

JIBC 2011-2012 Annual Report



Making Communities Safe

The theme of this 2011-2012 annual report – making communities safe – reflects the dedicated work of our graduates. Whether on patrol in downtown Vancouver, building bridges of reconciliation in remote Yukon communities, or delivering critical medical support in Afghanistan, JIBC graduates are ready and committed to helping individuals and communities around the world prepare for, respond to, and recover from critical incidents and disasters.

Executive Message.



Retired JIBC President Jack McGee & Past Chair, JIBC Board of Governors, Mary Manning.

Committed to educational excellence.

More than ever, today's justice, public and community safety professionals require education and training that is relevant, timely and responsive to the needs of individuals, businesses and communities here in British Columbia, nationally and internationally.

Executive Message

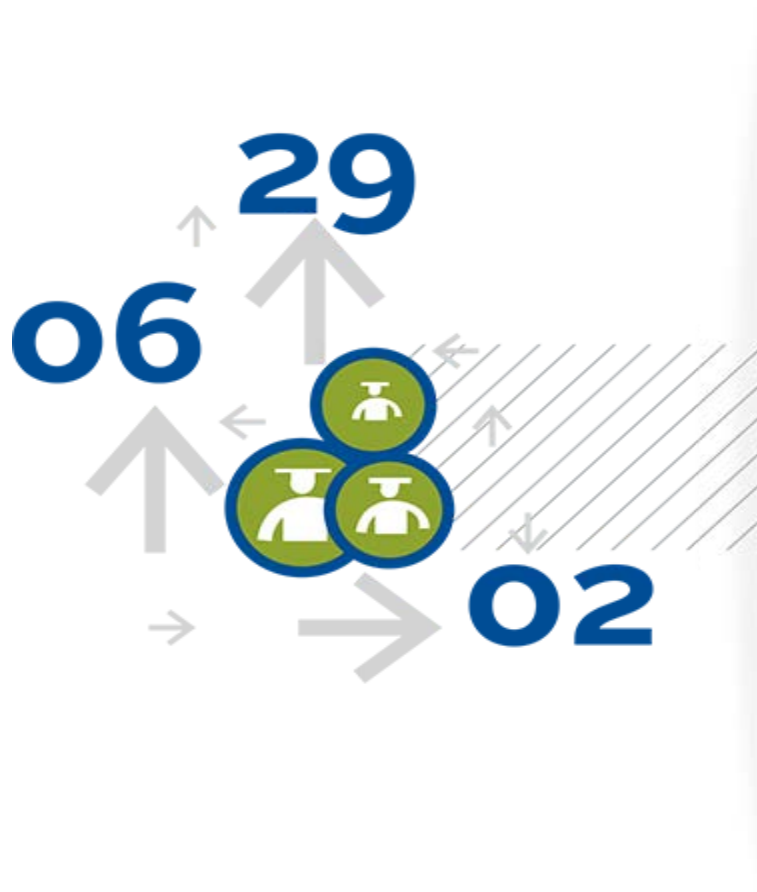
JIBC remains committed to preparing students to meet real-world challenges by offering innovative courses and programs that meet labour market needs and lead to certificates, diplomas, bachelor's degrees, as well as graduate credentials in a range of justice and public safety disciplines.

This Annual Report, in a new digital format, highlights some of the Institute's significant accomplishments, and illustrates the concrete steps being taken to ensure that our communities are served by the finest justice and public safety professionals and volunteers.

The stories and successes chronicled in this report are only made possible through the continued support and contribution of students, partners, faculty, staff and other stakeholders. We look forward to the continued spirit of collaboration, contribution and collegiality that drive us to deliver on our mission to provide "Innovative education for those who make communities safe".

On a more personal note, this Annual Report also represents a significant point of transition for both of us as well as the Institute, as our tenures as President and Chair come to a close in 2012. As this chapter closes in our lives, we look forward to the yet-to-be-written chapters in the unfolding story of this invaluable asset to the safety and security of our community.

Program Expansion.



Offering a choice of 29 undergraduate certificates, 6 diplomas and 2 degrees.

Responding to evolving education needs.

JIBC is committed to serving the justice and public safety needs of communities across BC. Innovative new programs have been launched that will help ensure public safety professionals and volunteers have access to the most current theory and practice in their fields.

