

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Reporting period from April 4 to May 29, 2023

## PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

CapU celebrated [Asian Heritage Month](#) during the month of May. A great number of events were scheduled for employees and students to take part in. We celebrated the rich history, culture and contributions of Asian Canadians in our societies and came together as a community to address challenges and work toward a more inclusive and equitable future. We thank the Change Education Series Committee for their diligent work in organizing these events: Carrie Jung, Grace Kim, Irina Dordic, Susan Romeo-Gilbert and Audrey Wang.

A few weeks ago, we announced the [reappointment of Yuri Fulmer as chancellor](#). Yuri is instrumental in a lot of the work we do and with building connections with the community. To mark his reappointment, we put together a [video](#) with Yuri, Sara Sutherland, manager of the Children's Centre, and myself talking about Yuri's role as chancellor, his contributions and the reasons he gives both his time and money to CapU.

I attended Universities Canada's (UC) Spring 2023 membership meeting in Toronto from April 25–26. The bi-annual membership meetings are to advance important dialogues, lay the groundwork for future united efforts in support of the sector, and explore opportunities for individual and collective growth as post-secondary leaders. These meetings focused on the important actions to be taken by UC members on climate action and Truth and Reconciliation.

## ACADEMIC & PROVOST

We submitted the university application to the Degree Quality Assurance Board (DQAB) for expedited review (baccalaureate) and an external review was held on campus in April with the leadership of academic initiatives and planning. The application will be considered at the June meeting of DQAB with a recommendation then going to the minister.

## FACULTY OF ARTS & SCIENCES

- » We welcomed new faculty for the summer term: Melissa Bodner, biology laboratory supervisor; Jakob Burkowicz, sociology instructor; Alice Everly, philosophy instructor, Sheila Giffen, English instructor; Colin Grittner, history instructor; Xiaoxuan Huang, English instructor; Manpreet Kaur, sociology instructor; Connor MacMillan, psychology instructor; Torin McLachlan, English instructor; Joe Munsterman, sociology instructor; Fenn Stewart, English instructor; and Xianjuan (Zoey) Chen, economics instructor.
- » POL 410—Applied Policy Analysis has been approved at Senate and will be available in Fall 2023. This course provides students with the analytical tools and skills they need to conduct public policy analysis for employers in the public, private and non-governmental sectors. Students work collaboratively to address real world problems, exploring and formulating concrete policy options and alternatives, to help students

become effective and ethical practitioners of public policy. Special emphasis placed on the public policy process in the context of Indigenous communities and organizations.

- » Congratulations to the following faculty:
  - ANTH instructor, Bob Muckle's book, [Forgotten Things: The Story of the Seymour Valley Archaeology Project](#), was nominated for the 2023 Canadian Archaeology Association's Public Communication Award.
  - Tom Flower (BIOL) published a review of [Mutual Aid: The Other Law of the Jungle](#) by Gauthier Chapelle and Pablo Servigne. The review was published in the journal, [Emancipations](#).
  - Many faculty received Long Service Awards:
    - o Five years of service—Matt Berry, Olga Gonokhova, Laurence Gauvreau, Mahta Khosravi, Nazar Kovalevskyy, Winton Li, Tetsuro Shigemasu and Kory Stevens;
    - o 10 years of teaching—Sean Ashley, Lindsay Bird, Brenda Fossett, Erin Stewart Elliott and Bruno Tomberli;
    - o 15 years of teaching—Brian Ganter, Martin Godwyn, Ramjee Parajulee;
    - o 20 years of teaching—Urmila Jangra;
    - o 25 years of teaching—Tong Chow, Dwight Gardiner, Ryan Knighton, Kent Lewis; and
    - o 30 years of teaching—Timothy Acton.
- » Congratulations to our students:
  - BIOL and PSYCH students won at the recent CityStudio North Vancouver Hubbub #8 event. The third place team from PSYCH 412 worked on a proposed wellness survey titled, "Finding Wellness" for the City of North Vancouver. The second place team from BIOL 308 worked on a project titled, "CNV Watershed Health".
  - CapU's Math department put hosted the BC Secondary School Math Contest with over 30 students in attendance from six high schools across B.C. *Pictured right: The winners of the contest.*
  - This year, CapU had a strong showing at the Student Research Symposium where 13 graduating interdisciplinary studies students showcased their capstone research projects. Interdisciplinary studies grad, Maria Mulder received the Excellence in Research Award for their Fall 2022 project, "A Reflection on Research"—A graphic novel exploring the intersectional politics of academic research.
  - Former student, Yvonne Wallace just finished performing a run of her liberal studies graduate project at the Cultch Theatre. She wrote this play for her final project at CapU in 2018, and now is teaching university success strategies at CapU this summer. <https://www.rubyslippers.ca/current-season/utsan/>



## FACULTY OF BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

- » School of Business:
  - With the large influx of international students joining the School of Business in the Summer of 2023, CapU welcomed a record number 15 new faculty. They join us from vast and varied backgrounds, bringing substantial industry experience, multiple educational disciplines and diverse cultural experiences to the team.
  - The School of Business received notice from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) that the 2023 status report was approved, reinforcing our status as a high quality, internationally accredited business program.
- » Enactus:

- Enactus Capilano made history by reaching the semi-finals at Enactus Canada Nationals 2023 in Montreal. They competed against 44 other universities from across the country. The presenting team included seven student leaders: Vinay Aery, Rigo Cely Cardenas, Grace Confortin, Nicholas Truong, Hassan Chaudhry, Brooklyn Nyhus and Harrison Archer. Other Enactus students provided support.
- The presentation showcased two Enactus Capilano social enterprises that aim to address the financial and mental health challenges faced by youth. Square One teaches financial literacy and entrepreneurial thinking, while U-Belong fosters mental well-being and social inclusion. This was the first time that CapU students reached the semi-finals and received an AWARD at Enactus Canada Nationals. They are determined to grow their impact by collaborating with community partners and focusing on meaningful results.
- Additionally, faculty Natasha Mrkic-Subotic brought home two awards: The John Dobson Enactus Fellow Award and the Rookie Faculty Advisor of the Year award.



