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Selkirk College Board of Governors Chair Stefan Lehmann, Alumni Coordinator Pat Henman and CEO and President, Angus Graeme at Gala 2011: Destination Education.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Holidays to All!

At this time of year many of us look back at the past year and give thanks for the good things that have happened in our lives. At Selkirk College we have many things to be thankful for and as you read this newsletter you will learn all about them.

From everyone at Selkirk College we wish you a very happy and prosperous holiday season.

Cheers!

Pat Henman

Selkirk College Alumni Association Coordinator

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni of Selkirk College,



What an honour it is for me to wish you a happy, healthy winter season and a prosperous New Year. I have had the opportunity over the last year to catch up with a number of Selkirk College alumni and continue to be amazed at the interesting and fulfilling ways in which our former students are making a difference: to themselves, their families and their communities! It is a testament to the students who attend our community college and the opportunities that arise from a community-based education.

There is so much happening at Selkirk College. We continue to grow and flourish with new and renewed programming, expanded community partnerships and increased international activities. We will soon be completing construction at the Tenth Street

Residence and the Shambhala Music and Performance Hall (formerly Studio 80) in Nelson. This winter we will also be completing the Aboriginal Gathering Place at the Castlegar campus; a place that will celebrate First Nations cultures and traditions and support our many Aboriginal learners. We have created a Teaching and Learning Institute; collaborated with Columbia Basin Trust to develop the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute, and have expanded the work of the Mir Centre for Peace to include community programming and outreach activities.

Stay in touch. We are always happy to hear from you and wish you all the best!

Angus Graeme,
CEO & President

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And I Quote ...

HAYLEY AND STEPHANIE MORGAN, MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ALUMNI 2011

"I was very nervous about returning to school after being out of the environment for over 20 years. Selkirk empowered me to learn things that I didn't know. I was motivated to go back to school to get a better job and in less than a year, I have solid skills and a great new job."

HAYLEY MORGAN, 2011 PROCESS OPERATOR PROGRAM GRADUATE; EMPLOYED AS CELL TOP MAINTENANCE OPERATOR AT TECK METALS LTD.

"I chose Selkirk College because the smaller class sizes made learning very personal and all of my instructors were easily accessible. Selkirk has a great Social Service Worker program and I think it provided me with a better learning experience than I would have received if I took the same program in university."

STEPHANIE MORGAN, 2011 SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER PROGRAM GRADUATE



Aviation Students Hit Heights of Success

Congratulations to three students from Selkirk College Aviation - Professional Pilot Training program who have achieved success since graduating in 2011.

Dan Cottle received the Air Sprint Award and was hired at Air Sprint in Calgary. Curtis Stockill and Darren Galpin were awarded the Air Canada Jazz award. That award guaranteed an all-expenses-paid interview with Air Canada Jazz in Toronto, where they were put through their paces with a personal interview and simulator test. They were both hired. Darren has already gone through Jazz ground school and Curtis is waiting for the call to attend the next one offered.

Photo: Left to right, Dan Cottle and Curtis Stockill.

Alumni updates

JASON LOWE - GOLF OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT ALUM, 1999 – general manager of the Arbutus Ridge Golf Club in Cobble Hill, B.C., celebrates 25-Year Anniversary of club. Jason has been general manager of Arbutus Ridge Golf Club since January of 2008.

CYNDEL MILLER, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION ALUM, 2011 – Cyndel is currently continuing her studies at Okanagan College in accounting. She recently finished a post as financial assistant at the B.C. Senior Winter Games.

CHRISTIAN THEBERGE, - SKI RESORT OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT ALUM, 2007 – Christian was most recently manager of the Phoenix Ski Area near Grand Forks. He has recently been named as the new hill manager at Shames Mountain, in Terrace, B.C.

Selkirk College Staff & Faculty Retirees for 2011

Good luck to all and thank you for the many years of service to Selkirk College.