JIBC Academic Plan

JIBC's Board of Governors approved the Institute's Academic Plan 2010-2013, which outlines the Institute's educational philosophy and learning model, goals, and priorities. The Plan expands upon the vision, mission, values, trends, and strategic directions outlined in JIBC's 2010-2015 Strategic Plan, as they apply to teaching and learning initiatives, and focuses on ensuring those efforts are:

- Grounded in the needs of the professions served by JIBC.
- Aligned across the Institute.
- Enhanced by an externally focused, cross-institutional foundation.

- Aligned with government service plans.

The Academic Plan outlines four thematic goals:

- JIBC will work toward increasing student access to programs regionally, provincially, nationally and internationally.
- JIBC will expand academic programs to include both undergraduate and graduate studies and applied research.
- JIBC will focus on inter-professional education programming that is flexible and response to future labour market needs.
- JIBC will focus on enhanced learning technology in all program areas.

The Academic Plan also outlines how JIBC's Schools of Community & Social Justice, Health Sciences, and Public Safety & Security, and the Institute's Offices of Applied Research & Graduate Studies, will address the thematic goals.

Traffic Safety & Injury Prevention Centre



Emergency vehicle drivers require highly developed decision-making skills and quick reactions and must balance the pressure to respond quickly, with the need to maintain safety. Thanks to \$917,000 in funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education, British Columbia now has a permanent facility to learn and practice vehicle control skills, proper stopping, and skid-control techniques: the JIBC Traffic Safety & Injury Prevention Centre, at Pitt Meadows Regional Airport.

The April 12, 2012 launch of the Traffic Safety & Injury Prevention Centre – a driver education and research facility that is the first of its kind in Canada – provided an opportunity to showcase JIBC’s role in preparing emergency vehicle drivers and its vision to improve road safety and prevent traffic injuries. The Centre represents a significant step towards developing a comprehensive traffic safety and injury prevention educational facility that will encompass four pillars: education, engineering, investigation and enforcement, and applied research.

“The Justice Institute has an exceptional reputation as an emergency response trainer and is seen as a leader in public safety training,” said then Advanced Education Minister Naomi Yamamoto at the launch. “This new Traffic Safety & Injury Prevention Centre is an example of our government’s ongoing commitment to excellence in education and training right here in BC.”

Centre for Court Administration

Minister of Justice and Attorney General Shirley Bond, members of the judiciary, more than 40 court administration staff, and JIBC leaders participated in the official opening of the [Centre for Court Administration](#) (CCA) on April 3, 2012 at JIBC.

The CCA – a partnership between the Ministry of Justice and JIBC – will provide training for approximately 700 court administration staff, through individual online study and virtual classroom work, and at JIBC campuses. The BC Government has committed \$240,000 to assist with establishing the Centre and curriculum development. Court administration employees include court clerks, registry clerks and technicians, senior registry technicians, and managers.

“As we work together to deal with capacity issues in our justice system, it is investments and partnerships like these that will make a difference,” said Minister Bond. “Well-trained court administration staff is critical to an efficient and effective court process.”

“JIBC appreciates the significant opportunity to expand our role with the Ministry of Justice to provide court administration staff with the highest level of education and training possible,” said President Jack McGee. “We look forward to commencing classes in this important program and contributing to the quality of services delivered in courtrooms across the province.”

Student Success.



384 certificates, diplomas and degrees awarded to graduates in 2011/12.

Earning community trust.

Learning Life Lessons By JIBC graduate Jay Dunbar

I registered for JIBC's Certificate Program in [Conflict Resolution](#) in 1990. I thought I would like to work in the field of intervention and figured conflict resolution would be a most helpful skill set.

I grew up in a family where conflict was viewed in about the same light as pain – something to be avoided at all costs! I remember driving from Abbotsford to the old JIBC site at Jericho Hill basically shaking the whole way, wondering what I had got myself into.

The first day was quite overwhelming; having to talk to more than three people at a time was public speaking to me in those days. I survived day one and fought rush hour traffic back to Abbotsford and when I arrived home, found myself in a challenging situation with my daughter Sonya.

As I watched the situation spiralling downward into a very unhappy experience for both of us, a little voice in my head said, "What did you learn today about conflict? So, I said something like, "So what I hear you saying is you're feeling upset because I'm always on your case about ...?" She looked at me and said, "Dad, that's exactly how I feel!" All defensiveness and rebellion

disappeared, and we had a wonderful time connecting over a difficult situation unlike any we had ever experienced before. I was sold on this conflict resolution stuff from that point forward!

