

BCIT Foundation event recognizes valued donors



(L-R) Don Wright, BCIT President, Silvia Raschke, BCIT Faculty and Staff Association, Katy Anderson-Carr, Compass Group on behalf of Crothall Services Canada Inc; Margaret Lanthier, Genus Capital Management, Allen Soltan, Davis LLP, Adam Pion, BCIT Alumni Association.

ON NOVEMBER 13, THE BCIT FOUNDATION'S eighth annual Celebrating the Best donor recognition event acknowledged our donors for their support in helping BCIT continue to deliver the best applied training in the province.

Thanks to donor contributions, the Foundation's 2007/2008 revenue grew from \$7.6 million to \$11.7 million towards student support, and school-centric funding priorities, such as upgrading campus facilities.

At the luncheon, first year trades student Keith Roberts expressed sincere appreciation for the financial assistance he received from the Concert Properties and Industry Partners Trades Discovery Program.

His speech was reinforced by the chair of the BCIT Foundation, Bob Bryant, who appealed to the audience to provide more financial support during the economic downturn, when BCIT enrolment tends to climb. "We need to increase our efforts to assist these students, so that the BC workforce will be better trained and ready to respond when the economy recovers," said Bryant.

Many thanks to our sponsors: Genus Capital Management, BCIT Alumni Association, Crothall Services Canada Inc., Davis LLP, BCIT Faculty and Staff Association, and BCIT Marketing and Communications for enabling us to host this important event.

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards. The Alumni Relations Office is pleased to help prepare a nomination package for review by our Adjudication Committee in May. The deadline for the nomination package is April 30. Please contact us to begin the process of preparing a nomination or if you have any questions.

Exceptional members of the BCIT community are annually recognized for leadership, outstanding service, and innovation in any of the following areas:

- Applied Research
- Artistic Achievement
- Entrepreneurial Innovation
- Excellence in Applying Technology or Technical Skills
- Lifetime Achievement
- Professional Leadership
- Public Service
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