

2026 Spring
Student
Awards

May 8, 2026



VCC

**Vancouver Community College
Spring Awards Ceremonies**

Friday, May 8, 2026

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Morning Ceremony – 9:30 a.m.

Centre for Continuing Studies

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Afternoon Ceremony – 1:30 p.m.

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Welcome

Thanking the Host Nations

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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:

Shujin Cai

Chan Kent Foundation Award

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:

Julian Borello

Counselling Skills Program Award

The Counselling Skills Program Award supports students to pursue their goal to be support counsellors in community settings.

Awarded to:

Heja Seddiq

Flourish Awards: C.S Sewing and Drafting 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:

Karl Mata Hipol

Flourish Awards: Community Cohort Award

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Awarded to:

Julian Borello

Gabriel Levy Scholarship

The Gabriel Levy Scholarship was created in memory of Gabriel Levy to benefit a student who excels scholastically in the Fashion Arts program. Gabriel Levy was a renowned Canadian designer who worked for companies such as Surrey Classics, Eaton's, Neto Leather and the Bay, and was a contributing editor for Vancouver Magazine.

Awarded to:

Ana Julia Silva Pereira

GDI Integrated Facility Services Scholarship

GDI Integrated Facility Services is a leading provider of facility management and building maintenance in Vancouver. A client-first philosophy means they are committed to your satisfaction, and that they will customize services to fit your needs so you'll enjoy clean, healthy, and welcoming work and leisure environments every day. This scholarship recognizes an outstanding student enrolled in the Building Manager certificate program at VCC.

Awarded to:

Keith Christie

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 Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish language) program in the North Vancouver School District. We honour her memory and acknowledge her descendants.

Awarded to:

Saffron Thomas

LandlordBC Scholarship

LandlordBC is pleased to provide a scholarship to a student in the Building Manager program in recognition of their academic excellence.

Awarded to:

Daniel Capeloza Augusto

Peau De Loup Fashion Diversity Student Award sponsored by Amazon

The Peau De Loup Fashion Diversity Student Award is presented to a graduating student from VCC's Fashion Design & Production Diploma. The student will have demonstrated a strong aptitude for design in particular pushing the boundaries in gender diverse fashion. They will have demonstrated this through their authenticity, creativity, passion, and design skills.

Awarded to:

Veronica Pleskach

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:

Carmela Austria

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship

LandlordBC is pleased to provide a scholarship to a student. Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in any program at VCC on the basis of academic achievement.

Awarded to:

Paulus Mau

TÉLIO Impact Award

TÉLIO is honored to present the TÉLIO Impact Award to a student who demonstrates passion and commitment toward social value and environmental impact in fashion design and Fashion Management. Their vision is to support fashion students to ground their design philosophies in sustainable practices, pursuing positive outcomes for both people and our planet through their creative endeavors. For over 70 years, TÉLIO has served the fashion industry, and are committed to supporting fashion and design students, who are the successors and future creators of our industry.

Awarded to:

Jessica Dizon Ursua

VLSA Legacy Award

Victoria Legal Support Staff Association wishes to establish a new award to be called the VLSA Legacy Award to support students studying paralegal program at VCC.

Awarded to:

Yan Zhang

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:

Sarah Levert

Vicky Liao

Ajay Patel Family Award for Leadership

This award recognizes a student who actively demonstrates attributes of an emerging leader through their actions and character. The recipient demonstrates attributes of an emerging leader poised for significant contribution and accomplishment through strong academic work, community service, organizational leadership, issue advocacy, and/or participation in campus-wide initiatives.

Awarded to:

Kawal Kaur

Alissa Li Exemplary Effort and Initiative Award

Awarded to a second-year Dental Hygiene student who consistently shows initiative, positivity, and the ability to facilitate collaboration amongst his or her classmates. Their dedicated work ethic and diligence sets a positive example in the profession of Dental Hygiene.

Awarded to:

Alex Kim

Andres Alejandro Espinoza Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Family and friends in memory of Andres Alejandro Espinoza for is a student in good academic standing, and who demonstrates a commitment to community volunteerism; while working towards a diploma or certificate at Vancouver Community College.

Awarded to:

Harshpreet Kaur

Association of VCC Administrators (AVCCA) Leadership Scholarship

The Association of VCC Administrators (AVCCA) represents the leadership team in positions that vary from administrative assistant to vice-president. This award was created by the AVCCA to recognize a VCC student who demonstrates leadership qualities and contributes to the community

Awarded to:

Tamara Neufeld

Donya Roshan

Barrett Family Foundation Awards

The Barrett Family Foundation is committed to empowering individuals through education, particularly in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). 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:

Neil Chen

Ellie Cho

Jordan Chow

Michelle Kurtagich

BC Dental Hygienists Association Award of Excellence

This award is presented to the dental hygiene student, who has demonstrated the highest clinical proficiency, and who is a student member of the BCDHA, based on recommendation of the faculty.

Awarded to:

Payton Sigouin

BC Dental Hygienists Association First-Year Achievement Award

This award is presented to the dental hygiene student, who demonstrates the highest overall standing after completing their first year of dental hygiene studies, and who is a student member of the BCDHA, based on the recommendation of the faculty.

Awarded to:

Lama Khalil

BScN Term 5 Professionalism Award (Advanced Entry)

This scholarship is awarded to a Term 5 student in the Bachelor of Science (Advanced Entry), who demonstrates the highest level of professional conduct, compassion for fellow students and performed well in their practice experiences.

Awarded to:

Anita Chan

BSN Term One Professionalism Award

This scholarship is awarded to a student in BSN Term 1, who demonstrates the highest level of professional conduct.

Awarded to:

Linh Pham

Bud and Eileen Zakoor Nursing Award

Established in honour of Bud and Eileen Zakoor, this award recognizes graduating students who exemplify the highest standards of nursing practice, through excellence in clinical performance, compassionate care, and leadership.

Awarded to:

Ana Carin Villablanca

Canada Life Scholarship for New Canadians

Canada Life offer scholarships to support new Canadians and provide opportunities to assist newcomers to integrate more fully into their workplaces and communities.

Awarded to:

Sofia Maxine Relota

CDA Alliance Award of Excellence

This award is presented to the dental assisting student who has the highest overall achievement academically and clinically. Based on recommendations of the faculty.

