



# Emeritus College Annual Report

2022-2023



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Emeritus College



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# Principal's Message

In September 2022, the College Council and leaders of clusters and committees had a retreat to develop a strategic plan to guide the work of the College for the next three years.

We agreed on four priorities:

1. Enrich retirement for College members
2. Increase the community profile and involvement of members at all levels
3. Enhance recognition of the relevance and contributions of emeriti and the College to UBC
4. Ensure the College is effective, efficient, and sustainable

We were pleased to welcome 117 new emeriti (12 Okanagan and 105 Vancouver campus) and 6 electees which brought our total to 1885 College members. We also welcomed Queenie Law and Sarah Close Humayun to join manager Sandra van Ark in supporting the work and initiatives of the College.

Most of this year's 103 events were carried out on Zoom due to on-going concerns about COVID. While we may long to return to in-person meetings, it is likely the virtual option is here to stay. Thank you to all who helped carry out the work of the College and attend events.

Anne Junker  
Emeritus College Principal  
2022-2023





# UBC Emeritus College Awards

## Award Recipients

**The UBC Emeritus College Award for Excellence in Innovative and Creative Endeavours** is presented to UBC emeriti who have demonstrated excellence in their engagement in innovative research or artistic creation.

**The President's Award for Distinguished Service** is presented to UBC emeriti who have displayed exceptional leadership in volunteer community services.

For more information on nominating a colleague [visit the Emeritus College website.](#)



### Robert Krell, Psychiatry

UBC President's Award for Distinguished Service

Krell was selected for his lasting contributions to Holocaust Remembrance and Education. Of particular note was his founding of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre which remains a permanent community resource providing valuable education programs for students, teachers and anyone wanting to learn more about the Holocaust.



### Patricia Shaw, Anthropology

UBC President's Award for Distinguished Service

Shaw was selected for her lasting contributions to the documenting, teaching, revitalizing and promoting of hən̓q̓əmiñəm̓. She continues to work on perfecting and expanding current pedagogical materials in anticipation of full publication, to supervise doctoral students, mentor community language scholars and help to structure new initiatives to further hən̓q̓əmiñəm̓-focused study.



### Roger Wilson, Archeology

Emeritus College Award for Excellence in Innovative & Creative Endeavours  
Wilson continues to be a prolific author, and was selected in recognition of his numerous significant scholarly contributions, particularly to aspects of Roman rural life, the late Roman and early Byzantine transformation of settlements, and the archaeology of the Roman provinces.



# Honours & Recognition



**20%**

of UBC academics are Emeriti



**>100**

Emeriti are listed as Experts with UBC Media relations



**19**

Emeriti were reimbursed for expenses related to continuing scholarly and creative activities totaling \$27,855



**5**

Emeriti joined College members who have been appointed to the Order of Canada since retirement



**Paul Joseph Dubord**

O.C. Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology



**Allen Charles Edward Eaves**

O.C., O.B.C. Professor Emeritus of Medicine



**Eva-Marie Kröller**

C.M., Professor Emerita of English Language & Literatures



**David Frederick Ley**

O.C., Professor Emeritus of Geography



**Pitman Benjamin Potter**

C.M., Professor Emeritus of Law

## Emeritus College Members Appointed to the Order of Canada



# Enriching Retirement

by contributing to retirement planning

Our Transitions to Retirement group worked in partnership with UBC Faculty Relations to hold 3 half-day workshops, each with ~75 faculty approaching retirement. Participants heard stories from retired faculty who are making retirement work in different ways, and engaged in sessions on post-retirement benefits, insurance options, financial planning, and keeping a connection to UBC. At meetings between the College executive and Deans, Department Heads and Directors, we spoke to the extensive “successful retirement” resources developed by our group and kept up-to-date on [the College website](#).

Wendy A. Hall,  
Professor Emeritus of the School of Nursing,  
Emeritus College Council Member at Large



"As a member of the Emeritus College, I have continued my work as a researcher and my community work supporting families with children to promote and develop healthy sleep and groups helping families with sleep. Since 2019, I have been invited by the School of Nursing to teach in a number of courses and have published 13 papers. I continue to run and contribute to research grants. I received an Emeritus College Subsidy, which supports ongoing research for College members. As a member of the Emeritus College Council, I have enjoyed participating in the ongoing work of the College and planning future directions. I am also the Emeritus College representative for the School of Nursing. The 'Disciplines Over Time: Making, Keeping and Breaking the Boundaries of Knowledge' - a cross departmental collaboration between UBC's Green College and Emeritus College enabled exploration of nursing with colleagues Dr. Lydia Wytenbroek and Dr. Elizabeth Straus, about Broadening Horizons. I plan to participate in many of the interest groups supported by the College."





