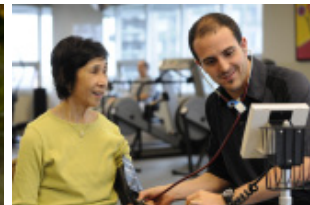




# UBC in Your Community

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## People

As of Nov. 2011

	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATES	TOTAL STUDENTS	FACULTY + STAFF
Vancouver Campus	38,447	9,997	48,444	20,166
Okanagan Campus	7,249	689	7,938	1,070

### Students

UBC is committed to ensuring that students have the opportunity to engage with the world around them. This commitment means students like Port Coquitlam's **Sean Fitzgerald**, recipient of a BC Aboriginal Scholarship Award through the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society, will be able to explore the world through UBC's Go Global programs, or gain valuable volunteer experience through UBC's Community Learning Initiative and Co-op Programs. UBC supports students, whichever path they decide to take, as they expand their learning outside the classroom.

### Alumni

UBC's alumni support many of our student programs on campus: it is their ties to the business community that help create co-op and internship opportunities; it is alumni who are contributing to and supporting the entrepreneurship@UBC initiative; and it is our alumni who return to be mentors to the future of BC's communities – students. The contributions of UBC alumni can be found in every corner of the province; in Port Moody, alumnus **Robert Nakagawa** (BSc Pharm'80) works as a pharmacist and as the Registrar at the College of Pharmacists of BC. Robert was formerly the Assistant Deputy Minister of Pharmaceutical Services in the BC Ministry of Health and is also a runner, music lover, photographer and computer enthusiast.



## Community Connections

UBC supports numerous local outreach programs and research projects in a wide range of areas including water and forest management, oral health and rural education.

### Partnering to Improve Dental Health

Students in the Immigrant Services Society (ISS) of BC's English Language Services for Adult (ELSA) class are now more aware of proper dental hygiene and the community-based dental care programs available to them thanks to a group of UBC dental hygiene students. Three teams of students designed lessons in oral health care and delivered them to ELSA classes in New Westminister. This past year was the first time the students travelled to New Westminister to participate in the community-based outreach initiative (past outreach activities have taken place in Vancouver). The collaboration between UBC's Faculty of Dentistry and ISS of BC not only helps to meet the oral health needs of Metro Vancouver's local immigration population but also introduces students to the region's diverse community.

### New Westminister-based Master's in Early Childhood Education

Through its External Programs and Learning Technologies department, UBC offers a Master's in Education in Early Childhood Education. This program is currently underway in New Westminister and provides an opportunity for participants to explore issues in early childhood research, theory and practice. The early childhood graduate program is an interdisciplinary cross-departmental program and can be completed in 2.5 years with courses scheduled to accommodate practicing teachers and administrators. An online program will start in September 2012. The goal of the External Programs and Learning Technologies department is to work collaboratively with academic units in the Faculty of Education and outside groups to offer innovative programs that respond to the learning needs of educators in BC.

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#### DID YOU KNOW?

**While UBC's community contributions are felt most widely in BC, students and faculty members are also contributing to global well-being. Through UBC's International Service Learning program, students are travelling to countries around the world to work on a range of projects. For example, one group of UBC students partnered with local communities in Mexico to develop clean energy technology. Meanwhile, UBC professors and staff are contributing their time and expertise to programs like the African Institute of Mathematical Sciences.**

#### More Community Connections

To learn more about what UBC is doing in communities throughout BC, please contact us at [your.community@ubc.ca](mailto:your.community@ubc.ca) or visit [governmentrelations.ubc.ca/ubc-in-your-community](http://governmentrelations.ubc.ca/ubc-in-your-community).