

**2025 Fall**  
**Student**  
**Awards**

**November 28, 2025**



**VCC**

# **Vancouver Community College Fall Awards Ceremonies**

Friday, November 28, 2025

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## **Ceremony: Awards Presentation**

### **Morning Ceremony – 9:30 a.m.**

Centre for Continuing Studies

School of Hospitality, Food Studies, and Applied Business

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### **Afternoon Ceremony – 1:30 p.m.**

Centre for Educational Excellence

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## **Ceremony Order of Proceedings**

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## **Centre for Continuing Studies**

### **British Columbia Paralegal Association Scholarship**

The British Columbia Paralegal Association is pleased to offer a scholarship to an outstanding student in the Paralegal Certificate program who is a member of the BC Paralegal Association.

Awarded to:

**Teresa Masaro**

### **Coinamatic Building Manager Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a high-potential student in the Building Manager program at VCC.

Awarded to:

**Donna Thomason**

### **Hudson Fashion Scholarship**

This award is for the student in the Fashion Design and Production diploma who has attained the highest academic achievement at the end of the third term.

Awarded to:

**Ana Maria Cilima Suarez**

### **Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship**

Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in any program at VCC on the basis of academic achievement.

Awarded to:

**Evans Ikechi**

### **Susan Perkuhn Textile and Design Award**

This award was established to commemorate, sister, friend, and talented artisan, Susan Perkuhn, who passed away in 2020. Susan was born and raised in Pickering, Ontario and graduated from Carleton University. She pursued her first career working in technology in Ottawa and Toronto. Eventually she moved to Vancouver where she founded and passionately nurtured “ratatouille designs”, the textile company she operated from her North Vancouver studio for 10 years. This award recognizes a Fashion Design and Production student who shares Susan’s passion for fine textiles and design. The recipient possesses an entrepreneurial spirit and finds joy in crafting wearable pieces made with quality fabrics and loving care.

Awarded to:

**Veronica Pleskach**

### **The Charles Chan Kent Golden Wedding Award Fashion and Design**

Charles Chan Kent was born in Victoria B.C. in 1894. He was the eldest of 12 children and quickly understood the value in hard work and dedication. In 1910, he opened his first tailoring shop in Victoria. This was followed by a second store in Courtenay, B.C. He grew that business and others. In 1970, he purchased the land/buildings of what became Aero Garment Limited. Over the years, this clothing manufacturing business would go on to be one of the largest of its kind in Western Canada.

Awarded to:

**Tamara Whitford**

### **VLSA Legacy Award**

Victoria Legal Support Staff Association wishes to establish a new award to be called the VLSA Legacy Award.

Awarded to:

**Emma Lehto**

# **School of Hospitality, Food Studies, and Applied Business**

## **Amica Mature Lifestyles Scholarship**

Amica Mature Lifestyles Residences established this award for students in the Culinary Arts or Hospitality Management program. The Culinary Arts recipient demonstrates positive interactions with clientele, adaptability to feedback, and flexibility and creativity in creating dishes and menus. The Hospitality Management recipient excels in service, demonstrates patience and sensitivity when dealing with colleagues and clients, and shows an ability to anticipate the needs of clients.

Awarded to:

**Sirirat Klumrat**

## **Anthony & Yumy Ng Foundation Award**

The Anthony & Yumy Ng Foundation was established to support young newcomers in their educational and professional journeys. Through this award, the foundation aims to provide financial assistance to students who demonstrate determination and resilience in pursuing studies in accounting programs.

Awarded to:

**Xiuxiu Yang**

## **Anthony Dell’Orto Memorial Award**

This award is given in memory of Anthony Dell’Orto, who was a dedicated and empathetic instructor in the VCC Culinary Arts program and a true natural leader as demonstrated in more than 25 years of success in the food industry. The award recognizes an ethical, sincere, kind, and hard-working student who displays a passion for food and for life and who has met life’s challenges head-on.

Awarded to:

**Simon Matthews**

### **BakeMark Ingredients (Canada) Award**

In 1986, Kirkland & Rose, now BakeMark, established a fund with the VCC Foundation to provide this award for students in the Baking and Pastry Arts program to honour their academic achievements.

Awarded to:

**Stefhanie Budiyanto**

### **Barrett Family Foundation Awards**

The Barrett Family Foundation is committed to empowering individuals through education. They believe education is not just a tool for personal success, but a catalyst for innovation and positive change. Through their strategic philanthropy, the Foundation is shaping a brighter future by fostering knowledge, opportunity, and growth. This award supports VCC students, to prepare them to tackle future challenges in sustainability-driven industries.

Awarded to:

**Keegan Burns**

**Wesley Garcia**

### **Bruna Giacomazzi Changemaker Award**

Bruna Giacomazzi began her career with a Commerce program at Vancouver Community College, and returned to help establish our Foundation. Brunna also founded our alumni association and has led numerous fundraising activities which seeded the endowment that fuels our current awards' and bursary programs. In the spirit of Brunna's creativity, amazing work ethic and leadership skill, this award was founded to recognize a student who does well in their studies, but also understands what it takes to be successful. Through their interaction with classmates and instructors, it is clear that this student is a strong communicator who will break down barriers and become a leader in whatever field they choose to work in. Their strength; tenacity; ability to take action, read and work well with others exemplifies their potential to lead and manage others.

Awarded to:

**Laurel Boothe**

### **Bruno Marti Culinary Scholarship**

This award, initiated by the Vancouver Bailliage of La Chaîne des Rôtisseurs and honouring professional excellence, was created in 2012 to honour Chef Bruno Marti's retirement, following 30 years as Chef and Owner of La Belle Auberge in Ladner. This restaurant was consistently ranked one of the Lower Mainland's finest restaurants and was a mainstay for young VCC chefs developing their skills. The award is offered to a student in Culinary Arts who is passionate about the program, inspires others in class, exhibits ongoing improvement in the program, and has excellent attendance.

Awarded to:

**Mark Harrison**

### **Cacao Barry Merit Award**

This award recognizes VCC students who demonstrate high academic standing and community leadership.

Awarded to:

**Emma Johnson**

### **Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Award**

Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs is a international gastronomic society founded in 1950. It is dedicated to fine cuisine and promoting and developing gastronomic values while at the same time widening its focus to table art. They offer these awards to deserving students in the Culinary Arts program.

Awarded to:

**Padolseth Laplamool**

**Josue Daniel Pozo Del Corral**

### **Darlene Luscombe Memorial Award**

This award was established by Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP (Blakes) to honour the memory of Darlene Luscombe, a hard-working and valuable employee. This award is offered to an outstanding student in the Legal Administrative Assistant program.

Awarded to:

**Blair Graham-Janke**



### **Dr. Gerald Korn Scholarship for Culinary Excellence**

When Dr. Gerald Korn completed his term as Bailli of the Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the world's most prestigious gastronomic international society, that venerable company of connoisseurs honoured him by establishing this award in his name. It is presented to the top student in the Culinary Arts program.