I completed the Certificate Program in Conflict Resolution in 1993 and never looked back. I believe this set the stage for my progression through the ranks and over the years I received many promotions and eventually retired as Regional Manager of the Project Delivery group with the Ministry of Transportation. More important were the benefits that accrued to our family life. I doubt we would have made it through nearly as well without the valuable lessons learned at JIBC.

My daughter, Sonya Swift, is employed in a management position with Sechelt Nation. It is exciting to see her using all the ‘home schooling’ she received in her youth and taking it to the next level by taking JIBC’s [Foundations of Effective Management & Leadership Certificate program](#). I can’t say enough about how much I and my family have benefitted from the life changing experience of my JIBC education and training. I have recommended it over the years to all my colleagues and staff and will continue to do so.

Making the world a better place

At two Convocation ceremonies at JIBC’s New Westminster campus on May 31, 2012, close to 300 students graduated with well-earned diplomas and certificates.

Actor, producer, and Parkinson’s activist Michael J. Fox, and retired Canadian Major General and former JIBC Board of Governors Chair Val Pattee received [honorary degrees](#) at the ceremonies.

Geoffrey Wilson, who graduated with a [Foundations of Effective Management & Leadership Certificate](#) from the [School of Community & Social Justice](#), said he chose JIBC to support his transition from a technical engineering to a management role. Geoffrey said he wanted to enhance his skills in self-improvement and fostering team development. “I have better leadership skills at work, and it has also helped inter-personal relationships with friends and family,” said Geoffrey.

Jesse Sheridan, a graduate of the [Primary Care Paramedic \(PCP\) program](#) in the [School of Health Sciences](#), said a lesson he learned early in his preceptorship was the importance of non-medical support that paramedics provide. “We can be so focused on treating patients that we forget we’re treating people,” he said. “It’s important to remember that we can go beyond the fancy equipment and medications by providing compassion and understanding, and being somebody they can talk to.”

Peter Majer, a graduate of the [Law Enforcement Studies Diploma \(LESD\)](#) in the [School of Public Safety & Security](#), noted the bond between all of the graduates at Convocation. “While not all of us here graduating today are pursuing the same career, there is one common interest among us all. And that is the safety and security of the public, whether it is controlling hazards, preventing crime, or assisting in the rehabilitation of offenders.”

Our turn to be the future

JIBC graduates assembled at Burnaby's Michael J. Fox Theatre on January 18 for the 2012 Winter Convocation celebrating the completion of their studies. They shared the stage with [honorary degree recipients](#) Dr. Irving K. Barber, business leader and philanthropist, and Dr. Mike Harcourt, former BC Premier, and speaker, author, and advisor internationally on sustainable cities.

Ron Dean Harris, speaking on behalf of graduates from JIBC's [School of Community & Social Justice](#), said his perspectives broadened after completing the [Aboriginal Leadership Certificate](#) program. "I can admit that when I first joined the Aboriginal Leadership program, my ideas on Aboriginal leadership were different than they are today. In this program, I have been given the opportunity to learn more than a few different ways and avenues for finding my own excellence within leadership."

Daniel Leighton a graduate of the [School of Public Safety & Security](#), said: "The Justice Institute has been my lifeline to education because of the high quality educational programs they offer." Daniel, Fire Chief and Emergency Coordinator for the District of Logan Lake in BC's southern interior, graduated with an [Emergency Management Exercise Design Certificate](#).

[Advanced Care Paramedic](#) graduate John Merrett, speaking on behalf of [School of Health Sciences](#) graduates, said: "As much as we've studied some of the latest in paramedicine, now is the time that our real learning starts. It is our turn to be the future."

Law Enforcement Studies graduate working in surveillance

When Scott Sutherland learned about JIBC's [Law Enforcement Studies Diploma](#) (LESD), he knew it was the right program for him. Just one month after graduating from the program, Scott landed his first job in law enforcement as a surveillance operator with a casino. There, he has used skills learned at JIBC, such as how to communicate effectively, resolve ethical dilemmas, interact with the RCMP and municipal police, and work in computer investigations.

Scott was drawn to JIBC and the LESD program because the Institute trains municipal police recruits, offers a tight-knit environment and maintains smaller class sizes. "I never felt like a small fish in a large pond," says Scott. "The smaller classes were ideal to learn in, connect with instructors and get the support students need to become successful."

