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BCCIE to Recognize BC International Educators With Awards Program

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The newly created BCCIE International 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).

Public and widespread recognition of the expertise, contributions and great abilities in the international education sector is long overdue. The BCCIE International Awards will support the sector's further growth and development as well as show its appreciation for outstanding achievement.

Awards will be made at the Final Banquet and Awards Gala of the BCCIE Summer Seminar in Whistler on Thursday, June 24, 2010. The BCCIE Summer Seminar is Western Canada's leading international education conference and attracts upwards of 300 international education practitioners from across Canada.

BCCIE International Awards will be decided by a peer committee and will be awarded in the following categories:

International Education Distinguished Leadership Award

This Award recognizes 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.

International Education Distinguished Service Award

This Award recognizes 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.

Innovation in International Marketing Award

This Award recognizes innovation and success in support of the education export sector in BC and in the marketing of our world-class education system.

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Rising Star in International Education Award

This Award recognizes tomorrow's leaders, our up-and-coming talent, and the next generation of leaders and practitioners in the field of international education.

Nominees are welcome from all international education stakeholder communities (Post-secondary, K-12, Private Career College, Language) and professional streams. To nominate one of your colleagues, please visit <http://www.bccie.bc.ca/educators/summer-seminar> to download the nomination package. Nominations are due on or before May 14, 2010.

The BC Council for International Education (BCCIE) is a learner-driven, non-government agency funded by the province of British Columbia (BC). BCCIE represents the province's public and accredited private K-12, post-secondary, career college, language institutions and school districts to international learners around the world. BCCIE is committed to advancing the international education interests of the province of BC. Nearly 140,000 international students choose to study in BC each year. International education is estimated to be the fifth largest industry in BC, generating annual revenue of over \$2.5 billion to the province.

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