Awarded to:

**Xiaopeng li**

### **Heather Angel/Trumps Fine Food Merchants & Wholesalers Award**

Awarded to a hardworking and entrepreneurial Baking or Culinary student who demonstrates dedication and skill towards their craft, while showing compassion to classmates and others. Heather put herself through university and culinary school and worked internationally before returning to Vancouver to found Trumps Fine Food Merchants & Wholesalers. This award recognizes students who juggle work and school, "go the extra mile", and follow their own paths. Ideally, the recipients intend to give back once they have established their own career or business.

Awarded to:

**Alphonse Rey Dedel**

**Natsimar Pornpatumchaikit**

### **Hotel Association of Vancouver Emerging Leader Award**

Serving as the collective voice of hotels within the City of Vancouver, the Hotel Association of Vancouver (HAV) represents the interests of these businesses on a local, provincial, and national level. Through collaborative activity and an engaged membership, HAV's goal is to collectively address the wants and needs of Vancouver hotels. As part of our commitment to give back to the community and promote leaders of tomorrow – HAV recognizes an outstanding VCC Hospitality student every Fall.

Awarded to:

**Jobanjot Kaur Brar**

### **Jack Jung Scholarship**

The Jack Jung Scholarship Endowment was established by the Jung family in 1999 to honour the memory of Jack Jung. Jack and his wife, Yvonne, owned the Rickshaw Restaurants and the Tropic Isle Restaurants in Surrey.

Awarded to:

**Christopher Concepcion**

### **Jennifer Prosser Wade Scholarship**

These scholarships honour post-secondary students who have overcome major life challenges to pursue their academic goals. The scholarships are made possible by Dr. Jennifer Wade, a human rights and community activist and long-time supporter of VCC.

Awarded to:

**Lynn-Anne Graham**

### **John Aisenstat Memorial Scholarship**

Hy's Steakhouse Canada established this award to commemorate John Aisenstat, owner and vice president. John's father, Hy Aisenstat opened the first Hy's restaurant in Calgary in 1955; by 1960 the family had expanded to Vancouver. Hy's was an intrinsic part of John's youth, and he loved to welcome friends and guests to the restaurant. After John's death in 2018, friends and colleagues came together to create a legacy to honour John's love of hospitality, passion for business and politics, and tremendous sense of humour.

Awarded to:

**Amado Christian IV Kalaw**

### **Ken Cretney Scholarship**

As an alumnus of VCC's Bachelor of Hospitality Management program, Ken appreciates the tenacity and dedication required to continue working while attending school. This award recipient studies hospitality management at VCC, works outside of school, achieves good grades, and maintains positive relationships with classmates and instructors.

Awarded to:

**Seth Berman-Hershko**

### **Kwantenat (Chief Lois Guss) Award**

The Kwantenat Chief Lois Guss Award was established in memory of the first female hereditary Chief from the Squamish Nation who was an elected Council member and worked in the Squamish Nation Education Department for many years. She was instrumental in establishing the curriculum and pedagogy for the S?wx?wú7mesh (Squamish language) program in the North Vancouver School District. We honour her memory and acknowledge her descendants.

Awarded to:

**Lindsay Nahanee**

### **Marie Wells Award**

David Wells established this award in recognition of his mother Marie. Of Indigenous ancestry, Marie was an alumni of the Legal Assistant program and has been practicing in the legal field for more than 50 years. This award is given to an Indigenous learner who demonstrates financial need, with a preference given to a student from the Applied Business programs.

Awarded to:

**Audrey Cecil**

### **Mueller Family Culinary Arts Award**

This award both commemorates Ernst Mueller, a Kitimat pioneer, and celebrates the culinary connection long cultivated by Ernie's wife Agathe, a long-time pastry chef and Katherine (Ernie's granddaughter) a chef combining food science and nutrition into her passion for cooking. The Muellers enjoy planning, preparing, and sharing creative family meals. This award is presented to a student who is a hard worker, committed to overcoming challenges, and passionate about food. The recipient also embodies Ernie's good nature – always happy to share a good story or a meal.

Awarded to:

**Tristan Wells**

### **Partners in Tourism Scholarship**

Partners in Tourism is a group of passionate and forward-thinking tourism professionals who have identified the importance of giving back to the tourism and hospitality industry as well as the local community. Partners in Tourism was created to foster future generations of tourism and hospitality industry professionals.

Awarded to:

**Mohammad Irfan Hossain**

### **Pathfinder Hospitality Management Award**

Beatrice Antica is awarding a deserving student attending a Hospitality Management program as a reward for the hard work, diligence and dedication demonstrated in the academic and professional work areas. Her passion for the Hospitality Industry is reflected in her desire to give back to the VCC community and reward bright talent, continue to motivate students and pass on the inspiration and gratitude from one generation of students to another.

Awarded to:

**Anjali Thakur**

### **Real Estate Foundation of BC Scholarship**

The Real Estate Foundation of BC funds organizations and individuals doing work in land use/real estate. They are pleased to offer scholarships to students enrolled in the Building Manager program and/or the Legal Administrative Assistant program, specializing in conveyancing.

Awarded to:

**Qian Luo**

### **Robert G. Cooper Scholarship**

When Robert Cooper retired as President of Kirkland & Rose, his family, friends, colleagues, and many business associates decided on a very special gift: a scholarship in his name to be awarded to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the field of baking and pastry arts and in community service.

Awarded to:

**Jayden Candelario**

### **Ron and Carole Martens Scholarship**

These awards were established by ABC Restaurants to honour Ron and Carole Martens and their 21-year contribution to the restaurant industry. Scholarships are awarded to students in the Hospitality Management program based on academic achievement, industry experience, and service to the department.

Awarded to:

**Megan Gauthier**

### **Santiago Cuyugan Award of Excellence**

The donor wishes to recognize a student who demonstrates dedication, a passion for cooking, and an openness to diverse culinary styles and influences. The student possesses strong communication skills, an eagerness to learn, and be a prepared and anticipatory learner.

Awarded to:

**Yi-Ching Weng**

### **Snow Cap Enterprises Scholarship**

Snow Cap is a leading supplier and distributor of fine baking, pastry, and food service ingredients in B.C. and parts of Alberta. This award recognizes a student who excelled in the Baking and Pastry Arts Apprenticeship program.

Awarded to:

**Leah Herndier**

**Michael Mudie**

**Jessica Nakagawa**

**Valeria Maria Ponce De Leon Eyl**

**Phalada Sae-Eaib**

**Valerie Tang**

**Sean Tang-Hurley**

**Gabriela Stefania Torres Moreno**

### **Stephen Darling Hospitality Management Award**

In celebration of his 50th birthday and in appreciation of the rewards that the hospitality industry has given him, Stephen established this award to support students training for the hospitality and tourism industry. Preference is given to those who have demonstrated determination to make a fresh start, overcome personal challenges, and show commitment to making a difference in their own lives and those of others.

Awarded to:

**Prince Singh Boparai**

**Andrea Rocio Terzi Urteaga**

### **Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship**

Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in any program at VCC on the basis of academic achievement.

