



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2026 Alumni Awards of Excellence

### CELEBRATE THE EXPERIENCE!

Capilano University (CapU) and Capilano University Alumni Association (CUAA) are pleased to present the **2026 Alumni Awards of Excellence!**

The **Alumni Awards of Excellence** were established to recognize alumni who embody CapU values and make a lasting local and global impact. As in past years, the awards reflect the community values of *spirit, passion, innovation, collaboration, pride and impact*, and are woven into each award category. Five awards will be presented to individuals who exemplify one of the CapU brand attributes: **Open, Expressive, Dedicated, Relevant** and **Enterprising**.

To ensure that every deserving alumnus has an opportunity for recognition, all alumni – including past award recipients – are eligible for nomination.

### SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

- Review the award criteria and eligibility requirements before making your recommendations.
- Complete your nomination by using the [online webform](#). For questions, please contact [alumni@capilanou.ca](mailto:alumni@capilanou.ca).
- Be sure to include examples of how your nominee fulfills the criteria for the selected award category
- A thoughtful, detailed response to each question will greatly aid the selection committee in its evaluation.

If available, please include the nominee's resumé or other supporting materials to assist in the selection committee's decision.

### WHO CAN MAKE A NOMINATION

The selection committee accepts nominations from various stakeholders, including but not limited to: students, alumni, faculty, staff, employers, vendors, family and friends. The selection committee will review all submitted materials to identify candidates who best represent each award category based on the established criteria.

## HOW RECIPIENTS ARE SELECTED

The selection committee comprises representatives from *Capilano University's* Board of Governors, Alumni Association Board of Directors, President's Office, and *the* Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Relations.

## AWARDS CRITERIA & CATEGORIES

Each award has specific criteria outlined below, with criterion weighted and scored.

All awards categories will consider why the award recipient is deserving and any additional accomplishments they have achieved.

### OPEN

***Open: Fostering community connection, cultivating spaces of belonging, and prioritizing equity-building.***

Specific Criteria for Open:

1. The nominee has demonstrated exceptional efforts in fostering community connections, creating spaces of belonging, and promoting equity.
2. The nominee has shown a readiness to listen, learn, and reduce boundaries between communities.

### EXPRESSIVE

***Expressive: Authentic expressions of intersectionality and personal character.***

Specific Criteria for Expressive:

1. The nominee authentically expresses creativity and individuality in artistic, cultural or innovative pursuits.
2. The nominee encompasses unique perspectives that have pushed boundaries, challenged norms, and inspired others to embrace their own passions in the creative or cultural sectors.

### DEDICATED

***Dedicated: Actions that demonstrate our caring and community. Ensuring accessibility on all fronts.***

Specific Criteria for Dedicated:

1. The nominee has demonstrated a commitment to their communities, including efforts towards community wellbeing, Indigenization and/or decolonization.
2. The nominee has demonstrated supported physical, mental, emotional or spiritual well-being through their community involvement.

## RELEVANT

***Relevant: Storytelling and sharing lived experiences. Continuing to address the needs of our communities and society.***

Specific Criteria for Relevant:

1. The nominee has made contributions that have had a profound and lasting impact on their fields and communities.
2. The nominee has made a sustained, measurable difference through educational, research-driven, or community-centered initiatives that have broad societal relevance.

## ENTERPRISING

***Enterprising: Co-creating new opportunities. The bravery to adapt and evolve, at pace.***

Specific Criteria for Enterprising:

1. The nominee embodies the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation.
2. The nominee takes initiative, embrace experimentation, and cross boundaries to create new opportunities in their industries, always demonstrating resourcefulness and forward-thinking adaptability.

## WHAT MAKES A STRONG NOMINATION?

The selection committee will prioritize impact and quality over scale or length of experience. Please provide a concise summary of your nominee's story, background, and how they have used their influence to contribute to their community, thereby exemplifying CapU's values.

## ELIGIBILITY

All alumni are eligible for nomination. Alumni are defined as those individuals who have received a credential from the University or have successfully completed a minimum of 54 credits at Capilano University.

Award recipients must consent to participate in the awards celebration at the Polygon Gallery in North Vancouver. Nominators may nominate more than one candidate for each award. There is only one award recipient in each award category.

## EXCLUSIONS

Members of the Capilano University Board of Governors, Foundation Board or Alumni Association Board, and currently active politicians are **ineligible** for nomination.

Nominees must be informed of their nomination and agree to have their name, photo, credentials and biography published in media promoting the event.

Capilano University is committed to protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all the nominee.

All nominations must be received by the [November 9, 2025](#) application closing date.

Nominations are submitted [here](#). Further details and next steps will be provided upon receipt of the nomination.