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UBC STUDENT MAKES SEISMIC WAVES

As a graduate student in the emerging field of earthquake engineering, **Lisa Tobber's** (pictured above) rocketing trajectory has made her one to watch. Lisa was recently awarded the Westcoast Energy Inc. First Nations Fellowship, a distinct surprise for the student who never planned to attend university.

"It's just not common in my family," states Lisa. "I have five siblings, and I'm the only one to do post-secondary."

In May 2012, Lisa completed her Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering with Distinction. She's currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Applied Science. Her area of expertise is the structural fuse concept.

"Think about a fuse in a house," explains Lisa. "If the system overloads, the fuse will break. In earthquake engineering, the fuse concept refers to structures designed so the seismic energy is directed towards a particular component that breaks, hopefully sparing the structure. My research focuses on how to create these fuses out of simple, common components, like I-beams."

Lisa became interested in engineering after graduating from high school in Smithers, BC. "I went to work for a construction company. I was doing administration, but I kept trying to push my way into engineering work."

While Lisa was eventually promoted to a coordination position, her supervisors urged her to get a degree on the basis her career would advance faster. It made sense, so Lisa began doing some prerequisites online and enrolled in college. One year later, she was balancing a full course load at UBC.

"UBC has terrific professors," says Lisa. "My mentor, Dr. Tony Yang, has supported me so much. He hired me for work study and exposed me to all sorts of different parts associated with seismic engineering and structural engineering."

Lisa's work could potentially make Vancouver a safer place to live and save a lot of lives. While she emphatically states that she was ready to complete her degree under any circumstances, she is grateful for the positive impact of the awards on her academic career.

"I worked every year of my undergrad except my last year," says Lisa. "It's hard trying to do courses and work as well. Getting this financial assistance was really great because it allowed me to focus on my studies. I couldn't have done that without support." ■

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THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER REWARDING YEAR



It has been another remarkable year for student support here at the University of British Columbia. Thanks to your considerable generosity, more than 5,000 awards were assigned to students in recognition of their achievements, leadership, and/or financial need. With your support, UBC raised more than \$17 million toward student awards and created an outstanding 125 new awards on campus.

Education has the power to change the world, which is why supporting students is a fundamental part of UBC's *start an evolution* campaign. The university strives to create an exceptional learning environment in which students become world-changing thinkers, groundbreaking researchers, and engaged global citizens. Student awards ensure that all

learners—regardless of their financial situation—can access the transformative learning experiences offered at UBC and help to advance a civil and sustainable society.

This year, a broad range of awards was created, from helping students learn in the local forestry industry to sending medical students around the world to broaden the scope of their education. This is just the beginning of what we can do together: continued funding is crucial to ensure that every qualified student can gain an invaluable UBC education.

In the following pages, students and donors share their personal stories that reveal the impact receiving and giving student financial support has had on their lives; we hope you enjoy learning about these transformational experiences.

We are tremendously grateful to donors like you who help the university meet its key commitment to student financial support. Thank you for helping to *start an evolution*.

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

FRIEDMAN AWARD WINNER BOUND FOR BORDEAUX



Photo courtesy of Martin Dee

It was the strength of the programs that drew **William Guest** (above) to UBC. "I felt the opportunities I would have to combine medical training with graduate training were very good," explains the Winnipeg native.

With a string of achievements that would leave TV's beloved *Big Bang Theory* quartet banished to remedial classes, Will is set to become the youngest graduate from UBC's combined MD/PhD program. He's been instrumental in developing an algorithm that may help diagnose neurodegenerative disorders. As this year's recipient of the Friedman Travel Award, Will plans to take a medical course in Bordeaux next spring.

The scholarship, created by **Dr. Sydney Friedman**, aims to help graduate students in the health sciences enrich and expand their perspectives through international travel.

"It's unique for someone to say they're willing to support your travel endeavours," says Will. "For me, this was an invitation to think broadly and creatively about things I would like to do—on a personal and professional level."

