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BCCIE Salutes 2011 BCCIE International Education Awards Winners

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Distinguished education leaders from around Canada gathered at Bridges Restaurant in Vancouver last evening to recognize outstanding excellence in the field of international education in British Columbia (BC), Canada. The British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE) International Education Awards honoured international educators in five categories. Winners represented a diverse cross-section of international educators from across the province, whose work has helped position BC as a leader in Canada in attracting and supporting international students and in delivering innovative global programs.

Award winners include:

- **Andrea Reynolds of Kwantlen Polytechnic University** was presented with the Rising Star in International Education Award, recognizing tomorrow's leaders and the next generation of leaders and practitioners in the field of international education.
- **Cyndi McLeod of Royal Roads University** was presented with the Innovation in International Marketing Award, recognizing innovation and success in support of the education export sector in BC and in the marketing of our world-class education system.
- **TRU International Days (Thompson Rivers University)** was presented with the Outstanding Program in International Education Award, recognizing an institution, district or program with high quality and highly creative programming in international education.
- **Vera Wojna**, who recently retired from **Thompson Rivers University** was presented with the **International Education Distinguished Service Award**, recognizing the unique and important accomplishments and contributions of an international educator or member of the community who has 'led from behind', who through determined years of service has supported the students, activities and community of the field of international education.
- **Dawn Sutherland** was presented with the **International Education Distinguished Leadership Award**, recognizing the unique and important accomplishments and contributions of an international educator or member of the community who has effected change and leadership in the field of international education and whose work will have a lasting impact.

The BCCIE International Education Awards Program recognizes the professionalism, dedication and efforts of an exemplary group of experts and practitioners in the diverse field of international education in British Columbia (BC). Each year's winners represent the broad range of leaders and practitioners from all parts of the sector and showcase the best and brightest in our province.

International education is currently the fifth most important revenue-generating sector for BC, creating over 21 500 jobs for British Columbia and generating over \$1.8 billion annually in economic impact for the province.

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To find biographies of the 2011 winners and all nominees please visit:
<http://www.bccie.bc.ca/educators/awards/2011/nominee-profile>

Attached you will find a photo of all the 2011 award winners.

About BCCIE

The BC Council for International Education (BCCIE) is committed to advancing the international education interests of the province of British Columbia. BCCIE is a leader in the successful development, promotion and maturation of international education in British Columbia. Through consultation and liaison with the provincial government, the direction of the Board, and broad engagement with the diversity of sectors representing international education, we support our mission through four strategic goals: leadership, marketing support, communication and service, and internationalization.

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