Faculty in the LESD program includes current and retired police officers and other instructors with law enforcement backgrounds. "The faculty in the LESD program were extremely enthusiastic and devoted to every topic they were teaching. They lived what they taught. Instead of just teaching out of a textbook, instructors brought in their experiences through stories, photos and videos."

Scott graduated from the program in May 2011, and received the Ingrid Pipke Memorial Award for maintaining the highest academic standing in his LESD cohort.

Earning community trust.

The success of JIBC is driven by the work of its graduates in the community. JIBC graduates enter professions that traditionally enjoy high degrees of public trust and they are challenged to maintain the high levels of trust earned by their predecessors. Many return to JIBC to enhance their knowledge, skills and competencies and advance their careers.

Applied Research.



**\$8.0
MILLION**

\$8 million secured research grants, contracts, and proposal commitments.

Promoting social change and social justice.

JIBC-led applied research projects lead to improvements in public policy, community awareness, field practice, and education and training for those who keep our communities safe.

Landmark report on domestic violence

Between January 2003 and August 2008, 73 of the 605 homicides committed in BC were the result of domestic violence. In a report titled “Domestic Violence Prevention and Reduction in British Columbia”, Katherine Rossiter reviews domestic violence prevention and reduction initiatives in BC, from 2000-2010, and makes the case for primary prevention strategies that address the root causes of crime and promote strategic investments in children and families.

The review was undertaken to support the work of the Violence Reduction Circle, a collaborative group of researchers, policy makers, clinicians, and service providers, hosted by the [Centre for the Prevention & Reduction of Violence](#) (CPRV) within JIBC’s [Office of Applied Research](#). Funding for the study was provided by CPRV through generous donations from the R. Howard Webster Foundation and the British Columbia Institute for Family Violence.

“This study will serve as a stimulus for ongoing, coordinated efforts to improve frontline practice, curriculum and program development, professional development, policy development, and public education in the area of domestic violence” says Dr. Greg Anderson, JIBC Dean of Applied Research & Graduate Studies. “It is another significant step towards our goal of making a substantive contribution to the prevention and reduction of violence, supporting those who are called to respond to the suffering of the victims and their families.”

Intimate partner violence in the South Asian community

The perspectives of 17 front-line practitioners, who share more than 200 years of experience working with South Asian male perpetrators of intimate partner violence, are chronicled in a research report co-authored by Gary Thandi and Bethan Lloyd: **“This is a man’s problem: Strategies for working with South Asian male perpetrators of intimate partner violence”**.

“There is very little research concerning intimate partner violence grounded in the experience of Punjabi Sikh and other South Asian men who are first generation Canadian immigrants,” says Thandi, lead researcher on the report and a sessional researcher in JIBC’s [Centre for Applied Research](#). “As a consequence, education and training programs for frontline practitioners – police officers, probation officers, social workers, counsellors, and psychologists – do not include the information they need when working with these communities.”

To help bridge this gap, Thandi created a composite case study – “The Singh Family” – based on the research and outlined what counsellors – and other frontline practitioners – require to deliver effective, culturally appropriate services to those, like the Singh family, who come to their offices.

According to Greg Anderson, JIBC's Dean of Applied Research & Graduate Studies: "The recommendations put forward in this report focus on very concrete actions that will help perpetrators, the community, and frontline practitioners to break the cycle of intimate partner violence."

Researching support for disaster victims and first responders

"They may put on a brave face, but often emergency response personnel are impacted by disaster themselves," says Colleen Vaughan, Director, JIBC [Emergency Management Division](#). "They focus their efforts on assisting others, while ignoring their own psychological and social needs."

Through a \$3.6 million project funded by the CBRNE Research and Technology Initiative (CRTI), JIBC, working with Health Canada's Emergency Preparedness and Occupational Health Directorate (EPOHD), will develop a web-based "Simulation and Training Exercise Collaboratory" (SIMTEC). The Collaboratory – an environment that makes use of computing and communication technologies to access shared instruments and data, as well as to communicate with others – will enhance psychosocial capacity and capability management relating to CBRNE incidents and other hazards.

"SIMTEC will provide a virtual laboratory of information, research, and expert dialogue focused on training and exercise for emergency responders and leadership, with a specific emphasis on the psychosocial implications of disasters for responders and civilians," says JIBC Research Chair Dr. Laurie Pearce, one of the project's Co-Principal Investigators.