- Beverly Onischak
- Stuart Deverney
- Denise Chernoff
- Devorah MacLean
- Pauline Dupas
- Cheryl Hodge
- George Penfold
- Carol Retzlaff
- Theresa Walker
- Chris Boven

Gala 2011... What a Destination!

"Tower to Gala 2011 guests...you are now approaching the runway...be prepared to be welcomed by Selkirk College pilots, Captains Angus Graeme and Stefan Lehmann with a glass of champagne as you disembark". That is how the evening began for this year's guests.

Each year Selkirk's gala has a theme and this year organizers chose a travel theme, 'Destination Education.' Guests were greeted at the door with champagne in hand and moved straight from 'debarkation' to a global marketplace of intriguing displays created by the 14 programs and schools that ranged from the UAS Curiosity Shop to art displays by the KSA studios. Pat Henman and Joyce Buckler of development attribute the marketplace success to enthusiastic participation of instructors and students.

From the marketplace, guests moved to their primary destination, Mary Hall cafeteria, where they were greeted and guided to their seats for the next leg of the journey – dinner, dancing and entertainment. From the entrée of chicken supreme filled with pancetta, chevre goat cheese and sundried tomatoes, to a musical selection ranging from contemporary to lively jazz, belly and folkfusion dancing, a fully stocked bar and service rivaling the finest of establishments, the evening was a display of talent that never fails to remind us each year of the talented students we attract and the quality of programs we deliver.

When it came to the silent auction, our guests could, and did, bid on everything from the 'We Are All Canucks' package—Canucks tickets, travel and luxury accommodation—to tickets and dinner for our own Pat Henman's CD launch. For those still standing towards evening's end, there was the chance to dance to tunes put out by a DJ that simply pulled you from your seat and onto the dance floor.

When all was said, done and cleared away, over 200 had landed at Gala 2011. Over 50 students benefitted from this unique Selkirk learning experience, and over \$13,000 was raised to support our students.

A special thanks from members of the School of Hospitality and Tourism along with those from Communications and Development who were involved in the organization of Gala 2011. And to all our staff, faculty and donors for their generous support of the gala auctions, thank you. Once again you have outdone yourselves. See you in 2012 ... theme yet to be discovered.

*Submitted
Barry Auliffe
Director of Communications and Development*



Selkirk College Resort & Hotel Management Team Scores 4th Consecutive Win at B.C. Tourism Conference



A team from Selkirk College has again won top spot and \$1,000 prize money at the 2011 B.C. Hospitality Case Study Competition held recently in Victoria. This is the fourth consecutive win for students from the college's School of Hospitality & Tourism.

The team, one of a dozen from B.C.'s colleges and universities, competes each year at the B.C. Tourism Industry Conference, sponsored by Tourism BC and Link BC. The conference theme this year was "Focus on the Future." Teams are judged by panels of industry leaders on the quality and content of presentations that probed current issues facing B.C.'s tourism industry. Selkirk's team— all students in the two-year Resort and Hotel Management program—Tenth Street Campus, Nelson, researched possible

marketing and communication synergies that could be developed to encourage more visitors to B.C.'s system of public parks and how increased visits to the parks could benefit hospitality and tourism industries (and boost tourism revenues) in the province.

Team members included Stephen Hart and Nicholas Stadnyk, both from Calgary, Meghan Booth of Brandon, Manitoba, and Jared Zuege of Madison, Ohio. Team coaches Steve Bareham and Harry Pringle, instructors in the School of Hospitality and Tourism, provided assistance to focus the team's substantial research and information gathering work prior to delivery of a 15-minute presentation at the conference October 24, 2011.

The case study competition showcases students' knowledge and skills that can be applied for employers upon graduation. A primary focus of instruction for management candidates at Selkirk College is how to employ critical thinking skills for research, writing, and organization of information and also on how to present effectively. (The students employed computer technology and software to enhance the presentation.)