Awarded to:

**Yuen Ching Kwok**

### **Tayybeh Award**

Tayybeh is a unique social enterprise dedicated to empowering amazing Syrian and Middle Eastern newcomer women and offer opportunities for employment, financial independence, and social integration by offering and highlighting their delicious and authentic food.

Awarded to:

**Vasilia Worrell**

### **The University Womens Club of Vancouver Barbara Middleton Achievement Award**

For a female student studying Culinary or Baking & Pastry Arts at VCC. Barbara Middleton was a founding member of the Kitchen Creations' group at The University Women's Club of Vancouver. She remained an active cook and baker until her passing in 2020. Barbara's passion was to feed others, but more importantly, to do so in ways that were both affordable and creative. This award recognizes a student who shares Barbara's passion and spirit, and excels at keeping sustainability and affordability in mind while creating delicious food to enjoy and share.

Awarded to:

**Laura Brett**

### **Vancouver Executives Association Scholarship**

Founded in 1920, the Vancouver Executives Association was established to promote networking opportunities for business professionals. Their scholarships honour students who excel in the Technology or Business programs.

Awarded to:

**Laurel Boothe**

### **VCC Faculty Association Award**

The Vancouver Community College Faculty Association is the union of the more than 600 faculty who work at VCC campuses. Each year, the union sets aside a portion of its members' funds to provide for awards for the various schools and centres. The criteria for each award is set by faculty in the departments concerned and are based on high achievement or outstanding progress. We are proud to offer this award and to recognize the tremendous achievements of our students.

Awarded to:

**Alejandro Daniel Aguirre Moraga**

### **William Tell Restaurant Scholarship**

After 40 successful years, the William Tell restaurant closed its doors in December 2010. Owner Erwin Doebeli, along with his wife Josette and son Phillipe, celebrated his induction into the BC Restaurant Hall of Fame by creating the William Tell Scholarship, awarded to the top three students chosen from the Culinary Arts Student of the Year competition.

Awarded to:

**Tomoko Ono**

**Hei Man Tsui**

**Fung Yee Yvonne Wu**

### **Yvonne Jacqueline Witt Culinary Arts Award**

Jacqui's one fear in dying was that she would soon be forgotten, but the outpouring of love from so many assured her that this would not be the case. She will be sorely missed. Jacqui's Chinese name, Mei Seung, appropriately means "Beautiful Angel". To honour Jacqui's life, generous spirit, and passion for the culinary arts, family and friends have established the Yvonne Jacqueline Witt Culinary Arts Award at Vancouver Community College. This scholarship is awarded annually to a Culinary Arts student who shares Jacqui's passion for food.

Awarded to:

**Glennie Campos**



## **School of Trades, Technology, and Design**

### **Applewood Auto Group Award**

Applewood Auto Group is committed to the communities it serves. This award is offered to Automotive Service Technician student who has a passion for excellence, is customer service and team focused and is always striving to improve.

Awarded to:

**Danielle Ptachyk**

### **Barrett Family Foundation Awards**

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Awarded to:

**Seunghun Chae**

**Chak Chow**

**Karanpreet Singh Dhaliwal**

**Guntaj Kaur Dhoat**

**Jessica Fisher**

**Anmolpreet Singh Gill**

**Daniel Goubarev**

**Arshdeep Kaur**

**Arvinder Kooner**

**Cherry May Lenizo**

**Luc Moulton**

**King Ng**

**Lylle Oquendo**

**Kazuhiro Ota**

**Guramrit Singh Parhar**

**Anthony Properzi**

**Angelique Rosales**

**Amitoj Singh**

**Gabriele Young**

### **Brady / Sanders Scholarship**

Awarded to a student in the Heavy Mechanical Trades program who excels in his/her studies. This scholarship was created in memory of Jim Sanders, the man behind the design and delivery of the original Diesel Engineering program established at Vancouver Vocational Institute in 1949. Jim's motivation, standards of excellence, and positive attitude were absorbed by the students of the program. His concern for his students was obvious and his door was always open.

Awarded to:

**Arshad Khan**

### **Canadian Association of Equipment Distributors BC Group Scholarship**

The Association of Equipment Distributors BC Chapter, comprised of Brandt Tractor, Cullen Diesel, Cummins Western Canada, Douglas Lake Equipment Ltd., Falcon Equipment Ltd., Finning Canada, Great West Equipment Ltd., Liebherr Canada, Pollard Equipment, RDM Equipment, Shearforce Equipment, S.M.S. Equipment Inc., Top Lift Enterprises Inc., Vimar Equipment Ltd., Wajax Industries Ltd., and Van-Ed Equipment, supports an endowment fund to provide scholarships to the top student based on academic achievement in the Heavy Mechanical Trades program.

Awarded to:

**Manjot Dhaliwal**

### **Cavalier Jewellers Award**

Importers of the finest quality diamonds, gemstones and jewellery, Cavalier Jewellers established this award to honour a first year jewellery student for their overall outstanding achievement.

Awarded to:

**Justina Alves**

### **Color Compass Corporation Scholarship**

Color Compass is an automotive refinish supply company that specializes in the distribution of auto body supplies, collision repair training services, and specialty market coatings nationwide. Color Compass is pleased to offer scholarships to top students in the Automotive Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing programs.

Awarded to:

**Amanda Johnston**

**Talia Robson**

### **Craft Council of BC Award (GIK)**

The Craft Council of BC provides leadership in the craft community by building and promoting the development, viability and appreciation of fine craft in Canada. The award is given to a student in the Jewellery Art and Design program for finest display and includes exhibition in a public art gallery.

Awarded to:

**Isis ds Sa Araujo Costa**

### **Craftsman Collision Excellence Award**

At Craftsman Collision, craftsmanship is in their name. The Craftsman story began more than 40 years ago with savvy, young businessman, Bill Hatswell. Today, with over 40 locations from British Columbia to Saskatchewan, the name is synonymous with quality auto body repair accompanied by honest and caring customer service. This award is presented to a VCC Auto Collision student, who exemplifies the hard work, dedication, and integrity associated with the Craftsman brand.

Awarded to:

**Jason Montague**

### **Donna Hawrelko Design Award**

This scholarship is offered to a student who has shown outstanding achievement in the gemmology portion of Jewellery Art & Design Program.

Awarded to:

**Taylor Dougall**

### **Ed Coates Memorial Foundation Scholarship**

The Ed Coates Memorial Foundation created this scholarship in the memory of Ed Coates who was a true pioneer in the automotive industry. As Co-founder, President, and CEO of Lordco Auto Parts, a Maple Ridge-based company established in 1974, Ed took his original small automotive parts store and through perseverance, courage, and an unfailing belief in his vision over the course of 40 years, molded it into the largest privately held automotive parts distributor in Canada. It is our hope that the recipient will be inspired by Ed's passion and drive as an industry icon. This scholarship is awarded to two students who show high academic achievement, strong leadership skills, and positive attitude.