Deliverables over the four-year project include a suite of exercises and psychosocial protocols, guidelines, and training for a range of emergency operations centre (EOC) personnel. The exercises, protocols, and guidelines developed during the project will be of interest and applicable to any jurisdiction with emergency management protocols that include an EOC.

JIBC achieves SSHRC and NSERC funding eligibility

JIBC is now eligible to administer funding from both the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), greatly expanding its access to research funding and partnership options.

"Adding SSHRC eligibility to our existing NSERC eligibility further strengthens our capacity for applied research," says JIBC President Jack McGee. "It provides researchers based at the Institute the opportunity to partner with a vast number of community-based organizations, and to strengthen relationships with existing collaborators."

SSHRC is a federal agency that supports research and training in the humanities and social sciences based at Canadian post-secondary institutions and non-profit organizations. As a SSHRC-eligible institution, JIBC researchers can apply for funding from the more than \$300 million in grants and scholarships awarded annually by the agency.

NSERC eligibility will help to attract researchers and projects from across the country that will inform public policy, increase public awareness, enhance justice and public safety curriculum, and leverage learning technologies and methodologies.

“Obtaining both SSHRC and NSERC eligibility is a significant accomplishment for JIBC,” says Dr. Greg Anderson, JIBC Dean of Applied Research & Graduate Studies. “It’s a testament to the strength of the research team we have built and will help develop the Institute as a centre for applied social science, humanities, and natural sciences research, which will enhance the safety and security of BC residents and communities.”

International Education.



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international students from 29 different countries registered in 2011/12.

Sharing our expertise globally.

The quality of education delivered by JIBC in communities across BC, and the vital work of our graduates in the field, have led to the Institute's programs being delivered nationally and internationally. Students from Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and China are among the international learners who have benefited from JIBC education and training.

Prepared to serve: UAE Fire graduates

On June 27, 2012 the JIBC proudly welcomed its newest alumni, when a group of students from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) received their Fire Service Leadership Diplomas. This occasion marked the culmination of years of hard work for the graduates, who have been studying in Canada since 2008. "We have finished something today," said valedictorian Ahmed Almessabi. "It took us a lot of time and effort to achieve this goal and this is not the end, but just the beginning."

These students are 14 of approximately 40 students from the UAE who have graduated from JIBC program since 2003. JIBC President Jack McGee thanked the graduates and noted that they "help us extend our international reputation for excellence well beyond the confines of Western Canada."

This long road may not be over for these students, who are waiting to hear if they will continue their studies with JIBC. Until then, these JIBC alumni have returned to the UAE and put their knowledge and skills to work, making an immediate contribution to the safety of their communities.

Beijing Emergency Medical Centre strategic alliance

JIBC and Beijing Emergency Medical Center (BEMC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will establish a strategic alliance between the two organizations. BEMC, established in 1983, operates Beijing's 120 emergency network dispatch and command system; provides emergency medical care, first aid, and emergency medical rescue; and provides training on emergency medical care and first aid. The MOU, signed at JIBC's New Westminster campus on July 9 by JIBC President Jack McGee and BEMC Director Mr. Li Wei, outlines an agreement to:

- Cooperate on pre-hospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS) education, such as the introduction of advanced paramedic courses and development of paramedic instructor education.
- Actively carry out discussion, organize seminars, and develop cooperation on scientific research related to pre-hospital emergency medical care.
- Jointly promote exchanges and cooperation between China and Canada's pre-hospital emergency medical care systems, focusing on medical assistance for large-scale disaster and Critical Care Transport care.

JIBC visited BEMC in November 2011 as part of Premier Christy Clark's BC Jobs and Trade Mission to China and India. JIBC also provided resuscitation training to BEMC emergency care personnel in the early 2000s.

"We are extremely pleased to be visiting the Justice Institute of British Columbia to learn about their paramedic programs as well as their emergency management curriculum," said Mr. Li Wei, President of the Emergency Medical Centre (First Aid Station) Branch of the Chinese Hospital Association and Director of the Beijing Emergency Medical Centre.

Building bridges to Asia

JIBC participated in a very productive BC Jobs and Trade Mission to Asia, led by Premier Christy Clark. JIBC initiated new partnerships and extended a number of existing arrangements with institutions in Asia.

