

KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY REPORT

KPU 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



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KPU In Your Community

ACTING TOGETHER

Collaborative Research

KPU is the lead partner in Acting Together, a Community-University Research Alliance (AT-CURA) project that studies youth and gang violence. More than 15 community partners are involved – including the Surrey School District, the City of Surrey, Shaw Cable, SFU, UVic and Langara College. The five-year project began in 2009 with a focus on working with the community to develop a research plan.

One very successful community event was the Chris Mohan Memorial Youth Forum designed to educate parents and community members about gangs. With prominent local leaders in attendance, including Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts, the event aimed to empower youth with skills to make positive life choices, and to recognize and avoid relationships that can lead to gang-related tragedies.

CIVIL RIGHTS NOW!

Creating A Dialogue

KPU's Sociology department hosted its Disability and Institutionalization Project, a Surrey campus event focused on enhancing civil rights for people with disabilities. The event was supported by prominent provincial agencies, including the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, the Spectrum Society and the Autism Society. Over 75 guests attended to hear panelists from Civil Rights Now!, KPU and UBC.

CIR:CLE

The Centre For Interdisciplinary Research: Community Learning And Engagement At KPU

KPU strives to establish authentic and meaningful roles for the community in relation to our research objectives. CIR:CLE has been a leader in the development of research designed to increase community participation. With more than \$700,000 in funding from sources such as The National Crime Prevention Centre, Health Canada and the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Fund, KPU and CIR:CLE have developed an innovative approach to conducting community research projects.

In collaboration with the City of Surrey, Vibrant Surrey, other community organizations and local political leaders, KPU and CIR:CLE helped create the Surrey Poverty Reduction Plan, an action plan that could profoundly affect the 71,000 individuals currently living in poverty in Surrey. The plan provides a comprehensive and practical set of recommendations in areas of transportation, housing, income and support to help eradicate poverty in Surrey.

SURREY MUSEUM EXHIBIT

20th Century Design

KPU Fashion Design and Marketing students created an exhibition for the Surrey Museum. 'In the Style of...' celebrated the innovators, pioneers and architects of 20th century fashion, as interpreted by KPU students. For a period of six weeks, students had the opportunity to proudly share their hard work with the Surrey community.

MARKETING PROGRAM

Students Help Small Businesses

Every semester, Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing Management students produce team projects for clients in the community. Working with the Surrey Board of Trade, groups of students are connected with small and medium-sized businesses that lack the resources or expertise to analyze and develop their own marketing programs. The initiative benefits local companies as well as marketing students, who have the opportunity to apply the business skills they learn at KPU.

SURREY URBAN MISSION

Healthcare Initiative

Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing students are currently working in collaboration with the Surrey Urban Mission to design and create a wellness room and library space for the mission's visitors. To be completed in the fall, this healthcare initiative will cater to the health and well-being needs of some of the city's most vulnerable citizens by providing the mission's clients with a more welcoming and updated recreational area.

SCIENCE FAIR

Igniting A Fun Competition

KPU Surrey welcomed over 125 students in Grade 7 – 12 from 31 schools in Surrey and Delta to the university's South Fraser Regional Science Fair. Students shared their ideas and competed for medals with projects based in: biotech, earth and environmental science, engineering and computer science, health, life, and physical and mathematical science. The event engaged the local community in a fun, interactive and competitive fair.

DISCOVERING TRADES

Hands-On Learning

KPU Cloverdale hosted students from the Surrey and Delta school districts to compete in Olympic-style trades and technology skills competitions. Over 500 students had the opportunity to 'Discover Trades' by participating in a variety of interactive hands-on activities. The program was designed to encourage and excite youth about a possible future in skilled trades or technology.

MARGARET ATWOOD

Payback

Renowned Canadian novelist and poet Margaret Atwood was the special guest at the KPU Surrey screening of *Payback*, a film based on her book *Payback: Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth*. The event was emceed by Sheryl MacKay of CBC Radio One. Over 200 KPU students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni and community members attended the session, which ended with a townhall discussion with Ms. Atwood and keynote speaker Dr. William Rees, former Director of UBC's School of Community and Regional Planning.



ADULT EDUCATION

Community Partnerships

KPU Surrey's Community Adult Literacy Program is collaborating with Surrey Libraries and Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS). 'Learn with a Friend' provides one-on-one instruction in basic literacy and workplace literacy to clients of local service agencies. Adults receive individual learning in foundational literacy and hone vocational literacy through small group work. Participants are given the opportunity to improve their education in their home community at no cost.

VISION 2018

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

- Inspiring educators
- All learners engaging in campus and community life
- Open and creative learning environments
- Relevant scholarship and research
- Authentic external and internal relationships

Goals And Strategies



- **Successful global citizens:** All KPU graduates are prepared for global citizenship and rewarding careers.
- **Engaged learners:** Learner engagement and retention at KPU show continuous improvement.
- **Effective organization:** KPU is a well-managed, integrated, and transparent organization that supports learning.
- **Recognized teaching and scholarship:** KPU is widely recognized for its teaching and its scholarship.
- **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 education in its region.
- **Community engagement:** The impact of KPU's community engagement has doubled by 2018.
- **Expanded educational access:** KPU's operations support purposeful learner growth of at least 5% annually to meet the 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.

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.

HONORARY DEGREES



Janet Austin

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.



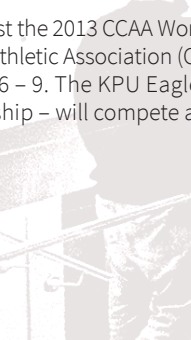
Susan Davidson

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



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 youth, women, seniors, farm workers and the homeless.



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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A LOOK AHEAD

New Programs

KPU offers all learners opportunities to achieve success in a diverse range of disciplines. 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
- B.Sc Applications of Mathematics – September 2014
- B.Sc Physics for Modern Technology – September 2014

Sports

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.