# Enriching Retirement

## by contributing to retirement planning

“Since retirement in 2016, I have often been reminded by the words of Antonio Machado: “Wanderer, there is no road. The road is made by walking”. While some steps on the road have followed my intended path, others have been less predictable. In particular, my PhD research on a corpus of letters from Stalin’s Gulag unexpectedly led to presentations in England, Germany, US and Canada; also, the publishing of two books and a documentary film for broadcast. This same road led to a surprising invitation to join the jury to select a design for Memorial to Victims of Communism in Ottawa. Then while attending an event at Green College, an invitation was extended to contribute to the Department of Central, Eastern and Northern European Studies at UBC. More recently, a research project at the Davis Centre for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard has appeared on the path ahead.

More predictably, my former faculty position in professional communication has evolved to advising graduate/postgraduate students in Applied Science. I have also continued to sponsor refugees from Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and Ukraine. Long term involvement with IRCC Canada and with a Ukrainian humanitarian organization has opened the pathway to continue to assist with medical aid, shelter, food and clothing, particularly during the ongoing war.

Although other activities enrich my days, it’s become clear that being open to where the road leads has provided unforeseen opportunities both academically and personally. “



Ruth Derksen,  
Professor Emeritus, Philosophy of Language  
Faculty of Applied Science





# Enriching Retirement

by provision of speaker and activity programs

## Collaboration

A collaboration with UBC's Green College began in 2020. This year, each session of a 6-part series brought together scholars from the same discipline but at different stages of their careers, to talk about how the boundaries separating their field of specialization from other fields have shifted over time. Mark Vessey, who has been Principal of Green College since 2008, is retiring and is warmly recognized by the College for his enthusiastic contributions to this partnership.

Please join us for the 2023-2024 series '[Psychological Trauma and Resilience](#)'.



44 Speaker Events



72 Speakers



1398 Attendees

## 59 Special Interest Group Meetings



Photography



Cycling



Travel



Volunteering



Poetry



Wine Appreciation



Co-housing



# Contribution to the Community

## Volunteer Special Interest Group

Participants continued to hear about organizations and opportunities for volunteers, including Scholars at Risk, Academics without Borders, Doctors without Borders/Medicine San Frontieres, Neglected Global Diseases Initiative, YWCA, Megaphone and PEN Canada.

To mark the one-year anniversary of the Group, we heard from members who are engaged in so many amazing volunteer opportunities. It was an inspiring session in which members from a wide variety of backgrounds (medicine, science, engineering, education, social sciences and humanities) spoke about their volunteer activities, how they got involved, and potential opportunities for others in the group who might be interested. It was breathtaking to hear the extensive and varied range of activities, including promotion of English and Science literacy and education programs; facilitating conversations between youth and Indigenous elders; working with seniors; sponsoring and mentoring immigrants and refugees from the Ukraine, Afghanistan and African countries; working with women and homeless in the DTES; helping to establish a new university in Nepal; and participating on a wide range of advisory and governing boards.

Almost all the groups we've heard from are looking for volunteers, given the severe shortage of volunteers in B.C. and throughout Canada. Several members of the Community Volunteer Group have already connected with the above organizations and are now volunteering in interesting and valuable outreach activities. Visit the [College YouTube to watch past meetings](#).



Volunteers working at UBC farm.  
Photo Jamil Rhajjak / UBC





# Contribution to UBC

## Emeritus Climate Cohort (ECC)

The Emeritus College is a unique academic unit at UBC in that members represent almost all academic disciplines and fields. This provides the potential for an integrated and more far-reaching contribution to problems that face society than can be achieved by active faculty working within the silos of their disciplines. This year a link with the [Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies](#) and their [Catalyst Climate and Nature Emergency](#) program provided the ideal focus for transdisciplinary scholarly activity involving College members. The ECC was formed with 9 exceptional UBC scholars from 7 faculties who enjoyed successful academic careers, but rarely, if ever, had worked closely together. In addition to group meetings there were [12 outstanding events](#) with invited speakers who spoke from the diverse perspectives of Political Science, Health, Forestry, Engineering, Law, Oceans & Fisheries, Public Policy, Geography, and History. There was a strong commitment to uplifting Indigenous voices. ECC members continue to be heavily involved in global decision-making: **Jo-ann Archibald** represents the resilience of Indigenous people as they adapt to climate change and reclaim Indigenous knowledge systems in the [UNDRIP](#) process. **Hadi Dowlatabadi** advises the Premier on provincial energy and sustainability policy. **Penny Gurstein** advises municipal government officials on housing policy and affordability. (continued next page)