This year's team saw clear benefits, both from the competition itself, and also from the networking experience. "This competition taught me that leadership and learning are indispensable to each other," says Nick Stadnyk.

"The competition taught me that innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower," adds Stephen Hart.

"To have the chance to learn from keynote speakers and other student participants was truly valuable to bring me closer to my career goals," says Meghan Hart.

"The industry leaders that were present at the conference may open doorways to my career in the future," adds Jared Zuege.

About 400 delegates attended this year's conference from accommodation, transportation, resort, attraction, tourism associations, industry suppliers, and education sectors. Over the past decade tourism has grown to the point where it now generates \$10.2 billion annually for our province's economy and directly employs 117,500 British Columbians.

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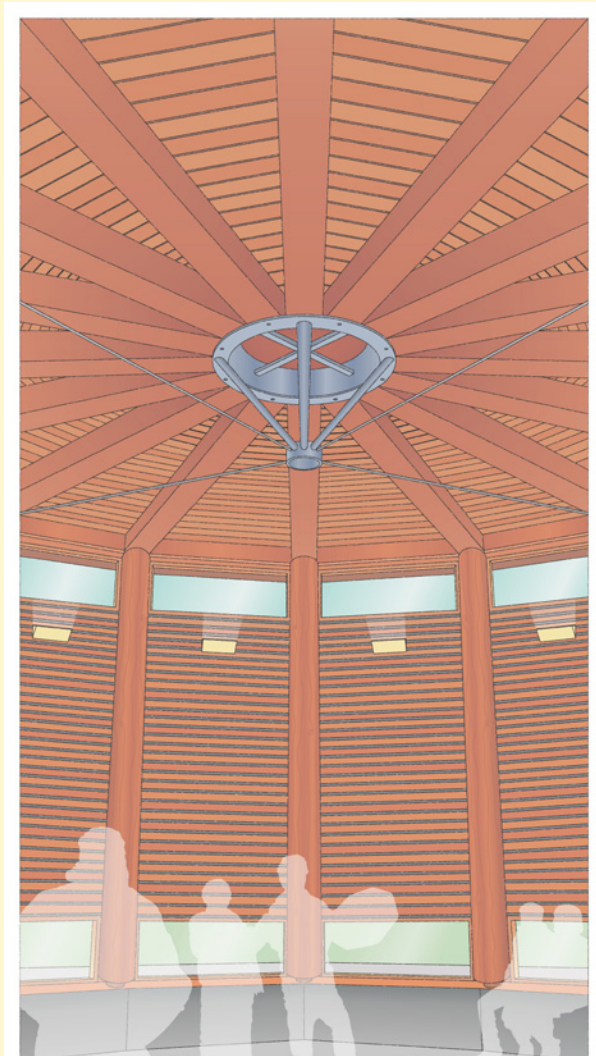
Teck Metals gets behind the Aboriginal Gathering Place in a big way

With the support of \$600,000 from the provincial government's Gathering Places Capital Fund and \$200,000 from the Columbia Basin Trust, Selkirk College began construction of its Aboriginal Gathering Place in the summer of 2010. The total cost of construction is estimated to be \$950,000. When completed, this dedicated facility will become part of a welcoming and relevant environment for Aboriginal students attending Selkirk College, the Aboriginal community and the community at large.

In September of 2011 the college announced the aptly named Completing the Circle campaign to raise the final \$150,000 necessary to finish the project. Since that date no fewer than 15 individuals and companies have stepped forward to support the campaign. In early November the college received the exciting news that Teck Metals Ltd. had made the decision to make a gift of \$50,000 to help complete the circle.

With this very generous donation we are approaching the halfway mark in the campaign. There is still plenty of work to do, but, buoyed by the support we have received to date from our community, we are feeling very positive.

If you wish to add your name to the list of those who are supporting Selkirk's Aboriginal Gathering Place, please refer to the attached **brochure** for details and contact information.