Awarded to:

**Harry Leung**

**Jeong Hyun Yu**

### **Finning Award**

Finning Ltd., a long-time supporter of VCC and particularly the Heavy Mechanical Trades program, established this award to recognize excellence in the theoretical, practical, and behavioural aspects of the program.

Awarded to:

**Griffin Southern**

### **Flourish Award: Auto Collision**

This award is one of ten esteemed awards curated through the contributions of our VCC community. These awards stand as a testament to our commitment to nurturing student potential, fortified by the financial resource garnered from our annual Flourish Gala.

Awarded to:

**Gurpreet Singh**

### **Flourish Award: Auto Service Technician**

This award is one of ten esteemed awards curated through the contributions of our VCC community. These awards stand as a testament to our commitment to nurturing student potential, fortified by the financial resource garnered from our annual Flourish Gala.

Awarded to:

**Meron Habtemariam**

### **Flourish Award: CAD and BIM Program**

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Awarded to:

**Nate Cerhit**

### **Flourish Award: Digital Media Design**

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Awarded to:

**Carlos Esteban Suarez Jurado**

### **Flourish Award: Hair Design & Skin Body Therapy**

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Awarded to:

**Hui-Ling Liu**

### **Jack Goodale Memorial Award**

Following the death of Jack Goodale, his friends and co-workers (Whistler Ski Corporation) set up an endowment fund to provide a scholarship to VCC students in either the Heavy Mechanical Trades, Automotive Technician or Automotive Collision programs.

Awarded to:

**Kam Wai Chiu**

### **Karl Brown Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 1991 by Karl Brown, who was an instructor in the VCC Electronics Department. It is awarded to a student in the Jewellery Art and Design Program who has shown the best technical achievement in second year.

Awarded to:

**Gabriel Mador**

### **Lacy West Artistic Achievement Award (GIK)**

An award is given to a student in the Jewellery, Arts and Design program for artistic achievement.

Awarded to:

**Rose Davidson**

### **Meridian Automotive Merit Award**

Statement for Cereony Program: The donor has a passion for working with his hands and appreciates students taking ownership of their craft with a keen attention to detail. Automotive Services Technicians (AST) students will be recognized for the complete sphere of effort that has gone into achieving outstanding results. An award is offered each Fall to students who apply themselves diligently to their studies and the practice of their trade.

Awarded to:

**Romario Rosende-Tabunar**

### **Mountain Gems Artistic Achievement Award (GIK)**

An award is given to a student in the Jewellery Arts and Design program for artistic achievement.

Awarded to:

**Hannah Fraser**

### **Native Northwest Reconciliation Award**

This award recognizes an Indigenous student, who is demonstrating creativity and passion in their program of study. Financial need can be a consideration. The award was established to recognize positive change, support wellness, learning, and culture in the Indigenous community.

Awarded to:

**Andrew Wade**

### **Open Shop Construction Industry Education Award**

The Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (ICBA) has been the voice of B.C.'s open shop construction industry since 1975. Representing more than 4,500 member companies and sponsoring the largest number of trades apprentices in the province, ICBA is dedicated to building stronger communities and supporting the next generation of skilled trades professionals. Through this award, ICBA continues its commitment to advancing trades training and creating opportunities for students to succeed in their careers.

Awarded to:

**Tommy Som**

### **Pacific Spirit Award**

This award recognizes an Aboriginal student in the Heavy Mechanical Trades program with high academic achievement. Pacific Spirit Foundation's vision is to help individuals and families build better lives for themselves.

Awarded to:

**Msolam Khatim**

### **Pyrrha Award for Indigenous Students**

Handcrafting their signature talisman jewellery from their Vancouver studio since 1995, Pyrrha designers Danielle and Wade Papin established the Pyrrha Award for Indigenous Students to provide financial assistance to an Indigenous first-year VCC Jewellery Art & Design student whose work shows creativity and promise.

Awarded to:

**Jarrett Hance**

### **Pyrrha Scholarship**

Handcrafting their signature talisman jewellery from their Vancouver studio since 1995, Pyrrha designers Danielle & Wade Papin established the Pyrrha Scholarship to provide financial assistance to a first-year VCC Jewellery Art & Design student who demonstrates high academic and artistic achievement in their first year.

Awarded to:

**Yuetong Zhang**

### **Regal Imports Award**

A wholesale diamond supplier with an uncompromising reputation, Regal Imports is pleased to offer this award to a student in the Jewellery Art and Design Program for display.

Awarded to:

**Jayden DePlonty**

### **Spicers Canada Scholarship**

These entrance scholarships are offered to the highest-ranking applicants to VCC's Digital Media Design program and determined through portfolio review and interview. Ranking includes creativity and originality of concept and form of presentation; freehand drawing; and previous record of achievement.

Awarded to:

**Joey Carlo Anatalio**

**Runci Li**



## **Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship**

Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in any program at VCC on the basis of academic achievement.

Awarded to:

**Arshpreet Kaur Mangat**

## **The NCDA of BC Scholarship**

The New Car Dealers Association of BC (NCDA) represents over 400 franchised automobile dealers doing business in over 55 communities across the province, advocating for policies that support the automotive industry and enhance the consumer experience. In addition to its advocacy work, the NCDA, through the New Car Dealer Foundation of BC (NCDF), is committed to philanthropy, particularly in the areas of education and training. Through various initiatives and partnerships, the Foundation actively supports students by providing grants, funding of educational programs and equipment – all of which fosters career development opportunities for young people in the automotive sector that lead to work at new car dealerships. The NCDF proudly supports a number of charitable causes throughout BC where local dealers are involved. By investing in the future of students, our collective goal is to promote workforce development and ensure a vibrant and skilled future for the automotive industry.

Awarded to:

**Kocking Cheng**

**Christopher Hatch**

**Ali Solatifar**

### **The Weissach Foundation Award**

Weissach CEO Asgar Virji and his wife Shahin Virji, founders of the Weissach Foundation, embody a commitment to community service through their philanthropic values and passion for the automotive industry. Their dedication is further demonstrated by the establishment of the Weissach Foundation Award, supporting various charities and initiatives in both their business and personal endeavors.

Awarded to:

**Ayush Kanojia**

### **Urban Systems Award**

Urban Systems Ltd. are community consultants, brought together by our shared values, and a deep commitment to building vibrant communities. Since we were founded in 1975, we have worked alongside municipalities, governments, Indigenous communities, agencies, and private sector clients to make communities the best they can be. We do this through safe and sustainable transportation networks, green spaces, water systems, clean energy sources, and so much more. Our work and areas of practice are constantly evolving – because communities of all shapes and sizes are constantly evolving too.

Awarded to:

**Dranreb John Juance**

### **VCC Faculty Association Award**

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Awarded to:

**Himanshu Verma**

### **VCC Graphic Design Entrance Scholarship**

These entrance scholarships are offered to the highest-ranking applicants to the VCC's Graphic Design program as determined through portfolio review and interview. Ranking includes creativity and originality of concept and form of presentation, freehand drawing, and previous record of achievement.