Will is currently participating in a residency program in radiology and aspires to do a neuroradiology fellowship down the road. "I'd like to continue my training but find opportunities to interface it with clinically relevant research," says the scholar, who hopes to buff up on his French during his travels.

"Programs like Friedman Travel Awards give students the opportunity to have unique, life-enriching experiences above and beyond what the regular curriculum provides," says Will. "Donors who provide support are giving students opportunities that would not be available without their generosity." ■

NURSING AWARD MARKS MILESTONE BIRTHDAY

The **Lynn Fairey** Award in Nursing was established by **Dr. Randall Fairey**, a former Associate Professor of UBC who was looking for a milestone birthday gift that celebrated his wife's lifelong interest in psychiatric nursing as well as her "altruistic and giving nature."

"I was always interested in people and how their minds work," explains Lynn, who compassionately cared for seniors and others coping with a range of mental illnesses for most of her life.

After graduating from the School of Nursing at Vancouver General Hospital in 1967, Lynn went to work in the psychiatric unit. It was there she met Randall.

"He was a third year medical student, and I was working the evening shift," remembers Lynn. "We were among the first nurses not to wear uniforms, so he had to ask someone who I was. Anyway, I invited him to have a cup of coffee with me, and that's how we met."

Years later, Randall was building a distinguished career as UBC's first graduate to specialize in radiation oncology when Lynn decided to go back to school.

"I had a certificate in nursing from Vancouver General, but I didn't have a degree," she explains. "I enrolled at the ripe old age of—well, my late forties. UBC's School of Nursing was very encouraging. Their attitude was it's never too late."

Shortly after Lynn completed her Bachelors of Science degree, Randall was recruited to Kelowna as the Professional Practice Leader in Radiation Oncology. The family relocated, and Lynn accepted a position in Mental Health Services where she worked until she retired in 2008.

"Lynn not only looked after nursing care for psychiatry, she was also very interested in the nursing and medical assessment of patients," says Randall. "I always admired her kind and generous way with patients, particularly psychiatry patients who are often marginalized."

The Fairey Fund will support a \$1500 award to a fourth year nursing student interested in psychiatry or seniors' mental health. The award will be made upon recommendation of the Faculty.

"I wouldn't be where I am today without UBC," says Randall. "I think it's offered me a quality of education that's second to none. That often spurred me—from working at the BC Cancer Agency, my appointment in the Department of Surgery, becoming an associate professor—it's been the foundation of my whole life for my career."

"You know, it's very difficult being a student, especially if you have family to support," adds Lynn. "I went back to school in my forties. Many of us had families. Some were single moms or dads. Some of the people in my class were not only looking after their own young families, they had elderly parents that needed care as well. So, they were caring for their families, caring for their parents, trying to go to school, and working at the same time."



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For Randall, the Lynn Fairey Nursing Award not only celebrates his wife's birthday—it's meant to honour her legacy by encouraging a new generation of nurses. "This is something enduring that reflects her generous nature. It's also meant to encourage students who show kindness, interest, and aptitude in looking after difficult or challenging patients."

And how does Lynn feel about her present?

"I loved doing this," she says. "Obviously my husband continued to support me when I was a student. I did work a little part time, but I didn't have to in order to pay the bills. Many of my classmates had to work no matter what was happening. I think any sort of financial help for students is very important and very welcome." ■

NEW AWARDS

APPROVED BY SENATE IN THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR

UBC Vancouver Campus

APPLIED SCIENCE

Fluor Canada Ltd. Scholarship in Electrical Engineering
Carol Lynn Smith Memorial Award in Engineering
Faculty of Applied Science International Student Scholarship
Lorne Bohlman Memorial Bursary
Engineering Undergraduate Society Community Contribution Award
Ausenco Women in Chemical Engineering Prize
Thomas Bennett Student Enrichment Memorial Awards in Chemical and Biological Engineering
Roy A. Stuart and Family Engineering Scholarship
Ronald B. Howard Memorial Bursary in Architecture
Fluor Canada Ltd. Scholarship in Civil Engineering
Conetec Geotechnical Award in Engineering
Allnorth Award of Excellence in Engineering
N. G. Chakrabarti and Aparna Chakrabarti Memorial Scholarship in Engineering
Fluor Canada Ltd. Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering
Charles Nesbitt Memorial Bursary in Mechanical Engineering
Charles Nesbitt Memorial Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering

ARTS

Undergraduate Arts Co-op Student of the Year Award
Canadian Asia Pacific School Society Leadership Award in Asian Studies
Charles Kim Student Mobility Award in Arts
Faculty of Arts International Student Scholarship
Sanderson Family Service Award in Arts
Dream Catcher Scholarship in Theatre
Random House/Hazlitt Award in Creative Writing
Orville Lloyd Wilmot Memorial Scholarship in History
School of Music International Student Scholarship
Eleanor Gray Memorial Scholarship in Music
Norah Mansell Music Scholarship
Elliot Weisgarber Memorial Scholarship in Music
Kao Shao Ching Graduate Travel Award in Art History
Patsy and David Heffel Award in Art History
Brian McIlroy Scholarship in Film Studies

ATHLETICS

David Nelson Thunderbird Men's Basketball Award
Marlowe Hanson Memorial Men's Basketball Award
Twenty-8 Group Academic Achievement Award

Twenty-8 Group Leadership Award
Scott Dickens RBC Thunderbird Swimming Award

DENTISTRY

Impact of Ten Dental Hygiene Bursary
Impact of Ten Dental Hygiene Scholarship
Impact of Ten Dental Hygiene Award
A-Dec Community Service Award
Bites Institute Prize in Dentistry
Chrysalis Dental Centre Vancouver Prize in Dentistry
Vancouver and District Dental Society President's Award
Douglas H Johnston Bursary in Dentistry
John Douglas Waterfield Bursary
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EDUCATION

British Columbia Association of School Psychologists Bursary
Sopova, Marya (Shellard-Sopow) Education Bursary
Laura de Jong Memorial Bursary in Special Education
Lena and Theo Thiessen Memorial Service Award in Education
Langdale Graduate Scholarships in Education for Teachers of Students with Visual Impairments
Suzanne Lee Teachers' Education Bursary
School of Kinesiology International Student Scholarship
School of Kinesiology Entrance Award for Aboriginal Students

FORESTRY

Class of 1961 Forestry Award
Dave Husby TLA Scholarship in Forest Operations
Faculty of Forestry International Student Scholarship

GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

ORW Opportunities through Rehabilitation and Work Society Graduate Award
Holia Chow Memorial Scholarship
Kathleen Simpson Memorial Graduate Scholarship
Montalbano Scholars Fellowship
Rev. Dr. Bernard J. O'Connor Scholarship
Constance Livingstone-Friedman and Sydney Friedman Foundation Scholarship in Health Sciences

LAND AND FOOD SYSTEMS

Noel Roddick Service Award
Dave Currey Award in Applied Biology
Faculty of Land and Food Systems International Student Scholarship

LAW

Law Faculty Scholarship
LL.M. (Common Law) Degree Bursary
Hon Justice Grant Burnyeat Award in Law
Law Foundation of British Columbia Entrance Award
Lerif Patzer LLB'51 Bursary
Dolden Wallace Folick LLP Law Bursary
Brian Tsuji Graduating Award in Law
UBC Law Student Emergency Award

MEDICINE

Lifemark Health Award in Leadership, Clinical Excellence & Innovation in Occupational Therapy
Global Health Travel Award
Medicine Class of 1979 Entrance Scholarship in Public Health
Outstanding Clinical and Ethical Performance in Cardiology Award
The Colin & Lois Pritchard Foundation Bursary
Marie Kendall Memorial Scholarship in Medicine
Casiro Family Island Medical Program Award
Lillian Halberg Southern Medical Program Bursary
Willard Kitchen Memorial Fund (Judith Jardine)
Ronnie Miller Graduate Scholarship in Personalized Medicine
Lifemark Health Award in Leadership, Clinical Excellence & Innovation in Physical Therapy

