

# NETWORK ALUMNI



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## We're here for you: Helping you network for your career

By *Dustin Walker*, UCC Fourth Year Journalism

**Regardless of where you live, UCC alumni are just a mouse-click away.**

The On-line Community (OLC) was launched Oct. 18 to help UCC graduates keep in touch, develop networking opportunities or connect with a career mentor. You can become a member of the community by visiting [www.uccalumni.ca](http://www.uccalumni.ca).

"We're finding that grads are moving away more than before to find jobs. Web access is one of the most efficient ways to stay in touch," said Victoria Baker, UCC Alumni's administrative assistant who administers the OLC program.

Not only are UCC grads connecting with each other, they can also contact career mentors and relocation advisors from 12 different universities across Canada, which are also using the OLC system. So far, nearly 30,000 students are signed up.

With so many people using the program, the OLC is a great way for grads to find advisors who are working in career fields that interest them, or they can become on-line advisors themselves.

"One of the great things about this program is that they can access career mentors who have graduated from an area not offered by UCC, such as doctors or lawyers," said Baker.

An OLC member can simply read a mentor's on-line profile to get a general idea of what that person's job entails or they can e-mail a mentor for more specific information about their profession.

Often when people find their dream-job, it happens to be in a city they know nothing about. The OLC can help grads face the fear of venturing into an unknown town with relocation and travel advice from people who live there.

There are 1,300 travel advisors who are happy to answer any questions about the city they live in. Alumni can even contact people from as far away as Hong Kong.

"It covers the entire country and some areas around the world as well," said Baker.

For grads who have already settled into a career, there is a business card exchange feature that allows alumni to post information about their business for other members to see. Alumni can also search the OLC for the services or products offered by grads.

Members can also create a UCC Alumni e-mail address that will forward any mail received at that account to the user's regular e-mail address. The Alumni account is permanent, and there's a wide range of address names available.

In addition to this, alumni can participate in on-line forums, search for classmates using the UCC Directory and send updates about themselves through the Pathfinder section. These updates could also be published in the Alumni Network Newsletter if sent to the Alumni Association office.

Later this year, members will be able to take advantage of even more OLC features.

"One of the things we're working on is an on-line chat feature, so alumni will be able to connect in real-time with their UCC friends and classmates and save some money on phone calls," said Baker

A job-posting section has also been added, which will allow grads to search for jobs through the UCC Student Employment Centre, including student and graduate job postings.



The OLC Network was created by the Alumni Affairs office of the University of Victoria in 1998. Last year, it was customized for UCC students and graduates.

## UCC Chapter Network social: coming to your community



Network with alumni, enhance your professional skills or just keep in touch with grads in your community by joining the UCC Alumni Chapter Network.

The first two UCC Alumni Chapters were developed this past fall and about 50 people came out for the Kamloops chapter meeting at Fogg n' Suds restaurant. In Williams Lake, a handful of grads met at Giorgio's.

"We've had really good feedback from both groups," said Nancy Plett, Alumni Association executive director.

A chapter meeting can be a simple get-together or a formal way to develop skills through volunteer work, mentoring or networking.

"It's up to the group to decide what they want to do," said Plett. "It can be a professional opportunity or a social thing."

Although Kamloops and Williams Lake have the highest numbers of UCC grads, the association's focus on chapter development isn't limited to the Thompson and Cariboo regions. Next year, two new UCC chapters will be created in Kelowna and Vancouver. In 2004, there's potential for chapter development in Victoria and possibly in Asia.

The Alumni Association is also working on a professional development speaker series for alumni to talk about their professions and give advice to those thinking about similar careers.



Alumni listen to guest speaker UCC President Roger Barnsley (left) at a chapter meeting in Kamloops



Those interested in starting an Alumni Chapter in their community can contact Plett at 828-5267 or e-mail [nplett@cariboo.bc.ca](mailto:nplett@cariboo.bc.ca). The association will help with some of the initial costs and with contacting people, but ultimately those involved in a chapter will run it.

"We'll help get them up and running, but eventually we want them to run on their own. What we will do is work with the groups to help them find where alumni are and provide some financial assistance," said Plett.



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Chinnama Baines, Dean of the School of Nursing, and Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient Charlene Yow, Bachelor of Science in Nursing '97



## UCC Distinguished Alumni Awards, 2002

### Deserving alumni honoured for contributions

By *Dustin Walker*, UCC Fourth Year Journalism

The UCC Distinguished Alumni Awards, which recognize graduates who have made significant contributions to their profession or community, have selected two worthy recipients this year.