Awarded to:

**Ruben Anthony**

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Awarded to:

**Deeksha**

**Faris**

**Annamaria Negri**

**Bahar Tajik**

### **Y. P. Heung Foundation Post-Secondary Awards**

These awards recognize the achievements of students who have demonstrated a combination of high academic standing, leadership, community service, and/or all-around achievement. The Y. P. Heung Foundation is committed to investing in quality education and widening the scope of possibilities and opportunities for future generations.

Awarded to:

**Yoshiki Asada**

## **Centre for Educational Excellence**

### **Lockhart Memorial Award**

This award is presented to a student in the Provincial Instructor Diploma program who has demonstrated perseverance and professionalism in overcoming a serious obstacle in the pursuit of their studies. The Lockhart Memorial Award is presented by Dr. Kathryn McNaughton in memory of her parents, Marjorie Rea Lockhart and Donald Lockhart whose belief in lifelong learning was a powerful example.

Awarded to:

**Nathan Choi**

### **Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship**

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Awarded to:

**Peter Fong**

### **VCC Faculty Association Award**

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The criteria for each award is set by faculty in the departments concerned and are based on high achievement or outstanding progress. We are proud to offer this award and to recognize the tremendous achievements of our students.

Awarded to:

**Amna Albayati**

## **School of Health Sciences**

### **123 Dentist Award**

The 123Dentist Award celebrates outstanding dental students who embody excellence and a passion for patient-centered care. Reflecting 123Dentist's commitment to exceptional service, this award supports and encourages future leaders in Canada's dental community. Recipients are recognized for their dedication to advancing oral health and making a positive impact within their programs. This award is a proud part of 123Dentist's mission to foster a culture of teamwork and compassionate care.

Awarded to:

**Xin Lu An**

**Kathleen Munroe**

### **BC College of Oral Health**

This entrance scholarship is offered by the College of Dental Technicians of BC to a Dental Laboratory Technician program student, who has achieved the highest score in the program's selection process.

Awarded to:

**Wyeth Silvosa**

### **BC Post-Secondary Support Staff Scholarship**

For many years, the support staff of several post-secondary institutions met regularly for shared networking and career development opportunities. The BCPSSS membership held annual conferences celebrating the power of networking and learning. This award recognizes a student with a high academic standing in an administrative program at VCC, who shows great enthusiasm for learning, and demonstrates a desire to further develop social and networking skills.

Awarded to:

**Joy Festejo**

### **BScN Term Three Professionalism Award**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Term Three Professionalism Award recognizes a student who most demonstrates professional conduct according to the College of Registered Nurses of BC Professional Conduct criteria.

Awarded to:

**Sarbjit Deol**

### **Dentalcorp Beyond Brilliant Award**

The Dentalcorp Beyond Brilliant Award recognizes dental students who demonstrate excellence, collaboration, and a commitment to the future of dentistry. Aligned with Dentalcorp's core values of Brilliant Experiences, Brilliant Together, Beyond the Status Quo and Beyond Excellence, the winners of this award are committed to exhibiting behaviours that contribute to Beyond Brilliant experiences through frictionless dentistry. It is a celebration of the next generation of clinicians committed to advancing the profession and strengthening communities across Canada. Recipients are recognized for delivering exceptional experiences for patients and colleagues, driving innovation in the field, fostering teamwork and demonstrating high standards.

Awarded to:

**Tiana Glennon**

**Ruella Lumabas**

### **DMD Family Dental & Orthodontics Award**

DMD Family Dental & Orthodontics established this award to recognize and support students who are passionate about delivering high-quality, compassionate dental care rooted in community values. As a practice committed to integrity, collaboration, and clinical excellence, DMD believes that the future of dentistry lies in the hands of professionals who not only excel academically and clinically but also uplift those around them. Through this award, DMD aims to inspire students who embody a strong work ethic, a commitment to teamwork, and a genuine desire to make a positive difference in the lives of their patients and peers. By investing in the next generation of dental professionals, DMD hopes to strengthen a culture of care that extends beyond the clinic and into the heart of the community.

Awarded to:

**Rachel Bertrand**

### **Dr. Jane Shin Family Spirit of Resilience Award**

This award recognizes a student who faced and overcame significant challenges to complete their studies at VCC, inspiring us with their spirit of perseverance and determination.

Dr. Jane Jae Kyung Shin is a first-generation immigrant from South Korea, and is a science instructor and administrator at VCC. Jane established this award in honour of her mother Myung Lee, to celebrate students who, like her mother, never gave up in the face of hardship and barriers to achieve their dream.

Awarded to:

**Francesca Jille Mallari**

### **Edward Chesko Scholarship**

An award is offered to a second-year Dental Hygiene student who demonstrates consistent competency in periodontal treatment, including all phases of the process of dental hygiene care.

Awarded to:

**Ryan Nguyen**

### **Ellen McInnes Health Care Workers Scholarship**

This award is inspired by the unwavering dedication of the staff and care aides at Opal Residence Vancouver. The kindness, compassion and patience shown by staff influenced Dawn McInness to establish this award to commemorate her late mother, Ellen McInness. This award is presented to a registered student in the Healthcare Assistant Program that demonstrates exceptional levels of academic achievement while simultaneously providing an exceptional level of care to seniors.

Awarded to:

**Ramjot Kaur**

### **Hu-Friedy Award**

Hu-Friedy supplies dental instruments to VCC's dental programs. The Golden Scaler is presented to a Dental Hygiene student who has demonstrated consistent perseverance in pursuing excellence in clinical competency throughout the program. The instrument kit is presented to the student entering third year who prepared the best term two argumentative paper.

Awarded to:

**Xin Lu An**

**Jaskaranpreet Kaur**

**Payton Sigouin**

**Ngoc To**

### **Jennifer Prosser Wade Scholarship**

These scholarships honour post-secondary students who have overcome major life challenges to pursue their academic goals. The scholarships are made possible by Dr. Jennifer Wade, a human rights and community activist and long-time supporter of VCC.

Awarded to:

**Danielle Santos**



### **Karl Vetter Scholarship**

In honour of Karl Vetter's significant contribution to VCC, scholarships are given to students enrolled in any VCC program who are showing good effort in their coursework.

Awarded to:

**Kristine Davies**

**Maddelyn Renstad**

### **McKay Family Fund Award**

The McKay Family Fund Award is presented to a student who has good academic achievement and regularly demonstrates compassionate care and respect for client dignity in practicum settings. Preference will be given to a student planning to pursue a career in senior care environments.

Awarded to:

**Christina Angela R. Antes**

### **PDG Pediatric Group Award**

PDG Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics created this award to recognize individuals who make a meaningful impact in the lives of children and families. Rooted in a legacy of compassionate care, PDG hopes to inspire continued excellence and dedication in promoting children's well-being.

Awarded to:

**Prabhjot Kaur**

### **Protec Dental Laboratories Scholarship**

Protec is a full service dental laboratory committed to providing the dental community with leading edge new products, outstanding quality workmanship, and exceptional customer service. This award is presented each year, alternating between the first-year student with the best academic grades in Dental Technology program and on the following year to the most outstanding graduating student in Dental Technology program.