Awarded to:

Isabelle Briner

Chaim Zbar Scholarship

Mr. Zbar established this scholarship in the late 80's because he was so impressed with the Dental Assisting program his daughter graduated from. These annual awards are based on the academic achievement of students in the Dental Assisting program

Awarded to:

Winnie Chan

Jaspreet Kaur

Cherry Tse

Melinda Wong

Chevron Canada Scholarship

Chevron has established this award for a student in the Dental Assisting program based on the recommendation of program staff.

Awarded to:

Hosein Bakhshkar

David Greenall Leadership Award

The Students Union of VCC established this award to honour David Greenall, a counsellor and department head at VCC. The award is presented to a student, who demonstrates outstanding leadership for the betterment of others at VCC.

Awarded to:

Madison Elliott-Wolfe

Dental Assisting/Reception Scholarship

Supported by contributions from employees and industry partners, this scholarship is granted to a student pursuing Dental Assisting or Dental Reception Coordination, recognizing their outstanding academic achievements and dedicated teamwork within their studies.

Awarded to:

Angela Wong

Dental Technicians Association of BC Award

The Dental Technicians Association of BC (DTABC) promotes and advances the profession of dental technology by fostering relationships with key stakeholders and by establishing high standards of skill through education and communication. They are pleased to offer an award to a first-year student in Dental Technology Sciences program who is the best in class.

Awarded to:

Badruun Enkhburam

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:

Yuko Horn

Dr. Daniel Wong Scholarship

This award was established with the conviction that kindness holds a pivotal significance in delivering exceptional healthcare, particularly in the realm of oral health. Dr. Daniel Wong hopes that this award will inspire students to extend kindness and be compassionate to all. The ultimate goal is to achieve a better world especially for those receiving kindness.

Awarded to:

Melisa Akdogan

Dr. Jane Jae-Kyung Shin Family 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:

Anastasiia Dumko

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 McInnes to establish this award to commemorate her late mother, Ellen McInnes. 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:

Lisa Dizon

Ellen Shellington Scholarship

Established to honour the hard work and dedication of former Practical Nursing department head, Ellen Shellington, this scholarship is for a student of the Practical Nursing Program.

Awarded to:

Chillia Chan

Flourish Awards: School of Health Sciences

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Awarded to:

Kim Currie

Gian Singh Memorial Scholarship

The Gian Singh Memorial scholarship recognizes exceptional dental technician students who demonstrate excellent clinical and practical skills. Aligned with Dr. Akshay Thakur's dedication to outstanding service, the award aims to inspire and support the next generation of leaders in Canada's dental community.

Awarded to:

Yana Chen

Honouring Future Generations First Nations Award

The Honouring Future Generations First Nations Award recognizes a First Nations student, who is a part-time or full-time single parent and is committed to pursuing their p/t or f/t academic journey while raising their child(ren). This award honours the deep responsibility of caring for future generations through love and perseverance. This student embodies strength, resilience, demonstrating that education is not only a personal journey, but an intergenerational one. Through their dedication, they model possibility, courage, and determination for their children and community, helping shape a stronger future for generations to come..

Awarded to:

Laura Zander

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:

Shiza Ali

Jordan Chow

Lindsay Outstanding Student Scholarship

Lizz Lindsay is a retired VCC dental program faculty member, who returned to VCC after retirement and graduated from Culinary Arts. This award honours an outstanding Dental Assisting student who exemplifies the spirit of teamwork, clinical excellence and ethical qualities stressed in the program.

Awarded to:

Briana Luu

Monarch Pediatric Dental Centre Award

Founded in 1997, Monarch Pediatric Dental Centre has grown into one of the largest pediatric dental practices in the Lower Mainland. Monarch strives to provide the best dental care possible for infants, toddlers and teenagers; building healthy happy smiles that last a lifetime. Monarch's clinical operations are built upon, and strengthened, by our commitment to teamwork and providing outstanding patient dental care – we are proud to recognize Dental Assisting students at VCC who are strong team players with excellent customer service skills.

Awarded to:

Ghazal Barghikar

Alexandra Schmeikal

Noreen Green Home Support Resident Care Attendant Award

This award was created by the colleagues in honour of Noreen Green upon her retirement as coordinator of VCC's Institutional Aid program in 1995, and benefits a worthy Home Support Resident Care Attendant

Awarded to:

Nesie Ngofuet

Pat Smith Memorial Scholarship

Created in memory of Pat Smith by her family, friends and colleagues. Pat's passion for teaching nursing at VCC brought her tremendous joy. She was well respected by students and colleagues alike. This award is presented to a student who demonstrates a passion for nursing, is interested in alternative modes of healing, and is proficient in both written and spoken English.

Awarded to:

Cadence Fulton

Pattison Food Group Scholarship

The Pattison Food Group recognizes the important role education plays in a successful community, and established this scholarship to recognize an outstanding student in the Pharmacy Technician program.

Awarded to:

Kelly Ngo

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:

Celhina Edora

Peter Munns Scholarship

This award is presented to a second year Dental Hygiene student, who has consistently demonstrated the highest clinical skills in scaling and root planing both in first and second year.

Awarded to:

Sooji Ok

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:

Neil Chen

Richardson McMenamon Scholarship

In 1990 William K. McMenamon, a long-time VCC supporter, and Doris Richardson, a former member of the Foundation Board, established this endowment fund. The scholarship is open to all VCC students to honour academic achievement.

Awarded to:

Yu Zhang

Ricoh Canada Scholarship

A leader in document management and image communications, Ricoh Canada Inc. is pleased to offer a scholarship to a student graduating from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The recipient has achieved a high GPA and demonstrates excellent communication skills and a passion for nursing.

Awarded to:

Riya Kumar

Robert Dziekanski Memorial Scholarship

Robert Dziekanski was a Polish immigrant to Canada who died in October 2007 on his arrival to Canada. Don Rosenbloom was the lawyer who represented the Polish Government at a Judicial Inquiry into Mr. Dziekanski's death. Mr. Rosenbloom established this award in memory of Mr. Dziekanski to recognize a deserving student from the Bachelor of Nursing program, who immigrated to Canada and has made great effort and progress in their studies.