"Having the Premier lead such a strong delegation, focused on both business and education and including JIBC, sent a powerful message to our partners that the Government of BC supports the Institute and welcomes students," said JIBC President Jack McGee.

Just prior to the trade mission, JIBC signed a multi-year agreement with the Singapore Armed Forces to deliver a Diploma in Health Sciences (Emergency Medical Services). The Institute also met with the Hong Kong Fire Services Department Ambulance Command to review and committed to maintaining its partnership, which is now entering its 20th year.

In China, it was confirmed that JIBC will conduct a strategic analysis for Beijing Emergency Medical Services and plans were confirmed to host several study tours from justice bureaus and police organizations from four cities.

The mission continued to India where JIBC delegates met with a number of post-secondary institutions and agencies to explore future partnership opportunities, including the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), which was invited to collaborate on JIBC's Rural Disaster Resilience applied research project.

Building disaster-resilient communities in Central and South Asia

Central and South Asian countries (Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan) face significant risk arising from the region's vulnerability to natural disasters, as well as water, energy and food insecurity.

The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) is committed to improving preparedness and response abilities *to natural disasters in Central and South Asia through a Disaster Risk Management Initiative (DRMI)*. A significant component of the DRMI is developing *Emergency Management curricula to be delivered by the University of Central Asia* and the Aga Khan University.

JIBC had previously demonstrated its capability to adapt and contextualize curricula to the Central and South Asian environment in its relationship with Focus Canada. So, when the network started its search for a partner educational institution to undertake this initiative, JIBC was well-positioned and deemed to be the right fit.

"This partnership is all about building global public safety capacity," says Pete Learoyd, JIBC Program Director. "It's a very important initiative for JIBC to take on as a global citizen."

Now that the two cornerstone documents (a Strategic Plan and Concept of Operations) produced by JIBC have been approved, the AKDN will be pursuing funding for future phases of the project, including the development of curriculum.

Extending Our Reach.



JIBC instructors taught in 151 communities across BC.

Delivering education across Canada.

JIBC instructors travel to communities throughout BC to deliver courses and programs. This focus on regional delivery is supplemented by partnerships and technology-enhanced learning, which allow us to extend our reach to communities across Canada.

Keeping communities safe in Yukon

JIBC negotiated a program delivery agreement with Yukon College to offer the [Primary Care Paramedic \(PCP\)](#) certificate program that will allow emergency medical responders to complete their studies closer to home.

“There is a keen interest from Yukon volunteer emergency medical responders to take this training,” said Doug MacKay, chair of the Education Program Committee of the Volunteer Ambulance Society. Very few of the 150 volunteers with rural Emergency Medical Services have been able to complete advanced training due to the time, travel, and costs involved.

The program will be initially taught by JIBC instructors in Yukon, but JIBC also supports the College’s plans to recruit and train local instructors.

“The JIBC’s PCP program is the only program in BC accredited by the Canadian Medical Association and is recognized regionally, nationally, and internationally for providing students the best paramedic education possible,” said Eddy Workhoven, Dean of JIBC’s [School of Health Sciences](#). “We are pleased to add Yukon College to the list of partners we are working with to deliver this program.”

This represents the latest of several educational partnerships between JIBC and Yukon College. Starting in September 2011, Yukon College students were able to register for courses that comprise JIBC’s [Associate Certificate in Workplace Conflict](#) and a selection of foundational conflict resolution core courses and electives from full certificate programs.

Primary Care Paramedic program in Port Alberni

Students in the Port Alberni region no longer have to leave home to pursue the path of becoming a paramedic. Eddy Workhoven, Dean of JIBC’s School of Health Sciences, announced a new partnership with the City of Port Alberni and North Island College (NIC) to deliver a full-time [Primary Care Paramedic \(PCP\) program](#) at NIC’s Port Alberni campus, starting in September 2011.

This new initiative was the brainchild of Port Alberni Councillor John Douglas, a serving paramedic, who recognized the potential of a partnership between the City, North Island College, and JIBC, and the immediate benefits to students.

“The City’s economic development strategy includes a focus on the educational sector,” said Douglas. “Given the importance of paramedics and other first responders to the safety and well-

being of our community, a partnership with JIBC seemed to be a great fit, from both an economic and social perspective.”

The tremendous response to delivery of JIBC’s Primary Care Paramedic (PCP) program in Port Alberni has created optimism regarding the potential for JIBC to expand its program offerings in the community.