## FACULTY OF EDUCATION, HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

- » 11 students successfully graduated as health care assistants from the kálax-ay campus on April 6, 2023.
- » 18 students successfully graduated as health care assistants from the main campus on April 6, 2023.
- » New ECCE faculty, Tatiana Zakharova-Goodman, faculty atelierista/instructor. Tatiana is a PhD candidate at Western University, completing her doctoral research titled, “Play/grounding: Intersection of Pedagogy and Design of Outdoor ECE Play Spaces—Rethinking with and on Playgrounds”. In her role, Tatiana will instruct theory, curriculum and arts-focused, atelierista studies courses in both the diploma and degree programs, in addition to practicum advising.
- » ECCE appointment, Julia Black (coordinator), to the Provincial Child Care Council (PCCC), advising the minister within the Ministry of Education and Child Care, as of April 5, 2023. The council's mandate is to provide advice and expertise on policies and programs affecting the affordability, quality, stability and accessibility of child care, and to represent the regional and sectoral interest of parents, children, caregivers and communities.
- » ECCE award recipients:
  - Violet Jessen (chair, School of Education and Childhood Studies), 2023 Childcare BC Awards of Excellence 2023 Regional Award of Excellence for Vancouver Coastal. [Read more](#)
  - Julia Black (ECCE coordinator), 2023 Early Childhood Educators of BC Gayle Davies Award. This is the second year in a row that a Capilano University ECCE faculty member has received the award. [Read more](#)
  - Zoe Linford (ECCE student), 2023 Early Childhood Educators of BC, Sue Fraser Award. This is the second year in a row that a Capilano University ECCE student has received the award. [Read more](#)
  - Alexandra Berry (ECCE faculty) received the American Educational Research Association Arts-Based Educational Research (ABER) Outstanding Dissertation Award for 2023.



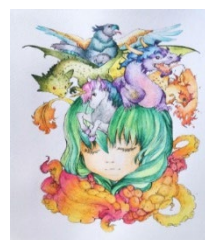
- » Conference presentations:
  - Özgür Gibb (Adult Basic Education): "The Importance of Selecting an Indicator for Acid-Base Titration Experiments to Increase Student Learning" in the session "Undergraduate Teaching Laboratories—How do you Engage, Excite, and Evaluate Students?" Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, (CSC 2023).
  - Violet Jessen, Adrienne Argent (ECCE faculty), Sara Sutherland, Ali Morrow (Capilano University Children's Centre). International Association of Lab Schools, "Learning with/in pedagogies: Lab schools as lively pedagogical spaces." The presentation outlines the distinctive and innovative dedicated practicum model developed at CapU.

## FACULTY OF FINE & APPLIED ARTS

- » Following the recent signing of a Letter of Understanding (LOU) by the dean of the Faculty of Creative Arts and Industries, University of Auckland; two faculty Nicholas Rowe and Tia Reihana visited Fine & Applied Arts at CapU on May 8–9. Their visit included an in-depth tour of the studios, meetings with faculty and a lunch at the Kéxwusm-áyałn Student Centre. They explored synergies in the creative arts and looked at shared interest in Indigenization practices and COIL (Collaborative Online Intercultural/International Learning) opportunities.)
- » On April 21 and 22, the CapU 2023 School of Animation and Visual Effects Gradshow was hosted at the Bosa Centre for Film and Animation. The Gradshow was a resounding success. It was full of energy and a great turnout from local industry recruiters, supervisors and producers from several game, animation, and film studios including Walt Disney Animation Studios, Animal Logic, Atomic Cartoons, DNEG, Cinesite and Doberman Pictures, among others, who came by our film studio, checked out grads' work and met their future colleagues. *Pictured below left: faculty attending the Gradshow. Pictured below right: student, faculty and industry attendees at the Gradshow.*



- » As of April 24, the School of Animation and Visual Effects is now an authorized training centre for Unreal Engine by Epic Games. With this designation, CapU becomes one of only three training centres in Canada and the only one in Western Canada. [Read more](#)
- » IDEA School of Design alumni Camilla d'Errico, was the subject for a feature article in CapU's *Capsule* on April 22. In addition to the article, the University held a colouring contest with her unique work, with the winners getting a copy of her latest book. *Picture left is a portrait of Camilla. Pictured right is the winning colouring content submission by Massiel Cascante.* [Read more](#)





- » On May 12, the Bosa Centre for Film and Animation hosted the [BC Student Film Festival](#): 147 high school students from all over B.C. attended. CapU faculty in animation, costuming and motion picture arts put on workshops. Industrial Light and Magic coordinated an additional workshop.



- » On May 8, as part of Asian Heritage Month, CapU music students Lively Lee and Paniz Moslehi performed and explored the significance of traditional Chinese and Persian music. They shared their insights on how preserving the playing of traditional instruments and singing traditional songs can help us deepen our connection with these Asian cultures. *Pictured left: Paniz Moslehi. Pictured right: Lively Lee.*



## FACULTY OF GLOBAL & COMMUNITY STUDIES

- » New TOUR and OREC chair, Kara Walker, started May 1, 2023. Kara is thrilled to support students and employees in developing pathways to reach their goals. Kara has been immersed in the event tourism industry for the bulk of her career, working extensively in the sporting, leisure and recreation throughout B.C.

- » Joanna Jagger, TOUR faculty, presented at the Women in Tourism Scientific conference in Split, Croatia in April 2023. She shared the results of the Unified Grant research project "Seat at the Table", evaluating retention and development strategies for women in tourism. A collaborative event, the audience and moderator asked questions of the research, methodology and findings. Over two days, she learned from academics from 24 countries on the subject of gender equity in tourism. *Pictured right: Joanna Jagger*



- » The two-week Vietnam Field School was an immense success! Twenty-two students representing eight programs (OREC, Tourism, MOPA, Legal Studies, Public Administration, Interdisciplinary Studies, Communications and Business Administration) joined TOUR and OREC instructors Chris Carnovale and Grieg Gjerdalen, as well as Stasa Andric from CIE. Students engaged in diverse experiences that brought them beyond the tourist's perspective and into, and even part of the communities impacted by tourism. While abroad, student groups also completed several diverse directed studies inspired by their academic disciplines; these included: A risk management plan and a carbon calculator that could be scaled from future field schools, a documentary film and a photo-voice project. *Pictured right: CapU students and hosts in Vietnam*



- » The School of Public Administration completed offerings of several PADM–MATI® courses for local government employees through May 2023. These offerings emerge from a renewed and strengthened

membership with the [Local Government Management Association](#). Students completing these courses are now one-step closer to graduating from CapU.

## KÁLAX-AY | THE SUNSHINE COAST CAMPUS

» Twenty-three Sunshine Coast community leaders representing non-profit organizations, employers and education providers came together on May 5 for the first 'Community Partnership Dialogue' to discuss regional needs and challenges regarding education and employment in the region. Joyce Ip, associate vice-president, strategy, analytics and transformation, facilitated the workshop, with recent demographic, education and labour market data provided by the institutional research team. Affordable housing, sufficient childcare spaces, accessible education programs and a lack of healthcare workers and skilled talent were challenges in the community. Building stronger relationships through collaborative initiatives found to be a key factor in actively solving these challenges.