The Alumni Association honoured Charlene Yow for her service to the community as a registered nurse and Patrick Hogan for his professional achievements in the field of respiratory therapy during a luncheon Nov. 7.

Alumni can be nominated for the award in one of seven categories: academic achievement, arts and culture, athletic achievement, professional achievement, public service, service to the community or service to the university college.

Hogan was nominated by his instructors in the Respiratory Therapy program for undertaking volunteer work in his hometown of Moncton, N.B., and across Canada.

"Receiving the award was quite an honour, especially because the nomination came from my instructors," said Hogan, who graduated in 1991.

"I'm very thankful for the award, I think it's great that the Alumni Association honours people for their work."

Hogan is now the owner of Ford's Allcare Home Health Centre in Moncton. He admits that it "feels a little strange" to be recognized for doing what he believes is an important part of the respiratory therapy profession.

"I just wanted to be actively involved: I believe in my profession." Patrick received the Clinical award for top student in his program in 1991. Patrick has provided leadership in his field, serving as president in both the provincial and national Association of Respiratory Therapists. He has served as a board member on both the Newfoundland and Labrador Lung Association and the Canadian Board of Respiratory Care, holding two portfolios at once.

Charlene Yow, who was honoured for her work in aboriginal communities, also believes in what she does.

She graduated from the nursing program in 1997. Charlene was enthralled by what she learned in her time at UCC and realized that with her education she could help improve the over-all health of First Nations communities.

"When I was doing my degree, all the stuff I was studying reflected what I saw happening: the literature came alive."

She now works for the Friendship Centre, one of four aboriginal health centres in B.C. She also sits on various advisory boards, such as the Kamloops Sexual Assault Centre's board of directors.

Like Hogan, Yow was grateful for the award, and even a little surprised.

"It was very humbling, there are so many grads from UCC. Once I started to think about the significance of the award, I felt very honoured."

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## Where are they now

### Former UCC student Kevin Kerr honoured with Governor General's Award

By *Dustin Walker*, UCC Fourth Year Journalism

Kevin Kerr never imagined he would become an award-winning playwright back in 1989 when he was finishing an Associate of Arts diploma at UCC.

Now, his play *Unity* (1918) has won him the 2002 Governor General's Award and a potential spot in Canadian literary history. The Governor General's Award is one of the most distinguished literary awards in Canada and is worth \$15,000.

"I was quite thrilled that I even got the play published," said Kerr, who lives in Vancouver. "Receiving the nomination (for the award) was a bit of a shocker."

He attended UCC before it offered undergraduate degrees. After obtaining his diploma he continued his schooling at UBC and became a co-founder of the Electric Company theatre group in 1996. But he still remembers how his time at UCC influenced his goals.

"My education path was pretty instrumental. I discovered that theatre was something I was passionate about."

Kerr didn't always have his sights set on theatre. Although he did some acting while attending high school and UCC, he also considered a degree in sociology. But before heading to Vancouver, Kerr realized where his true interests were.

"The first real play I wrote was at UCC in a creative writing class. Back then, it was one of those rare courses that only appeared something like every 11 years," said Kerr, who is the son of longtime UCC employee Carol Kerr. "So when they offered it, I jumped on it. The drama part of the course was taught by David Edwards ... His influence in my time at UCC pretty much convinced me to keep going down that path."

*Unity* (1918) tells the story of how people in a small Saskatchewan town deal with the threat of the lethal Spanish Flu epidemic in 1918. Although set in a time of death, Kevin says the play celebrates life.

Kamloops residents will be able to see the play from Jan. 23 to Feb. 1, during its run at Sagebrush Theatre. Kevin is very excited to be giving a hometown production of his award-winning piece.

"I really am. It's the second production, and it's a big one in that it's giving the piece credibility and sustaining the power to appear in different productions."



## UCC Alumni Events



Alumni and faculty socialize at the President's Reception



## The University College of the Cariboo Homecoming 2002

### homecoming 2002 welcomes grads

By *Dustin Walker*, UCC Fourth Year Journalism

Dozens of grads returned to the UCC campus last fall, but they weren't there to take a refresher course.

Their sights were set on the first annual Alumni Homecoming weekend, which took place Oct. 18 and 19 and attracted about 65 people who were all anxious to catch up on old times.

