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Capilano becomes a university

(NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C.)—The Government of British Columbia today announced that Capilano College has been redesignated a university. The news comes a year after the institution began a well-supported public campaign following the release of the Campus 2020 report.

“With this announcement, the government has recognized Capilano’s teaching excellence, educational innovation, and the fact that we have been granting degrees for 15 years,” said Capilano president, Dr. Greg Lee. “We would like to thank the Government of B.C., the minister of Advanced Education, and all our supporters – especially our region’s five MLAs, First Nations leaders, mayors and the 1 thousands of people who signed our petition.”

Over the past 40 years, Capilano has earned an international reputation for quality teaching, programs and services. The economy of its vast region is closely intertwined with programs and activities at its three campuses. The North Shore, Howe Sound and Sunshine Coast communities also benefit from the \$20 million injected annually by Capilano’s international students and from the financial spin-offs generated by student spending as a whole.

“Becoming a university will help strengthen Capilano’s commitment to building upon its outstanding reputation worldwide as a provider of quality educational services,” Lee said. “Today’s announcement is especially good news for our students and for the economy of the communities within our region.”

Capilano serves the communities of the Lower Mainland, Howe Sound, and the Sunshine Coast through campuses in North Vancouver, Squamish and Sechelt. Enrolment totals 6,800 students in credit programs each term with an additional 6,000 people taking non-credit courses annually. Capilano offers a complete range of preparatory courses, university transfer courses, business and management studies, creative and applied arts programs, health and human services programs, plus a range of services in support of student learning and success. Credentials awarded include bachelor degrees, associate degrees, post-baccalaureate diplomas, advanced diplomas, diplomas, certificates and statements of completion.

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What difference will this new designation make?

- We will be able to provide our students with many more options.

- Residents in our distinct and vast region will be able to receive a university education without leaving their home communities.
- Our already strong First Nations programs will be enhanced.
- Capilano U will continue to develop its international programs, offering students from around the world a university degree and injecting millions of dollars into the local economy.