Interior Rendering - The Aboriginal Gathering Place.



"It is an honour to be able to provide this bursary to a student in the IEP (Integrated Environmental Planning) program at Selkirk College. As a student in this program from 2001 to 2003, I was fortunate to receive a Bursary each year. This extra money was an enormous help toward groceries and rent while I studied to complete the program. While I was at Selkirk, someone had mentioned donating to bursaries in the future. That thought stuck with me and now I am thrilled to do so."

COLLEEN HUGHES - IEP, 2003

Shambhala and Selkirk College Make Music Together

Shambhala Music Festival has contributed \$75,000 toward the revitalization of Selkirk College's performance and rehearsal space (formerly Studio 80) at Selkirk College's Tenth Street campus in Nelson, B.C. The sponsorship puts the college over its \$150,000 fundraising goal for the facility and enables the purchase and installation of new seats, lighting and sound equipment.

"We are, of course, thrilled," says Director of Communications and Development, Barry Auliffe. "We can now complete the studio with the equipment and upgrades needed to stay on the cutting edge of music and performance training. This provides a colossal advantage for Selkirk's Contemporary Music and Technology students. It's exciting for the community as well—we will now have a professional, high-tech venue in which to enjoy performances."

The sponsorship grants Shambhala Music Festival the naming rights to the performance space formerly known as Studio 80. The new name, Shambhala Music and Performance Hall, is a perfect fit for the venue according to Shambhala Music Festival production manager, Corrine Zawaduk.

"We wanted to choose a name that encompasses what both our festival and community are about. Shambhala is a celebration of music, art and life. Nelson is rich in all of these things and Selkirk College is a big part of it. We want to support the growth in each of these areas and this is an ideal opportunity to do just that."

The Shambhala Music Festival, held near Salmo, is an annual world-class electronic music festival that started 14 years ago. It is a family-owned and run business, supported by eight core staff and 2,000 volunteers. About 500 people attended the first Shambhala in 1998, and the festival now draws about 10,000 annually. Current estimates indicate that the annual economic impact of Shambhala on the region is approximately \$20 million.

"We can now complete the studio with the equipment and upgrades needed to stay on the cutting edge of music and performance training."

BARRY AULIFFE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

funds were eligible through their matching fund program for community development. Shambhala's donation made it possible for Selkirk's eligibility for SIDIT funding.

Naming rights are still available for the green room and lobby, and seats can be purchased for \$500 each. Sixty of the 108 seats have been sold and each one will have a personalized, engraved plaque affixed to it. Monetary gifts are also accepted. All additional funds raised will be used to purchase audio visual equipment for the theatre.

Written by Carrie Voysey



Angus Graeme, President of Selkirk College, and Corrine Zawaduk, Production Manager of Shambhala Music Festival.

In November 2009 Selkirk College received funding to renovate the entire Tenth Street Residence building in Nelson. The work included mechanical and structural upgrades to the studio and replacement of interior finishes but did not cover costs associated with equipment, lighting, recording technology or seating.

In November 2010 Selkirk committed to raising \$150,000 for the studio through its *Count Me In* campaign. The goal was to replace the 80 well-worn seats with 108 new ones and to buy and install new lighting and sound equipment. The target has now been attained, with Shambhala making the single largest contribution.

"Thanks to the support of Shambhala and the generosity of numerous individuals and organizations, we have achieved our goal of raising \$150,000," says Auliffe. "For that we are grateful. There are, however, still other opportunities to become part of the legacy of the studio."

Selkirk College would like to acknowledge all donors who have contributed to the success of the *Count Me In* campaign including the awarding of \$50,000 in grant funding through the Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT). These

Tenth Street Residence Open for Students



The Tenth Street Residence was built in the early 1960s as a men's dorm for Notre Dame University. St. Martin's Hall (west wing) was built first in 1961 with solid-cast concrete walls and floors. McCarthy Hall (east wing) was built as an addition in 1963, but with a different construction style; concrete post and beam with cinderblock infill walls. Although they were built as two separate buildings, they are referred to together as 'the residence.'