"We wanted to bring alumni back to the UCC campus and reconnect them with their alma mater," said Victoria Baker, Alumni Association administrative assistant.

The event kicked off with a President's Reception, which featured mouth-watering dishes from the Professional Cook Training program, live entertainment, and a Sun Peaks vacation give-away.

UCC President Roger Barnsley was in attendance to give the graduates an update on what was happening within the UCC community.

The next day, people gathered at Heroes for the Alumni Pub Reception. Magician Brad Finnen dazzled guests with tricks and cartoonist Clark Park captured each alum's profile with a caricature. Free appetizers, a no host bar and prize giveaways every half hour kept the crowd on the edge of their barstools.

Although last year's homecoming was "a great success," according to events assistant Angela Trudeau, the best is yet to come.

"We want to build a tradition of annual homecomings at UCC," said Trudeau. "The really big one will be in 2005, which is the institution's 35 year anniversary."

But even next year's homecoming is due to be a larger event. Alumni staff is focused on bringing graduates back to UCC so they can rediscover their educational roots. To do this, they're making future homecomings better with more events, prizes and activities. Invitations will be sent out to alumni before next year's homecoming.

## reunions!

**Animal Health Technology** graduates are invited to attend a reunion celebrating 20 years of the AHT program. The event is being held in conjunction with the BCAHT Convention April 3-5, 2003 at UCC in Kamloops. For more information, please contact Wayne Hollingshead at (250) 828-5178 or hollingshead@cariboo.bc.ca or Pat Cutler at (250) 828-5176 or pcutler@cariboo.bc.ca

**The Cariboo Child Care Society** is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2003. In recognition, they will be having a few special events over the course of the year. They invite all current and former CCCS staff, families and children, and ECE faculty and students to contact them so that they can keep you posted about the upcoming fun activities. They are hoping to hear from everyone, even if you no longer live in Kamloops. Watch for more information in future newsletters. Please contact Susan at shammond@cariboo.bc.ca, or Helen at daycare@cariboo.bc.ca, or call the CCCS office at 828-5160.

The Alumni Association staff can provide financial and planning assistance to UCC alumni, faculty or students who wish to organize class or program reunions. Contact the Alumni Association at (250) 828-5267 or alumni@cariboo.bc.ca for more information.

# THE ALUMNI PATHER

## 1970s

**Dan Hazell** (Business Admin. Dip. '72) was a charter student of Cariboo College and took courses at the first location in the Kamloops Indian Band Residential School. Dan was also the first Cariboo College graduate to obtain the Certified General Accountant designation in 1976. After graduation, Dan joined the firm of Rudd Gould & Elliott (now KPMG) and worked there until November 1978, when he purchased an existing accounting firm in Kamloops, which he continues to operate to this date. His firm, Hazell & Co. Certified General Accountant, has four full-time and one part-time staff and is being joined by a fellow CGA as an estate and financial adviser. That will enable the joint office to provide a one stop service centre for clients' financial requirements.

## 1980s

**Dr. Keith Hasler** (University Transfer '82) attended Cariboo College from 1980 to 1982 and played varsity soccer and badminton, then transferred to UBC where he completed a Bachelor of Science in 1985. He went to Western States Chiropractic College and received his Chiropractic Doctorate in 1993. He returned to Kamloops where he has been practicing since. Keith is active in volleyball, soccer, skiing and hockey and also plays keyboards and drums in various projects. Keith has an office at 105-1150 Hillside Dr in Kamloops and can be reached at (250) 377-4141 or khasler@mail.ocis.net.

many family connections, including **Diana Sinclair** (Bookkeeping Cert. '83) and daughter **Shelene** (BSW '98). Diana has worked at UCC following her certificate and is currently the receptionist for the Division of Student Health. She has also taken further courses at UCC including library aide and the Computer Systems certificate. She is active in the UCC, and Metis communities, serving on many committees and boards. Her daughter Nicole is currently home on maternity leave with son Jason, her first grandchild. In addition to her degree, she has her Human Service Worker certification as well as Mental Health and Anger Management certificates and plans to continue with her Masters in Education. She has worked in several group homes and currently works for the Sto'lo Nation in Family Services.

**University Transfer '89** and **Nicole** (Laberge - Diploma '95) **Biagioni** welcomed their fourth child, Robert, on November 9, 2002. The couple currently live in Kamloops where Micheal, a UBC Pharmacy graduate owns a Shoppers Drug Mart. Grandmother **Biagioni**, the long-time nurse in UCC Health Services, is in attendance for the birth.

