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Yun Li

A SUPPORT SYSTEM

When UBC alumnae Yun Li's family decided to move to Vancouver for family and work-related reasons during her second year of university, she tagged along. Born in China and raised in Auckland, New Zealand, once in BC, Yun transferred to the University of British Columbia and completed her Bachelor's degree in Psychology, with a focus on Developmental Neuroscience for her Honours thesis.

With her UBC degree in hand, Yun decided to apply to law school. Not wanting to leave UBC, a place that she had grown to love, she applied to the Faculty of Law, and was accepted. Yun was the first recipient of UBC Law's only renewable entrance award, the Strother Family Entrance Scholarship in Law. The award offers \$12,000 per year to a student with an excellent academic record entering the Juris Doctor program.

The Strother Family Scholarship helped Yun financially by allowing her to spend more time on her studies and volunteer work, rather than working several part-time jobs. It also provided her with emotional support. The Strothers were present throughout Yun's entire law school career, extending invitations to have dinner at their home, introducing her to local lawyers and a judge from the BC Supreme Court, and providing her with invaluable career advice. She felt that they were more than donors; they were a support system and a part of her UBC "family", to whom she owes "a huge, ginormous thank you."

At UBC Law, Yun immersed herself in her studies and student life, serving on the Law Students' Society for three years, as Vice President in her second year and President in her final year, and volunteering for the Law Students Legal Advice Program and other organizations. She spent the summer after her second year at Vancouver law firm Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy, LLP, where she also plans to article after she finishes her clerkship for the British Columbia Court of Appeal.

Yun recalls, "I decided to pursue law to increase my own ability to help people." She hopes to help others, like the Strother family helped her, by continuing to spread positive energy through the world as she moves forward in her career.

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Start an evolution

UBC generates ideas that start evolutions. Ideas that change the way people think and the way the world works. We see this change as an evolution, one that improves upon what has come before and inspires the generations that follow.

Our *start an evolution* campaign has two ambitious goals—to raise \$1.5 billion and to double the number of alumni engaged in the life of the University.

Why? To increase our capacity to change the world for the better, through student learning, research, and community engagement.

You can help start an evolution through involvement and investment. This can be as simple as reconnecting with UBC or as generous as making a donation.

We invite you to get involved and combine your energy with ours. Together with UBC, you can help create solutions for the issues you care about. This is your opportunity to make a contribution with long lasting effects. This is your chance to help start an evolution and support thinking that can change the world.

In September UBC launched the most ambitious fundraising and alumni engagement campaign in Canadian history. This campaign encourages donors and alumni to combine their energies with UBC's—to start an evolution that improves our capacity for student learning, research excellence and community engagement.

Students are at the very centre of this evolution. UBC offers students rich and memorable experiences (in class and outside of it) that transform their lives and the lives of those they meet. Our alumni excel in business, influence society and lead organizations at home and around the world.

That's why support for undergraduate and graduate students is a campaign priority. All students should be able to achieve their potential, but for some a university degree is out of reach without financial assistance. Our commitment is to ensure that no eligible student be prevented from studying at UBC for financial reasons alone, and we are very grateful to the donors who help us deliver on this commitment.

When you invest in UBC students through scholarships, bursaries and other awards, you invest in a better future for all of us. Please enjoy the stories in this newsletter, and consider combining your energy with UBC's to start an evolution.

Dave Farrar, Provost and Vice President, Academic



Dr. Robert S. Rothwell

BC MEDICAL SPECIALIST INVESTS IN THE FUTURE OF HIS PROFESSION AND HIS SPECIALTY THROUGH THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The practice of medicine is a deep-seated tradition for the Rothwell family, so when young Robert chose to explore his interest in government history and politics by pursuing a Bachelor of Arts at UBC, he kept his options open.

"I was the only person taking honours political science who was also studying organic chemistry," says Robert Rothwell (BA '67). "I enjoyed my experience but thought I wasn't made out to be an academic, at least in the social sciences."

He went on to study medicine at his father's alma mater, McGill, where he was exposed to the culture and ideas of students from across Canada and the United States. Robert brought this enriching experience back to his internship at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver and his career of more than 30 years as a rheumatologist in New Westminister, BC, specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of arthritis and other diseases of the joints, muscles and bones.

The cost of medical school was far lower in the late '60s, and combined resources from summer jobs, family and scholarships kept Robert out of debt. As an established physician, he decided to create a bursary in the UBC Faculty of Medicine to help today's medical students pay for their education.