The residence was used by first by Notre Dame University then by David Thompson University in the 1970s and by the Canadian International College from 1988 to 1998. It was empty for a few years until Selkirk used parts of it to house students in the mid 2000s, but it has been empty since. The reason for closure was related to the unsuitability of the traditional dorm configuration with large group washrooms and inadequate kitchen and lounge facilities, which did not attract residents or help them live comfortably or affordably.

In September 2011 the newly renovated Tenth Street Residence opened for students studying in Nelson at Selkirk College. The following attributes have been included in the final design work:

- Reconfiguration of the facility into three and five-bedroom units, which include kitchenette and bath-toilet services;
- Renovated facility provides accommodation for approximately 100 residents;
- Rehabilitation of the structure to current building standards and beyond with the goal of achieving Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold (examples of features to be considered include: solar electricity , micro hydro, geothermal exchange and increased thermal efficiency);
- The planning, construction and completed facility will offer experiential learning opportunities for Selkirk students.

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Selkirk International Celebrates 25 Years!

On July 8, 9 and 10, 2011, Selkirk International hosted a special anniversary reunion celebration at Castlegar campus. Since the first seven students arrived from Hong Kong in 1986, Selkirk International and the communities of Castlegar, Trail, Grand Forks and Nelson have welcomed hundreds of students from about 48 different countries.

Over 100 attendees including students, alumni, past and present staff, homestay families, agents and supporters of Selkirk International joined together to celebrate the weekend. The event kicked off with a casual Friday gathering of some of the key individuals who began this vision for Selkirk College. It was an evening of storytelling and reminiscing. On Saturday, current students and visitors joined in a spirited afternoon of games and activities around the campus, and then in the evening joined for a banquet. Along with the speeches, stories, socializing, photographs and memories, there were two special presentations. The weekend of activities wrapped up with a sunny Sunday barbeque at Syringa Creek.

One of the Saturday evening presentations saw the awarding of four scholarships for students who plan to study internationally. Mary Whitlock and Kim Lipscombe were awarded Korean Government Scholarships to study at Selkirk's partner university in Korea, Pusan University of Foreign Studies. Charles Arcand and Jarome Thomas were awarded Japanese International Study Abroad Scholarships to study at Selkirk's partner university in Japan, Nagoya University of Foreign Studies.

The second presentation was an announcement of the establishment of two scholarships for international students coming to Selkirk College. In honour of their 25-year commitment to Selkirk International, the department created scholarships in the name of John Armstrong and Philomena Archambault – the John Armstrong International Student Scholarship and the Philomena Archambault International Student Bursary.

In the spirit of *Celebrating Our Global Community*, the 25th Anniversary Reunion was a great success, as well as an opportunity to thank the people of the Kootenay region and the college for supporting our vision; to enrich the local global community by supporting students' studies globally and across the country.

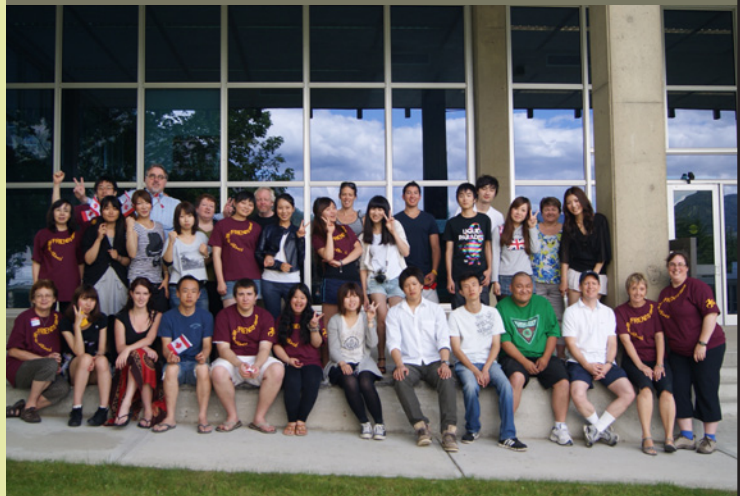
*Submitted
Shana Rablah
Chair, Selkirk International*



Jesuina Faria Pereira (Brazil), Heaven Cheng (China), Wendy Wen (Student's Mother - China).



