



UBC in **Your** Community

Vancouver

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People

<i>As of Sept. 2012</i>	NEW UNDERGRADS	TOTAL UNDERGRADS	TOTAL GRAD STUDENTS	TOTAL STUDENTS
Vancouver Campus	6,324	38,388	10,380	48,768
Okanagan Campus	1,933	7,652	655	8,307

Students

UBC students are taking their knowledge and skills and working on real-world challenges. Through experiences facilitated by UBC, students are putting their education into action locally, nationally and internationally. **Alia Dharamsi** is the winner of the 2011 BC Community Achievement Award and YWCA Young Woman of Distinction Award and the 2012 UBC Outstanding Future Alumnus Award. The third-year medical student has volunteered at Canuck Place, founded UBC's Meal Exchange and fundraised for a number of organizations in Vancouver. She is now working with other UBC medical students to raise BC high school students' awareness of international health issues and to date has worked with students at Magee Secondary School and Crofton House in Vancouver.

Alumni

UBC alumni comprise a global network of over 269,000 people in more than 135 countries, with most of our alumni putting their skills to work right here in BC. Our alumni are connecting with the communities where they live - creating businesses, engaging children and keeping community members healthy. UBC alumna **Linda Cheung** (BSN '06, MSN '10) is the Interim-Director of Patient Safety, Quality and Accreditation at the BC Centre for Disease Control. Her strive for excellence and quality care within the healthcare system was recognized with a College of Registered Nurses of BC Rising Star Award in 2010.



Community Connections

Vancouver Street Soccer League

This past summer, a UBC psychiatry resident was nominated as the MLS W.O.R.K.S 2012 Community MVP by the Vancouver Whitecaps FC for his work with the homeless in the Vancouver Street Soccer League. **Dr. Alan Bates** signed up as a volunteer with Vancouver's first street soccer team the Vancouver Dreamcatchers four years ago, and has been volunteering every Sunday since. As President of the League, Alan grew it to ten teams, including teams for women, new immigrants, street youth and First Nations players. His research about Street Soccer has demonstrated that players find better housing, gain employment, reduce drug use, make friends and build confidence amongst other benefits. A number of medical students and medical residents will be engaging with the League this year thanks to funding from a UBC grant and work by ex-national team player and UBC medical student **Sari Raber**.

Healthy Athletes Screening Day

In February 2012, students from the Faculty of Medicine in collaboration with Special Olympics of British Columbia (SOBC) held the 2nd Annual Healthy Athletes Screening Day, a health-promotions fair for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The fair was a lively day-long event consisting of several stations run by students and professionals from many different healthcare fields. Activities included eye examinations, dental check-ups, feet & gait assessments and hearing tests, as well as interactive booths focusing on nutrition, sun safety, good hydration and blood pressure screening. Fourth-year medical students **Nazgol Seyednejad**, **Ely Goldberg**, and **Andrea Lee** started the Healthy Athletes Screening Day initiative in 2010 after recognizing that many people with intellectual disabilities have challenges accessing good health care. This year approximately 180 individuals were able to participate thanks to over 150 volunteers - medical professionals, UBC medical, dental, and audiology students and members from the Vancouver Police Department - who made it all happen.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2010, UBC established the [entrepreneurship@UBC](#) initiative to support the entrepreneurial goals of students, recent alumni, staff and faculty on campus. The initiative provides educational opportunities, space, capital, services, mentorship and networks to help UBC's entrepreneurs succeed. The \$10 million entrepreneurship@UBC Seed Accelerator Fund, launched in partnership with alumni and the BC Innovation Council, anchors the initiative and invests in emerging companies that have their roots at UBC.

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.