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Capilano Students' Union donates over \$80,000 to Capilano University Foundation to support student diversity and inclusion

NORTH VANCOUVER, BC (December 15, 2021) — The Capilano Students' Union (CSU) and Capilano University (CapU) are pleased to announce a donation of \$81,785 from the student union to the Capilano University Foundation that will directly support equity, diversity and inclusion across the CapU student community.

This contribution will fund the creation and ongoing distribution of financial aid to support Black students, T2SNB (trans, Two-Spirit, and non-binary) students, disabled students, and students who demonstrate leadership working towards a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive university. The donation follows a previous CSU contribution of over \$51,000 that continues to fund the CSU Engagement Award, established in 2015.

“The Capilano Students' Union is excited to help remove barriers to education that many students continue to face,” says CSU president Maia Lomelino. “This year, we are celebrating 50 years as the voice of students on the North Shore. We look forward to the next 50 years of making Capilano University a more welcoming and inclusive place for all students.”

The new awards and bursaries include:

- CSU Equity Leadership Award;
- CSU Support Fund for Black Students;
- CSU Support Fund for Trans, Two-Spirit, and Non-Binary Students; and
- CSU Disability Support Fund.

“One of CapU's key priorities is supporting a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion in all our operation and outreach,” said Jennifer Ingham, vice-president – University Relations, Capilano University. “This financial contribution offers meaningful recognition of the CSU and CapU's shared value in inclusive support for all our students.”

Eligible international and domestic students may access the programs through CapU Financial Aid and Awards in Spring 2022.

About Capilano Students' Union

Established in 1971, the Capilano Students' Union has been acting as the voice of students on the North Shore for 50 years. The CSU advocates for the interests and needs of its membership of more than 7,000 students by lobbying Capilano University and all levels of government. The CSU delivers student services,

provides resources to clubs and organizations on campus, and hosts a variety of events each year to promote the social, political, recreational, and academic well-being of its membership.

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 Lííwat, x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

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