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UCC alumni association honours five distinguished alumni

The UCC Alumni Association has honoured four graduates and one retired instructor with the 2003 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Recipients Sukh Heer Matonovich, Bill Frymire, Jo Rothenburger, Lisa Allgaier, and Dr Roland Cobb were presented their awards at the President's Reception October 17, before a crowd of fellow alumni, faculty, family and friends.

The Alumni Association began recognizing distinguished alumni in 1995 as part of the 25th anniversary of the institution and since then, 25 alumni have been presented with the award.

With more than 20,000 graduates from UCC who live across Canada and around

the world, the Distinguished Alumni Awards program offers an exciting opportunity to honour individuals, and bring attention to the vital role that our graduates play in the social and economic lives of their communities.

These individuals are recognized for their outstanding achievements in a variety of fields such as academic achievement, arts and culture, athletic achievements, professional achievements, and community service. Two new categories were introduced this year, the outstanding student award and the teaching excellence award.

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From left to right: Jo Rothenburger, Bill Frymire, Lisa Allgaier, Sukh Heer Mantonvich, Dr. Roland Cobb



UCC distinguished alumni award categories

Do you know a Distinguished UCC Graduate?

The annual Distinguished Alumni Awards program honours members of the UCC community who have made outstanding achievements in fields such as academic achievement, arts and culture, athletic achievements, professional achievements, public service, service to the community or service to the university college.

The recognition of accomplished alumni, students, and faculty promotes the

excellence of the University College of the Cariboo, its graduates and the UCC Alumni Association. Their accomplishments serve as an excellent example for all who follow and are a testimony to the educational foundation provided by UCC.

The UCC Alumni Association invites you to nominate individuals that you feel are deserving of this prestigious award. All UCC graduates of a certificate, diploma or

degree program and university transfers with 30 credits are eligible for nominations. Current students are eligible for nomination for the Outstanding Student Award and the UCC Teaching Excellence Award recognizes current or retired UCC faculty.

1. Academic Achievement – An alumna/us who has made outstanding contributions in the field of education, including research, teaching, program development and/or educational administration.

2. Arts and Culture – This award recognizes achievements in the fine, performing or applied arts by an alumna/us.

3. Athletic Achievement – An alumna/us who has achieved outstanding performances in and/or services to, professional or amateur sport.

4. Professional Achievement – This award recognizes an alumna/alumnus who has made significant achievements in the graduate's field of professional or career endeavours. These achievements include, but are not limited to, fields of business, social services, sciences, medicine or law.

5. Public Service – An alumna/us who has made significant contributions in the field of public administration and policy development, service in elected or appointed positions at local, provincial, national or international levels.

6. Service to the Community – This award is given to an alumna/us who demonstrates significant services and/or contributions to the welfare and advancement of local, national or international communities.

7. Service to the University College – An alumna/us who has demonstrated outstanding professional or voluntary activities on behalf of the University College of the Cariboo, the Alumni Association or other organizations affiliated with UCC. These activities will have enhanced the reputation of UCC, or an affiliated organization, locally, provincially, nationally or internationally.

8. Outstanding Student Award – This award recognizes a UCC student who possesses a number of the following abilities: leadership, academic success, Alumni Association support, community involvement/service, university involvement/service, athletic achievements, and faculty support/ recognition and ambassador qualities on behalf of UCC. The candidate's contributions can be made over one or several years. This recipient must be nominated by current UCC faculty.

9. UCC Teaching Excellence Award – This award will recognize instructors who represent the best qualities of teachers at UCC who have demonstrated past, present and ongoing student teacher involvement. The instructor can either currently be teaching at the university or have retired from UCC. These instructors need to have demonstrated the following qualities, leadership, knowledge, inspiration, enthusiasm and excellence in their field of teaching. This recipient must be nominated by a UCC Alumni.

10. Grace Chronister UCC BSW Distinguished Alumni Award – This award recognizes outstanding achievements of UCC BSW alumni who endeavours in the community have brought honour to the UCC School of Social Work and Human Service and the profession of social work. The recipient is nominated by faculty and alumni from the Social Work Program.



Our mission:

The University College of the Cariboo Alumni Association promotes relationships between alumni and the university for the advancement of the institution and the mutual benefit of alumni, students, and the UCC community.

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2003 distinguished alumni award recipients



Sukh Heer Matonovich, who graduated in 1999 with a Bachelor of Social Work Degree, received the UCC Distinguished Alumni Award for Athletic Achievement

for her accomplishments as an athlete, a coach and a sports administrator. She was nominated by alumna Carolyn Boomer, a colleague at the Pacific Sport Regional Centre, where Sukh works to provide incentives for athletes to remain in Kamloops for education, training and coaching.

Sukh was an honour student at Norkam secondary and attended UCC with a basketball scholarship. Not only was she a star player during her years at UCC, Sukh was also team captain, assistant coach and later took the head coaching job. She contributed to the development of the UCC Sun Demons sports camps, was a student member of UCC's Board of Governors and was president of UCC Sports Council.

