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Jane Heyman

One of Canada's most respected theatre directors, Jane has managed some of the city's most innovative arts projects and was a leader in the creation of the Performing Arts Lodge.

BUSINESS & THE PROFESSIONS



Margaret
Ostrowski, Q.C.

A respected member of the legal profession, Margaret has worked to promote the stature of women within it. She has served numerous legal organizations and has been honoured for her exceptional achievements.

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Christy Clark

A passionate champion for women, children and families, Christy mobilized the community to take a stand against bullying by launching BC's first Anti-Bullying Day.

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Sophie Lavieri

A member of the science education community for 25 years, Sophie, an award-winning Senior Lecturer at SFU, has initiated successful science programs for students of all ages and sparked the love of science in many.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION



Ratana
Stephens

A true trailblazer in both business and the eco-movement, Ratana co-founded Nature's Path Organic Foods, where she serves as COO. She is a leader in sustainability, organics and ethical business practices.

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Heather McKay

A professor and scientist, Heather's groundbreaking research increased our knowledge of children's physical activity and bone health and she was a catalyst for Action Schools! BC.

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Shawn Bayes

As the Executive Director of the Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver, Shawn's leadership and vision supports children, women and girls involved in or affected by the justice system.

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As a Professor of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience at UBC, Adele's discoveries have significantly improved our understanding and treatment of mental health disorders such as ADHD.

YOUNG WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

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Katie Benjamin

Katie, a Human Kinetics graduate from UBC and competitive skier, established the Womyn's Gym for marginalized women living in the Downtown Eastside.

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