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## ENTRANCE AWARD OPENS DOORS FOR ARTS STUDENT

“Winning the Meekison Arts Entrance Award was one of the best days of my life,” says **Lauren Crossfield** (pictured above), a second year Arts student pursuing International Relations and Political Science at UBC.

Lauren won the award, worth \$10,000 a year up to four years, after being nominated by her school counsellor. Throughout high school, Lauren consistently demonstrated the academic excellence, outstanding leadership, and community spirit that distinguished her as an ideal student. But despite all her exceptional qualities and accomplishments, Lauren’s academic future remained uncertain.

“My mom has MS,” explains Lauren. “So I grew up in a single income family. By the time I was in grade three, she was permanently in a wheelchair.”

A pivotal moment for Lauren came when a change of schools encouraged her to expand her horizons: “I went on a *Me to We* trip to Kenya in the summer of grade eleven,” she says.

*Me to We* is a branch charity of Free the Children that makes social activism accessible to youth. “I had gone to We Day—their youth leadership activism rally,” says Lauren. “The Dalai Lama was there, and my hero Jane Goodall gave a speech. I wanted to go to Kenya from that day on.”

Although Lauren had previously never even travelled alone, the three-week stint in Kenya solidified what she wanted to do with

her life. “A lot of people there were already in university, and they all said UBC had a very good International program. After doing my own research, it seemed like the only logical choice—not just because of the great program, but also because it meant I could stay close to mom and help out.”

Receiving the Meekison Arts Entrance Award meant Lauren could pursue that goal. “It has allowed me to continue to grow,” she says. “I don’t know if I would have been able to come to UBC—just because of the finances. It alleviated a lot of my parents’ worries, too.”

It was a tearful and heartfelt event when Lauren met her benefactor, **James “Jim” Meekison**—Chairman & CEO of Trimin Capital, a UBC alumnus and long time university supporter.

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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT



We are a full year into the University of British Columbia's *start an evolution* campaign, and we have a great deal to celebrate.

This past year, because of your generosity, nearly 4,000 awards were assigned to students in recognition of their academic achievements, leadership and/or financial need.

However, our evolution is only beginning. Continued funding is vitally important to ensure that every qualified student can afford to come to UBC, engage with the university community and continue their transformation into tomorrow's leaders.

Student financial support gives students the latitude to concentrate on their studies instead of worrying about accumulating debt; it gives students the opportunity to sign up for a term abroad; or seize that volunteer position in an aids clinic in Botswana; maybe

work with an Aboriginal youth group. Your support gives students more options—options that can benefit future generations.

An investment in students ensures the promise of careers and fields of study, but most importantly, it ensures the promise of our society. When you invest in a UBC degree the return is improved global citizenship and an increasingly sustainable society. And the benefit of this is experienced at the global level.

That is why student support for undergraduate and graduate students is a campaign priority. UBC's commitment is to ensure that no student be denied the opportunity to attend UBC based on financial circumstances, and we are tremendously grateful to the donors that help us deliver on this commitment.

In the following pages, students and donors share their personal stories of how receiving and giving financial support has transformed their lives. I hope you will enjoy reading these real life examples of how donors and students have combined their energies and are now part of our evolution.

— **David Farrar**, *Provost and Vice President Academic*

## A LEGACY OF INNOVATION



Described as a “charming entity” and “explorer” by friends and mentors, **Andrew Wade** (left), a 2003 graduate from Denver Colorado, was pioneering techniques in aviation safety at the age of 26 when his life tragically ended.

Despite their immense sadness, his parents, **Don** and **Julie Wade**, transformed their son's untimely death into a legacy of hope and progress by

establishing the Andrew Wade Scholarship for students in the field of Visual Analytics, a groundbreaking interdisciplinary science that works to draw conclusions using visual data and interactivity.

“After completing his Degree in Cognitive Systems at UBC, Andrew went on to become the first master's graduate in the field of Visual Analytics from SFU,” explains Don.