Upon receiving her award from UCC president's Dr Roger's Barnsley, Sukh was delighted stating: "I am flattered, honoured and shocked to receive the award. UCC Athletics provided me with the most growth in the four years I played basketball. My years there helped me grow personally and professionally. The friends I made while I was at UCC are life-long friends – UCC is a place I will always call home."



Bill Frymire, a graduate of the Digital Arts and Design Diploma in 1985, was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement. Nominated by his proud mother, Marguerite Frymire, Bill was honoured for his outstanding accomplishments in his field of computer graphic design.

As one of the first graduates from the Digital Arts and Design program, Bill was quickly employed as a graphic designer with one of Vancouver's largest design firms. His work was often used in the computer graphics publications as examples of then leading edge technology. His next endeavour was as art director for Showmakers Productions Inc., one of Vancouver's top corporate graphic design agencies. While working there Bill was awarded a "Top Illustrator" award by the Corel Corporation.

Today Bill runs his own business in Kamloops as a freelance graphic designer/illustrator producing imagery for corporate use worldwide.

Bill has been a proud supporter the DAAD program, contributing his time as a guest lecturer, and providing equipment and financial support. David DiFrancesco, a former instructor of Bill's presented Bill the Award. Bill's comments on receiving the award were, "UCC gave me a start in business and I haven't looked back since. If you have talent and ambition, there is a place for you in the advertising and graphics industry."



Jo Rothenburger, a graduate of the Human Service Worker Certificate in 1987, was the recipient of a combined Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement and Service to the Community. She was nominated by alumna Denise Harper, for her accomplishments in her profession and for her work in the community.

After graduating from the Human Service Worker program at UCC, Jo was hired as a counsellor with the Thompson Valley Family Services Association.

In 1997 Jo, chose to branch out on her own and began consulting work with a variety of clients including Ministry of Children and Family Development, Kamloops Community Advocacy Council, Kamloops Food Bank and Outreach Society, and the City of Kamloops. In 2003 Jo was hired as the Executive Director for the AIDS Society of Kamloops.

As a volunteer Jo has served on a number of community committees and boards. She is a well recognized individual in Kamloops for her professional and volunteer activities that have resulted in the delivery of high quality social services to marginalized and disadvantaged people in our community.

Jo was delighted to be presented her award by former instructor, Ena Fraser. Jo commented on her award saying, "It's a great honour to receive this award, but the real credit should go to the instructors in the Human Service Worker program.

They took a greenhorn like me, let me loose in the community with the right tools and skills and I was able to make a difference with what I learned."



The Grace Chronister UCC BSW Distinguished Alumni Award was developed by faculty and alumni of the Department of Social Work to recognize outstanding achievements of UCC BSW alumni whose endeavours in the community have brought honour to the UCC School of Social Work & Human Service and to the profession of social work.

Lisa Allgaier a 1993 graduate of the Bachelor of Social Work Degree is the recipient of this year's award. Lisa was nominated by faculty members Michael Crawford and Grant Larson and was honoured for her professional accomplishments in the field of social work.

Lisa is the Director General of Aboriginal Services for Corrections Canada. In her role she is responsible for correctional and parole programs for male and female Aboriginal offenders. The goal of the program is to reduce recidivism and promote successful reintegration of Aboriginal offenders in the community.

Prior to her work at Corrections Canada, Lisa had several roles with the Provincial Government, including Director of Aboriginal Health and Assistant Treaty Negotiator. She has held many volunteer positions on local, provincial and national boards, from the John Howard Society of Kamloops, to the BC Association of Social Workers.

Helen Allen, Dean of the School of Social Work and Human Services, presented Lisa Allgaier with the first Grace Chronister UCC BSW Distinguished Alumni Award. Lisa flew from Ottawa to receive her award and was thrilled about being the first recipient of this prestigious award. Lisa says, "I am honoured to be the first person to receive this award. The education I received at UCC got me to where I am today. Taking the Bachelor of Social work degree, allowed me to have a diversity of career choices."



Another new category this year, the Distinguished Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence, recognizes current and retired instructors who represent the best qualities of teachers at UCC: leadership, knowledge, inspiration, enthusiasm and excellence in their field.

This year's award recipient was **Dr. Roland Cobb** a retired Physics and Astronomy instructor, nominated by alumna Marilyn Poncelet.

A graduate of UBC in 1959 with a Bachelor of Science, Roland went on to receive his Masters degree in 1961 and his PhD in 1967 from the University of Rochester in New York. His work at Rochester involved research on cosmic rays from space using satellites and high altitude balloons. It was because of this research that he was invited to work with a Cosmic Ray group in the development of a telescope to search for primary gamma rays deep in space. These experiences lead to Roland's interest in the study of Astronomy.

After teaching at UBC, the University of Victoria, Roland took a position at UCC in 1970 and taught Physics and Astronomy until 1999. Roland built the observatory at the university with the help of students and faculty. The observatory was used for teaching and astronomy lovers. As part of his community service work, Roland hosted many lectures on astronomy and conducted tours of the observatory hosting groups like the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.