"The medical students of today face high costs. There is no way their education can be anything other than expensive," says Robert.

"I really think the need for student aid in the professional disciplines, and especially in medicine, is absolutely clear-cut. They're crying for funds. I had no difficulty in making the decision."

Since 2001, the beneficiaries of the Robert S. Rothwell Bursary in Medicine have written letters of gratitude to Robert thanking him for his support. He says all the students seem career-oriented and committed to completing their education to the best of their ability.

"If I can facilitate that, then that's exactly the sort of reward I want to get," he says.

Also passionate about ensuring sufficient support for his own discipline of rheumatology in BC, Robert put plans in place to make an estate gift to UBC to create an endowed professorship in rheumatology in the Faculty of Medicine, in addition to augmenting his bursary.

With the goals of supporting the medical students of the future, increasing the number of practicing rheumatologists in our province and advancing the academic discipline of rheumatology, Robert is investing in the future of his profession and his discipline through an estate gift to UBC, even before retiring from practice himself.



Françoise Yesaya-Keddy (David not pictured)

GIVING STUDENTS HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

Françoise Yesaya-Keddy and her twin brother David moved to Canada in 2006, after spending most of their early lives in Cameroon. The political involvement of their father brought danger upon them there, and they were forced to leave for their own security. They came to Canada, with their mother and older brother, through a network that directed people to safe places. The family settled into the Jane-Finch Corridor in Toronto, but their mother was unable to work, due to the trauma that she suffered from being tortured in Cameroon. Françoise, David, brother Pierre and their mother survived on social assistance.

After adjusting to life in Canada, David decided to follow his passion for playing soccer while also pursuing higher education. His desire to attend a university with academic prestige as well as a reputable soccer program led him to UBC. Learning of her son's aspirations to attend the university, David and Françoise's mother decided that it might be a good idea for the family to relocate to British Columbia. Now knowing that her family would be relocating to BC, Françoise also wanted to attend the best university in the area. She says, "I chose UBC, one of the best universities in the world, located on a site described by many people I knew as exceptionally beautiful."

Françoise and David are the recipients of UBC's first Major Entrance Awards. These awards not only made attending the university possible for them, but will also allow them to graduate from the Faculty of Arts debt-free. Major Entrance Awards support outstanding students who, for reasons beyond their control, have never considered UBC as an option for their education. The awards not only cover the twins' tuition, they also cover books and fees related to their education, allowing them to focus on academics and volunteer work. Françoise says that the award has also made a difference to her outlook, keeping her optimistic about the future. Because of the generosity of donors, she believes that "good things happen in life."

Having now settled into their lives at UBC, David and Françoise are doing very well, and feel that the Major Entrance Awards have undoubtedly changed their lives for the better. One day, they hope to be donors themselves, and have the opportunity to help other students pursue their dreams.

HONOURING A MOTHER'S LIFE



Born in 1915 in Kelowna, Phyllis Swaisland spent most of her life in the Okanagan, having grown up in Mission on her parents' dairy farm and orchard. After graduating from Kelowna High School, she trained and received her RN at St. Joseph's Hospital in Victoria. During World War II Phyllis served as a Canadian Army nurse at Gordon Head base in Victoria, where she met her first husband, Jerry Purslow, with whom she had one daughter, Anne. Jerry was tragically killed in action in Southern Italy, and, following his death, Phyllis and

Anne moved to Vancouver so that Phyllis could enroll at UBC to complete a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. With her new degree in hand, Phyllis returned to the Okanagan in 1945 as a single mother to become the first Public Health nurse in Salmon Arm.

In 1946, Phyllis married John Swaisland, who would be her husband for 58 years until he passed away in 2003. They lived in an orchard in Winfield, where their three sons were born, and she continued to work for Public Health. Phyllis returned with her family to Okanagan Mission in the late 1950's to build a house on the lake property of

her childhood home, which became a welcoming mecca for relatives and friends for years to come. Remembered for her generosity and openness, her great sense of humour, and her energy and indefatigable spirit, Phyllis passed away in November 2010 at the age of 95.

In memory of their mother, Anne Cubitt and her three brothers Gerry, Peter and Ian Swaisland created the Phyllis Swaisland Memorial Bursary in Nursing at UBC's Okanagan campus. The award, which provides a \$2,000 bursary to a second, third, or fourth year student in the School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health and Social Development at UBC's Okanagan campus, gives preference to a student who is a single parent, as Phyllis was when she began her UBC education. Daughter Anne recalls about her mother's career, "Nursing was a really important part of her life; it gave her a way of raising a child."