During an internship with Boeing Co., Andrew collaborated with safety engineers and used Visual Analytics to find ways of minimizing aircraft damage from bird strikes—a technique coined *paired analysis*. This work precipitated changes in five Boeing aircraft and the pilot safety manual. He was to begin working with Boeing full time after a collaborative project in India.

“After finishing his thesis, Andrew told us he was going to spend six weeks in India with Boeing and others to work on a visual analytics project there,” says Don. “He believed you learned by immersing yourself in different cultures.”



Andrew died on September 25th 2011, along with 18 others, when his tourist flight around Mt. Everest crashed.

“Because there was a large accidental death insurance policy, we decided to set up these funds at UBC, SFU, and Andrew's high school in Denver,” says Don. “We saw no reason to profit from this money.”

“Paired analysis basically came about because of Andrew. We want to see businesses continue to do this kind of thing. We know Andrew would want that for other students.”

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## SUPPORTING STUDENTS: A LIFELONG PASSION

**Marion Pearson** and **James Orr** have always been outstanding supporters of UBC, generously donating their time and resources to the institution where they met and spent the better part of their careers. Their first major donation was a unique legacy donation—a joint life insurance policy. Recently, this couple once again demonstrated their passionate belief in the value of education by gifting the University with a new bursary.

The funds from the insurance policy will be put towards teaching and learning activities in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences where Marion works as Senior Instructor and Director of the Entry-to-Practice program in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

“The insurance policy made sense,” explains Marion, “because it allowed us to donate a considerable amount of money, and it hasn’t cost us that much. We would never have been able to make the donation in cash—our estate will never have that kind of money. But our life insurance policy made it possible.”

Marion and James, an Associate Professor Emeritus in the same faculty, also recently established the Marion L. Pearson and James M. Orr Bursary, which will be available to pharmacy undergraduate students of any year, with preference given to first year students and students from rural communities in British Columbia.

“Some students struggle financially to be in school,” says Marion. “So we wanted to establish a gift for students in need. When I grew up, my family didn’t want for anything. But James’s family wasn’t wealthy, and going to school was a struggle. We have both benefitted from bursaries.”

Marion explains that she also wanted the bursary to benefit underserved areas of the province. “We are the only ones educating pharmacists in BC, but we have a tough time getting graduates to work in rural areas,” she says. “The project I did for my M.A. thesis had to do with where our graduates take jobs and why. It became very clear to me that the only students who take jobs outside the Lower Mainland are students who come from outside the lower mainland.”

“I was once discussing business with the former Dean, and I told him that I was surprised he paid me,” adds James. “I got more from the students than they got from me. It’s such a joy to watch them grow and go out and see what they can do. I wanted to help this along. Even though I don’t work there anymore, I thought I could still do something.”

UBC’s Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences continues to grow to meet the increasing need for healthcare professionals in BC. “We are expanding our enrolment fairly substantively with our new building,” explains Marion. “So we really could use more scholarships, more bursaries, and more money for undergraduate students.”

For Marion and James, supporting the institution that has become an important life hub just feels right. “We’ve had a really good life,” says Marion. “We wouldn’t have had that life without the University. So giving back to UBC just seems the right thing to do.” ■

# NEW AWARDS

## APPROVED BY SENATE IN 2011-12 WINTER SESSION

### UBC Vancouver Campus

#### APPLIED SCIENCE

Class of 1977 Electrical Engineers Electrical and Computer Engineering Bursary  
Eldorado International Graduate Award in Mining Engineering  
Graham Somerville Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship in Chemical and Biological Engineering  
Richard S. Hallisey Leadership Award  
Lockheed Martin Award in Materials Engineering  
James Marlow Scholarship in Mining Engineering  
Master of Architecture Awards  
Master of Landscape Architecture Awards  
Mintec, Inc. Award in Mining Engineering  
Stuart Olson Dominion Construction Management Engineering Award  
W.O. (Bill) Richmond Memorial Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering

#### ARTS

Aboriginal Transfer Award  
Aboriginal Transfer Scholarship  
Jimmy Grewal Memorial Award in Geography  
Peter Harnetty Prize in Asian Studies  
Mary Ellen Henley Memorial Prize  
Chui Yin Lai Memorial Scholarship  
Donna Logan Scholarship in Investigative Journalism  
Nancy Phipps Memorial Award in Opera  
Professor Mo Steinberg Memorial Award in English Literature  
University of BC and University of Warwick International Learning Award

#### ATHLETICS

McTavish Olson Award in Athletics

#### SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Jimmy Grewal Memorial Award in Business  
HSBC Women in Business Leadership Award  
Crystal Hung Aspiring Entrepreneur Award  
Medtronic of Canada Innovation in Health Care Management Award  
David Mindell Award in Entrepreneurship  
Ranjeet (Ron) and Jas Sangara Award for Entrepreneurship  
Telus Excellence in IT Award

#### DENTISTRY

Association of Prosthodontics of Canada Award for Academic Achievement  
Graduating Class of 1986 Award in Dentistry

#### EDUCATION

Marg Csapo Graduate Scholarship in Special Education  
Gordon L. Diewert Community Service Entrance Award  
Vancouver Branch of the BC Retired Teachers' Association Bursary in Education

#### FORESTRY

Gary and Louise Kenwood Forestry Award  
United Benefit Group Fujian Forestry Scholarship

#### GRADUATE STUDIES

Future Forests Fellowship  
Globalink Graduate Fellowships  
Graduate Global Leadership Fellowships  
Elwyn Gregg Memorial Fellowship  
GSS Open Scholar Award  
Master of Journalism Awards  
Patricia Marchak International Research Scholarship in Sociology  
Motion Metrics/ICICS Graduate Scholarship  
Andrew Nord Fellowships in Rheumatology  
Master of Software Systems  
Willa and Stuart B. Woods Graduate Scholarship in Physics

#### LAND AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Indrajit Desai Memorial Bursary  
Gay Huchelega Memorial Bursary

#### LAW

Allan Chan Memorial Entrance Scholarship in Law  
Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP Entrance Scholarship  
Lesperance Mendes Entrance Award  
Stikeman Elliot LLP Award  
Stikeman Elliot LLP Scholarship  
Slater Vecchio LLP Trial Advocacy Entrance Award  
ZSA and National Post Award in Honour of Ken Bagshaw, QC

## **MEDICINE**

Robert Wallace Boyd Award in Radiology for Young Investigators  
Allan Eugene Dahm and Jacqueline O'Neill Dahm Memorial Bursary in Medicine  
Dr. Murray A. Flock Memorial Bursary in Medicine  
Drs. Sydney and Constance Friedman Travel Award  
Faculty Women's Club Maebritte Jeffels Scholarship  
Heil-Christie Service Award in Speech-Language Pathology  
MD Undergraduate Admissions Entrance Bursary  
Antonio and Iolanda Giuseppina Minicucci Award in Medicine  
Gilbert and Marie Alice Peart Bursary in Medicine  
Carl Bradford Robertson Scholarship  
Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust Southern Medical Program Bursary  
Juhn & Mary Wada Aboriginal Bursary in Medicine

## **PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES**

Dr Dario Alberton PharmD Scholarship  
R & Z Bailey Bursary in Pharmacy  
H & H Blomquist Scholarship  
Marion L. Pearson and James M. Orr Bursary in Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Peoples Drug Mart Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences

## **LIBRARY, ARCHIVAL AND INFORMATION STUDIES**

Terry Eastwood SLAIS Award  
Marjorie Griffin Memorial Bursary  
Samuel Rothstein Award

## **SCIENCE**

KGHM International Ltd. Scholarship in Geosciences  
Endeavour Silver Corporation Undergraduate Scholarship in Earth Sciences  
Entrance Scholarship in Mathematics  
KGHM International Ltd. Scholarship in Mining and Geological Engineering  
MWH Mining Scholarship in Geological Engineering  
Dean and Kitty Toye Scholarship in Science

