens, herbs and climbing beans—this is part of the Employability Skills course, which is taken by 12 students with disabilities. The course results were very positive. By integrating green roofs and other forms of green infrastructure throughout the project, it is clear that the new Cowichan Campus at is an exceptional place to gather, learn and grow.



10th Annual Duncan Community Christmas Tree Forest

Deb Provencher and the students of the Employability Skills Program have kindly offered to decorate the VIU Cowichan Campus Christmas Tree at Duncan City Square. Thank you class! Be sure to stop by and see the decorated VIU tree in City Square.

Everyone Deserves A Smile

Ecole Cobble Hill will be making 317 kindness care packages for the local homeless under the project name Un Sourire Pour Tous (a smile for everybody) to be handed out to the following shelters and soup kitchens in Duncan starting December 13th.

- ~ Warmland Shelter
- ~ Meals on the Ground
- ~ The Basket Society
- ~ The Friendship Center

From now until December 9th, they are collecting donations for new toques, scarves, wool socks, gloves and money donations (cheques made out to EDAS project). Drop off locations are at Drumroasters Coffee in Cobble Hill and at Island Savings Center.

~ Helene Demers

FAIR IS FARE MARKET™

The Employability Skills Program invites you to a Plant & Craft sale in the main foyer of VIU, Cowichan campus. Tuesday, December 3, 2013; 9:30 - 11:00 am. Half of proceeds will go to the Food Bank.



The Farm Table

For 15 years, VIU operated our Cowichan Culinary program (Professional Cook) and restaurant at Frances Kelsey Secondary School. The program has just completed its first year in its new home at Providence Farm - and what a year it has been for the Farm Table restaurant! The class served 2300 meals, using locally sourced produce, averaging between 30 and 40 customers per night. The restaurant is now closed for the season but it will re-open in March 2014. Congratulations to the Chef, Allan Aikman, and Dining Room Supervisor, Skipper Sorenson for their fine work, and best of luck to our graduates.

~ Keith Chicquen

Cowichan Trades Centre (CTC)

The new VIU Cowichan Trades Centre is open and operating on Boal Road in Duncan's industrial area. This unique partnership with School District 79 has seen Koksilah school converted to a Trades centre, allowing our programs to come together at a single site. A new Welding shop has been completed allowing 35 new welding students to receive training. Hairdressing, HVAC, Carpentry, Introduction to Trades and other programs are joining the welders in the new facility.

~ Keith Chicquen

Cowichan Staff Bulletin Submissions

Staff & Faculty are welcome to submit items of interest and photos for the Bulletin.

Next Submission Deadline:

January 6, 2014 9:00am

Email: trudy.bagnall@viu.ca



Salon79 Celebrates

89.7 SUN FM and EmmAlly's Bakery and Cafe present the **Hump Day Coffee Break!** The Salon79 class and instructor were nominated by one of their clients and **WON!**

Salon79 Closure

Please note Salon 79 closes December 19 and will reopen April 2014 with a new group of stylists in training.

Cowichan Campus Library

The Cowichan campus library now has a portable projection screen that can be borrowed for film showings in venues without a dedicated screen, or in cases where an additional screen is needed in a classroom.

As always, please contact Annie or Joanne to book a/v equipment in advance, so that we can advise on availability: (250) 746-3517; cowlibrary@viu.ca

~ Eileen Edmunds

Learning Outcomes Information Sessions

Please note: additional date in Nanaimo & a date change in Cowichan, see below.

Recommendation 19 of VIU's Academic Plan states: "Initiate a strategic review to establish learning outcomes, including literacy". The Education Standard Committee (ESC) has responsibility for this recommendation. In late 2012, the ESC took up the process of identifying learning outcomes for VIU and a sub-committee (Chris Jaeger, Daniel Burgoyne, Dana Pynn & Ross MacKay) was struck.

We, the sub-committee, have now tabled a draft of proposed learning outcomes for VIU and are opening the discussion to include the wider VIU community for input.