In addition to the program in Port Alberni, the BC government provided \$685,000 in one-time funding to expand delivery of the PCP program in Smithers, Dawson Creek, and Kamloops.

JIBC Partners with Comox Fire Rescue

The JIBC [Fire & Safety Division](#) finalized an agreement with Comox Fire Rescue that enables the department to deliver JIBC-accredited courses at its training centre. The Authorized Provider Agreement allows for more affordable and accessible training for the department, as well as expanded regional training in BC.

“Comox Fire Rescue is committed to excellence in delivery of all our services,” said Comox Fire Chief Gord Schreiner. “Ensuring our members are appropriately trained is a significant requirement for protecting life, property, and business from the effects of fire and disasters in our community.”

The department comprises five full-time and 42 paid-on-call employees, who serve a population of about 20,000. In addition to the training centre, which includes a live burn building, the Comox fire station has six truck bays, two training towers, a classroom, offices, and a meeting room.

The regional training centre is staffed by a combination of full and part-time members and is regularly used by other departments, including some from Alberta. Instructors identified by Comox Fire Rescue and vetted by the JIBC Fire & Safety Division deliver course curriculum developed by the Institute.

Chief Schreiner’s commitment to education and training is one of the many attributes that earned him the “National Fire Chief of the Year Award” and a JIBC Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2010.

Innovation in education

JIBC won an Award of Excellence from the Canadian Network for Innovation in Education (CNIE), a national organization of professionals committed to excellence in innovative education. JIBC’s ExPod virtual simulation learning tool (subsequently re-named Praxis) was selected for “Excellence and Innovation in Overall Use of Technology for Learning and Teaching.”

[Praxis](#) is a custom-built, virtual simulation learning tool used in JIBC's [Dr. Donald B. Rix Public Safety Simulation](#) Building. It helps to bring critical incidents to life by introducing real-world simulations into training and exercise programs. Because participants can access Praxis via the web, it provides the flexibility to deliver immersive, interactive, and scenario-based training exercises anytime, anywhere.

“As someone who is well informed on the current state of public safety technologies, I can confidently say Praxis stands well above the crowd,” says Timothy Collins, Managing Director of Visual Analytics for Command, Control and Interoperability Environments (Vaccine) at Purdue University. “Any time a tool can engage the participants to the point that they are fully immersed and working to solve a situation, learning becomes ingrained and communities become safer. Praxis does this time and again. An added, but huge benefit in this time of critical fiscal management is its ability to provide training to responders anytime, anywhere, and on a budget.”

Community Support.



JIBC Foundation provided students access to over \$685K in bursaries in 2010/2011.

- **Honouring contributions to public safety.**
- JIBC students benefit from the generosity of many justice and public safety advocates in the community. Many of these individuals provide philanthropic support but, as importantly, many serve as role models for students through their work and action that contribute to safe communities.

Michael J. Fox and Val Pattee awarded honorary degrees



JIBC graduates shared the spotlight with honorary Doctor of Laws degree recipients Dr. Michael J. Fox and Dr. R.P. (Val) Pattee, at Convocation ceremonies held May 31, 2012.

Dr. Fox was recognized for his accomplishments as one of Canada's most revered performers and his commitment to raising research funding and awareness for Parkinson's disease.

He recalled that early in his acting career, he showed up at JIBC's Jericho campus for a training exercise with police dogs. At the time he had a fear of dogs, but decided that he would "act" as if he was not afraid. It was a key turning point in his career and life.

"If you show bravery, if you show a certain amount of grit, you can get through things. And that's served me well," said Dr. Fox. "I know that you all have had experiences with that in your lives, and I'm just happy and proud that your grit has brought you to a place in public service, in careers in justice and public safety."

Retired Royal Canadian Air Force pilot and Major General Val Pattee, was recognized for his significant contribution to justice and public safety in the province, through leadership roles as Assistant Deputy Minister of Police Services, Executive Director of BC Ambulance Service, and Chair of the JIBC Board of Governors. President McGee acknowledged his accomplishments nationally and internationally and "his leadership, innovation, insight, and vision in transforming Police and EMS/Paramedic education and training."

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Mike Harcourt and Irving K. Barber awarded honorary degrees



Former BC Premier Mike Harcourt and local entrepreneur and philanthropist, the late Irving K. (Ike) Barber were awarded Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees at JIBC's [January 18, 2012 Convocation](#).