Awarded to:

**Elise Lau**

### **School of Health Sciences Flourish Award**

This award is one of ten esteemed awards curated through the contributions of our VCC community. These awards stand as a testament to our commitment to nurturing student potential, fortified by the financial resource garnered from our annual Flourish Gala.

Awarded to:

**Junko Chew**

### **Sharon Fraser Memorial Award**

The Sharon Fraser Memorial Award stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of a remarkable individual. In memory of Sharon Fraser, this award celebrates her boundless compassion, resilience, determination and work ethic, all of which shone brightly in the face of her ALS diagnosis.

Awarded to:

**Sarah Firus-Parlby**

### **Sinclair Dental Scholarship**

Sinclair Dental Co. Ltd. is pleased to offer an award to a student in the Certified Dental Assisting program. The award is made on the recommendation of the department. Sinclair Dental is a proudly Canadian, family owned and operated, and full-service dental supply company with branches coast to coast.

Awarded to:

**Jenna Wright**

### **Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship**

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Awarded to:

**Eimen Lam**

### **The Li Family: May Mei-Chu Tsoi Resilience Award**

The Li Family: May Mei-Chu Tsoi Resilience Award was established by Mr. Eric Li in honour of his mother's strength, determination, unwavering perseverance and willingness to help others while facing her own adversities. Despite having had hardships in life including the loss of both her parents at childhood, Ms. Tsoi achieved her dream to help others by becoming a nurse in Hong Kong. After marrying and immigrating to Canada, her husband Paul Li passed away leaving her to raise her young children, Stella and Eric. With determination not to give up, Ms. Tsoi showed resilience and perseverance retraining as a nurse in Canada. She worked at Riverview Hospital and later transitioned to BC Children's Hospital, where she had a fulfilling career doing what she loved most: helping those in need. Even when she developed early dementia, Ms. Tsoi began and finished each day with gratitude, found ways to be useful, and remained true to her values. The Li Family is honoured to recognize a VCC student who is committed to building a career in Health Sciences, no matter the obstacles they face to progress and stay true to their values. Never Ever Give Up.

Awarded to:

**Naomi Mai**

### **VCC Board Leadership Award**

VCC Board of Governors are individuals who give of their time and talents to oversee the governance of the College. This award was created in recognition of retiring Board of Governor members Joey Hartman, Libby Davies, and Seung Oh (2025), who have provided innovation, leadership and exceptional service to VCC over many years.

Awarded to:

**Jennifer Belmore**

### **VCC Faculty Association Award**

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Awarded to:

**Nicholas Khoo**

### **Y. P. Heung Foundation Post-Secondary Awards**

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Awarded to:

**Marene Janzen**

**Brenda Munoz Ramos**

## **School of Arts and Science**

### **AJ Bay Scholarship**

A scholarship is offered, in memory of former VCC Music student, AJ Bay, to a student enrolled in the Music program at VCC. AJ was a man to whom music meant everything. He embraced all people in his life and was inclusive of all cultures. The recipient will be passionate about music and embody AJ's love of people from all walks of life.

Awarded to:

**Lucas Drever**

### **Balinder Johal Scholarship**

An award is offered to a student in a college and/ or career access program with strong work habits and a good attitude who has shown progress and achievement.

Awarded to:

**Nien Tai Tan**

### **BC Hydro Scholarship**

This scholarship, open to all visually impaired VCC students, honours academic achievement.

Awarded to:

**Manizha Rasif**

### **Bob Smith Jazz Scholarship**

Bob Smith was a Vancouver jazz enthusiast, writer, and broadcaster. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding returning student in Instrumental Jazz Performance or Composition.

Awarded to:

**Jeremy Suhan**

### **CHQM Scholarship**

This award is awarded annually to an outstanding student enrolled in the Music program at VCC.

Awarded to:

**Everett Chase**

**Roshanak Saadat Beheshti**

**Dominik Wieronski**

### **Chris Gage Memorial Award**

This award, in memory of local master jazz pianist Chris Gage, is given to a talented contemporary keyboard performer.

Awarded to:

**Cody Larsen**

### **Christopher Vincent Shannon Memorial Scholarship**

Chris Shannon's love of music started as a toddler. As he grew up, he developed an eclectic taste ranging from classical to Sinatra to heavy metal, finding his real musical passion when he bought his first bass guitar. Chris lived life to its fullest every day. This award was established by his family and friends to honour Chris' kind and generous nature and his love of music. This award is given to a bass student who has demonstrated a serious and consistent commitment to his/her program of study through either performance or a substantial contribution to musical production in the Music program.

Awarded to:

**Tanner Orcheski**

### **Dan Lutz Memorial Scholarship**

Dan Lutz was a saxophone and clarinet student in the Music department who later taught Community Ensemble courses through VCC's Continuing Education program. This annual scholarship goes to a student enrolled in the Music program, who demonstrates a desire to become involved in and contribute to the activities of the program, especially with regard to ensemble participation.

Awarded to:

**Tanner Orcheski**

### **Dave Robbins Scholarship**

Created in memory/honour of jazz luminary Dave Robbins, who taught at VCC from 1974 to 1980 and was a founder of the Jazz Studies curriculum in the School of Music. His remarkable career included performances with the Harry James Big Band and Latin legend Perez Prado. He was also a fixture in the Canadian big band and recording field.

Awarded to:

**Balam Santos Antonio**

### **Elder Lilly Whonnock Helping Hands Award**

This award was established to commemorate Elder Lilly Whonnock, VCC elder-in-residence, who passed away in 2021. Elder Lilly was always available to lend an ear or offer a helping hand to those who needed her. Available to Indigenous learners in any program at VCC; financial need can be a consideration. Priority will be given to a student transferring to VCC from Native Education College (NEC), who is working toward a career which involves serving the greater community.

Awarded to:

**Brenda Hanuse**

### **Elizabeth MacLeod Award**

This award recognizes students who have made significant progress in both achievement and attitude towards mathematics courses at the Broadway campus. It was established in 1986 to honour Elizabeth MacLeod on her retirement from the Mathematics department.

Awarded to:

**Michael Droesse**

### **Flourish Award: Science**

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Awarded to:

**Eva Choi**

### **Fred Bass Scholarship**

Created in memory of Fred Bass, a very active and popular member of the Kiwanis Club of Uptown Vancouver. This scholarship is presented to an all-round music entertainer.

Awarded to:

**David Cabador**

### **Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir Award for First Year Students in Music**

As part of the choir's "Good Noise VIP (Voices In Performance) Young Artist Program," and in celebration of its 20th Anniversary year, Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir is providing a \$1,000 entrance scholarship (per year) for a 3 year commitment.

The scholarship will be awarded to a voice student entering in the VCC music program as a voice major. The recipient will be selected by the voice faculty in the music department, based on a successful audition and fulfillment of entrance/placement exams that may be required. Members of Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir are not eligible for this award.