In the next few weeks, we are hosting a number of information & feedback sessions for all staff to meet with us and to provide us with thoughts and comments. The dates are listed below and we look forward to seeing you at one of them.

NANAIMO CAMPUS

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Time: 1-2:30 PM

Building 250, Room 220

Wednesday, November 27, 2013

Time: 10 – 11:30 AM

Building 356, Room 109

Monday, December 2, 2013 ** new date added **

Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM

Building 305, Room 507

COWICHAN CAMPUS

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 ** date changed to avoid conflict with School District event **

Time: 10-11:30am

Building 700, Room 215

If you have any questions please contact Chris Jaeger, the sub-committee chair, at chris.jaeger@viu.ca or local 2844.

You are Invited

*Please join in celebrating some holiday season cheer
Wednesday, December 11
3:30 – 5:30 pm
Cowichan Cafeteria
Appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages
Please bring a non-perishable donation for the food bank*

*RSVP Nola McMullen
Nola.McMullen@viu.ca or Local 3505*



Employability Skills Community Project

This is a special technology request. My class has decided that their community project this year is to interview a senior who is 80 years old or older and talk to them about what life was like when they were 23. The students will compile the information and write a memory book for the senior. As usual my students select projects that are exciting and challenging at the same time.

What I need from you is to look through your cupboards and lend us your tape recorders. I have 12 students!! I am sure you are all up to the challenge.

~ Thanks for your support. Deb Provencher

Richard Wagamese

On Monday, November 25th, VIU@Cowichan hosted Richard Wagamese, one of Canada's foremost Aboriginal authors and poets. Wagamese shared stories with a near capacity audience, speaking about his journey from a time in the 60s when Aboriginal children in Canada were taken from their homes and moved into the foster care system to his rise to an award winning journalist, poet and novelist. Wagamese left audience members mesmerized by his eloquence, deeply grateful for the honesty with which he spoke, for the wisdom that he shared, and eagerly awaiting the time that he will spend here at VIU as Writer in Residence in February, 2014.

~Sally Carpentier



President's Festive Reception 2013

*Wednesday, December 4, 2013 @ 4:00 pm
Main Cafeteria - Building 300*

*Faculty and Staff are invited to gather
for some holiday cheer.*

Hors D'Oeuvres will be provided.



VIU Snow Closure Procedures

The season of ice and snow is once again upon us, so all students, faculty and staff are reminded to familiarize themselves with Vancouver Island University's Snow Closure Procedures. **Please read the following carefully as some of the information has changed.**

Here is a brief overview:

If any of VIU's campuses or regional facilities need to be closed due to extreme weather conditions, the closure will be communicated to all students and employees in the following ways:



1. A message will be posted on the emergency banner at the top of VIU's website www.viu.ca
2. A message will be posted to Twitter [@viunews](https://twitter.com/viunews)
3. A message will be posted to [VIU's Facebook page](#)
4. A media advisory will be sent to all local and regional media, followed by direct calls to both radio and television stations
5. An email message will be sent from University Relations to employees and students
6. Signs will be posted on the entrances of the Library, Bookstore, Theatre and Welcome Centre advising that classes are cancelled, and services are closed
7. Information will be updated as appropriate throughout the day

Every effort will be made to communicate these messages **by 6:00 am on the day of the closure. Please check your junk email folders to ensure that email messages have not been filed there.**

There may be times when weather conditions change quickly and a decision to close the campus will need to be made after 6:00 am. **The most up-to-date information will be found on VIU's main website: www.viu.ca.**

Closures due to severe weather will be in effect **for the entire day** resulting in the cancellation of **both daytime and evening** classes and activities.

There may also be unforeseen circumstances when individual students or employees may not be able to commute to the campus due to weather conditions in the area in which they reside. In these circumstances, students should notify their instructors, and employees must work through their Dean or Director, to make alternative arrangements if required.

For further information, please visit VIU's [Severe Weather Procedure webpage](#) or email University.Relations@viu.ca.

Be safe!

EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM COMING SOON TO VIU'S COWICHAN CAMPUS

Bachelor of Education degree program begins September 2014

Cowichan Valley students thinking about becoming elementary school teachers will soon have access to a full university degree program close to home.

Vancouver Island University's Cowichan Campus in Duncan will offer a five-year Bachelor of Education degree program starting Sept. 2014.

"We're excited to offer this program and improve access to education for students who live in communities south of Nanaimo, from Ladysmith to Duncan to Victoria," says Tina McComb, Interim Director of Enrolment Management at VIU.

VIU's Bachelor of Education program to train elementary school teachers has only been offered at VIU's Nanaimo campus, but come September, students have the option of completing their entire degree at VIU'S Cowichan campus in Duncan.

Some students may prefer the smaller, more intimate learning environment offered at the Cowichan campus, while others may save money by living at home and not having to commute to Nanaimo.

Eligible students selected to enter Year 3 of the program must have completed two years of post-secondary credits, including pre-requisites including six credits of English, and three credits each of math, science and Canadian studies. All pre-requisite courses are offered at VIU's Nanaimo and Cowichan campuses.

Education Advisor David Suftrin says Bachelor of Education students will have opportunities to complete practicum assignments in various schools on Vancouver Island, elsewhere in BC, and internationally.

These experiences often lead to permanent teaching jobs. Suftrin points to Education grad Jeff Saunders. A day after graduation from VIU in January 2012, Saunders was en route to London, England to work for Classrooms Canada as a substitute teacher.

Six months later, Saunders returned to BC to accept a full-time job in Prince Rupert where he currently teaches music and social studies.

Students unable to attend this session can book an appointment with Suftrin at 250.740.6223 or 1.888.920.2221, extension 6223, or by email at David.Suftrin@viu.ca.

For more information, please visit www.viu.ca/education

Frank Sarton Memorial Award

Rachel Cooper and I administer the Frank Sarton Memorial Award which is given to an upper level student and based on financial need and demonstration of commitment to social justice. Frank was a VIU graduate (degrees in Women Studies and Psychology achieved after his retirement from BC Hydro) who passed away several years ago. Frank was a lifelong scholar and his insightful research papers and classroom contributions are fondly remembered by the instructors and students who had the pleasure of knowing him. The award (\$500) was established in Frank's memory with donations from faculty and staff. Last year, the Frank Sarton Award was given to a Cowichan Campus student registered in "Death and Dying: Interdisciplinary Perspectives" (Anth/Psyc 338). Frank inspired us to develop the course and would have appreciated the coming of full circle to a student registered in a course he is so much a part of. The award fund is nearly empty and rather than stage a fund raiser neither of us have time to organize, we would like to ask "friends of Frank" to consider donating to the fund. Your contributions can be sent to the Financial Aid and Awards Office. Please identify clearly that your donation is intended for the Frank Sarton Memorial Fund.

Thank you for honoring Frank's memory and supporting students.

~ Helene Demers
and Rachel Cooper



Communities Health Network

Join us for a Conversation on Selecting a Site for a Replacement of Cowichan District Hospital

The Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District recently issued a Request for Proposals seeking real estate expertise to identify properties that would fit into long term plans for the planned replacement of Cowichan District Hospital. Members of the public are invited to provide feedback on the site selection criteria that will be used in determining a location for a potential new hospital.

Where:

Ladysmith Seniors Centre

630 Second Avenue, Ladysmith

November 30, 10 am to 12:00 Noon

Cowichan Lake Arena

311 South Shore Road, Lake Cowichan

November 30, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Kerry Park Arena

1035 Shawnigan Mill Bay Road, Mill Bay

December 7, 10 am to 12:00 noon

VIU Cowichan Campus

2011 University Way, Duncan

December 7, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



- Learn about the role of the Cowichan Valley Regional Hospital District
- The site selection process
- The site selection criteria
- Provide your input



Light refreshments will be provided

For more information contact Cindy Lise 250-709-5062
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