OPEN

Knight Family Centenary Scholarship for Aboriginal Students
International Undergraduate Award in Psychology, Anthropology and Commerce
Undergraduate Bursary in Psychology, Anthropology and Commerce
Margaret E. Barr Bigelow Memorial Scholarship
Janet Fleck Ladner Bursary
Marie Kendall Memorial Bursary
Rose Watters and Nora Piggott Memorial Bursary
Harvey Crute Memorial Bursary
Prem Kalia Memorial Bursary
Miller Thomson Foundation Entrance Scholarship
Harold Davenport Bursary
UBC International Community Achievement Award (Vancouver campus)

PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Pharmaceutical Sciences Rural Communities Placement Award
Marcel St. Jean Award in Pharmaceutical Sciences
Calvin Sawyer Memorial Scholarship in Pharmaceutical Sciences

SAUDER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dan Muzyka Head of the Class Award in Commerce
Association of Women in Finance Graduate Scholarship
Daniel J. Grimble Memorial Bursary
Daniel F. Muzyka Award in Entrepreneurship
Greg Yen Scholarship for Excellence in Finance
Sauder School of Business International Student Scholarship
Costco Entrance Award in Business
Harry L. Kostman 80th Anniversary Memorial Entrance Scholarship in Commerce
Sean Gilbert - MacKay LLP Memorial Award
Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs Award in Business
Cloverdale Paint Community Service and Entrepreneurship Award in Commerce
Arthur Beedle Case Competition Awards

SCIENCE

Don West Memorial Bursary
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David J. Coffin Memorial Bursary in Geology
Birgit and Ingrid Currey Award in Nursing
Eric Walter Mountjoy Memorial Scholarship
Scott Mallinson Bursary in Speech Pathology
Schulich Leader Scholarships
Andrew Wade Memorial Award in Visual Analytics
Marie Kendall Memorial Scholarship in Science
Faculty of Science International Student Scholarship
Aboriginal Student Bursary in Science
Dr. John Leonard Snyder Memorial Chemistry Bursary

UBC Okanagan Campus

APPLIED SCIENCE

Randall and Claudia Findlay Bursary in Engineering
Richard S. Hallisey Scholarship in Engineering
Corbishley Bursary in Engineering

ATHLETICS

Yawney Family Varsity Athletics Award

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Jody Rud Memorial Award in Social Work

MANAGEMENT

MacKay LLP and CAEF Achievement Award in Accounting



Photo courtesy of Gary and Louise Kenwood

FORESTRY AWARD SUPPORTS ABORIGINAL CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

UBC Forestry alumni, **Gary Kenwood** firmly believes that “forests are everyone’s heritage” and that young people are our future. To that end, Gary and his wife **Louise** have acted on those beliefs with a gift to support undergraduate students.

Gary was raised in Maple Ridge, BC, where he camped and hiked in Golden Ears Provincial Park throughout his youth. “I really loved the outdoors, so when it came time to go to university it felt natural to study forestry at UBC,” he says.

After graduating in 1961, Gary worked briefly for MacMillan Bloedel, then spent time traveling in Europe. Upon returning to Vancouver he joined Reid, Collins and Associates where he eventually became a partner. About the same time he met Louise, then a nurse at Vancouver General Hospital, and they were married in 1968.

Now retired, Gary and Louise are doting grandparents, keen travellers and engaged volunteers. They have remained connected with UBC Forestry over the years, attending the Dean’s annual alumni events and helping coordinate the 50th anniversary reunion of the Class of ‘61.

“We’ve donated regularly to Forestry and other UBC Faculties,” Gary says, “but we were looking to make a gift that would be more personal and meaningful to us.” Louise adds, “We were both taught growing up that it’s important to give back in support of your community.

“Treaty negotiations and court rulings in BC suggest to us that Aboriginal people will and should be more directly involved in all aspects of resource use and management, and forests are an important part of their heritage,” Gary explains. “When the Faculty suggested there was a need for specific support of Aboriginal students studying forestry, we jumped on it.”