- » CapU and Nimbus Learning signed an agreement in early May to offer free online tutoring in the evenings and weekends to all Summer 1 Sunshine Coast students. This pilot project aims to trial Nimbus Learning's app/web-based platform and tutoring services to determine the value to CapU students in the future.
- » In recognition of Red Dress Day on May 5, Bella Casey curated a red dress installation on the kálaš-ay campus, bringing awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S).
- » A *Pathways to Higher Learning Current State Report* was completed to provide updated information about goals, student enrolment, budget, completion rates and challenges/successes. This information will guide discussions about the future structure and goals of this suite of Adult Basic Education courses for shíshááh learners.

» Eleven students graduated as health care assistants at kálaš-ay campus on April 6, 2023. They are all employed with VCH helping to meet the critical demand for quality health care in the local hospital, care homes and private residences.



## INDIGENOUS EDUCATION & AFFAIRS

» The Indigenous Student Services (ISS) recruiter and advisor made significant connections and met prospective students while attending the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology Career Fair in Merritt.



- » ISS team supported Jo-Ann Cook, groundskeeper, with a Sequoia tree planting ceremony to bring awareness to 215 children found at Tk'emlúps (former residential school site). Elder Latash and Delhia attended and shared beautiful words and a song. To date, 10,000+



unmarked graves have been discovered by ground-penetration radar work, with more former residential school locations yet to be assessed. We are honoured to join initiatives sharing ongoing awareness and healing.

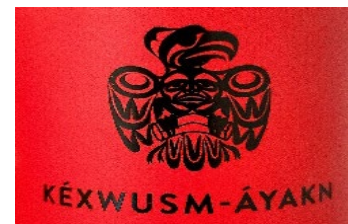
- » Moose Hide Campaign (MHC) May 11, 2023: The ISS team committed to over 14 hours of fasting in honour of MHC. The Indigenous Student Centre streamed a virtual workshop, 'Cultivating safe spaces', in Kéxwusm-áyakn (ISC) facilitated by Elaine Alec from Syilx and Secwepemc Nations and Indigenous author of [Calling My Spirit Back](#). ISS team members Stevie Ray and Shasha set up an info table and distributed moose hide pins for everyone at the Birch Building entrance on May 10, 2023. Wearing the pin signifies your commitment to honour, respect and protect the women and children in your life and speak out against gender-based and domestic violence.



- » May 5 is MMIWG2S+ National Awareness Day: ISS hosted a ceremony and folks from all areas on campus gathered to attend. Doreen Manuel (Secwepemc/Ktunaxa) and Christine Leo (Lílwat) were honorary speakers. Thank you to everyone who attended and those who held this day in your heart. We felt your presence in spirit.



- » 2023 New summer student orientation: ISS team and Skw'cháys were present to welcome all new students. Online orientation territory welcome done by alumni James Beck, Skw̓xwú7mesh Úxwumixw—Squamish Nation and associate dean at NVIT.





- » The Centre for Teaching Excellence (CTE) 2023 Teaching and Learning Symposium shared space with Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw—Squamish Nation representatives. Elder Rose, Sesemyia hosted a workshop, Chief Gibby Jacob, Kakeltn Siyam, James Beck and Elder Latash welcomed all in attendance over the three days.



- » Work continues on the Indigenous Framework with the acting director, Indigenous education & affairs, along with the CFA president and the director, Indigenous initiatives Capilano Students' Union, collaborating to facilitate additional meetings for input from Indigenous students and employees, and directors with Líl'wat, x̣məθḳəyəm (Musqueam), shíshálh (Sechelt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and Səlílwətaʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations and the Métis Nation. We plan to share the draft framework (form to be determined) with the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee and the University in late summer/early fall with a goal to finalize in the fall.

## LIBRARY

- » Strengthening knowledge, strengthening our team: Supporting CapU employees: to build our understanding of the region's Indigenous communities and find ways to act on the TRC Calls to Action, the library team went to the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre this April. We had the great privilege of experiencing the photography exhibit, "Unceded: S7ULH TEMÍXW / TI TMICWKÁLHA / Our Land" in addition to the permanent exhibits. Whistler and this Centre were a new experience for many. *Pictured right: Library employees enjoying the first sunny day of April in Whistler.*



- » AI in Libraries, Un-Conference: in a staff and faculty collaboration, the library hosted this event on May 19. Full within 48 hours, the library has shown it's possible to lead in exploratory discussions on the impact of AI on libraries.
- » Services and engagement: Indigenizing: the library has a new guide to support non-Indigenous faculty in Indigenizing curriculum titled, [Territorial Acknowledgement and Situating Self](#).
- » Welcoming new students: with the aid of more than 140 students, we co-created [Volume 4 of the CapU Motivation Mix Spotify playlist](#) at the 2023 Welcome Services Fair on orientation day



- » Where Upcycling and Celebration Meet: back by popular demand! Working with the Capilano Students' Union, the library delivered an inclusive-oriented creative card-making event to celebrate Mother's Day using upcycled weeded library materials.
- » Poetry in the Commons: CapU student Sheyanne Sundahl shares her incredible talents as a poet with her community by writing personalized poems over the course of the winter term. Her presence stimulated conversations and inspired visitors. *Pictured right: Sheyanne Sundahl at the Learning Commons*



## ACADEMIC INITIATIVES & PLANNING

- » CityStudio North Vancouver is pleased to welcome Katrina Driver to the team. Katrina is replacing Aderyn Davies as the CityStudio North Vancouver project lead while Aderyn is on maternity leave until September 2024.
- » CityStudio North Vancouver recently completed an exciting Spring 2023 term with 12 work-integrated learning collaborations with the City of North Vancouver and its partners. Spring 2023 partners included the North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission, the City of North Vancouver planning department, North Shore Search & Rescue, Silver Harbour Seniors Activity Centre and more.
- » Hubbub #8 was a great success on April 12, 2023 with 14 student projects and over 90 attendees, including city councillors, city staff, students, faculty and deans.

## WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

- » The GrowthHub partnership with North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and WIL Hub Co-Lab has two matches between faculty and business partners for summer 2023. This will enable around 50 students to engage in work-integrated learning experiences this summer term.

## TEACHING & LEARNING

- » On April 14, we announced the [2023 Teaching Excellence Award Recipients](#) and celebrated at the 2023 Teaching and Learning Symposium Recipients' Dialogue on May 3. (Pictured below) Congratulations to Jerome Genz, Kofi J. S. Gbolonyo, Laura Harrison, David Kirk and Emma Trottier. The Centre for Teaching Excellence received 399 nominations for 158 faculty members and were reviewed by eight peer reviewers.



