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### **Capilano University honours extraordinary alumni change makers *Attend CapU's Alumni Awards of Excellence on April 15***

NORTH VANCOUVER B.C. April 13, 2021 – With a new, more accessible livestream format for 2021, Capilano University invites the public to attend the [Alumni Awards of Excellence](#) at 7 p.m. on April 15<sup>th</sup> and meet the individuals behind the awards.

Mo Amir, host of the podcast This Is VANCOLOUR, will MC the event and introduce five individuals from the growing CapU alumni community recognized for their contributions locally and beyond.

#### **Recipients of Capilano University's 2021 Alumni Awards of Excellence**

Unified Award	<a href="#">David Vertesi</a> , singer-songwriter and advocate for the arts
Luminous Award	<a href="#">Juvarya Veltkamp</a> , leader in sustainable development
Enduring Awards	<a href="#">Orene Askew</a> , DJ, speaker and Squamish Nation councillor
Confident Award	<a href="#">Michèle Ross</a> , legal trailblazer supporting access to justice
Creative Award	<a href="#">Sean Aiken</a> , inspirational author, speaker and filmmaker

“Our 2021 award recipients are individuals who lead by example, drive environmental change, serve their profession, produce creative art and inspire fresh thinking,” said Brittany Barnes, chair, Capilano University Alumni Association. “They exemplify how CapU graduates are creating impact today.”

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### **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, x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əy̓əm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

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