Elizabeth Fleet, Mac McHenry, Vi Kalesnikoff, John Aslin, Philomena Archambault, Gwen Armstrong, Lola Sherstibitoff, Helen Lorimer, John Armstrong.



Attendees at the Selkirk International 25th Anniversary Reunion.

Helen Quinn, KSA Graduate wins CCBC Award



Helen Quinn was about to leave British Columbia and head home to New Brunswick when she got an e-mail notifying her she had won the Craft Council of BC (CCBC) award for work as a student – work she did while attending Selkirk College’s Kootenay School for the Arts (KSA) in the Jewelry and Small Object Design program.

Quinn graduated from KSA with honours in 2011 and is one of three winners of the award from across the province. As a winner, she will get access to the two CCBC stores in Vancouver, a gallery show at the Craft House on Granville Island, a free one-year membership to the CCBC, as well as publicity on the CCBC website.

Quinn was surprised by the award because she never entered a contest or had any knowledge she was nominated. But she says the award will allow her to stay in B.C. and provide her with one of the best opportunities available to get her work out to the public and her name known.

“I’m passionate when creating objects and I feel this could be the opportunity I have been hoping for,” Quinn says.

See Helen Quinn’s work at www.helenquinn.com

Contemporary Music Alumna

Nicole Byblow plays more than White Keys

In the spring of 2010 in Nelson B.C., a few good friends and I set out to record my new EP—a collection of fresh and edgy piano pop called *Nicole Byblow Plays All the White Keys*—with the plucky, untainted enthusiasm common to most kids straight out of music school who haven’t yet been jaded by the industry. In the year between recording it and releasing it, a few very big things got in the way.

I could handle winning the Fred Sherratt Award (presented annually by CARAS and the Juno Awards) and sharing stages with C.R. Avery and Juno Award winner Stephen Fearing. But being invited to perform k.d. Lang’s *Constant Craving* in front of Neil Young, Arcade Fire, and 1,800 other members of the Canadian music industry at the 2011 Juno Awards Dinner and Gala turned an amazing year into one that was downright surreal.

Nicole Byblow Plays All the White Keys is an album that I’m exceedingly proud of. Now that it’s finally been completed and released, all I want to do is share it.

My national release shows in August and cross country tour in September helped to do that. CBC Radio 3 and various campus and local stations across the country are helping even more. I’m so excited to spread the album as much as I can here at my new home city of Toronto and go on tour again for more B.C. dates in early 2012. Until then you can find my CD at www.nicolebyblow.com. Hope you like it. See you out there.

Submitted by Nicole Byblow. Photo: Nicole Byblow by Dan Harper

“Nicole is one of the most refreshing faces I have encountered in a number of years. ... She has everything it takes to be a star; the musical chops, the confident stage presence, the creativity to stand out from the pack An artist to follow closely.”

-STEVE CRANWELL, FORMER SENIOR VP UNIVERSAL MUSIC CANADA,
CURRENT JUDGE ON YTV’S ‘THE NEXT STAR,’ PRESIDENT PINK MOON ENTERTAINMENT

“One Canadian natural resource that never runs out is great singer/songwriters. ‘They Didn’t Think So’ by Manitoba (born) Nicole Byblow is bright piano-based pop heralding the emergence of another stunning homegrown talent.”

-MARK RHEAUME, HEAD OF CBC RADIO MUSIC RESOURCES, TORONTO