Awarded to:

Alona Kolesnychenko

Rose Mercer Memorial Scholarship

Created in memory of Rose Mercer, a former Practical Nursing instructor at VCC, an award is given to the student achieving the highest GPA in the theory portion of the Practical Nursing program..

Awarded to:

Abby Song

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, full-service dental supply company, with branches coast to coast

Awarded to:

Ava Huynh

Student Social Impact Award

Initiated and supported by VCC Dental Hygiene Faculty for Dental Hygiene students at VCC

Awarded to:

Katie Munroe

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:

Diana Suratos

Sun Life Financial Scholarship

Sun Life Financial supports philanthropic programs across Canada, which focus on matters of health. This award is presented to an outstanding student in the Practical Nursing program.

Awarded to:

Debby Chukwu

The Li Family: May Mei-Chu Tsoi Resilience Annual 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:

Ruth Ghebrihiwot

University Women’s Club of Vancouver Award to ‘New Canadians’

This award is given to a female student who has completed a post-secondary degree outside Canada and is pursuing studies at VCC, in any field. The recipient will be preparing to enter the work force in Canada and will demonstrate a strong attitude and interactions with peers and instructors, that will help ensure her success as a student, and prepare them for their future career.

Awarded to:

Mandeep Kaur

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:

Brandon Nguyen

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:

Chloe Pham

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:

Chillia Chan

Stephanie Griff

School of Hospitality, Food Studies, and Applied Business

ADM Milling Scholarship

ADM processes and transports grains and other products used in VCC's baking programs. This award was established to provide a scholarship to an outstanding Baking and Pastry Arts student.

Awarded to:

Julia Louie

Alexander & Derwin Lim, Detty Lim Cheng Scholarship

This scholarship acknowledges exceptional students enrolled in the Culinary Arts and Asian Culinary Arts programs. Originally established in 1995 by Detty Cheng, a dedicated long-time employee of VCC, in memory of her brothers Alexander and Derwin, her family later included her name in this esteemed scholarship.

Awarded to:

Linden Clutchey

ALSCO Canada Corporation Award

ALSCO, one of the world's leading textile services and a supplier of uniforms to the college, is presenting this award to an outstanding student in Culinary Arts.

Awarded to:

Natalie Peters

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:

Jobanjot Brar
Natalie Chow

Angelica Corsi Memorial Scholarship

The friends and associates of Mario Corsi, former general manager of the Park Royal Hotel and proprietor of Corsi's Restaurant and Vivace in North Vancouver, established this scholarship in his wife's memory. This award was established for a Hospitality Management student who exhibits exceptional qualities as selected by the faculty.

Awarded to:

Tyler Garrett

Anne Coates Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Anne Coates by her family, friends and coworkers at Carlson Wagonlit Travel. The scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student in either Hospitality Management program or School of Hospitality and Applied Business.

Awarded to:

Graeme Deans

Ascension Foundation/Kanke Seafood Restaurant Scholarship

Created by Bud Kanke, a renowned Vancouver restaurateur, this scholarship is presented to a student with high academic standing and leadership qualities who is entering the third year of the Hospitality Management program at VCC.

Awarded to:

Liana Dudley

Elias Tso

Baking Association of Canada, BC Chapter Scholarship

The Baking Association of Canada is committed to fostering the growth and development for a dynamic Canadian baking industry. This award has been established to recognize promising students enrolled full-time in the Baking and Pastry Arts program.

Awarded to:

Caleigha Davis

Barrett Family Foundation Awards

The Barrett Family Foundation is committed to empowering individuals through education, particularly in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). 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:

Atasha Abroguena

Josh Alcala

Timothy Fung

Bert McNeil Memorial Scholarship

These awards have been established in memory of Bert McNeil, a much loved computer instructor in the Hospitality Management program for students who excel in the computer portion of their studies.

Awarded to:

Aaron Cai

Natsuki Higashida

Cacao Barry Merit Award

Cacao Barry constantly thinks about how to serve chefs by challenging them, supporting them with the right tools and products, and by giving them a stage on which to shine. Everything we do has a simple purpose: we aim to elevate chefs' creativity by unlocking the sensorial richness of cacao.

Awarded to:

Cindell Mae Buni

Chef Brian Marchesi Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Chef Brian Marchesi, a graduate of the Culinary Arts program at VCC, to encourage culinary arts students to follow their passion for cooking and to develop their entrepreneurial spirit, as Brian did. He worked for LumiÈre, Blue Water Café, and the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver before realizing his dream and founding in 2006 his own fine dining restaurant, Chada Thai, located in Coquitlam. He generously contributed his time to the creation of other Thai restaurants, the professional development of other chefs, and the organization of activities that supported his devotion to excellence in fine cuisine. This scholarship is awarded to a culinary arts student who demonstrates values of helping and giving of their time to others, either fellow students within their program or the community, is unselfish, and has high personal standards.

Awarded to:

Casper Barter

Chelsea Mae Simpson Memorial Award

The Chelsea Mae Simpson Memorial Award was established to honour the strength, perseverance, and commitment of Indigenous students who continue their educational journey despite personal and systemic challenges. Inspired by the donor's path of healing, growth, and dedication to learning later in life, the award reflects her belief in the power of education to restore hope, purpose, and self-worth. It aims to recognize and support Indigenous learners who demonstrate similar resilience and determination in pursuing their goals.

Awarded to:

Paul Wilson

Coast Capital Trades Awards

This award is awarded to domestic students who are registered full time in one of VCC's six Red Seal trades programs. The students must be in their final term of their Foundations program and demonstrated progressive growth in their academic standing or strong academic standing or strong financial need. Preference given to students from underrepresented populations.

Awarded to:

Donte Boucher

Conrad Leung Award

Conrad Leung founded Canada's first Asian Culinary Arts program at VCC more than 30 years ago. This scholarship is awarded by the faculty to an outstanding student in Asian Culinary Arts.

Awarded to:

Thaw Phyo

Don Bellamy Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Restaurant and Foodservices Association of BC to honour Don Bellamy's 25 years with the Association and his advocacy of the industry. The scholarship is available to outstanding graduating students in the Hospitality Management program.