Above left to right: Six members of the [EC Cohort](#), Frank Tester, Jo-ann Archibald, Graeme Wynn, Penny Gurstein, Ralph Matthews, and Olav Slaymaker. Photo by Roy Saunders, member of the [College Photo Group](#).



# Contribution to UBC

## Emeritus Climate Cohort (ECC)

**Ralph Matthews** advises rural communities on the implications of climate change. **Bill Rees**'s Ecological Footprint Analysis has spoken directly to European national budgets and global institutions about the dangers of overshoot. **Olav Slaymaker** advises the United Nations on defining World Heritage Sites, on protected areas policy and, nationally, on various environmental assessments. **Douw Steyn** advises national and provincial agencies on atmospheric science. **Frank Tester** works with First Nations communities in the Canadian Arctic and has achieved success in limiting environmental impacts of mining through direct advice to the Federal government. **Graeme Wynn** advises governments on the perils of industrial growth.

## Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre Tour

The Continuing Scholarly Activity and Engagement Committee coordinated an in-person tour of UBC's [Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre](#) on May 16. Members were introduced to the exhibition space of the centre by Community Outreach Coordinator, Jess Boon, and learned about the centre's important role, program, and resources regarding the colonial legacy of residential schools from Tricia Logan, Interim Academic Director and Kristin Kozar, Interim Executive Director.



Above: Members of the College use the interactive wall at [the Indian Residential School History and Dialogue Centre](#) to explore the collection housed at the Centre.





# Contribution to UBC



**179**

Emeriti doing research  
(self-reported 2021 survey)



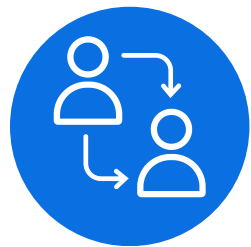
**70**

Emeriti listed as Principal Investigator  
for grants totaling ~ \$4.5M  
(UBC PAIR\*)



**83**

Emeriti continuing to teach  
(self-reported 2021 survey)



**95**

Emeriti doing committee work and  
mentoring colleagues  
(self-reported 2021 survey)



