## KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY **COMMUNITY REPORT** (PU has served Metro Vancouver for more than 30 years, helping over a quarter-million people start their timeline to success. We are proud of our community engagement, and excited to share some of this past year's projects with you. This issue highlights:

# Exciting community initiatives KPU has supported

- KPU's vision for 2018 and our goals from our new
- strategic plan The exemplary individuals we've awarded Honorary Degrees to this year
- A look ahead to new KPU programs and a
- sneak preview into the 2013 CCAA Women's Soccer National Championship





### individualized instruction in Math and English, provides job search support, explores personal career options and helps with bridging to further training and education. Through KPU's Academic and Career Preparation

Department, PKLC allows adults to develop needed employability skills tuition-free, with the exception of some student fees.



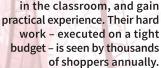
### can be used as a valuable supplementary learning resource. A number of instructors at KPU have already chosen to use the open textbooks in their classrooms, helping students of all disciplines cut down on their education costs.

The provincial government has started an initiative to make textbooks accessible to students for free. Several KPU instructors lent their expertise by reviewing the books for quality and relevance. So far, 15 textbooks in Math, Chemistry, Marketing and Psychology, among other subjects, are now available to students. The online, publicly accessible material

**FVHRS** Faculty Donates Decorations For Revitalization KPU's School of Horticulture students designed and donated hanging baskets to the Fraser Valley Heritage Railroad Society's (FVHRS) Cloverdale interurban train restoration. The baskets added a burst of colour to the official completion of the Heritage Rail Demonstration Project and the grand opening of the Cloverdale station's revitalization. The event

featured the unveiling of the replica train station and the restored interurban car, which made its first run in over 50 years. KPU will continue to support the FVHRS by helping them locate plant suppliers and volunteer labour to install the project. Horticulture Landscape Design students have also

developed a landscaping plan for the heritage station, which is set to be completed later this year. LULULEMON



Students Design Eye-Catching Displays For Window Shoppers

ALS FUNDRAISER KPU's Accounting Society Raises Funds To Fight Lou Gehrig's Disease Accounting Society of Kwantlen (ASK) students hosted an event to



**Inspiring educators** 

for ALS in Richmond.

VISION 2018 In 2018, KPU is Canada's leading polytechnic university, with:

All learners engaging in campus and community life

Open and creative learning environments

Authentic external and internal relationships

Relevant scholarship and research

Goals And Strategies

global citizenship and rewarding careers.

education in its region.

engagement has doubled by 2018.

Successful global citizens: All KPU graduates are prepared for

Engaged learners: Learner engagement and retention at KPU

Unique identity: KPU's unique identity is clearly articulated

and well understood across the University and beyond. Continuing and professional education: KPU is the foremost provider of continuing and professional

Expanded educational access: KPU's operations support purposeful learner growth of at least 5% annually to meet the RELEVANCE educational needs of its region's diverse population. Blending theory and practice: Experiential learning is integrated into every KPU program, connecting theory to

application and the classroom to the community.

Community engagement: The impact of KPU's community

As CEO of the Vancouver YWCA, Janet is committed to achieving women's equality and improving the lives of women and their families. Her work promotes social and community development in early learning and care for children, social housing and advocacy for mothers without legal status.

agriculture sector for over 20 years. An entrepreneur, fundraiser, community leader and founder of Glorious Organics Cooperative, her priority has been to support small-scale organic farms that use sustainable practices.

Susan has been at the forefront of the Lower Mainland's organic

### George Melville Chairman and owner of Boston Pizza International (BPI), George is a successful and award-winning restaurateur with more than \$1 billion in sales. He consistently exemplifies the values of hard work, determination and genuine compassion for others, both as a

member of KPU's Board of Governors and in his philanthropy work.



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REPUTATION

Susan Davidson

Charan Gill Social activist, rights advocate, author, entrepreneur and founder of Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS), Charan has initiated and successfully run a variety of programs for immigrant

KPU offers all learners opportunities to achieve success in a diverse range of disciplines.



KPU selected four outstanding British Columbians to receive honorary doctor of laws at Spring Convocation this year. These individuals

are recognized *honoris causa* (for the sake of honour)

for their significant contributions

and accomplishments.

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- Janet Austin
  - youth, women, seniors, farm workers and the homeless.

The following new degrees join the university's roster of over 145 programs: • B.Sc Biology – September 2013 B.Sc Health Science – September 2013 BA Political Science – January 2014

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**Sports** 

**New Programs** 

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B.Sc Applications of Mathematics - September 2014 B.Sc Physics for Modern Technology – September 2014 KPU will host the 2013 CCAA Women's Soccer National Championship. The four-day Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) tournament will be held at Newton Athletic Park November 6 – 9. The KPU Eagles women's soccer team – who won bronze at the 2009 Championship – will compete as one of the eight participating teams.