Awarded to:

Andrei Dawana

EM Bakery Equipment Award

EM Bakery Equipment provides baking equipment and services to Western Canadian bakeries, from small family run bakeries to large supermarket operations. This award is presented to an outstanding student enrolled in the Baking and Pastry Arts program.

Awarded to:

Chlobeth Onate

Fred Naso Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honour the memory of Fred Naso, former department head of the Culinary Arts department, and recognizes the outstanding achievement of a student graduating from the program.

Awarded to:

David Yuan

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:

Anna Dourado

Chloe Flores-Pettipas

Fremianne Miguel

Howie Hayes Scholarship

Howie Hayes spent a lifetime working and winning friends in the hospitality industry. This award was created in his memory by friends and colleagues, to recognize a deserving student in the Hospitality Management program.

Awarded to:

Rena Maeda

Intercity Packers Scholarship

Intercity Packers is a wholesale meat and seafood supplier in Alberta and British Columbia. In recognition of the number of chefs that come through the VCC Culinary Arts program and enter the marketplace, this scholarship is awarded to the student showing the most creativity using protein.

Awarded to:

Alfonso Gabriel Sinencio Espinoza

International Wine and Food Society (IW&FS) Award

The International Wine & Food Society (IW&FS) is the world's oldest and most renowned gastronomic society. The Society's mission is the promotion of a broad knowledge and understanding of wine and food – to bring together and serve all who believe that an understanding of good food and wine is an essential part of personal contentment and health, and that an intelligent approach to the pleasures and problems of the table offers far greater rewards than the mere satisfaction of appetite.

Awarded to:

Thanh Duong

J.J. Nowacki Scholarship

This scholarship was created to honour the memory of Mr. J.J. Nowacki, department head of VCC's formerly named Food Trades department. It recognizes a high achieving Culinary Arts student.

Awarded to:

David Cai

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:

Ken Pan

Jennifer Prosser Wade Scholarship

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Awarded to:

Zoe Timogtimog

Jess Debeck Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honour the memory of Jess DeBeck, a student in Culinary Arts who loved to cook and recognizes a student who reflects Jess' high standards.

Awarded to:

Amir Hossein Taghavian Hakkak

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 an award to honour John's love of hospitality, passion for business and politics, and tremendous sense of humour.

Awarded to:

Jose Aguilar

John Mandap

Laura Giesbrecht Baker's Dozen Memorial Scholarship

In fond memory of Laura Giesbrecht, family and friends have graciously established this scholarship to celebrate her love of baking, her generosity and her kind spirit. Most of what she baked was shared with others and she expected nothing in return. A smile on your face was reward enough. The successful recipient is a student in the Baking & Pastry Arts Program, who shares Laura's generosity and love of baking delicious creations using nutritious ingredients.

Awarded to:

Jeremy Dela Cruz

Louis Stervinou Memorial Scholarship

Louis Stervinou was a popular and respected Vancouver restaurateur. This scholarship was established in his honour by Peter Toigo of White Spot Ltd. This award is presented to a second year hospitality management student demonstrating academic achievement, ambition, and a desire to play a leadership role within the industry.

Awarded to:

Liana Dudley

Megan Gauthier

Notary Foundation of BC Scholarship

The Notary Foundation of BC is committed to building better communities, one grant at a time. One of the ways they achieve this is by supporting students taking law-related courses. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding full-time student in the Legal Administrative Assistant program.

Awarded to:

David Ng

ONNI Gives Award Fund

The ONNI Group is committed to helping communities in which they conduct business and beyond. A core belief is to be a good neighbour and make a positive impact through giving back. This award recognizes an Indigenous student who is passionate about engaging with the community.

Awarded to:

Hayley Stevens

Pathfinder Hospitality Management Award

Beatric Antica has over 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry, currently working as an instructor at VCC. Her passion for the industry, desire to give back to the community, and reward bright talent are the central scopes of her professional endeavours.

Awarded to:

Julia Cheang

Rob O'Neill Scholarship

O'Neill Hotels & Resorts is a leading Canadian Hotel Management company with properties in Whistler, Vancouver and the United States of America. This scholarship recognizes a student entering their third year of the Hospitality Management program who, has achieved consistently high marks., placing them in the top 10% of the class.

Awarded to:

Ben Selzler

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:

Olivia Hanson

Rocky Mountaineer Award

This award is available to an outstanding student in the School of Hospitality and Applied Business who demonstrates achievement in both academic and practical assignments, excellent customer service and a strong work ethic.

Awarded to:

Vicky Quach

Rogers Foods Award

Rogers Foods has been proudly milling quality flour and cereal products from Canadian grain for over 60 years and are pleased to present this award to a student in the Baking and Pastry Arts program, who is passionate about the program, inspires others in class, and exhibits ongoing improvement.

Awarded to:

Simranpreet Kaur

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 recipient possesses strong communication skills, an eagerness to learn, and is a prepared and anticipatory learner.

Awarded to:

Veronica Popova

Seliwilya-T (Marion Jacobs) Award

This award, created by the Squamish Nation in memory of Marion Jacobs, is awarded to a deserving student of Squamish Nation ancestry who demonstrates satisfactory performance.

Awarded to:

Lindsay Nahanee

Sheila Singh Memorial Award – Culinary Arts

In loving memory of Sheila Singh, a retired librarian who served at various VCC campuses, but mainly the City Centre campus. Her son and daughter have established this award to honor their mother's legacy.

Awarded to:

Sonsu Kim Young Wook

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:

Lily Choowatanakiat

Joanne Hong

Sukhmeen Kaur

Joy Lee

Totie Li

Allison Rudkavich

Anam Waqar

Sytara Wu

Kathleen Yang

Stephen Darling Hospitality Management Scholarship

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, perseverance and show commitment to making a difference in their own lives and those of others.

Awarded to:

Myles Crowe

Updashna Ramjug

Stephen Julien Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Stephen Julien, his family and friends offer this award to a culinary arts student who demonstrates compassion and a genuine interest in their peers' success and well-being. The recipient possesses the talent, creativity and flair to be a true culinary artist and shares Stephen's passion for cooking.

Awarded to:

Eugene Tang

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Leadership Award

This scholarship is awarded to a student in any full-time program at VCC, who demonstrates leadership for the betterment of others at the College.