- » Over 120 employees and community members attended the 2023 Teaching and Learning Symposium. The symposium spanned three days online and in person with the theme of “Centering Health and Well-Being in Teaching and Learning”. Participants experienced two exceptional keynote talks from Peter Felten, PhD and [Sally Willis-Stewart, PhD](#) along with engaging [world café sessions and workshops](#) by CapU faculty. *Pictured right: Mary Watt, Bettina Boyle, Michelle Lebeau, Nazmi Kamal and Carrie Jung join Caroline Brendel Pacheco's World Cafe discussion "Collaborative Pedagogy and Circles of Dialogue".*



- » Brit Paris, director, teaching and learning, and Barry Magrill, educational developer, presented their research “Post-Pandemic Feedback Practices in Higher Education” at the 2023 University of Calgary conference on post-secondary learning and teaching.
- » Moodle 4.1 (also known as eLearn) launched on May 1. To support this transition the educational technology specialists in the Centre for Teaching Excellence have supported over 100 faculty in bi-weekly drop-in sessions and met with over 215 faculty in 1:1 consultation. The educational technology specialists also developed a self-serve resource on eLearn that has been visited 2096 times by over 200 faculty. There is also a self-serve resource, *Student Introduction to eLearn*, that all students are automatically registered in.
- » Indigenous resources for [BADM 106 Organizational Behaviour](#) and [BMKT 161 Introduction to Marketing](#) are now available on the Library Research Guides site. These important guides were developed by a team of faculty from the library, CTE and the School of Business, led by Alyssa Hamer, faculty associate for Open Educational Resources, during the Indigenous Business Resource Sprint in Spring 2023.

## CREATIVE ACTIVITY, RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP & GRADUATE STUDIES

- » Congratulations to the Student Research Symposium *Excellence in Student Research* awardees. This year’s symposium featured the work of over 80 students across various degrees and disciplines, serving as a platform for students to share their capstone/research projects with a broad audience.



*Pictured from left to right: A special congratulations to students, Bryn Kinders (Applied Behavior Analysis), Avery Froese (Motion Picture Arts), Shelley Ferguson (Psychology), Maria Mulder (Interdisciplinary Studies), Marshall Martin (Psychology), Karen Tadokoro (Early Childhood Care & Education) and Toni DiCastrì (Early Childhood Care & Education).*

- » Congratulations to CARS-SSHRC Explore Grant awardees. The CARS-SSHRC Explore grant is made possible by institutional (block) funding from SSHRC. The grants support faculty-led, small-scale research projects in the social sciences and



After diligent peer adjudication, grant awardees are (from left to right): Adele Barclay—*Black Cherry: A lyric memoir of queer coming of age and sibling grief*; Alan Jenks —*Understanding the impact of physical activity on mental health in students*; and Sarah Yercich and Sean Ashley —*A strength- and resilience-based approach to understanding the lived experiences of intimate partner violence survivors*.

- » Congratulations to Faculty of Business & Professional Studies instructor, Todd Newfield and student research assistant, for their Mitacs grant. Partnering with Tyson Media, the CapU team will focus on the research, development and creation of new content and programming, as well as working on the technical side of media production.



- » Congratulations to Faculty of Arts & Sciences instructors, Chi-Fu Wu and Mark Wlodyka, who received a multi-term Mitacs research grant for their work with the Hynes Group. The project supports seven student research assistants and focuses on capturing and analyzing information in smart buildings to minimize energy consumption.

## FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

### CORPORATE SERVICES

- » The District of North Vancouver hosted the BC Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit at CapU’s main campus from May 13–14. The campus’ natural setting served as a great backdrop for this successful event.

### FACILITIES SERVICES & CAMPUS PLANNING

#### OPERATIONS

- » In April, Florencio de Dios joined as director, facilities operations. Florencio came to CapU from the West Vancouver School District where he served as facilities director and from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), where he was a facilities management assistant director. In his role at CapU, Florencio will oversee buildings and grounds maintenance and other related services.

#### SAFETY & EMERGENCY SERVICES

- » Safety & Emergency Services is establishing management systems for all regulatory areas in the business unit. The current focus is on campus security and re-writing the post orders to ensure all properties have consistent security processes. Building out of the security operations management system and ensuring compliance with the *Security Services Act* is ongoing.



- » In April, a wildlife safety campaign raised awareness of the wildlife on campuses and provided tips for staying safe when encountering wildlife. The campaign included a widely distributed safety



bulletin and an information table at the Birch Cafeteria on April 20. Since then, a hungry black bear has been frequently visiting the main campus which is a reminder to practice bear aware skills and to deter wildlife visits by using interior garbage cans where possible and bear resistant garbage cans outside.

#### CAMPUS PLANNING

- » We created a furniture replacement plan to address the imbalance of furniture throughout CapU campuses. As the University has grown and transformed, the demand for a variety of furniture types to create innovative environments to enhance the student experience has increased. This is CapU's first master furniture replacement plan, detailing the general condition of existing furnishings and includes a recommended timeline and anticipated replacement costs.
- » The Capilano University Space Committee is a pilot initiative. The space committee is responsible for the efficient, equitable and transparent prioritization of initiatives involving space allocation and will provide feedback on campus master planning initiatives as they impact space on our campuses.

#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

- » The student housing project perimeter fencing is now in place. The District of North Vancouver will issue the excavation permit by the end of May, initiating the construction work. The construction phase will be completed by Winter 2024, and the building occupancy in Summer 2025.

#### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

- » IT services, together with the Centre for Teaching Excellence, completed a major upgrade to eLearn, maintaining security and providing users with a better device-friendly experience.
- » Phase one of the data collection utility/student information system (from Infosilem) integration was completed. This allows for better synchronization between the scheduling systems and Banner student management system and better tracking, management and reporting of class schedules and timetables.
- » The campus Wi-Fi system was updated. All Wi-Fi networks were combined into one single Wi-Fi network called "CapU" giving all students and employees easier access using their CapU credentials. The upgrade also included new wireless controller hardware, which improves the overall resiliency of the infrastructure.
- » A project team has initiated the search for a replacement Finance and HR Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solution. A Request For Information (RFI) process has been completed and a business case has been developed for Board of Governors approval. Updates will be communicated in the coming months.

- » We are acting on our commitments outlined in *Envisioning 2030* and *Illuminating 2030* and have started Digital Transformation here at CapU. "Digital transformation will allow Capilano University to deliver seamless and sustainable experiences where technology is an enabler of change to meet our commitments to learners, employees, and communities." Guiding statements have been proposed and will serve as guardrails throughout the process. We are currently in the consultation phase to gather information from the CapU community about how digital technologies are being used, where the challenges are and what the future of technology looks like to employees and students. This work will align with the Ministry's recently published [Digital Learning Strategy](#) and the digital learning framework.

