

President's Welcome

Welcome to Camosun College!

Whether you are here to pursue a degree, diploma, or certificate to advance your career or challenge yourself with new skills and ideas, our great faculty and dedicated staff are here to help you achieve your goal.

We like to say, "Camosun is its people," meaning the incredibly diverse bunch of people who create the College's teaching and learning environment. Our students - tens of thousands of them over the past 38 years - our staff and faculty, our alumni, and our community partners, all contribute to making Camosun College a wonderful place to learn.

A wonderful learning environment means that we continually update our curriculum, instruction, and support services to meet the emerging needs of our students and the community partners and industries who hire our graduates. It means we always strive for excellence in teaching, recruiting the best faculty (many of whom come directly from industry, where they are experts in their fields), and providing them annual professional study leave. It means developing innovative, culturally-relevant programs like the new Indigenous Business Leadership diploma and Archaeological Field Assistant certificate. It means working with partners to create world-class facilities, like the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence at our Interurban campus; a state-of-the-art facility that combines high-performance athlete and coaching development services, sports and exercise education, applied research and innovation, and community programming. It means developing our international reach, through an overseas field school in Dalian, China, bringing 600 students from around

the world to learn in Victoria, and sending hundreds of our students into the world on study abroad programs.

I am so proud of Camosun's reputation as one of British Columbia's leading community colleges. Proud of our faculty, who make sure what they teach actually prepares students for work, and helps "future-proof" their careers. Proud of our students, who earn more of the prestigious Irving K. Barber scholarships than any other single institution in the province. Proud of our support staff who help students with financial aid, academic advising, exam preparation, writing skills, career research, employment opportunities, personal counselling, First Nations support, disability support, library services, recreation, child care, athletics, and much more.

I know you'll love Camosun's combination of excellent instruction and strong student support. Of course, success at college means more than just grades. Make the most of your time at Camosun by getting to know your instructors and classmates, joining a student club, trying out for our Chargers sports teams, taking a recreation course or becoming involved in your Student Society.

Camosun College believes in your success.

Best wishes in your studies this year and in your future endeavours.



Dr. Elizabeth Ashton
President
Camosun College

