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Capilano University announces honorary degree recipients and faculty emerita for Spring 2021

NORTH VANCOUVER B.C. June 2, 2021 – B.C. business leader Anthony von Mandl, together with his mother Bedriska v. Mandl, will receive honorary Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa* and Doctor of Fine Arts, *honoris causa* degrees respectively, and Noga Gale, PhD, will be named Faculty Emerita by Capilano University as part of the University's Spring 2021 convocation ceremonies on June 9, 2021.

Anthony von Mandl is recognized for his exceptional contribution to British Columbia's economy and its people through the Mark Anthony Group—generating a multitude of employment, mentorship and career opportunities in a range of industries, including agri-tourism, fine wine and spirits and technology. His support and patronage of the culinary, visual and performing arts has contributed to the reputation of the Okanagan Valley as a world-class destination of hospitality and culture. As chairman of The von Mandl Family Foundation, his philanthropy reflects a wide-range of causes and beneficiaries in the arts, education and cancer health research in Canada and the United States.

Bedriska v. Mandl is a fashion designer, artist, author, community activist and impassioned advocate for youth and social causes. She is a driving force behind The von Mandl Family Foundation. The centenarian arrived in Vancouver in 1940 and celebrated her 105th birthday in April 2021. Mrs. v. Mandl is the recipient of a number of international and local honours including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor that pays tribute to individuals who have made it their life's mission to share their knowledge, compassion and generosity.

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Noga Gale, PhD, was a consistent and articulate advocate for the development of the Sociology Department at CapU and a vocal advocate of the rights of Indigenous women. Her life's work exemplifies how upholding values of inclusion, equality and respect for human rights can benefit individuals, communities and the greater good. As an instructor of Sociology and Women's Studies at Capilano University from 1977 to 2009, Gale, introduced students to perspectives from the intersection of gender, race and ideology that inspired their own critical scholarship and social action. Gale's numerous publications have contributed to broadening academic literature through compelling analyses of racism as an ideology and furthering the sociological dialogue with thoughts and ideas that continue to resonate both within academia and throughout the wider world.

An honorary doctorate degree is the highest form of recognition granted by Capilano University. It is made to profound exemplars of service and achievement who are distinguished in their professional pursuits and broader endeavours. The Faculty Emeritus designation is reserved for retired faculty members who have demonstrated outstanding service to Capilano University and to their discipline and who continue to be active professionally in retirement.

About Capilano University

Capilano University is a teaching-focused university based in North Vancouver, with programming serving the Sunshine Coast and the Sea-to-Sky corridor. The University offers 94 programs, including bachelor's degrees, in areas as diverse as film, early childhood education and tourism management. Capilano University is named after Sa7plek (Chief Joe Capilano), an important leader of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation of the Coast Salish Peoples. We respectfully acknowledge that our campuses are located on the territories of the Lílwat, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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