Awarded to:

Paul Wilson

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:

Itinder Kaur

Taste of Tapestry Award

Tapestry offers independent adults active aging environments with limitless opportunities to improve health and wellness.

As Tapestry's unique culinary experience is a differentiating brand feature, we are pleased to honour a student that brings extraordinary creativity to their culinary creations, always seeking unique ways to prepare and present their cuisine. In addition to recognizing – out of the box – thinking, this award honours a student who best reflects Tapestry's Operating Principles in how they work with others: Collaborative, respectful, supportive and always focused on elevating relationships through an inclusive and collegial approach.

Awarded to:

Wasuthorn Puengsirichoen

The Dr. Peter Nunoda Memorial Scholarship

The Dr. Peter Nunoda Scholarship honors Dr. Nunoda's impactful tenure as President and CEO of VCC (2014-2019), highlighting his contributions to educational initiatives, including the 50th Anniversary campaign and the Gladue writing program. Acknowledged posthumously for his role in VCC's campus planning, the scholarship aims to continue his legacy by funding learners in the Culinary Arts program. Donations to the scholarship ensure Dr. Nunoda's lasting impact on students, commemorating his dedication to education and student success.

Awarded to:

Donte Boucher

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:

Carris Kang

Faisal Qasem

Vancouver Food and Beverage Directors Association Scholarship

The Vancouver Food and Beverage Directors Association is dedicated to enhancing the hospitality spirit of B.C. through the enrichment, involvement and education of those individuals committed to pursuing a career in the food and beverage industry. This scholarship is awarded presented to a student in the Hospitality Management program demonstrating academic excellence.

Awarded to:

Rose Tamrakar

Vancouver Hotel Association 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.

Awarded to:

Thomas Hazelden

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:

Emma Stevenson

Centre for Educational Excellence

School of Instructor Education Scholarship

An award offered to a student enrolled in the Provincial Instructor Diploma program at VCC. Ideally, the recipient will be employed or involved in education, have completed at least one of the six courses in the BC Provincial Instructor program with a minimum B+ average, and have the recommendation of at least one PIDP instructor with regards to interpersonal skills.

Selection made by the department.

Awarded to:

Marcus Yeo

Students' Union of Vancouver Community College Scholarship

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Awarded to:

Jen Turner

VCC Faculty Association Award

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Awarded to:

Shirley Sio

School of Arts and Science

Barb Ash Memorial Award

Barbara Ash was Dean of Student Services at Vancouver Community College, where she worked for 33 years. She had an unshakeable commitment to the importance of Adult Basic Education, and especially Aboriginal education, as key to life success. This scholarship commemorates this commitment which she held until her death in September, 2012 and is awarded to a deserving ABE and/or First Nations student who has moved forward in their studies and their life.

Awarded to:

Kazzia Warrior

Barbara Emma Walpole Creative Writing Award

This award was established by the Alton family in honour of Barbara Fennick's literary achievement. Barbara was a prolific author who wrote under her birth name, Barbara Emma Walpole, and was a member of the Walpole family, well known in British literary circles. The scholarship is presented to a student who is at the Fundamental Level of English at VCC, demonstrates a love of creative writing and has made significant progress in the development of his or her writing skills.

Awarded to:

Behnam Nekourouyan

Barbara Gray-Richards Memorial Award

Created by the TEAL Charitable Foundation in memory of Barbara Gray-Richards, this scholarship is for an ESL/EAL Pathways student excelling at VCC.

Awarded to:

Huda Mohamed Abubeker

Barbara Gray-Richards Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honour the memory of Barbara Gray-Richards, an English as a Second Language department faculty member. This fund provides support to students in the English as an Additional Language Department who demonstrate excellence in writing.

Awarded to:

Maria Ponce

Sofia Torres

Barbara Little CCA Achievement Award

Established by Barbara Little, a retiree of VCC, this award acknowledges and encourages College and Career Access students based on academic achievement, attitude, and work habits.

Awarded to:

Emily Waters

Barton Family Memorial Scholarship

Founded by former faculty member Shirley Barton, this award is given to Adult Basic Education and/or College and Career Access students who has demonstrated resiliency, a positive attitude and commitment to their studies

Awarded to:

Will Condon-Moriarty

Jethro LeBlanc

Ashkan Maroufi

BC Deaf Scholarship Trust Cindy Kohlman Award

This award was created by Jericho Hill Legacy Trust to honour Cindy Kohlman. The chief objectives of the Trust are to provide programs to members of the B.C. deaf community, which advance their literacy, education, employment or economic self-sufficiency.

Awarded to:

Derek Puleo

BC Deaf Scholarship Trust Leanne Rumley Award

Created by Jericho Hill Legacy Trust to honour Leanne Rumley. The chief objectives of the Trust are to provide programs to members of the B.C. deaf community, which advance their literacy, education, employment or economic self-sufficiency. This award is presented to a student in the Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults who shows enthusiasm, fully participates, and demonstrates leadership skills within the program / classroom

Awarded to:

Farida Mushfiq

Bruce and Alexander Andison Memorial Award

Alexander Andison supported deserving students at VCC since the 1950s. Bruce Andison, age 18, was killed in the CPA plane crash July 8, 1965. The memorial scholarship was established at that time and his father's name was added upon his death in 1989. This scholarship is awarded to a student with learning disabilities who has made commendable progress in their studies.

Awarded to:

Autumn Domingo

Brian Marsden

Carol Thomson Award

This award will honour a student in the Community and Career Education Department (CACE), who has displayed a focused effort to maximize their potential. The recipient will demonstrate strong collaboration, citizenship and motivation for personal success through their collaboration with fellow students and instructors, inside VCC and/or in the community, motivation for personal success.

Awarded to:

Ruby Marcinkiewicz

Diane Thompson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by her friends and colleagues to honour the memory of Diane Thompson, a respected member of the Humanities Department at VCC. The recipient must be an outstanding Humanities student.

Awarded to:

Jamilee Sun

Donna Lee Award for Deaf & Hard of Hearing

An award is presented to a Deaf/hard of hearing student pursuing an academic or training program. The recipient will have a high GPA, a good attitude and be well respected in the College community.

