

# 2018 YEAR- IN-REVIEW

## CAPFEST

On September 22, nearly 6,000 students, alumni, employees, and community members joined in celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at CapFest. New and returning guests explored campus to participate in the experience fair in the Centre for Sport and Wellness, the film and animation open house in the Bosa Centre, and an Indigenous festival in the Cedar Courtyard. In addition, the Birch festival drew more than 4,400 attendees and featured two stages with live music, more than a dozen food trucks and a beer garden. The entertainers – all of which had at least one CapU alumn – included Five Alarm Funk, The Phonix, Side One, Antonio Larosa and others. Headliner Hey Ocean! closed out the night. Thank you to all who joined us in making this event a day to remember.



## ALUMNI HOMECOMING

The Capilano University Alumni Association (CUAA) hosted its first Alumni Homecoming as one of the featured events at CapFest. 360 alumni joined CUAA Vice-Chair Rabjeet Wallia and President Paul Dangerfield in a toast to the past, present, and future of Capilano University. To commemorate the event, each guest received a 50th anniversary champagne flute set.



## ALUMNI AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Held October 18 at the Pipe Shop on the North Vancouver waterfront, the annual Alumni Awards of Excellence welcomed 150 alumni, faculty, administration and community members.

The event, co-hosted by CapU and CUAA, honored five alumni who exemplify CapU's brand essences. The event also marked another milestone: CUAA's 10th anniversary. Check out more [photographs](#). A special series of videos were created to highlight and celebrate the five recipients:



- Jullian Kolstee, [Luminous](#) category
- Amina El mantari, [Unified](#) category
- Petie Chalifoux, [Enduring](#) category
- Kaya Dorey, [Confident](#) category
- Randy Celebrini, [Creative](#) category

## FIRST GRADS' RECEPTION

An essential part of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations was honouring our inaugural year. CapU set out to reconnect with students who took Cap College classes out of West Vancouver High School in 1968 and invited them, along with faculty, to a special First Grads' Reception. Twenty-four students and faculty from our first year attended, including Carolyn Grass, whose band performed at the Birthday Bash. See more [photos](#).



## COMMUNITY SPONSORS

Throughout the 50th anniversary CapU engaged twenty-two sponsorship partners and achieved a total of **\$273,728.75** in support of our initiatives. Our alumni events would not have been possible without the support of three very generous community partners:

- **TD Insurance and TD Bank** contributed \$25,000. In addition, TD Insurance supports the CUAA year after year through their work as a CUAA affinity partner.



- **COBS Bread at Park & Tilford**, owned by CapU Business Alumni Heather Habib, provided sweet and savory pastries at the Birthday Bash, First Grads Reception and Alumni Homecoming.
- **Thrifty Foods North Vancouver** provided us with 2,500 cupcakes, countless food platters, gift baskets, and floral arrangements for the Birthday Bash, First Grads Reception, Alumni Homecoming, CapFest, and Alumni Awards of Excellence.
- **Neptune Terminals** which also celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, is CapU's presenting sponsor for all anniversary events. They have generously announced the creation of a bursary for Indigenous students, and committed to matching up to \$10,000 in donations.



## ADDITIONAL 2018 HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Campus Murals:** The walls of the North Vancouver campus were brought to life with the installation of nine colourful and vibrant murals, including creations from CapU alumni and former faculty. You'll want to visit campus to [check these out!](#)
- **CapU Connect:** This fall we launched a new platform just for alumni! CapU Connect allows you to stay connected with former classmates, learn about career development opportunities, and make sure you never miss an alumni event. Be sure to [sign-up!](#)
- **CUAA Governance:** The 2018 annual general meeting was a pivotal moment for the CUAA as the membership voted to approve a new [constitution and bylaws document](#) modernizing the effectiveness of the association.