Upon receiving her diploma, **Dana Koch** (Digital Art & Computer Systems Operations Management diploma) in Vancouver for a multimedia firm. A few years later, she returned to UCC to broaden her base in the CSOM program. During her time at UCC, Dana worked for Weyerhaeuser as their corporate graphic designer through the Co-operative Education program, remaining with them for five years after completion of the program. Facing restructuring at Weyerhaeuser, Dana took the opportunity to start her own design business, Koch Ink ([www.kochink.com](http://www.kochink.com)), which she operates from her home in Kamloops. She is involved with many local organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, and the Kamloops Heritage Society. In her spare time, Dana enjoys many outdoor activities and restoring her heritage home.



## 1990s

**Becky (Drinkwater) Birch** (Computer Systems Operations Management '90) was hired by the BC Lottery Corporation upon completion of her program and remains employed there to this day, most recently in Casino Systems as a data architect and in systems support and development. Becky is a proud new grandmother to Seth Gordon, a son for her eldest, Kevin Drinkwater. Her son **Scott** is following in his mother's footsteps, starting in the CSOM program this January and her youngest son **Max** will be starting in the Career Technical Centre at UCC in the fall.

**Heather Friesen** (University Transfer '90) completed a BA at UBC in 1993 and will graduate in June with an MBA from the Edinburgh Business School. This year Heather celebrates ten years of working at UCC in roles such as academic advisor and research analyst. She is currently an instructional liaison officer, which includes responsibility for the development and coordination of the new Weekend University ([www.cariboo.bc.ca/weekendu](http://www.cariboo.bc.ca/weekendu)) as well as co-ordination of UCC's Summer Session. Heather says, "I am continually impressed with the educational and professional opportunities that UCC affords its community and I consider myself very fortunate to be part of the team."

**Jenny Jupp** (Partsperson Cert. '95) is working in the Lower Mainland for Altrom Canada Corp. ([www.altrom.com](http://www.altrom.com)), where she is responsible for the research and purchasing of European automotive parts for the North American wholesale market. Prior to this, she was employed at Kamloops Select Auto for four years while (with that company's support), she obtained her certification of apprenticeship in automotive parts through Kwantlen University College. In her spare time, she volunteers for her local community centre with the senior's craft group and is looking for volunteer work with the independent film industry as a set decorator. If you would like to contact Jenny, e-mail her at [jennyj@altrom.com](mailto:jennyj@altrom.com).

**Ian Gooding** (BBA'96) finished his degree with a concentration in marketing and returned in 1997 to take courses in finance. He then worked in the financial services industry for two years before taking the Instructors Diploma through Vancouver Community College in 2001. Ian has returned to Kamloops and is an instructor at Sprott-Shaw Community College ([www.sprott-shaw.com](http://www.sprott-shaw.com)).

Many UCC graduates now work at their alma mater. One of them, **Wesley Eccleston** (BA '97) has been teaching theatre at UCC part-time since 1999 and is now teaching theatre history and acting. He returned to Kamloops and UCC after completing a Masters in Drama at the University of Alberta. In 1996, he co-founded the local theatre company, Three Men of Sin, and this semester will be directing Beautiful City for the UCC Actors' Workshop. Wesley is excited about UCC's new Black Box Theatre, currently under construction, and looks forward to "maximizing the much-needed resources it will provide our department."

**Ryan James** (Professional Cook Training '97) and **Holly Boxrud** (Arts student, 1995-1997) were married in July 2002 and now make their home in Canmore, Alberta. Ryan is the Chef of The Grizzly Paw Restaurant ([www.thegrizzlypaw.com](http://www.thegrizzlypaw.com)) and created a new winter menu for the restaurant this fall. In their spare time, Ryan and Holly enjoy the many outdoor activities available in the Rocky Mountains.

After completing his degree, **Paul Gauci** (BBA '99) returned to his hometown of St. John's, Newfoundland and returned to school to attain a post-graduate diploma in Information Technology from Memorial University. He is currently working as Director of Internet Development at m5i ([www.m5i.com](http://www.m5i.com)), a St. John's information technology and marketing firm. In his spare time, Paul enjoys outdoor activities with his wife and two-year-old daughter. UCC friends and classmates may e-mail Paul at [paulgauci@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:paulgauci@nf.sympatico.ca).