## POLICY, PRIVACY & GOVERNANCE

- » CapU's risk management team completed the risk register to formally identify, assess and evaluate the risks facing the University at this time. Developed with the senior leadership council and the executive team, the register outlines consequences, likelihood, controls and planned responses to anticipated risks.
- » A new public facing privacy website was developed and launched on May 3. Link: [Access to Information and Protection of Privacy - Capilano University](#) The website provides information regarding CapU's required compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).
- » Reviewing and updating policies continued to be a focus this period. One new policy was developed and approved, four policies were updated and three out-of-date and no longer used policies were rescinded. A further 11 policies are in the final review and approval stages scheduled for completion and publication at the end of June. Learn more about [CapU's policies](#).

## PEOPLE, CULTURE & DIVERSITY

### HUMAN RESOURCES

- » On May 24, we hosted 51 employees at the annual Employee Long Service Awards luncheon with one employee celebrating 35 years of service and another celebrating 40 years of service.
- » The [New Employee Onboarding SharePoint site](#) is launched and functional. The site streamlines the onboarding process, reducing manual processes. It also helps fully engage the new employee before their first day and through their probation.
- » The Canada's Top 100 Employer's application was submitted on May 5, and a gaps and opportunities document created to see where we still have work to do. This application is our eighth year, and from this we have won recognition from BC's Top Employers for the last five years.
- » We hosted PensionsBC for two Municipal Pension Plan workshops and three College Pension Plan workshops. Four of the five workshops were full (40 participants) with waitlists. We will be hosting more sessions again in the fall.
- » As part of the performance management strategy project kickoff, the project team met in small groups with SLC to gather feedback and discuss what a future program could look like. The performance management

strategy project introduced groups to the process and helped to highlight priorities and guiding principles. The following steps are to align the decision-making process.

- » Led by HR, the Leadership Forum on March 30, 2023, continued the conversation for administrators on change management and the leader's role. Leaders challenged themselves in a "boat crash" survival simulation.

## LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

- » The team hosted two full-day manager-learning workshops for administrators, focusing on DiSC—Creating our Common Language and labour relations foundations.
- » Seventy-one employees have participated in the DiSC—Creating Our Common Language workshops since April.
- » At the executive retreat on May 11, the team led DiSC—Agile EQ, focusing leaders on understanding and utilizing the power of emotional intelligence.

## EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

- » We received the report for the EDI audit from Veza Global. The executive team is reviewing the findings and a presentation to the campus community will be arranged.

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

- » MoveUP: On April 6, 2023, the University filed for mediation through the Labour Relations Board. Mediation took place on May 10 & 12, 2023. On May 12, 2023, MoveUP asked the mediator to report out and officially issued 72-hour strike notice at 1:46 p.m. Job action began on May 15 with a ban on overtime, which progressively increased to a withdrawal of services throughout the University. No additional dates scheduled thus far.
- » CFA: The parties met on April 6, 17, 20, May 1, 4 and 29. The next scheduled dates are June 5 and 26, 2023.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING, ASSESSMENT & INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

### INTEGRATED PLANNING

- » The team requested a series of meetings with the academic leadership group to explore in depth the current planning needs from the University's academic direction and priorities. The goal is to understand what refinements to the process and template would best accommodate the academic needs and preferences for the next planning cycles.
- » The team is designing and organizing a set of activities for the upcoming Senior Leadership Council (SLC) retreat on June 20–22, 2023. These activities will support SLC in their planning efforts, particularly around collaboration and interdependencies.



## ENVISIONING 2030

- » Since the hiring of a number of new employees, the planning team will coordinate efforts to re-introduce *Envisioning 2030*. SLC will get a reminder about the themes and priorities for years 4–6 during their retreat in June 20–23. A refreshed video explaining *Envisioning 2030* is in the works. The team is trying to identify opportunities to visit some areas of the University that have large numbers of new employees, in order to present the *Envisioning 2030* themes, goals and priorities.

## STRATEGY, ANALYTICS & TRANSFORMATION

- » The team has been deeply focused on the annual Ministry FTE reporting requirements. The final domestic FTE count for fiscal year 2022/2023 is 3605, 65 per cent of the given ministry target. This reflects a 4 per cent decline (net loss of 154 FTEs) from the previous fiscal year. From a faculty perspective, the Faculties of Business & Professional Studies and Fine & Applied Arts experienced the largest declines with a -7 per cent (net loss of 70.6 FTEs) and -6 per cent (net loss of 54.7 FTEs) change respectively. It should be noted that the Faculty of Arts & Sciences experienced a slight growth of 1 per cent (net growth of 9.5 FTEs) this year, while both the Faculties of Education, Health & Human Development and Global & Community Studies experienced modest to small declines (-4 per cent, -24.7 FTEs and -2 per cent, -6.6 FTEs respectively). The final international FTE count for fiscal year 2022/2023 is 2192, a 28 per cent increase from the previous fiscal year. This increase suggests a resumption to pre-pandemic levels of international enrolment, which is supported by two of the biggest intakes of international students in this current fiscal year (23/24)—Summer 2023 and Fall 2023. From a faculty perspective, the Faculty of Arts & Science experienced the greatest growth (+48 per cent, net growth of 209.8 FTEs), followed by the Faculty of Business & Professional Studies (+39 per cent, net growth of 278.6 FTEs).
- » The team is also focused on finalizing the annual Institutional Accountability Plan and Report (IAPR). The IAPR is an annual report submitted to the ministry, which details how the University has met the various mandates. Specific details about the accountability framework is found [here](#).
- » Continued progress has been made on the CDW modernization and risk mitigation project, along with collaborations with AIP to develop dashboards in preparation for Review 2.0.

## CONTINUING STUDIES

- » The process to review the continuing studies unit is still underway, including an operational review of key processes along with the strategic review of current upskilling and reskilling needs. Findings from these reviews will be analyzed in the next reporting cycle to inform potential next steps.

## INTERNATIONAL

- » This summer saw the highest single international intake on record with 904 new international students registering in programs. This represented a 176 per cent increase over last year for the summer. The new intake resulted in 2,543 international students registered for the summer, which represents a 104 per cent increase over last year and 43 per cent increase over our largest previous summer intake in 2000.
- » The Fall 2023 international intake will also set a new and total registered international intake record. As of May 26, we have 1,596 new international deposits for the fall, representing a 115 per cent increase over fall 2022. With a record international intake in the summer 2023, we anticipate over 3,500 international students to be registered in September 2023.