Awarded to:

Nevada Char

Dr. Kes Chetty MOSAIC Scholarship

Dr. Chetty was known for his compassion, integrity, and commitment to social justice. The scholarships established in his honour recognize students from a non-English speaking country who intend to continue their education. They are based on academic achievement, involvement in voluntary community service and demonstrated commitment to human rights.

Awarded to:

Alfredo Delupio

Zakia Khowaja Zada

Dr. Robert Smith Scholarship

This scholarship was established to honour Dr. Bob Smith on his retirement as Chair of VCC's Board of Governors. It recognizes the great value Dr. Smith places on learning, as well as his many contributions to post-secondary education. Recipients are recommended by the Basic Education department on the basis of commitment to and progress in their studies.

Awarded to:

Twyla Desjarlais

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:

Jiliane Courteau

Flourish Award: Science Award

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Awarded to:

Brendan Saltel

Forever Grateful Award

This award is offered to a student enrolled in the College & Career Access Program, who consistently demonstrates outstanding work habits and tenacity in progress towards their academic and personal development.

Thank you for believing in me when I did not know how I could believe in myself – Donor, Anonymous

Awarded to:

Jeremiah Brooks

Gibb and Aileen Yip Memorial Scholarship

Aileen Yip was an ESL instructor at VCC for over 18 years. Upon retirement, Aileen and her husband, Gibb, donated her retirement gift back to the college to create this award. This scholarship is presented to a student who demonstrates a positive attitude, fellowship, enthusiasm and commitment to their studies and a genuine love of learning. By so doing, they exemplify the high standards of excellence, character, and perseverance personified by Gibb and Aileen Yip.

Awarded to:

Donna Vo

India Mahila Association Award

Since 1973, the women of India Mahila Association have worked together to raise awareness and empower South Asian women. This award is in the spirit of these determined women and recognizes someone who has overcome challenges in her educational journey.

Awarded to:

Sana Nazeer

Irene June Wealick Memorial Award

This award is in the memory of David Kirkís late mother, Irene June Wealick. She was a loving mother of three who passed away at a very young age. She was from the Chílly·qtel†First Nation. David has spent the better part of his career supporting Indigenous learners in their educational journey.

Awarded to:

Miah Martin-Fewings

Jean Benetti Award for ESL

Honouring the hard work and dedication of one of VCC's first ESL instructors, this award is presented to a student who demonstrates enthusiasm for creative writing, improvement in expression, accuracy and fluency, and cooperation in class.

Awarded to:

Rebabe Mirzai

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:

Melissa Edwards

Jeff Sodowsky New Beginnings Award

Those daring to dream or imagine a different existence for themselves and that pursue the education required to make the vision a reality also create a strength for our adopted home of Canada. With understanding of the hurdles many in marginalized communities face, Jeff Sodowsky hopes this award celebrates individual courage and makes the tireless pursuit of an individual dream a bit easier. Paying forward our good fortune is one way of making the world a better place.

Awarded to:

Ryan Gettings

Lewis Rosenbloom Scholarship

This scholarship was created by the family in honour of the late Lewis Rosenbloom, a Vancouver Rotarian. The recipient is a student returning to study ESL, who has shown tremendous effort during their first session.

Awarded to:

Maryam Talebi

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:

Yuliya Kovrygina

Milei Family Foundation ESL Award

This award is presented to a female student in VCC's ESL Pathways 8 or LINC 8 program with an B average grade or higher, ideally working part- or full-time while pursuing their education.

Awarded to:

Sahar Atiyah
Hyewon Choo

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:

Olivia Desjarlais
Angela Mackay

Nan Poliakoff Memorial Writing Award

This award honours the memory of Nan Poliakoff, a faculty member in the ESL Department, and is given to an Outreach student, who best demonstrates writing ability and determination in their studies.

Awarded to:

Akam Nanvayesavojbolaghi

Odlum Brown Award for Indigenous Learners

This award recognizes an Indigenous student, who has completed the Basic Education program and is pursuing further learning. This student has demonstrated a strong work ethic, an enthusiasm for learning, and a willingness to support their fellow students on their path to success – all values shared by Odlum Brown Limited. Odlum Brown is an independent, full-service investment firm that has been proudly BC-based for close to 100 years. The firm is deeply committed to supporting community development across BC, and is honoured to support the educational goals of Indigenous learners through this Award.

Awarded to:

Stephanie Taylor

Robert Cunningham Memorial Award

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:

Marie Bangura

Ron Fussell Scholarship

Established in 1989 in memory of Ron Fussell, an instructor and former Department Head of the Humanities department, this award recognizes a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in Intermediate English; because Ron enjoyed teaching students at this level.

Awarded to:

Nina Yan

Rotary Club of Vancouver – Lewis Rosenbloom Award

This award was created to honour the memory of long-time Rotary Club member Lewis Rosenbloom. This scholarship recognizes high academic and personal achievement

Awarded to:

Tetiana Golliak

Science Award

To recognize the academic achievement of a Science student who has completed at least four science courses over the last three semesters, with the highest GPA. Performance in other science programs taken over the previous 12 months will be used in the case of a tie.

Awarded to:

Jean Gill

Shannon Girvan Hougham Award

The Shannon Girvan Hougham Award honours three benefactors. Shannon – for Shannon Hougham, because she values the Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Adults and her belief in the potential of the students. Girvan – for Shannon’s father, John Girvan, who passed away in 2009. He was an intelligent, generous man with a hearing loss and a learning disability, who believed in the value of education. Hougham – for Ted Hougham’s parents, Mary and Walter Hougham, who both worked in and promoted the field of Special Education in Ontario. This award is offered to a student in the Program for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Adults who has a good attitude, has shown improvement and is making a good effort in their studies.

Awarded to:

Elika Keshavarz

Sheila Singh Memorial Award – ESL

In loving memory of Sheila Singh, a retired librarian who served at various VCC campuses, but mainly the City Centre campus. Her son and daughter have established this award to honor their mother’s legacy.

Awarded to:

Hussein Jebur

Shirley Joseph First Nations Achievement Award

Shirley Joseph was former VCC First Nations coordinator who 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:

Josh Mills

Still Interpreting Award

Since being established in 1990, giving back to the communities has always been an integral part of doing business at Still Interpreting Inc. Having been afforded the privilege to work within and alongside the Deaf community, reciprocity has been a guiding value of the company. The Still Interpreting Inc. Award of Distinction was created to recognize students who show a commitment to reciprocity and/ or have overcome barriers to education during their studies. The award is presented to student nearing completion of the Program of Sign Language Interpretation at VCC, to recognize their hard work and welcome them into the profession.

