



WELCOME TO NICI E-NEWS!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE
COMOX VALLEY ON
VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH**



ON CAMPUS

Happy New Year - Canadian and Chinese! Here in the Comox Valley we had a very smooth but frosty beginning to 2009 and our winter semester. Classes started up again on January 2nd and we welcomed 11 new students to International Ed on January 5th with an International Orientation. But it's not all business here at North Island College this month. To help celebrate the beginning of the Year of the Ox, our cultural assistants and international students are creating a Happy New Year banner to display in the cafeteria. Stop by on Monday the 26th and enjoy a Chinese lunch special too!

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT NIC

"Last year I was a cultural assistant at North Island College. It was one of the most enjoyable work experiences I have had. The most wonderful thing I witnessed was the keen interest and joy that came from the international students."

Jackie Cole

Cultural Assistant 07/08

"I think everyday afternoon's outdoor activities were the most useful for me, because I can know what is the town I am living and what the people would look like if I go through that. In addition, I felt I was participated the society and was included in the community if I can go out with my class. And, the field trips were the most enjoyable things for me, because I got chances to know some very interesting people."

Mo Yu

Business Administration

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UPDATES

ESL Summer Program 2009

- Students from around the world will join us for ESL courses May – August 2009. One themed course per month, choose any combination of 1, 2, 3, or 4 courses. Students learn intermediate and advanced English as Second Language skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening, grammar and pronunciation. The program offers academic classroom instruction with one of our ESL instructors each morning. Each afternoon students explore activities that allow them to put their learning into practice with our Cultural Assistants; Canadian students who have a strong interest in building relationships with international students. Activities relate to the topics studied and include volunteering, meeting with people in the community and doing project work.
- The combination of morning classroom and afternoon activities provides students with a great combination of academic and experiential learning. This approach provides students with daily opportunities to apply the language skills in real life settings – and as importantly, an opportunity to enjoy the people and the experiences available in the Comox Valley.
- [Comox Valley Homestay](#) offers students the chance to live with a Canadian family. The Homestay is a true Homestay; sharing meals and even meal preparation with the family, enjoying conversations, spending time with the family on weekend outings. Students become part of the family and quickly build their confidence in participating in conversation – at home and at school.
- [The Comox Valley](#) is a paradise with spring and summer offering an amazing range of opportunities from the highly respected Comox Valley Music Festival to ocean kayaking to a myriad of safe walking and hiking trails to our biweekly Farmers market. As volunteers, students build relationships with local people, learn about important issues, use their English and have lots of fun as well.
- Registration in each session is limited to 18 students.
- More information is available at our [website](#) or by emailing internationaleled@nic.bc.ca



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