- » While we are having ongoing success in attracting international students, we remain focused on increasing diversity of international learners and ensuring students are well prepared to succeed in their studies and new life in Canada. We have funding approved for hiring three new international student transition officers. These individuals will play a critical role in ensuring that incoming students register in the courses they need, are set up with housing and supported with a range of services to ensure they have a successful transition to study and living here.
  - » The first field school since the pandemic returned successfully from Vietnam this month. 22 students from six program areas travelled to Hanoi, Ha Long Bay and the Sapa region of Vietnam and had an incredible immersive intercultural learning experience. We have future field schools planned for Thailand, the Philippines, India, and Europe.
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- » CapU International is spearheading increased interaction with universities and colleges around the world through Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL). Last term, three instructors: Jennifer Nesselroad, Luis Villalba and Azita Shafai conducted COIL activities with university partners in the UK, Spain and Mexico respectively. Currently, under the guidance of our COIL specialist, Natasha Mrkic-Subotic, a further seven instructors are receiving COIL training and are seeking to conduct related projects in Germany, the Philippines, India and Indonesia, plus other countries. These kinds of activities are excellent ways of expanding intercultural knowledge for instructors and students and engaging the University globally.

## STUDENT SUCCESS

- » The student success unit met as a whole and reviewed the new student mental health action plan. Each area worked to develop their unit action plan implementing those items identified that apply to their areas. Each area took their plans away for refinement and for future collaboration sessions.

## ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

- » All statistics for the accessibility services office show increased usage. 664 testing invigilations were conducted for the spring term. This brings the April 1, 2022 to Mar 31, 2023 fiscal total to 1,546.
- » 1,274 appointments were scheduled (exclusive of drop-ins) for the same fiscal period.

## ATHLETICS & RECREATION

- » The CapU Rec Restorative Studio in Birch Building, room BR210, was introduced on May 9, 2023 and has been well received by CapU students. The restorative studio is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 9–May 30 between 10:45–11:45 a.m. for all CapU students and employees to drop-in relax and de-stress. Mats and other small equipment are provided for self-directed movement needs. Fifteen-minute stretch and interval training classes taught by a certified fitness professional are also provided in the room.
- » Capilano University won the bid to host the 2024 CCAA National Women's Soccer Championships, November 4–10, 2024. The event will take place on the North Shore, showcasing the beauty and experiences that this area has to offer. This event coincides with Capilano Blues Athletics 50th anniversary and the CCAA 50th anniversary celebrating excellence and the power of sport.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

- » We hired our new career development advisor, Ning Zhang who started on May 10. With the departure of long-time manager, Nancy Ng, Maja Horgas accepted the interim manager position with the centre.
- » Career development advisors conducted 148 student appointments through one-on-one virtual and in-person appointments. They facilitated 15 workshops covering different career development topics for 197 students, including 11 in-class workshops for Faculty of Business & Professional Studies and Faculty of Arts & Sciences. In addition, advisors collaborated with student affairs and CIE to deliver a 'Find Your Purpose' workshop to new students as part of Summer 2023 Orientation, introducing 88 new students to the importance of career planning.
- » Career ambassadors organized engagement initiatives around campus, including CDC Tabling, CDC In-Class Intro Presentations and LinkedIn Portraits Photo booth, reaching 70, 55 and 14 students respectively. They also represented CDC during the Summer Orientation Mini Fair & BBQ reaching 149 new students.

## COUNSELLING & LEARNING SUPPORT

- » From February 4, 2023–May 29, 2023, 149 counselling appointments were attended (among them, 16 were drop-in/same day appointments).
- » The counselling team participated in the Spring Welcome Fair on May 4, 2023, meeting 61 new students and introducing them to our services and supports.

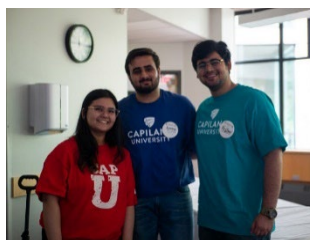
## STUDENT AFFAIRS

- » On April 6, student affairs hosted its 3rd Annual Short Film Festival. This yearly event is an excellent opportunity for students and alumni in film to network and showcase their work. Three alumni guest speakers attended the event to



share their feedback and experience from working in the film industry. Four student filmmakers got a chance to showcase their work to alumni and attendees. Students from different CapU departments shared their interest in film and created new meaningful connections.

- » Spring 2023 Peer Leadership Appreciation took place on April 5. This fun lunch-hour event celebrated 50 student employees and student volunteers from different peer leadership programs across campus!



- » Student affairs partnered with the Centre for International Experience to host New Student Orientation for over 1,050 new students who started their studies in summer 2023. Student affairs hosted an official orientation kick-Off on May 1 and facilitated eight workshops to set up new students for success. In



addition, on Thursday, May 4, in collaboration with the Centre for International Experience and School of Business, a new students BBQ and services fair saw 600 new students in attendance.

Once summer classes started, orientation leaders set up booths in the Birch Cafeteria and near the Purcell Bus Loop during the first week to answer any new students' questions and provide directions.



- » This summer, student affairs brought Wellness Wednesday Summer Games back. Wellness Wednesday Summer Games occurs in the Cedar Courtyard every Wednesday from 11:30–1 p.m. All students are welcome to drop in and play lawn games, connect with other students and learn about our well-being supports and services on campus.
- » As part of ongoing efforts to provide sexual violence prevention and education and to engage students in co-creating a safer and more caring campus culture, student affairs welcomed 29 students to the Building Connections and Community at CapU event on May 23—A session to enhance self-awareness and social learning about consent in a fun and collaborative way. In addition to food, games and prizes, group discussions reflected on cultural and interpersonal differences, how to treat each other with care and respect, and establish a greater sense of community and belonging at CapU.
- » Student affairs continues its partnership with [Qmunity](#) to offer in-person workshops for employees that build upon the online Gender Diversity & Queer Inclusivity module we launched December 2022. Phase 2 began May 2023 with the first of two series of workshops. The in-person gender diversity & queer inclusivity workshops enhance skills in communications, conflict resolution, understanding implicit bias and other interpersonal areas that shape our openness to our LGBTQ2S+ university community members. Through partnership with Human Resources and Centre for Teaching Excellence, employee participation in these workshops qualifies for professional development hours. Twenty-one people attended with nine committed to becoming community knowledge facilitators in a later phase.

#### STUDENT HOUSING SERVICES

- » **Summer student move-in:** We welcomed 54 new summer students to housing in May, representing a 38 per cent increase from May 2022. Fifty-two students continued their stay from Spring term, bringing our total number of students in housing to 106. This represents a 26 per cent increase from last May and nearly three times our pre-pandemic numbers for a summer term. As part of our commitment to sustainability, we efficiently accommodated all students in our main building, Grouse Hall, and closed Cypress and Seymour buildings to minimize our environmental footprint.
- » **Summer student employment:** We hired three student employees to assist in event planning throughout the summer. We continued our successful partnership with the tourism and hospitality program at CapU by employing one student for their summer practicum. Together, we successfully organized six events this month, contributing to a strong sense of community among our new and continuing students.