The bursary, which will first be available to a student in UBC Okanagan's 2011/2012 Winter Session, serves as a way for Anne and her brothers to remember their mother and the things that she valued, and to help students in the community who are in need to receive an education. Anne says of the award, "The impact is symbolic. It's about caring that students who are in need get an opportunity to succeed." Phyllis's family hopes that students who receive the bursary are able to enjoy the same long-lasting success that she did.

SUPPORT SHAPES A STUDENT'S LIFE



Brenda Ogembo is a perfect example of the direct, personal and longstanding impact that scholarships have on students. The first recipient of UBC's Mary M. Young Global Citizen Award in 2000, Brenda, an international student from Kenya, is now a third year PhD candidate at the University of Ottawa, with a specialization in Global Health. She is also following her dream of applying her education back home and recently served as a consultant with the International Organization for Migration on a project examining migration of health professionals from Kenya

In her early years, Brenda developed a passion for helping others and an interest in public health. She was fortunate to travel as a young adult to study in Victoria at Lester B. Pearson College. She was thrilled to subsequently receive the Mary M. Young Global Citizen Award, which provided her with the opportunity to pursue an education at UBC, which, in addition to strong academics,

represented a cause important to Brenda's own heart—global citizenship. The award was offered to an outstanding international student from Pearson College who would otherwise be financially unable to pursue post-secondary education. In addition to academic merit, consideration was given to qualities such as leadership skills, involvement in student affairs, or commitment to community service.

Brenda, who initially planned to return to Kenya after completing her two years of study at Pearson College, feels that the award allowed her to reach another huge milestone in her life by providing the opportunity to study at UBC. She says, "It was a very defining period in my life; I learned a lot, I got involved in student life, and it shaped me in a huge way. I wouldn't have gotten to where I am right now had it not been for that major step."

Brenda's life was greatly impacted by Mary M. Young, whose donation allowed her to have the fullest possible student life. She says to other potential donors that by supporting students, "you have the opportunity to touch the life of someone you would otherwise never meet," and she is conscious of giving back herself, knowing that someone else invested in her. Brenda believes that by establishing scholarships, donors provide vital opportunities for intelligent, capable students to receive an education that will ultimately help them to change the world for the better.

NEW AWARDS

APPROVED BY SENATE IN 2010-11 WINTER SESSION

VANCOUVER CAMPUS

APPLIED SCIENCE

Chad Bennington Memorial Scholarship in Chemical and Biological Engineering

Klohn Crippen Berger Scholarship in Memory of Walter Shukin
Tire Lyna and Ken Pinder Memorial Scholarship in Engineering

ARCHITECTURE

Diana Lane Johnston Award in Landscape Architecture

ARTS

Alumni Association of the University of Hong Kong, British Columbia,
40th Anniversary Travel Award

Film Production Program 40th Anniversary Scholarship
James Robert Schell Memorial Scholarship

Jocelyn Noel Scholarship in Viola

Kensaku Asano Memorial Award

Khyentse Foundation Award for Excellence in Buddhist Studies

Marnie Carter Scholarship in Music

Maxine Seveck Memorial Scholarship

Meekison Arts Student Entrance Award

Republic of China Student Mobility Award in Taiwan Studies

William and Marilyn Jones Award

ATHLETICS

Harry Dhari Memorial Prize in Athletics

DENTISTRY

American College of Dentists Outstanding Students Leader Award

B.C. Society of Prosthodontists Entrance Award in Prosthodontics

Carlos Carrillo Community Service Award

Jamie Kaukinen Entrance Scholarship in Prosthodontics

Monarch Pediatric Fellowship

Nadean Burkett Award for Volunteerism in Dentistry

Robert Alan Kennedy Service Award in Dental Hygiene

EDUCATION

Agnes Philipps Scholarship in Education

Donald and Ellen Poulter Scholarship

Jean Barman Prize in Aboriginal Education

FORESTRY

Mike Sauze Forest Operations Bursary

GRADUATE STUDIES

Aboriginal Graduate Fellowship

Ibn Battuta Award for Field Research

Irene Goldstone HIV/AIDS and Social Justice Graduate Scholarship

N.H. Benson International Graduate Award

HUMAN KINETICS

Gordon L. Diewert Community Service Entrance Award

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Gokal Singh of Halwara Memorial Service Award in Social Work