**5**

Emeriti serving as UBC Senators

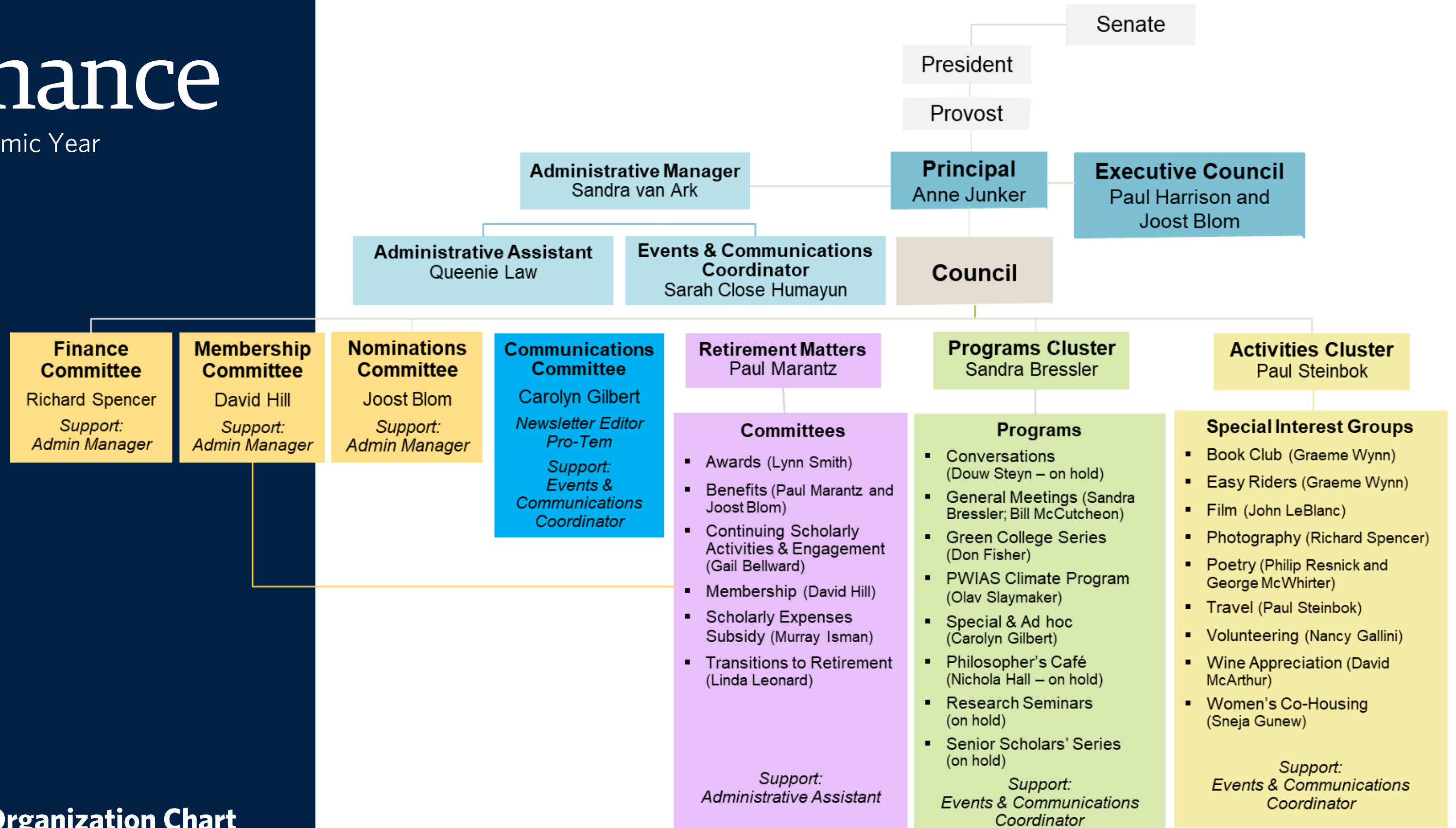
## Post-Retirement Appointments

The College Executive worked with HR to promote Post-Retirement Appointments (PRA) for retirees who continue to be involved in professional activities. The PRA was drafted for tenure-stream faculty, librarians and directors, and the Provost has approved inclusion of clinical faculty. The PRA has been in existence for years, but greatly underutilized, often because of a lack of knowledge about its existence and benefits to both retirees and the university. Individuals who want to remain engaged in teaching, research, educational leadership, collection development, and service including administration can do so through an officially recognized university term appointment which is arranged through their academic unit.

The PRA identifies emeriti as being “active” in Workday and covered by the University’s liability insurance. More comprehensive use of PRAs will help the College and UBC to know more about the considerable contributions continuing to be made by emeriti to their discipline, department, and/or the university as a whole.

# Governance

2022 - 2023 Academic Year



## UBC Emeritus College Organization Chart





# Governance

2022 - 2023 Academic Year

## Executive Council



**Anne Junker**  
Principal  
Pediatrics



**Paul Harrison**  
Vice-Principal  
Botany



**Joost Blom**  
Past Principal  
Law



**Niamh Kelly**  
Pathology and  
Laboratory Medicine



**Alan Mackworth**  
Computer Science



**Paul Rogers**  
Pediatrics



**Patricia Shaw**  
Anthropology



**Vijay Verma**  
TRIUMF



**Marvin Westwood**  
Counselling  
Psychology

## Members-at-large



**Gail Bellward**  
Pharmaceutical  
Sciences



**Sandra Bressler**  
Occupational Therapy



**Wendy Hall**  
Nursing





# Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Account	Carry Forward	Revenue	Expenses	Surplus/Deficit	Balance
Operating	122,500	257,610	223,167	34,442	156,942
College	51,221	32,678	2,000	30,678	81,899
<b>Total</b>	<b>173,721</b>	<b>290,288</b>	<b>225,167</b>	<b>65,121</b>	<b>238,842</b>
Endowment Capital	230,316	11,000	-	11,000	241,316

Thank you to our donors!

The Emeritus College Endowment account is held by UBC Endowment and we welcome donations.



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We acknowledge that UBC's campuses are situated within the traditional territories of the  $x^w m \theta k^w \acute{a} y \acute{a} m$  (Musqueam), Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh, and in the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation and their peoples. UBC's activities take place on Indigenous lands throughout British Columbia and beyond.



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