- » **Summer conference services:** A summer camp group is staying in housing for about six weeks. We will be hosting this group, demonstrating our commitment to maximizing facility utilization during the summer months. We remain focused on maintaining a healthy balance between student accommodations and group bookings, with priority given to our primary mission of serving students.
- » **Application for academic year 23/24:** At the close of our priority application batch on April 10, 2023, we received 386 applications, reflecting a 24 per cent increase from last year. We received 247 additional applications between April 11 to May 29, 2023, resulting in a total of 631 applications—a 49.5 per cent increase from last year. We are likely going to see over 60 per cent of applicants being waitlisted once we commence sending out housing offers in mid-June. We continue to manage our waitlist diligently and offer available spaces throughout the summer, ensuring we accommodate as many students as possible.
- » **New housing project:** The University is making progress on building its first on-campus student housing. Preparatory work to commence in June 2023, signaling a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to address the shortage of student housing on the North Shore. This new housing project will play a crucial role in enhancing our students' experience and reducing the time our students spend commuting daily to campus.

## REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

- » As we do three times during the year, student names were presented at the May Senate meeting for approval of our newest group of graduates. 821 students were approved for graduation with four-year baccalaureate degrees being the most awarded credential at CapU, with 280 successful students. The graduation team was busy printing credentials so that all who attend convocation in June will receive their parchments.

## STUDENT RECRUITMENT & ADMISSIONS

- » The team's participation in the virtual mini-fair hosted by PSBC was a tremendous success. We generated over 250 new leads during the all-day event. Our dedicated team wasted no time in reaching out to these leads, fully confident that we can convert them into enthusiastic applicants.
- » The application numbers for Fall 2023 have exceeded pre-pandemic levels, a true testament to the growing interest in our institution. Our admission team has worked tirelessly with various departments to issue offer letters and finalize acceptance letters. We couldn't be prouder of the outstanding response we've received.
- » In our continuous efforts to excel, we are actively collaborating with IT and EPBC to implement the B.C. Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills' Gender Data Standards. By adhering to these standards, we're ensuring accurate and inclusive reporting, reflecting our commitment to diversity and equity.
- » Admission and recruitment teams have gone the extra mile to enhance their support for students' well-being. They recently participated in both mental health first aid training and a de-escalation workshop, equipping them with valuable skills to better assist students.

## UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

University relations includes the departments of communications, government relations & community engagement, marketing & digital experience, philanthropy & alumni relations and university events. University relations' goals are to: enhance the University's reputation, develop positive relationships and secure resources to support University priorities.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- » Communications led internal and external communications for [Asian Heritage Month](#), featuring a variety of activities designed to engage and inspire through change education and open dialogue. Communications included Constant Contact messages to students and employees and ongoing social media and *Frontlines* posts. The senior communications officer, internal, also scripted for the joint [video statement](#) from CapU, the CSU, CFA and MoveUp.
- » The team provided communications leadership for several initiatives and announcements, including: [this year's honorary degree recipients](#) (including a media ad buy with support from marketing & digital experience); the [reappointment of Yuri Fulmer as chancellor](#); [CapU becoming the first Unreal Engine authorized training centre in Western Canada](#); and [Coca-Cola Refreshing Films selects CapU student duo as finalists in North American film competition](#). They also provided event communications support for the HDR event in May, the alumni awards, employee long-service awards and convocation.
- » Through strategic use of LinkedIn to share stories, updates and information that would appeal to current and prospective donors, employees, parents, students and alumni, the CapU LinkedIn account gained over 1,300 new followers during this period, more than a three per cent increase in followers in 44 days.
- » The director, communications updated the flag policy consistent with federal standards and had it approved by the Senior Leadership Council.



## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- » Media training sessions for the executive team took place on April 5 to build capacity and strengthen the skills of Capilano University's leadership group in representing the University.
- » CapU's vice-president, university relations Jennifer Ingham, communications director Pamela Findling and senior advisor, public affairs Linda Munro continued to meet regularly with government relations consultants from Global Public Affairs.

- » The senior advisor, public affairs met with editors and representatives of North Shore News and BC Business to continue to foster relationships.
- » The team represented CapU on CiCan updates from Ottawa calls and gathers information on CiCan advocacy work and federal funding opportunities for post-secondary institutes. They also supported President Paul Dangerfield in preparing to represent CapU as a panelist on artificial intelligence on CiCan's Perspectives Live show on May 17.



S2E5 Perspectives LIVE : Artificial Intelligence: Friend or foe?

## MARKETING & DIGITAL EXPERIENCE (MDX)

- » **New digital media student assistant:** Third-year Tourism Management student Grace Le joined our team in May as a digital media student assistant. Witnessing tourism growth in her home country, Vietnam, inspired Grace to pursue her studies and future in the industry. We are thrilled to have her on the team through the summer term. Look for her content on Capilano University's TikTok and Instagram channels.
- » **Admitted student conversion strategy:** To support an improved experience for admitted students, MDX led a service blueprinting process with members of recruitment, admissions and student success. This process involved mapping the student journey from application to enrolment, both from the student's perspective and the institutional perspective. The resulting fall conversion strategy delivered key tactics that included enhancing 40 admission emails with welcoming and clear language, imagery and video. MDX also built a conversion-focused landing page to encourage admitted students to take the next steps in becoming CapU students. Finally, we created a celebratory video welcoming new students to the community and providing a sense of life and learning at CapU.
- » **Website vision, strategy and roadmap:** Working with user experience (UX) expert Nova Ray Consulting, MDX has developed a vision, strategy and roadmap for capilano.ca. This project was highly collaborative and included a core working group with members of MDX and IT services along with key contributors from across the University. The outputs of the process include website audience archetypes, a vision statement, core guiding principles, prioritization methodology and a strategic product roadmap for capilano.ca. We are currently working through plans for next steps and implementation of the roadmap.
- » **Annual department planning sessions:** We have been busy planning 2023–24 marketing and digital initiatives alongside our departmental partners. In April and May, MDX conducted strategic planning sessions with 11 departments, including both academic and administrative units. Each planning session included a report of the previous year's marketing and digital tactics along with metrics to measure success. We then facilitated collaborative virtual workshops with each department to align on major priorities and goals for the year ahead.



- » **Alumni Awards of Excellence:** In April, MDX supported the philanthropy and alumni relations team's 2023 Alumni Awards of Excellence. Along with designing Studio 54-inspired invitations and ads, the team managed advertising. The strategy was highly successful, exceeding our final registration goal by 30 per cent with MDX only having to use half of the allotted advertising budget.