**Sukh Heer** (BSW '99) has always considered the UCC Athletics Department home. She played varsity basketball for four years, then took on assistant coaching duties for the Sun Demons for the next four years. She also helped to develop and co-ordinate the UCC Sports Camps for five years. In August, she was named head coach of the women's basketball team replacing her mentor Jeff Speedy, who has moved on to the University of Regina. Sukh returns to UCC after two years as the program co-ordinator for the PacificSport Regional Sports Centre.

## 2000s

Following a diploma from Selkirk College in Ski Resort Operations and Management and some time working in the Japanese Alps, **Pascal Bricault** (BTM '00) came to UCC to enhance his knowledge in tourism management. He is now a marketing manager at Carlson Marketing Group ([www.carlsoncanada.com](http://www.carlsoncanada.com)), following a position with Chrono Communications and a contract for the National Bank of Canada. As well, Pascal is an active member of the Montreal chapter of the Canadian Direct Marketing Association. UCC friends and classmates can e-mail Pascal at [PBricault@carlson-montreal.com](mailto:PBricault@carlson-montreal.com).

**Shannon Joly** (BBA '00) is now working at UCC as a Human Resources Officer. Between completion of her degree and returning to UCC as staff, she did contract work for the City of Kamloops and Canada Post. Shannon is active in her profession as a board member and co-chair for Publicity and Membership for the Central Interior Chapter of the Human Resource Management Association, a group she was involved with as a student representative while completing her degree.

**Chad Ludwig** (BTACS '00) uses his education daily as chief technology officer of VS Visual Statement Inc., a Kamloops-based software development company, and he remains a strong supporter of the UCC Computer Science and UCC Co-Operative Education departments. Chad manages a team of eight development and technical support staff and recently completed a large research and development project partially funded by the federal Industrial Research Assistance Program. Since graduating, Chad has enjoyed travelling to Cancun, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Florida, and Las Vegas.

After graduating, **Rob Williamson** (BBA '00) spent a year backpacking through Europe, visiting 14 countries in that time. Upon his return, he was hired by the B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education for the B.C. Opportunities Tour, which focused on showing youth different opportunities available to them, regardless of the life path they choose. During that time, Rob applied and was accepted to both the University of Windsor and the University of Wyoming Faculty of Law. While trying to decide his future, he came across an opportunity to develop and operate a brokerage firm, LMG Finance Inc. in Kamloops. Rob took the opportunity and now his company brokers deals for more than 100 leisure and recreational vehicle dealerships across Western Canada, with national agreements with major manufacturers in the works.

Learning is a life-long pursuit for **Jean Foote Humphreys** (BA '02) who began university in the early 1980s but put it on hold to raise her young children. Jean returned to her studies in the early 1990s at UCC, achieving her degree last June. One of her papers written for a B.C. History course won the Margaret Ormsby Award in 2000 and was published in the Summer 2002 issue of the British Columbia Historical News. While earning her degree, she also worked full-time for the TNRD Library System as a library clerk and now, with her credentials, she is qualified to work as an Information Assistant in the Reference Department. Jean plans to do more writing and may even take further studies at UCC in music. She also enjoys outdoor pursuits such as bird and wildlife watching, hiking and camping.

**Meaghan Crocker** (BBA '02) came to UCC after graduating from Kelowna Senior Secondary because she wanted to get a degree at a university college with approachable professors. An economics major, Meaghan received scholarships in each of her last three years and was awarded the UCC Medal in Business Administration for the student with the highest GPA in the degree program. She had an opportunity to put her theoretical knowledge to use during her final year of studies, working at Fiscal Realities, an economics consulting firm in Kamloops. Meaghan continues to work at Fiscal Realities as a data and statistical researcher and is considering pursuing a Masters degree in the future.

Meaghan's co-worker and fellow economics grad, **Amanda Petherick** (BBA '02) says that a highlight of her UCC education was an economics exchange to the University of Salford in Manchester, England in 2001. She is also working as a data and statistical researcher at Fiscal Realities in Kamloops and has plans to pursue a Masters degree in public policy, either in Australia or Canada. Amanda was actively involved in the economics department as a student and plans to remain involved with UCC to give back the support that she received. If you would like to reach Amanda, e-mail her at [amanda@fiscalrealities.com](mailto:amanda@fiscalrealities.com).



# UCC Alumni Relations

## BENEFITS, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR YOU.

The UCC Alumni Association was established in 1990. The association has thousands of members in all parts of the world and from all walks of life. Every student of UCC becomes a member of the Alumni Association upon graduation. The association wants to create opportunities to develop life-long positive relationships with UCC Alumni and celebrate the achievements and accomplishments of our grads.

