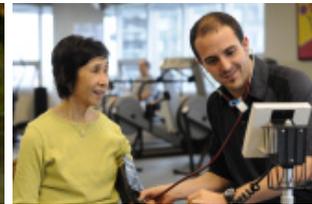




UBC in Your Community

Vernon – Monashee

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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 Lumby's **Amanda Neufeld**, a Science student at UBC's Okanagan campus and 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 work and 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 Vernon, Law alumnus **Jonathan Jones** is a partner at Nixon Wenger LLP. Jonathan advises businesses and individuals throughout the Okanagan and is also an active member of the community, serving as a member of the Kalamalka Rotary Club and as an advisor to the Community Future Business Exchange Program.



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.

Dental Residents in Vernon

Residents from UBC's Faculty of Dentistry's General Practice Residency Program can now include Vernon's First Nations Friendship Centre in their rotations. The Centre, located in downtown Vernon, opened its new Community Dental Access Centre in spring 2011. Dental residents rotating to the clinic provide necessary care to individuals in the North Okanagan area who are experiencing dental pain or infection, but who cannot afford treatment in a private clinic. Fourth-year dental and dental hygiene students are also planned for rotations to this clinic site, to broaden their scope of educational experience and community service.

Strengthening Community Agriculture

For the third year in a row, students in UBC's Land and Food Systems 350 course partnered with Okanagan College to help develop the Demonstration Garden located in Vernon. The LFS students researched how to make the garden useful to farmers in the Okanagan region and how it could be integrated with and supported by the Regional District of North Okanagan's composting and water saving initiatives. In 2010/11, 1,642 UBC students participated in curricular community service learning and community-based research through the UBC-Community Learning Initiative and the UBC Learning Exchange. These students worked with 90 non-profit organizations, 23 public schools and 21 small- to medium-sized businesses.

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 or visit governmentrelations.ubc.ca/ubc-in-your-community.