Awarded to:

Robynne Mah

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:

Lindsey Faltermeier

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:

Lucas Pinheiro

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:

Marissa Barrett

VCC Alumni Scholarship

This award is offered to a VCC student in recognition of academic excellence and student leadership and/or outstanding effort in working to improve student academic and extracurricular life.

Awarded to:

Brenda Hanuse

VCC Faculty Association Award

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Awarded to:

Logan Derksen

Whitearn Foundation Merit Award

Barbara Whitley established this award in recognition of her father, Ernest, who lost some of his sight in a childhood accident. This award is given to a student in the Visually Impaired program for adults who has financial need and has demonstrated involvement in giving back to the community.

Awarded to:

Theo Blue

School of Trades, Technology, and Design

Apex Structural Design Award

Awarded to a student registered full time in the Steel Construction Modelling program, who is academically strong, demonstrates a strong work ethic, comprehension of steel fabrication, and demonstrates an overall improvement in the program.

Awarded to:

Justin Innanen

Applewood Cares Award

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

Awarded to:

Adam Ali

ASTTBC/Dowco Award

The Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC provides awards to students in accredited technology and technology related programs through FEAT – The Foundation for Education and Advancement in Technology.

Awarded to:

Aidan Mckay

Barrett Family Foundation Awards

The Barrett Family Foundation is committed to empowering individuals through education, particularly in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). 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:

Sebastien Anton

Manmit Bains

Lorenzo Berzosa

Kashmir Birk

Harrison Clifford

Karanjot Singh

Brandon King

Wyatt Lazarowich

Robin Lim

Lexy Lindau

Kamal Malhi

Steve McIlwain

Guramrit Singh Parhar

Steve Rook-Green

Sam Screpnek

Inesh Sharma

Jason Su

Brady / Sanders Scholarship

Awarded to a student in the Heavy Mechanical Trades program who excels in their 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:

Liam Lazarowich

Douglas Zheng

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 Duty/Commercial Transport program.

Awarded to:

Kevin Landry
Griffin Southern

Coast Capital Trades Awards

This award is awarded to domestic students who are registered full time in on of VCC's six Red Seal trades programs. The students must be in their final term of their Foundations program and demonstrated progressive growth in their academic standing or strong academic standing or strong financial need. Preference given to students from underrepresented populations.

Awarded to:

Sydney McIntosh

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 present these scholarships to top students in the Automotive Collision Repair and Automotive Refinishing Prep. programs.

Awarded to:

Grace Hofmarks
Daniel Martinez

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:

Ashley Seery

Cummins Scholarship

Cummins is pleased to offer an award to a female student in the Heavy Duty/Commercial Transport Combine Foundations program who holds a B average or better and is recommended by the department. Cummins is a major manufacturer and marketer of diesel engines.

Awarded to:

Mackenzie

Dilawri Group of Companies Automotive Endowment Award

Dilawri, Canada's largest automotive group, is pleased to present this award to a student in the Automotive Service Technician department who embodies our core values, which include a passion for excellence, customer focus, teamwork, integrity, and a willingness to grow. Dilawri Group of Companies is committed to offering world-class products and customer service that builds lifetime customer relationships.

Awarded to:

Jonathan Hewitt

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:

Charles Vonn Dela Cruz

Karanjot Singh

Éminence Organic Skin Care Award for Community Involvement and Green Practices Endowment

Éminence Organic Skin Care recognizes that excellence and sustainability can co-exist. As such they are committed to protecting the future of our planet, through our green practices and wish to honour a student who shares our values. This award was established to recognize a student in the Esthetics and Spa Therapy Program, who exemplifies our mission and desire to deliver happiness and extraordinary service; through promoting only the healthiest and most effective skin care products.

Awarded to:

Tarnpreet Kaur Bhullar

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:

Luka Peso

Flora and Arthur Patrick Croker Award

This award has been created by family and friends to honor the memory of Flora and Arthur Patrick Croker. The award recognizes the effort of a Downtown Eastside student.

Awarded to:

Levina Johnson

Flourish Award: Hair Design & Skin Body Therapy

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:

Elaine Yiu

Flourish Awards: CAD and BIM Program Award

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Awarded to:

Nozomi Hashimoto

Flourish Awards: Digital Media Design 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:

Ivan De Oliveira Aguiar

Flourish Funds: Auto Collision 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:

Sehaj Singh Pannu

Flourish Funds: Auto Service Technician 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:

Mie Kimura

Fred Holmes Memorial Scholarship

The Society of Automotive Engineers established this scholarship to honour the memory of Fred Holmes, who was a leader in his field and a strong supporter of the VCC Heavy Mechanical Trades program and is awarded to a student in the program with a high academic standing.

Awarded to:

Kamal Malhi

Glenn Hyatt Memorial Scholarship for Excellence

This scholarship was established by Quebecor Printing Vancouver, honouring the memory of Glen Hyatt. It honours and recognizes students in the VCC's Digital Media Design program, who excel academically, display creativity and show a keen desire to play a leadership role in the industry.

Awarded to:

Maiko Hina

Darshan Shete

Kaya Tripp

Heavy Duty/Commercial Transport Combined Foundations Scholarship

To provide scholarships to students who have shown progress, good attendance, good attitude and good work habits. Selection made by the department.

Awarded to:

Corwyn Kline

Kingdom Beauty Supplies Award

Specializing in the wholesale beauty supply industry, Kingdom Beauty Supplies is pleased to award a scholarship to the student in the Hair Design program who displays outstanding creativity as well as commitment to the program through classroom participation and attendance.

Awarded to:

Grace Shore

Lew Bloomingdale Memorial Scholarship

Family and friends of Lew Bloomingdale created these scholarships in memory of a loving father and grandfather, an admirable friend and a well-respected colleague. Lew was the department head and instructor of the Automotive Collision and Refinishing programs for a number of years, in which he rejuvenated interest in the program and mentored many grateful students. Scholarships are presented to the top students in the Auto Collision and Refinishing programs.