## **SOCIAL WORK**

Kwong-Leung Tang Doctoral Entrance Scholarship in Social Work

## **OPEN AWARDS, BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Aboriginal Major Entrance Scholarship  
Academy One Learning Entrance Scholarship  
Chancellor's Scholar Award  
Dr. E. Margaret Fulton Bursary  
Graduating Class of 1961 Rod Smith Memorial Bursary  
Dorothy Irene (Barlow) Graham Entrance Award  
International Major Entrance Scholarship (Vancouver)  
Morley Koffman Bursary  
Dennet Kuan Memorial Award  
Sigma Chi Entrance Award

## **UBC Okanagan Campus**

### **ARTS AND SCIENCE**

Alaa Abd-El-Aziz Scholarship in Chemistry  
Joyce Boon Biochemistry Prize  
Judit Moldovan Memorial Teaching Assistant Award  
Judit Moldovan Memorial Graduate Teaching Assistant Award  
New Monaco Award in Sustainable Development  
New Monaco Award in Technology

### **BUSINESS**

CFA Okanagan Award in Management

### **CREATIVE AND CRITICAL STUDIES**

Department of Creative Studies Prize in Interdisciplinary Performance  
German Canadian Harmonie Club Prize in German Studies  
Mabel and Wilbur Hill Bursary in Arts  
Elinor Yandel Memorial Award in Fine Arts

### **GRADUATE STUDIES**

Donna Lester-Smith Aboriginal Graduate Award  
Health and Social Development  
Human Kinetics Graduating Class of 2011 Award  
New Monaco Award in Health and Exercise Sciences  
Phyllis Swaisland Memorial Bursary in Nursing  
UBC Okanagan School of Nursing Award



## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY THROUGH THEATRE

“Among aboriginal people, there is a prophecy known as the Eighth Fire,” says **Vanessa Imeson**, a fine arts student and recipient of UBC’s Aboriginal Fellowship Award, “it explains how different cultures must come together and impact each other in a positive way instead of fighting. The more we know each other, the better off we are.”

For Vanessa, the ability to tell stories that transcend language and culture compelled her to leave her Ontario home and join the Department of Theatre and Film at UBC. “I came here because there is a lot more integration of First Nation culture and Indigenous arts,” she explains. “I am really interested in puppets and theatrics. You can tell a story that doesn’t necessarily need to be in English to be able to be understood, because of the visual elements.”

Although Vanessa specializes in costume design, her creative flair inspired her to explore the production side of show business. The Jessie Richardson Theatre Award Society, a group that celebrates outstanding achievements in Vancouver’s theatre community, recently recognized Vanessa for her production of *The Bomb-itty of Errors*, a remake of the *Comedy of Errors* set to rap and hip-hop music.

“*The Bomb-itty of Errors* was written in the early ‘90s,” says Vanessa. “It references a lot of music from the early hip hop era, such as Run-D.M.C. and Cypress Hill. I wanted to make it more contemporary, so younger audiences could relate to it. I used artists like Nicki Minaj and LMFAO. Then I mashed these hip-hop elements with Elizabethan costume—traditional meets contemporary!”

While Vanessa’s skill and accomplishments have made her a rising star in Vancouver’s theatre community, she credits the Aboriginal Fellowship Award for allowing her to succeed. “I come from a very low income family, and my band doesn’t cover art school,” states Vanessa. “I wasn’t sure how I was going to complete my master’s degree. This fellowship helped me. It gave me the opportunity to study and not worry about working. It allowed me to put all my focus into what I was creating.”

Vanessa’s vision is to take native folklore and make it more relevant to today’s Aboriginal youth. “As urban Indigenous people, our stories are changing to fit our surroundings,” she says. “I want to tell stories that haven’t been told before—or in a new way.”