The Gary and Louise Kenwood Forestry Award for undergraduate students, first disbursed in September 2012, is given with priority to Aboriginal students but if there are none eligible in a year it is awarded to students with a demonstrated interest in Aboriginal issues.

“It’s not a scholarship; it’s an award for well-rounded students,” Gary stresses. “We want to support students who are doing well academically but who also are involved in all aspects of their community.”

A visit to Haida Gwaii with the UBC Alumni Travel Program reinforced Gary and Louise’s decision to establish the award. “Support needs to go to the young people who will impact the future of their forest resources,” Gary says.

The trip was inspirational for Louise. “We were so impressed with the young Haida people and their understanding of the importance of retaining their cultural heritage that we knew our decision to support students in this area was the right one.” ■

MEMORIAL AWARD CELEBRATES LITERATURE PROF

"It all started with a book," says **Esther Steinberg** (at right) as she explains how she met her late husband, **Dr. Moses "Mo" Wolfe Steinberg**. "We met because he wanted to borrow a book from me."



Photo courtesy of Don Erhardt

While all this was just a ploy according to their son **Daniel**, Dr. Steinberg certainly appreciated a good story. During his 52-year tenure at UBC, Dr. Steinberg instilled thousands with the love of literature. After passing on, friends and family decided to commemorate his life by establishing the Professor Mo Steinberg Memorial Award in English Literature.

Dr. Steinberg was the type of person who always made time for students. "When he stayed in his office, his door was slightly open—not closed," says Esther. "He had an open door and he would talk to students." For his dedication and expertise, he was twice honored as a Master Teacher.

Outside of classes, Dr. Steinberg served on the Senate and the Board of Governors. He was responsible in part for the Arts One Program, and he co-authored *Discipline and Discovery*, which set new directions for the University. "He was very active in the community, which is why the award is set up the way it is," explains Daniel.

The Professor Mo Steinberg Memorial Award in English Literature is presented to a student who best exemplifies academic excellence and the attributes of good citizenship. The recommendation is made by the Department, in consultation with the Faculty of Graduate Studies for grad students.

According to Esther, establishing the award is something her husband would have wanted. "He understood through personal

experience and from watching students how tired they sometimes were. Some of them worked all night just to earn a few dollars. Then they had to go back and do homework. He wanted to help. He enjoyed his career very much, and he wanted to give something back."

Esther is hopeful the award will make university more fulfilling for recipients. "Perhaps it will ease them a little bit from having to take full time jobs," she says. "It's a financial help, so they can enjoy their studies more."

Dr. Steinberg's generous spirit helped shaped the literature department at UBC. For a mentor who helped so many students achieve their own happy endings, the Professor Mo Steinberg Memorial Award is a fitting and inspirational tribute.

"He was a powerful teacher," says Esther. "He'd come out sometimes and he'd say: 'And they pay me for this—I enjoy it so much, I should pay them.'" ■



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THE RHETORIC OF HEALTH CARE

PhD student **Monica Brown** was delighted to become this year's recipient of the Moses Steinberg Memorial Award in English Literature.

As a blossoming rhetorical critic, Monica studies how messaging around public health campaigns is used and interpreted. She's specifically looking at campaigns that try to encourage members of the public to take some kind of action—like getting a flu shot or immunizing small children.

"I'm really interested in our beliefs about health care and how they influence our relationships with one another," explains Monica. "I see public campaigns as one of the ways those beliefs take hold."

For Monica, winning the award provided a boost of confidence. She immediately sent a thank you letter to Esther Steinberg, widow to Professor Steinberg, and was thrilled to receive a card a week later.

"I appreciated knowing that she and her family genuinely supported my research," says Monica. "It really impressed upon me the significance of the family's commitment to the Department of English at UBC. This connection makes me feel like I'm a part of that legacy."

Monica admits the award came as a surprise. However, Esther Steinberg praised her work saying that it was important to have a model for being critical about the messages surrounding public health.

"I think she was also the one who pointed out that good citizenship is part of the award," says Monica, "and that's a big element of my work."

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.

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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