The association provides a variety of ways to help you stay connected to your friends and faculty from UCC and to network for your career. You may receive support for planning your class reunions, attend networking opportunities at local UCC Chapter Network socials, recognize a distinguished alumni by nominating them or give back by volunteering your time at one of the many events throughout the year.

### Project Grants

The UCC Alumni Association generates revenue from fund-raising activities throughout the year and a small portion is designated for project grants. This limited financial assistance is available to support worthy projects and events at the university college, or in the community, which are consistent with the Alumni Association's mission statement. Groups or individuals eligible for funding include students, faculty, future students and alumni.

Eight thousand dollars will be awarded during 2002–2003 to projects ranging from supporting a suicide awareness and prevention seminar, submitted by fourth year nursing students, to funding the travel cost of a UCC science alumnae/us speaker to participate in a Faculty of Science speaker series on campus.

Project Grants are given out twice a year in the fall and winter. Further information is available on our website [www.uccalumni.ca](http://www.uccalumni.ca).

### Alumni Benefits Card

This card offers discounts on goods and services to UCC Alumni. Benefits include local discounts at the UCC gym, fine dining in UCC's Accolades dining room and UCC crested items at bookies. Other benefits in Western Canada include 50 per cent off rack rates at Sandman Hotels and Inns and 15 per cent off at Denny's Restaurants. New benefits are added each year, so be sure to renew your card when it expires in June.

### Alumni Events

Visit the alumni Web site regularly for listings of the latest alumni activities, reunions and events. Watch for information on local UCC Chapter Network socials coming in the spring to Kelowna and the fall to Vancouver. This fall, plan on attending the 2003 Homecoming weekend to be held in conjunction with the UCC Open House and Career Days in October.



## ALUMNI CAN GIVE BACK TO UCC

UCC Alumni can acknowledge and recognize the importance a good education has made in their lives. Through volunteering of your time or providing financial support to students, you can make a difference in the lives of those who follow.

### Volunteer Opportunities

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities that allow you to get involved with fellow alumni, students and the UCC community. As an alumni volunteer you can become a mentor for a student or participate in an alumni speaker series as an advocate for the university, or volunteer to assist in the development of a chapter event or a reunion. Become part of the Alumni Board of Directors and enjoy the rewards of developing the future direction of the Alumni Association.

### UCC Alumni Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program is an information and education program designed to help students and recent UCC graduates meet professionals in a variety of careers. The program is not a job placement or recruitment service. It is an opportunity for volunteer mentors to share their knowledge with students to help them make the connection between their education and possible career paths. If you are interested in volunteering as a mentor contact the Alumni office or e-mail us at [mentor@cariboo.bc.ca](mailto:mentor@cariboo.bc.ca). We will tell you about the program, answer your questions and send you more information and an application form.

If you have recently graduated and are still looking for the right career, you can participate as a protégé by contacting the mentoring coordinator at (250) 371-5711.

### Alumni Speakers Series

A new program introduced this year is the Alumni Speakers Series. This is an opportunity for graduates of UCC to sign up as guest speakers for events and programs offered by the Alumni Association either on campus or at chapter network events around the province. Check our Web site for further details on how you can become an alumni speaker.

### UCC Alumni Association for Scholarships and Bursaries

Since its inception in 1990, the UCC Alumni Association has successfully built the second largest endowment fund at UCC. The fund balance is now more than \$150,000 and generates \$10,000 annually for student scholarships and bursaries. The endowment fund is invested with the UCC Foundation and the awards are administered through the UCC Financial Aid and Awards Office. A minimum of five bursaries (financial need awards) and two scholarships (academic achievement awards) are given to UCC students. Preference for these awards is given to UCC alumni and their children. This year, 10 students received Alumni Association awards at the UCC Awards Ceremony Nov. 21.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you can support the Alumni Association Endowment Fund, contact Karen Gamracy at the UCC Foundation at (250) 371-5715 or email: [kgamracy@cariboo.bc.ca](mailto:kgamracy@cariboo.bc.ca).

### UCC Chorus CD ~ On Student Street.

Recorded over a four-year period, this CD features the best of the UCC Chorus. Proceeds will go to the UCC Visual and Performing Arts Department and the UCC Alumni Association. CDs cost \$20 each and are available from the UCC Alumni Association or bookies.



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