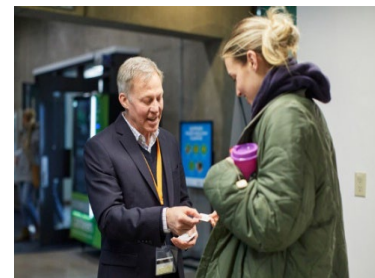


- » **Centre for Childhood Studies construction site signage:** Hoarding signage was installed at the construction site for the new Centre for Childhood Studies. The hoarding acknowledges the many donors who generously contributed to the planning and construction of the new centre. Images of art gathered from the children at the existing childcare centre were incorporated into the design.



## PHILANTHROPY & ALUMNI RELATIONS

- » On April 18, Paul Dangerfield hosted a donor stewardship event in the student affairs office for donors who gave generously to the Eat Care Share food fund that support students facing food insecurity. Donors learned about the student services provided through the student affairs office and engaged in conversation with students and employees. During the event, we distributed food meal cards to the surprise of students who were on campus during exam time.



- » Every year in early spring, the Foundation connects with loyal annual donors to renew their pledge commitments for student scholarships, bursaries and awards. During the reporting period, \$75,513.85 was secured to renew existing awards for the 2023–2024 academic year.

- » On April 5, several CapU donors and corporate sponsors presented their awards to students at the annual CapU Blues Athletics Awards Banquet. A new sponsorship from TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Inc. provided two new awards for Female and Male Athlete of the Year. TD Insurance associate vice-president, Affinity Market Group, Max Stiles presented the awards to Kirsten Abo (women's basketball) and Tyrone Asenoguan (men's basketball).



- » Sponsorship support from three corporate partners (Evo, BC Lions and Optimum Paintball) helped to welcome new students to CapU through their participation in the Summer Orientation Welcome Fair on May 4.
- » Renewed sponsorships in support of the Alumni Awards of Excellence included gifts from: Neptune Terminals (Enduring Award Sponsor \$5,000); North Shore News (Creative Award In-Kind Sponsor \$5,000 value in advertising); and DIALOG (Silver Sponsor \$1,000). New sponsorship for the Confident Presenting Award Sponsor (\$5,000) from Clark Wilson LLP, and a special address from managing partner, James Speakman, was included in the alumni awards program. TD Insurance and Virgin Hickman were recognized as affinity partners of the CUAA, and Bell Mobility as the alumni perks app partner.
- » On Wednesday May 10, a special reception was hosted for all CapU honorary degree recipients from the past 14 years. The evening touched on CapU's plans to transform the student experience and highlighted the growth plan for our campuses in the next few years. Guests were greeted with a welcome drink sponsored and provided by CapU alumni-owned business, Copperpenny Distilling. The evening featured performances from students of the Sarah McLachlan School of Music, and an announcement of the new Sarah McLachlan School of Music Entrance Award at Capilano University. With a \$250,000 commitment, the entrance award will provide support to students who have attended the Sarah McLachlan School of Music and are entering any program of study at Capilano University for their post-secondary education.



## ALUMNI RELATIONS

- » After a two-year hiatus, the 2023 Alumni Awards of Excellence returned on April 12 with a welcome back from Jennifer Ingham, vice-president, university relations, to the in-person celebration at the Polygon Gallery. Five CapU alumni were honoured. 125 guests attended with special performances (including a light show and acrobats provided by Underground Circus), musical entertainment and an inspiring panel





discussion. The event was a huge success thanks to the contributions from all involved, including our sponsors, MDX and university events.

Our five extraordinary CapU alumni awards recipients were featured in *Capsule* and North Shore News leading up to the 2023 Alumni Awards of Excellence event. Read the [Capsule profiles](#) and North Shore News [feature](#).

- » On May 2, alumni relations hosted a TEDx CapilanoU event at the BlueShore Financial Centre for the Performing Arts Theatre. With the theme of “Co-existence through transformative education,” inspirational CapU alumni and faculty shared their perspectives on how transformative education can help us co-exist peacefully and develop a deeper understanding of what we need to do to move forward on the basis of one health, one planet. Thank you to all involved, including the university events team, wonderful speakers: Karen Joseph, Martin Gregus Jr, Rakeli Maina, Thomas Flower and V Victoria Shrof, and our incredible host, Daniel Levangie. A recording of the event will be posted to the TEDx website.



## UNIVERSITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS

**May is Child Care month** so it was a great time to thank our business leaders and North Shore donors for their support of CapU’s Centre for Childhood Studies (CCS) capital project. In mid-May, we published ads in *Business in Vancouver* and the *North Shore News*, thanking donors for their support and speaking about the important work that will be done through the Centre. The University also began discussions with the design group, Public, to create donor recognition elements that celebrate the companies, foundations and individuals that generously gave to the CCS campaign.



## UNIVERSITY EVENTS & CEREMONIES

- » One of the returning events this year was the Alumni Awards of Excellence at the Polygon Gallery in Lonsdale Quay. This year’s theme was “Club Renaissance” and thanks to an excellent brand design by MDX, the events team had lots of fun bringing in disco décor and creating a club vibe for the guests. The reception featured wine fairies (pictured right) who poured drinks while hanging upside down, as well as a light poi performer who gave the guests a surprising sneak peek at the award recipients. Following the reception, this year’s five honoured alum were presented with their awards and then interviewed in a panel-style format. The audience was able to learn more about them and their exciting journeys. Their inspiring stories produced many laughs and even a few tears.



- » Ceremonies and Protocol Officer Alexa Morgan facilitated an on-campus weeklong graduate portrait session for spring graduands during the week of April 17. This is always a great opportunity for CapU grads to take portraits in regalia in advance of their convocation and obtain business portraits for their resumes. GradImages said the portraits session were incredibly popular and they barely had a free time slot all week.
- » On May 2, the events team assisted the alumni department again in producing TEDx CapilanoU. This extremely popular event sold out in less than two hours and the presentations did not disappoint. Taking place in the BlueShore Financial Centre for the Performing Arts Theatre, presentations addressed the pressing issues we face and provided ideas to spark dialogue, optimism and positive action.
- » In partnership with the philanthropy and alumni relations team, university events facilitated the first honorary degree recipient reception, in person graciously hosted by fellow honorary degree recipient Sarah McLachlan. This evening event provided an opportunity for CapU's extraordinary community of HDRs to connect, engage and learn more about the university's vision for the future. Guests at the event enjoyed wonderful food prepared by the host's favourite chef, welcome cocktails by CapU alum business Copperpenny Distillery and wonderful entertainment performed by students and alumni from the Sarah McLachlan School of Music.