After graduating this year, Vanessa plans to forge ahead on her path of urban storytelling, using traditional Aboriginal figures like Raven and Coyote. She hopes to spend some time in Nunavut immersing herself in Inuit culture, so she can integrate these elements into her stories. “We don’t really hear about their mythology as much within the larger Canadian nation.”

According to Vanessa, it’s important to provide children in financial need with the opportunities they can’t get on their own. She adds she is grateful for UBC’s support and community, which have enabled her to grow and thrive as a storyteller. “Theatre lets us celebrate our differences, know what’s going on in the community, and understand each other’s backgrounds,” Vanessa says enthusiastically. “Through theatre, we can change the world!” ■

# AWARDS EXPAND HORIZONS FOR GIFTED STUDENT



Since entering UBC, **Tim Krupa**, a fourth year science student at UBC's Okanagan campus, has embraced many facets of university life. He's a physics teaching assistant, residence advisor, and President of the UBCO Young Liberals of Canada. He sits on the UBC Board of Governors. He's a cancer volunteer and a talented athlete. And when he's not judging science fairs or infusing kids with the love of learning, you may well find him on the phone mentoring high-risk youth.

Considering Tim's almost overwhelming list of academic and extracurricular achievements, it's no surprise that he's been the recipient of multiple UBC awards and scholarships. Most recently he received the Irving K. Barber School of Arts and Sciences International Education Travel Subsidy, which carried him to Africa on a unique project.

"I travelled to Zambia in 2011 on a project to start sports clubs in rural communities with underprivileged youth," explains Tim. "We started soccer teams at schools to show how the parallels of hard work in sports can translate into better grades, gender equality, and encourage school completion."

When Tim returned to UBC Okanagan, he turned his focus to a directed studies research project, and was granted the Irving K. Barber Undergraduate Research Award which allowed him to return to Africa to assess the development and well being of the children he had worked with the previous year.

For Tim, UBC scholarship and awards meant a life-changing opportunity to explore different interests: "I was focused on a career in medicine. But the experience expanded my vision and further shaped my interests. I'm planning to apply for graduate programs with a research application in psychology to encompass public policy, economics, and global health. I wouldn't have been able to do any of this without scholarships."

Additionally, UBC awards encouraged Tim to study in his hometown, allowing the Okanagan to retain an exceptionally gifted student and community leader.

Tim adds that he's grateful for everything he's received and encourages others to consider contributing to UBC: "I would like to thank all the generous donors for instilling their trust in students like me to make the world a better place. Awards definitely open channels. Stepping into the university realm changes everything. You realize there is all this opportunity. Scholarships really push students towards that—they inspire individuals to accomplish great things!" ■

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## A LEGACY OF INNOVATION

On May 25th, 2012, **Theodore Rosenfeld** (pictured on page 2 with Don and Julie Wade), a cognitive systems student at UBC, became the first recipient of the Andrew Wade Scholarship.

"Personally, intellectually, and academically I owe a debt to Andrew," says Theo. "But this award is also meaningful to me as I have a young son. This means fewer hours to work paying tuition and more time to spend with my son. It is such a gift."

"The mastery it takes to create something that wasn't there before—my brother seemed to be a genius at that," exclaims Andrew's sister Laura. "I hope this award goes to more people like Theo who can build upon Andrew's work."

Although Andrew's life was short, he blazed a trail of progress that promises to improve the human condition. As a tribute to Andrew, Laura named her new son Drake Andrew Wade Jaster. ■

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"I have a very, very strong belief that fostering education is the single most important thing we can do for society," emphasizes Jim. "Young people should have the opportunity to receive a good education and go on to whatever career they might choose—business, academics, trades, or whatever. I think education is of paramount importance to leavening society, breaking the poverty cycle, and so on."

After a successful first year at UBC, Lauren continues to work towards her goal of becoming an international development and aid worker and is interning with the Africa Canada Accountability Coalition.

For Lauren, giving to UBC is much more than a charitable act: "I would call it an investment as opposed to a donation," she says. "Students have a lot of passion and the ability to make changes that can affect generations. It's an investment in community." ■

# 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.

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