“Both of these individuals have made profound and sustained contributions to the quality of life enjoyed by residents of British Columbia,” said JIBC President Jack McGee. “In particular, their shared belief in the power of education to effect positive change in our communities has been a catalyst for the continued growth and development of the province.”

Mike Harcourt's accomplishments as a former BC Premier, Vancouver Mayor, and City Councillor, and more recently as a speaker, author, and advisor on sustainable cities, have earned many plaudits. In 2002, he broke his neck after falling from a cliff on Pender Island. Left partially paralyzed, his chances for recovery were remote, but he demonstrated determination, overcame obstacles, and enjoyed a near full recovery. His wife Beckie was awarded a [JIBC Foundation Heroes & Rescue Award](#) in 2003 for her role in his rescue. Dr. Harcourt paid tribute to Becky and JIBC-trained paramedics, fire fighters, and other first responders for their quick and courageous action in keeping him alive and transporting him to hospital

Dr. Irving Barber's philanthropic support has been instrumental in helping establish programs to promote education and research. The [Irving K. Barber One World International scholarship](#) provides outstanding recent graduates of JIBC's [Career Fire Fighter Pre-Employment Certificate](#) with an opportunity to broaden their understanding of the cultural aspects of serving communities through fire protection services.

Bill Bennett, Sergio Cocchia, and Wendy Lisogar-Cocchia awarded Honorary Degrees



Former BC Premier Bill Bennett, OBC, and local entrepreneurs and philanthropists Sergio Cocchia and Wendy Lisogar-Cocchia were awarded Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees at JIBC's [May 19, 2011 Convocation](#).

“Each of these worthy recipients has, in their own inimitable way, contributed to the quality of life enjoyed by residents of British Columbia,” said JIBC President Jack McGee. Their vision, perseverance, and unwavering commitment to making a difference in the community have helped to enhance individual, social, and economic well-being.”

Bill Bennett became Premier of the province in 1975 and continued to serve in that role until August 1986. During his tenure, decisions were made to invest in bringing the 1986 World Exposition (Expo 86) to Vancouver; build the Coquihalla Highway, which enhanced transportation between the Lower Mainland and the interior of the province; launch SkyTrain in the Lower Mainland; and build BC Place stadium. He also played a significant role in the establishment of JIBC, as in 1978 he signed an order-in-council that designated the Justice Institute of British Columbia as a provincial post-secondary institution.

Entrepreneurs Wendy Lisogar-Cocchia and husband Sergio Cocchia are a formidable business team that has dedicated significant time and effort supporting numerous charitable causes. Of note, is their visionary quest to build a \$34 million dollar Pacific Autism Family Centre, where the families of those diagnosed with autism can access professional assistance, treatment plans, and other resources required to prepare themselves for the challenges ahead.

Courage and leadership rewarded

The 10th [JIBC Foundation Awards for Justice and Public Safety](#) and fundraiser on November 30, 2011 was a resounding success, raising approximately \$160,000 in financial support for JIBC students, including awards, bursaries, and scholarships.

Among the recipients of a JIBC Foundation Heroes & Rescue Award was Canadian Forces Captain (Retired) **Trevor Greene**, who was severely injured during an axe attack in Afghanistan. He was recognized for bravery in the field of battle and inspiring courage in the face of personal tragedy and adversity.

Also receiving Heroes & Rescue Award were **Firefighters Without Borders Canada**, for its support of emergency service organizations in developing countries; and **Robert Mackay**, for extraordinary courage and valour demonstrated during the 2011 Stanley Cup riot.

The **Dr. Joseph H. Cohen Award** was presented to **The Honourable Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond** for her advocacy on behalf of children and youth, as British Columbia's first Representative of Children and Youth.

The **Anthony P. Pantages, QC Medal** was presented to **Thomas Berger, OC, OBC**, for years of distinguished service to the legal profession and his contribution to maintaining the integrity of Canada's system of equitable justice.

The **JIBC Foundation Community Leadership Award** was presented to **Allan De Genova** for establishing Honour House – a facility to temporarily house injured military personnel and first responders, along with their families, while they receive treatment.

Wendy Lisogar-Cocchia and Sergio Cocchia, entrepreneurs and philanthropists, also announced a donation of \$10,000 to establish an annual award for JIBC students who work with people with disabilities.

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