Awarded to:

Brendan Chui

Harkirat Vilkh

Mejuri Design Excellence Award

Since being founded in 2015, Mejuri has turned fine jewelry into an everyday occasion while working towards making a positive impact in our communities, the industry, and the world. The Mejuri Design Excellence Award is offered to students studying jewelry making who are recognized for their dedication and growth throughout the program, as well as their passion and commitment to learning.

Awarded to:

Jewel Dimaya
Emma Fortune
Michele Goyns

Meridian Automotive Merit Award

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:

Martin Huynh

New Car Dealers Association of BC Scholarship

The New Car Dealers Association of BC (NCDA) represents over 400 franchised automobile dealers in more than 55 communities across the province. Through the New Car Dealers Foundation of BC, the association supports education and training initiatives that help students pursue careers in the automotive sector. By investing in student success through scholarships, program funding, and equipment support, the Foundation aims to strengthen workforce development and ensure a vibrant future for the automotive industry in BC.

Awarded to:

Clinton Do
Jaeuk Son

NewAd Media Scholarship

These scholarships presented by NewAd Media recognizes students in VCC's Digital Media Design program, whose approaches to design solutions are consistently original and functional; whose technical skills are well-rounded and competent; who contribute to a positive learning community and who demonstrate a consistent and healthy work ethic.

Awarded to:

Ruben Anthony

Yash Khant

Runci Li

Esteban Suarez

Open Shop Construction Industry Education Bursary

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:

Karanjot Singh

Pacific Newspaper Group Scholarship

The Pacific Newspaper Group is a long-standing supporter of VCC. This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student in VCC's Digital Media Design program.

Awarded to:

Anindya Kusdianaputri

Peter Mussallem Scholarship

The Society of Automotive Engineers established this scholarship in recognition of Mr. Mussallem's outstanding contributions to his profession and is awarded to a student in the Heavy Mechanical Trades program with high academic standing.

Awarded to:

Steve Rook-Green

PS&Co: PS&Community Award

PS&Co Brand Studio, a B Corp Certified business, aligns impactful brands and individuals through brand strategy, design, digital experiences, and advertising. The PS&Community Award is specifically designed to create opportunities for Indigenous students and other underrepresented groups within the creative industry. This award provides essential financial support for students from these groups who aspire to advance their creative pursuits within VCC's School of Trades, Technology, and Design.

Awarded to:

Tamara Guno

Read Jones Christoffersen Award

Read Jones Christoffersen Consulting Engineers is pleased to reward innovative thinking and practical results by offering this scholarship. Open to all students in Drafting Technician – Architectural – Civil Structural, it recognizes the top student in the structural portion of the program.

Awarded to:

Shingo Matsuki

Seaspan ULC Scholarship

A leader in the marine transportation, ship building and ship repair industry, Seaspan provides this award to a student within the Heavy Mechanical Trades program exhibiting strong leadership skills, a hard-working ethic and a positive attitude.

Awarded to:

Sarbjot Grewal

Stan Phipps Scholarship

Stan Phipps was a long-time supporter of VCC, Alumni of Distinction and member of the Governors' Council. He created these scholarships to recognize and reward the top students in the Civil/Structural, Architectural and Steel Detailing Drafting programs.

Awarded to:

Ting Chiang

Yejin Oh

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:

Rai Durango

The Bill Hatswell Memorial Award

The Bill Hatswell Memorial Award honours Bill Hatswell, founder and entrepreneur behind Craftsman Collision.

His legacy is defined by integrity, hard work, mentorship, and deep respect for the trades. This award recognizes a VCC Auto Collision and Refinishing student who embodies these values and demonstrates strong potential to make a positive impact in the industry.

Awarded to:

Alex Raymond

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:

Megan Lockwood

University Women's Club of Vancouver 'Women in Transportation Trades' Award

This award is given to a female student who has been accepted into any aspect of School of Transportation Trades, and who demonstrates the skills, attitudes and attributes, which will help ensure her success as a student, and as a future worker in the transportation trades.

Awarded to:

Mackenzie

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:

Allison Noel

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:

Jonas Abadilla

Rebecca Costa

Priscila Leme Requena

Brunna Santos Cavalcante De Oliveira Hosser

Cyrus Wong

Waiward Industrial LP Scholarship

Waiward is a long-standing supporter of VCC's Steel Construction Technician (formerly Steel Detailing) program and is committed to supporting the education and development of Canadian steel detailers, in both the Alberta and British Columbian region

Awarded to:

Sam Ahmadi

Walter Sills Scholarship

Walter Sills was involved with the transportation industry for more than 50 years as an employee of CP Rail and a founding member of the Vancouver Transportation Club. His contribution to the industry was recognized by the National Transportation Week Committee who established this scholarship in Mr. Sills' honour. This award is presented to a student in the Heavy Mechanical Trades program who demonstrates, through action and effort, a strong commitment to the transportation industry.

Awarded to:

Ryan Suh

Zoro and Kelly Ann Mihajlovic Creative Award

This award was established in 2021 to honour VCC designer, Zoro Mihajlovic, videographer, artist, and 31-year employee of VCC who left us all too soon. Father to Zorro, Sarah, and Petar, Zoro was predeceased in 2014 by his endlessly supportive, Canucks-loving wife, Kelly Mihajlovic. He was a notorious and mischievous outlaw who had the biggest, warmest heart, and was known for his creativity, exuberance, warmth, and iconic beard. Zoro began working at VCC as a student aid in 1990. He loved VCC, and protected the college like it was his home: from volunteering as a fire warden to picking up a shovel when it snowed. After working for VCC Media Services for roughly 20 years, he moved to Marketing and Communications, where his creative ideas and talent continued to serve the college. Zoro always found ways to be authentic and original – adding colour and impact to all his creations. He was the first one in every morning, and never talked about retirement. He loved the work, and the college community. Zoro was not a coworker; he was family. He will be deeply missed. He was an inspiring individual who lived life on his terms – definitely a 'kind rebel' in all the best ways. For those who knew him this award helps continue our Legend of Zoro by recognizing a talented graphic design student who stands out as both a creative content creator and as a positive human being.

Awarded to:

Allison Noel