Awarded to:

**Sasha Stanger**



### **Grace Borda Education Award**

Throughout her life, Grace Borda was committed to empowering women, particularly those who needed help towards realising their aspirations and career goals. She believed anyone could make a difference in their communities and the people around them. Grace, came from modest beginnings and travelled to England on her own to seek vocational training in a healthcare setting. Her journey gives insights into the challenges of achieving an education through balancing work to self-finance her studies. Grace moved with her family to Vancouver in the late 1960s and transferred her skills to aged care and early childhood education. She was also a dedicated and tireless volunteer, regularly visiting patients in palliative and long-term care. Grace was also a supporter of the arts, encouraging young entrepreneurs to be bold in following their educational aspirations. Her empathy, energy, enthusiasm, plus unreserved ability to see that everyone is capable of achieving positive change, are part of her enduring legacy. The Grace Borda Education Award supports women who are currently pursuing or aiming to pursue any type of education program at VCC, overcome personal challenges, and aspires to make an impact on the community and social well-being.

Awarded to:

**Lisa Cable**

### **Herbert Edwin Graves Award**

Herbert Edwin Graves was from Armstrong, British Columbia. His family and friends established this award to ideally recognize a community-minded individual whose good will honours the connections built through the gift of music.

Awarded to:

**Sandra Ashmore**

### **Ian Docherty Scholarship**

In recognition of the contributions of retired VCC Music instructor, Ian Docherty. Awarded to an outstanding returning student in Classical Voice.

Awarded to:

**Kristoffer James Gonzalez**

### **Imperial Tobacco Canada Foundation Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded annually to International music students.

Awarded to:

**Pak Long Chong**

**Lucia Judith Delgado Martinez**

**Ka Yan Katharine Wong**

### **Irene June Wealick Memorial Award**

This award is in the memo of David Kirk's late mother, Irene June Wealick. She was a loving mother of three who passed away at a very young age. She was from the Ch'íyáqtel First Nation. David has spent the better part of his career supporting Indigenous learners in their educational journey.

Awarded to:

**Brianna Ormandy**

### **Jack and Dorothy Watson Music Award**

Jack & Dorothy Watson (nee Burroughs) were both born in Vancouver BC in the early 1920's. They both enjoyed participating in the Vancouver Music and Dance scene. After Jack retired in the early 1980's, he was heavily involved in the Society for Preservation of Antique Radio in Canada. His passion was preserving the appreciation of music from the Big Band Era by hosting SPARC radio shows and recording original recordings of this music as a fundraiser. This award supports the important work of musicians spreading joy and beauty in the world.

Awarded to:

**Aylah Jovanovski**

### **Jack Cullen Music Award**

Jack Cullen was a legendary local broadcaster. The award goes to a student enrolled in Contemporary Voice in the Music program.

Awarded to:

**Aven Ryan**

### **Jackie Sandy Memorial Scholarship**

Jackie Sandy was a long-time employee of VCC. This scholarship, established in her memory, is given to students who have demonstrated good progress in their coursework.

Awarded to:

**Elisa Robson-Brown**

### **Jean MacLeod Award**

A respected instructor in the Math department, Jean MacLeod established this award to honour a mature student (35 years or older) who has made a significant effort and demonstrates a good attitude and progress in his/her mathematics coursework.

Awarded to:

**Kristina Wieshofer**

### **Jennifer Prosser Wade Scholarship**

These scholarships honour post-secondary students who have overcome major life challenges to pursue their academic goals. The scholarships are made possible by Dr. Jennifer Wade, a human rights and community activist and long-time supporter of VCC.

Awarded to:

**Moode Abdel Hadi Hamed Abuhamed**

### **Jerry Mahal Scholarship**

In memory of Jerry Mahal, his family created the Jerry Mahal Scholarship.

Awarded to:

**Andrea Chamorro**

### **John Chisaakay Memorial Scholarship**

This award was created in memory of John Chisaakay, a former student of the Visually Impaired program at VCC. Although faced with many obstacles, John's relentless determination and his great sense of humour allowed him to continually strive to reach his goals. This award is offered to an Aboriginal student in the Visually Impaired program or with a disability who shows similar character traits, enthusiasm, and commitment to their studies.

Awarded to:

**Kazzia Warrior**

### **John Young Scholarship**

In memory of John Alfred Young, who established programs in Skills Instruction at VCC. Awarded to a returning student of outstanding potential and intellectual distinction.

Awarded to:

**Zarina Mulla**

### **Kathy Kidd Scholarship**

In memory of music instructor Kathy Kidd, a distinguished pianist and composer. Awarded to a promising returning student in keyboard, composition or world music.

Awarded to:

**Prahlad Campbell**

### **Keating Gudgeon Writing Award**

The Keating Gudgeon Writing Award is offered annually to students at VCC who demonstrate a passion for creative writing and literature, have encountered significant challenges in their lives, and who require financial support to help develop their craft.

Awarded to:

**Taiba Kakar**

### **Kevin Stokes Memorial Music Scholarship**

In memory of former VCC Music student Kevin Stokes, this award provides a scholarship to a full-time returning Jazz and Contemporary Music student who has shown exceptional progress during their course of study at VCC.

Awarded to:

**Elijah Mossey**

### **Leona Parr Hamel Award**

This scholarship is created in memory of Leona Parr Hamel who was a member of the Interpreting and Braille Services team who passed away in December 2010. Leona was known for her commitment, passion, and skill working with and interpreting for, the DeafBlind community. This award is for a person who is training to become an interpreter and who shows a similar enthusiasm and compassion for working with individuals who are DeafBlind.

Awarded to:

**Dawn Chandler**

### **Mainstream Broadcasting Scholarship**

Mainstream Broadcasting has served the multicultural communities of British Columbia for over three decades with much pride and dedication. This award was established in 1982 to recognize students making good progress in their studies and to further international understanding in our community.

Awarded to:

**Aleksandra Pochueva**

### **Margo Ehling Scholarship**

In honour of retired Music instructor, Margo Ehling, recognizing her years of exemplary service to the Music department.

Awarded to a returning outstanding pianist.

Awarded to:

**Catherine Abdelmalek**

### **Maria J. Brown Music Scholarship**

Maria, a former music student at VCC, established this scholarship to be awarded annually to an exceptional student enrolled in the Music program. Preference is given to a wind instrument student.

Awarded to:

**Xin-Ci Campbell**

### **Milton Hwang Mathematics Achievement Award**

Colleagues, family, and friends created this award to honour Milton Hwang on his retirement from VCC's Math department. It is given to a mathematics student who has outstanding academic achievement.

Awarded to:

**Cagin Akpinar**

**Marjorie Menard**

### **Morag Cuthbertson Scholarship**

In honour of retired Music instructor, Morag Cuthbertson, recognizing her contributions to the development of the Music department. Awarded to an outstanding and well-rounded returning student.

Awarded to:

**Zhihan Xiao**

### **Music Program 4th Year Scholarship**

Awarded to students continuing in the Bachelor of Applied Music program who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement.