Over the years, Roland has been an active volunteer in the community, from volunteer fireman with the Kamloops Fire Department in the 70's to his recent involvement with the Habitat for Humanity society.

Upon being presented the award by President Dr. Roger Barnsley, Roland commented, "Education should be fun. UCC gave me the opportunity to practice what I like doing – that's teaching."



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upcoming UCC alumni events



Saturday, April 24: UCC Community Garage Sale – UCC Kamloops Campus. Rent a table and sell your own wares or you can donate the goods to the Alumni Association to sell.

To book a table, donate goods or to volunteer, please call the Alumni Association office at 371-5711.

Friday May 14: 11th Annual Pineridge Charity Golf Tournament – Pineridge Golf Course. Plan to put your team together and come out to enjoy this fun evening of golf and friendship in support of the UCC Alumni Association. Alumna Cindy Piva and her staff at Pineridge Golf Course put on a scrumptious BBQ afterward and prizes for the best and worst teams are awarded. Call 371-5711 now to reserve your spot.

Friday, May 28: Williams Lake Campus Convocation and Chapter Meeting

Friday, June 11: Kamloops Convocation

October 15 & 16: UCC Homecoming 2004

March 18, 19 & 20 – UCC Hosts the 2004 CCAA Basketball National Championships



UCC is excited about playing host to our nation. From March 18th to March 20th, our community will host the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Men's Basketball Nationals. This event will mark the culmination of UCC's participation in the CCAA and will be a precursor to entry to Canadian Intrauniversity Sport competition.

It is anticipated that it will be a very competitive tournament, with attendance expected to top 6,000 people over 4 days. Early indications are the UCC Men's Basketball Team is very much up to the challenge of both the tournament and their entry to CIS competition.

Tickets for the tournament can be purchased by calling the UCC Athletics department at 828-5270. A tournament pass is \$25.00 and a day pass is \$10.00, seniors and students are \$5.00. Check the web at www.cariboo.bc.ca/athletic/ccaambb.html

volunteer opportunities:

The Alumni Association is looking for former athletic grads who would be interested in volunteering for a number of the events during the basketball tournament.

There are many volunteer opportunities available. Visit our website, www.uccalumni.ca for details or call our office at 371-5711.

UCC alumni association board of directors



Photo from left to right:

Back Row – Directors: Nick Rinaldi (BA '94), Walter Locke (BNRS '02), Glen Poelzer (BSc '91), Larry Iles (BEd '94)

Middle Row – Directors: Joanne Coombes (BA '00), Shannon Joly (BBA '00), Darlene McBain (UT), KJ Klontz (Rec. Manag. '84)

Front Row – Executive: Tom McNulty (Bus. Admin. '77) – Secretary/Treasurer, Cathy Ferguson (BSN '91) – Vice Chair, Denise Harper (Comm. Media '74) – Chair, Dr. Roger Barnsley – UCC President

Missing from photo: Catherine McNeely (AA '90) – UCC Foundation Appointee, Margaret Cleavelly – UCC Board of Governors Appointee, Kim McGhee – Cariboo Student Society Appointee

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affinity programs and your privacy

Most Canadian colleges and universities participate in affinity programs with companies offering health and life insurance, travel programs or credit cards. The establishment of affinity programs is important to Alumni Associations as a means to generate revenue that will help support their programs.

This past fall, the UCC Alumni Association got on the bandwagon and launched a MasterCard credit card program with MBNA Canada. This program was chosen by our Board of Directors because of its single-minded focus on customer satisfaction and the level of commitment that MBNA brings to the partnership.

With the launch of affinity programs, comes the issue of protecting the privacy of alumni records. The staff of the UCC Alumni Association treats your personal information with the utmost care. Confidentiality agreements are signed with each of our affinity partners to protect your privacy. Your information is never sold or released to other parties.

The UCC Alumni Association hopes that many of our alumni select the MBNA MasterCard program as a way to show support and pride for your Alumni Association. If you support the mission, visions and values of the UCC Alumni Association, then you have several reasons to carry the UCC Alumni Association preferred MasterCard.

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chapter network socials



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relationships, or just keep people in touch. Find out about the Chapter activities in your part of the world by visiting our website.

We are currently developing active Chapter committees in Vancouver, Calgary, Kamloops and Williams Lake and we are looking for enthusiastic graduates who want to help guide and plan the activities

of their local Chapter. If there isn't a Chapter near you yet, you can volunteer to establish a chapter in your area! For information on upcoming events or how you can help, get in touch with your local Chapter contact or our Alumni Relations Officer, Victoria Baker at (250) 828-5498 or email: vbaker@cariboo.bc.ca.

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Back row left to right: Denise Harper, Board Chair, Vicki Pich, Cameron Garrett, Milissa Ewing, Tyrel Martel, Judith Martin, Megan Chambers, Joanne Coombes, Director of Board

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