Patsy and Crissy George Entrance Award in Social Work

LAW

Andrew R. Thompson Memorial Award in Law and the Environment

Canada Bar Association of British Columbia Branch Entrance Award

Harper Grey LLP Prize in Environmental Law

Hilda Janzen Memorial Award in Feminist Legal Studies

Lawson Lundell LLP Entrance Scholarship

Rodney Yamanouchi Memorial Bursary

MEDICINE

Andrew Seal Award in the Arts and Humanities in Medicine

Eva Hannah Parlee Scholarship

Dr. Gary Randhawa Memorial Scholarship in Medicine

Island Medical Program (UVic) Bursary

Echoridge Educational Foundation Scholarship in Medicine

Lena Adam Memorial Bursary in Medicine

Kerry and Sarah Morrissey (Telford) Memorial Award

Neil Pollock "Mensche" Service Award in Medicine

Nis Schmidt History of Surgery Prize

William J. Godolphin Prize

William McKendrick McCallum Entrance Bursary in Medicine

Urban Poling Activator Award in Rehabilitation Sciences

OPEN AWARDS, BURSARIES, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Edward JC Hossie Leadership Award

Lena Adam Memorial Bursary for Students with Disabilities

Phyllis Kathleen Brown Memorial Bursary

Roy W. Widmeyer Undergraduate Bursary

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

London Drugs Limited 60th Anniversary Celebration Undergraduate
Scholarship

SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Commerce Entrance Scholarship

Connor, Clark & Lunn Portfolio Management Foundation Award

Copenhagen Business School Exchange Program Award

HSBC Bank Canada Sauder School of Business Entrance Award

International Student Leadership Award

MacKay LLP Scholarship in Accounting

Sauder School of Business Co-op Achievement Award

Sauder School of Business Dean's Entrance Scholarship

Sauder School of Business Entrance Scholarship

Sauder School of Business Exchange Program Award

Sauder School of Business Innovation & Entrepreneurship Award

Sauder School of Business Inspiration Award

Sauder School of Business Leadership Award

Sauder School of Business Option Leader Award

Sauder School of Business Service Award

Sauder School of Business Shad Valley Scholarship

Sports Management Co-op Award

William G. Mitchell Memorial Award

SCIENCE

BC Assessment Valuation Award

Edward Piers Memorial Award in Organic Chemistry

James A. Moore Major Entrance Scholarship

James A. Moore Memorial Scholarship

Michael Rust-Smith Science One Memorial Scholarship

University of BC Undergraduate Scholarship in Environmental Sciences

Willa and Stuart B. Woods Graduate Scholarship in Physics

OKANAGAN CAMPUS

APPLIED SCIENCE

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists

Achievement Award in Engineering

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists

Achievement Award in Geoscience

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists

Gold Medal Award in Engineering

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists

Gold Medal Award in Geoscience

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of

BC Scholarship in Geoscience

Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists

Scholarship in Engineering

Community Leadership Award in Engineering

CTQ Consultants Bursary in Engineering

Jacobs Family Bursary in Engineering

Stuart Olson Dominion Construction Bursary in Engineering

ARTS

Creative Studies Transfer Prize in Creative Writing

ATHLETICS

Sentes Auto Group Athletics Varsity Award

Sentes Auto Group Athletic Varsity Award in Engineering and

Management

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Henderson Award in International Development

EDUCATION

Central Okanagan Retired Teacherws Association Bursary in Education

LAW

Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP Award in Legal Studies

NURSING

Lynn Fairey Award in Nursing

OPEN AWARDS, BURSARIES, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Sigurdson Family Bursary

A QUICK GUIDE TO AWARD TYPES

SCHOLARSHIPS

These monetary awards recognize academic achievement and help students with the cost of continuing their education. Scholarships are merit-based, and recipients must be in the top 10% of their class or have an average of 75% or higher.

BURSARIES

A bursary is a non-repayable award that helps to fill the gap between a student's assessed financial need and available government assistance. UBC's Policy 72 states that "No eligible student will be prevented from commencing or continuing his or her studies at the University for financial reasons alone."

FELLOWSHIPS

These prestigious awards enable graduate students to concentrate full-time on their studies and research. They are granted on the basis of academic excellence and/or research productivity.

PRIZES

Students can receive prizes for academic excellence or achievement in a particular subject area. Prizes usually take the form of a monetary award, sometimes accompanied by a medal, plaque or certificate.

SERVICE AWARDS

These monetary awards recognize excellence in a range of non-academic fields, such as community service, student leadership, volunteerism, and athletic or artistic performance. They are given to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Please contact us for more information on how to set up your choice of award at UBC.

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