Awarded to:

**David Cabador**

**John-Henry Guy**

**Dominik Wieronski**

## **Music Program Jury Award**

To utilize the investment earnings of the Music Trust Fund to provide for scholarships or financial assistance to students enrolled in the VCC Music Program and/or to utilize the earning for one-time priority needs, such as music equipment, etc.

Access: Upon recommendation of appropriate faculty. If funds are required for a non-student aid purpose, upon application to the Dean of Student Services. Selection by department.

Awarded to students in the music program who achieved a grade of A or higher on their previous term's juried performance in their area of specialization.

Awarded to:

**Catherine Abdelmalek**

**Tristan Alindada**

**Leonardo Arce**

**Sandra Ashmore**

**David Cabador**

**Xin-Ci Campbell**

**Everett Chase**

**Neo Cushing**

**Lucia Judith Delgado Martinez**

**Lucas Drever**

**Gavin Fettes**

**Lisa Forseille**

**Kristoffer James Gonzalez**

**John-Henry Guy**

**Aylah Jovanovski**

**Saul Lavigne**

**Elijah Mossey**

**Kien Nguyen**

**Seana O'Hanlon**

**Tanner Oracheski**

**Cheyenne Pokeda**

**Aven Ryan**

**Jeremy Suhan**

**Mariano Hugo Ivan Valqui Leon**

**Dominik Wieronski**

**Ka Yan Katharine Wong**

**Li Wu**

### **Music Program Third Year Scholarship**

This entrance award provides financial support to students entering the Bachelor of Applied Music program.

Awarded to:

**Naomi Arato**

**Trevor Cuff**

**Mackenzie Yarish**

### **Phoenix Engineers Scholarship**

This scholarship is given to a student in the music program, who has shown aptitude in audio engineering and who has an interest or desire to work in this area.

Awarded to:

**Seana O'Hanlon**

### **Ray Smith Scholarship**

Before becoming a prominent B.C. businessman, Ray Smith was a trumpet player in the Vancouver big band music scene. This award is presented to a promising wind or brass performer in the area of contemporary music.

Awarded to:

**Seana O'Hanlon**

### **Robert Creech Scholarship**

In recognition of the contribution of VCC Music department founder, Robert Creech. Awarded to an outstanding returning student in brass.

Awarded to:

**Hayden Goss**

### **Robert Cunningham Memorial Scholarship**

Established in memory of Robert Cunningham, a former dean at VCC, this scholarship is for a student in the Math department who has demonstrated significant progress.

Awarded to:

**Nien Tai Tan**



### **Ron Meyer Memorial Scholarship**

In memory of Ron Meyer, a respected and long-time member of the Humanities department at VCC, this scholarship is offered to a student in humanities who demonstrated excellence.

Awarded to:

**Sukhdeep Gill**

### **Sal Ferreras “One to Watch” Award**

This scholarship was established in honour of Sal Ferreras for his many years of service at VCC. From instructor to vice president, Sal was an integral member of the Music department and the college community. In recognition of his passion for education and music, this award will be given to a Music degree or diploma student who has shown outstanding originality, innovation, and a singular musical gift in composition, arrangement or performance.

Awarded to:

**John-Henry Guy**

### **Seaforth Cup Award**

The Seaforth Cup survived the King Edward fire of 1973 and was later found in the archives of this campus. Permission was granted by the Colonel-in-Chief of the Seaforth Highland Regiment, His Honour, Henry Bell-Irving, to rededicate the cup in memory of that young officer-teacher, Major John Douglas Newberry. John Newberry was the first principal of King Edward and a leader in Canada’s community college system.

Awarded to:

**Marzieh Reisi**

### **Shirley Joseph First Nations Achievement Award**

Shirley Joseph, former VCC First Nations coordinator, established a First Nations Education Policy at the college. This award, established in her memory, recognizes an Aboriginal student in the ABE program who demonstrates academic progress, good work habits, enthusiasm and leadership.

Awarded to:

**Stephanie Taylor**

### **Sonja and Monty Alton Humanities Achievement Award**

This award is in memory of Sonja Alton and her husband Monty. Sonja was a retired department head of Humanities at Vancouver Community College and a dedicated instructor, donor, friend, and family member. The award will be presented to a Humanities student demonstrating excellence.

Awarded to:

**Mary Sandhu**

### **Student Tech Award**

The Student Tech Award is presented to student aids for outstanding dedication and service in Performance Techniques and Special Events.

Awarded to:

**Catherine Abdelmalek**

### **Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship**

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Awarded to:

**Kennedy Mailloux**

### **Terry and Lynne Smith Scholarship**

Terry was a long-standing program coordinator in the Music department and brought great commitment and dedication to his work. His wife, Lynne, was an ardent supporter of the Music program and gave much of her time in support of VCC Music events. This memorial scholarship is awarded annually to a Music student who has demonstrated consistent, conscientious involvement in departmental activities and service to fellow students.

Awarded to:

**Leonardo Arce**

### **Ti-La Kremer Memorial Scholarship**

Paula and Dalton Kremer established this award in memory of their beloved black lab Ti-La. Awarded annually to a first- or second-year student who has enthusiastically embraced and applied the Solfege methodology to improve and develop their aural skills, sight singing, and dictation, while excelling in their work and participation in the class environment.

Awarded to:

**Juan Sebastian Leal Diaz**

### **Tom Lee Music Scholarship**

Awarded to a music student on the basis of outstanding proficiency and/or financial need.

Awarded to:

**Jayden Yung**

### **Top GPA Award**

Awarded to a student or students who achieve the highest GPA.

Awarded to:

**Lucia Judith Delgado Martinez**

### **University Women's Club of Vancouver 'Pathways to Health Sciences' Award**

This award is given to a female student who has completed a minimum of ten credits in subjects on a pathway leading to a Health Sciences program at VCC, and who demonstrates the skills, attitudes, and attributes which will help ensure her success as a student and as a future healthcare worker.

Awarded to:

**Zi Fei Jiang**

### **VCC Faculty Association Award**

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Awarded to:

**Melissa Edwards**

### **Wayne Bottlinger Memorial Award**

Wayne Bottlinger touched many lives during his time as a dedicated and empathetic instructor and administrator at VCC. A true leader by example, he devoted his life helping Deaf and Blind communities. With a mission to remove the literacy gap, poverty, societal exclusion, popular stigma, and barriers to education that plague the deaf and blind community, Mr. Bottlinger founded the Program for the Deaf at VCC. The purpose of the program was to arm Deaf and Hard of Hearing students with the skills they need to achieve the personal/ career/education success they envision and deserve. This award reflects Mr. Bottlinger's empathy toward Deaf and Blind individuals by recognizing a student who demonstrates strong perseverance and bravery to tackle life's challenges head-on.

Awarded to:

**Camille Andrea Pasig**

### **Yamaha Music Scholarship**

To be awarded annually to a student enrolled in the Music program at VCC, in accordance with recommendations of the Music Scholarship committee on the basis of outstanding proficiency and/or financial need.

Awarded to:

**Neo Cushing**

