

## WELCOME TO NICI E-NEWS!



**GREETINGS FROM THE COMOX VALLEY ON VANCOUVER ISLAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA!**

### ON CAMPUS

The spring semester has started and the campus again abuzz with students. We are pleased to be hosting our annual Spring and Summer Academic ESL programs which includes classroom instruction, organized volunteer opportunities and community activities related to course study.

A group of 24 students left for Greece on May 27<sup>th</sup>. They will spend a month travelling and visiting key historic sites and earn 9 university credits while doing so!

### ALUMNI NEWS

Our Winter semester has just ended and with it we say a sad farewell to those students returning home to school and work. We are pleased to have our Alumni email list so we can keep students updated on NICI activities.

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*North Island College was a stepping stone for me to transfer to the University of Victoria. I took first and second year university courses at the College after I completed the English as a Second Language program. It was crucial for me to choose courses that would transfer to UVic so I consulted a College advisor to make the right choices. With the small class sizes at the College, instructors had time to work with me individually, so fortunately I was able to maintain my average and successfully transfer to a competitive commerce program at UVIC.*

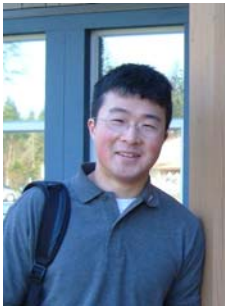


**STELLA WU, TAIWAN**

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT NIC

*I've been studying at North Island College for two year and am close to half way in my Bachelor degree in Business Administration. I find I have to work hard to be successful, studying about 2 hours for every hour I am in class. What is really nice about being here is that we have small classes so I can get all the help I want. I also find the instructors treat all students with respect, regardless of whether they are Canadians or come from another country. It makes me feel like I am one of the crowd and I really appreciate that.*

*When I arrived in Canada I found that I had trouble understanding what was being said and saying what I wanted to say. It took about six months before I felt confident with listening skills and another six months to feel good about my speaking skills. I find I still use my translator every once in a while; mostly with technical words that even the Canadian students are having a hard time understanding. I am from a small town in Japan and it's nice to live in a small town where people are friendly. I am enjoying living in the Comox Valley. I like to golf when I have some time away from studying and there are great golf courses close by. There are some Japanese restaurants in town but I do miss the variety there is at home. I really appreciate there is lots of nature close by and the weather is great. It's also nice that if I want to go to Vancouver or Victoria it easy to get there.*



### TADAMASA SAITO

*North Island College is very good. The program I am taking is like a Bachelor degree offered at a bigger school except here I benefit from less expensive tuition, smaller class sizes and still get an excellent program and great instruction. I really enjoyed the Strategic Management course I took where I was on a team with three others students. We played an on-line business simulation game where we worked for a shoe company, each of us had a position in the company and we had to make all the decisions; like where to have our manufacturing plant and how to price the shoes.*

*In the third and fourth year of Bachelor program I will work for an accounting company as part of my course load. I'll get paid while I am learning. I also have my Off Campus Work Permit and work part time for a car dealership. I am allowed to work up to 20 hours while I am at school and full time during holidays.*

*If I had to give someone from Japan advice about coming to Canada to study I would say - be prepared to study hard. You have to take your courses seriously and do homework after the very first class. No coasting if you want to be successful.*

## UPDATES

- **Summer Academic ESL** program still has a few spaces. July 2<sup>nd</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tuition fee is \$2096 - 24 hours of instruction and academically related activities.
- **NEW PROGRAM !!! Interactive Media and Graphic Design.** This program will offer two diplomas and an advanced diploma to support students developing skills in authoring and presentation of web pages, web systems and architecture as well as design and marketing. Students will also have work placement as part of the program. We expect a high demand for this new offering.

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## UPDATES CONTINUED...

- **REMINDER** – our new **Post Degree Diplomas** are available for all students who have completed an undergraduate degree. These one year diplomas are available in Accounting, Marketing and Communication, and Management.
- **Language Website** - please visit our new website page at [www.nic.bc.ca/ie](http://www.nic.bc.ca/ie). We have added a large amount of information in Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, Spanish, and Traditional Chinese. Just click on the flags! Need copies of the Welcome Book? Please email us at [internationaleled@nic.bc.ca](mailto:internationaleled@nic.bc.ca).

### Interparse Project

Under the Interparse Project, North Island College will welcome students from Poland's Warsaw School of Economics, Germany's International School of Management in Dortmund, and France's Universite Paris 13. Interparse will also support students from NIC to study in Germany, Poland, and France. Three NIC students are currently studying in Europe including Shannon Snaden (under the S) pictured here at Dortmund's International School of Management. Under Interparse, business students will work with local businesses on actual import and export projects between Canada and Europe. The Interparse Project is funded by the Government of Canada and is coordinated at NIC by Nick Robinson, Faculty of Business.



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