

NOTEBOOK

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North Vancouver Teachers' Association Teacher Education Scholarship

Every year the NVTA funds one \$500 scholarship for each secondary school in the North Vancouver School District. We are pleased to recognize this year's recipients of the NVTA Teacher Education Scholarship: Natasha Uganec (Argyle), Sage Narita (Carson Graham), Jordanna Svenhard (Handsworth), Julia Robertson (Mountainside), Samantha Yuen (Seycove), Maya Zieberth (Sutherland), Linnea Wengzynowski (Windsor).

Congratulations to all the recipients and good luck in your future endeavours!

There can be no
reconciliation
without **truth.**

Honouring National
Indigenous Peoples Day
June 21 | 2022

A message from the
North and West Vancouver
Teachers' Associations

Lauren Hutchison photo

A MESSAGE FROM THE NVTA PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Congratulations to NVTA members on making it to the end of this school year! Summer is almost here, and it is (almost) time for teachers to have a most well-deserved break.

This year has had unique challenges, from the omicron surge, to the mask mandate being lifted, to the current staffing shortage. For the third year in a row, we have to say that this year has been unparalleled. I know that we are all exhausted and looking forward to some rest and relaxation. I hope that you will all have the opportunity to do whatever you need to do to replenish your reserves, whether it be reading, gardening, travelling, enjoying the beauty of the lower mainland, visiting with family and friends, or giving yourself permission to do nothing at all.

This year has also come with some victories – this spring, the NVTA and the District agreed through mediation to an increase to our PD fund for the first time in 30 years, and successfully completed local bargaining. We were also able to hold the NVTA Retirement Tea this June, for the first time since 2019! Of course, the biggest achievement this year is what each of you have accomplished in your teaching. A new cohort of students has learned with you, growing, and developing as active community members and citizens. Despite all the challenges, thanks to teachers, school communities have continued to thrive.

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Message from President continued...

I hope that each and every one of you know how invaluable your work is and feel celebrated and recognized for your contributions to our community. I hope that this summer brings you all much needed rest and relaxation.

Wishing everyone a joyous summer with your loved ones,

Katrina Russell

NVTA OFFICE SUMMER CLOSURE INFORMATION

The NVTA office will close for summer break at the end of business on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

The NVTA answering machine will be checked *occasionally* through the summer and the NVTA President, Katrina Russell, will check her email *periodically*.

We reopen for the new school year on Monday, August 29, 2022 at 8 am.

Have a wonderful summer break!

Congratulations 2022 Retirees!

Teresa Anton (Handsworth/Ed Administration)

Marian Baronit (Leave)

Kerstin Bedgood (Canyon Heights)

Jane Beleski (Brooksbank)

Paul Clarke (Educational Administration)

Arleene Ewing (Upper Lynn)

Marion Gargiulo (Sutherland)

Helene Gauthier (Argyle)

Marcy Gliener (Capilano)

Jill Grills (Windsor)

Sara Hart (Learning Services)

Kerry Henderson (Seycove)

Catherine Kellmann (Sherwood Park)

Donna Kry (Cleveland)

Tricia Landry (Argyle)

Shirley Lempriere (Seycove)

Michele Le Noble (Cleveland)

Molly Longinotti (Lynn Valley)

Serge Marion (Ross Road)

Luc Maurice (Handsworth)

Diane Mawson (Canyon Height)

Ian Milord (Argyle)

Janice Mitchell (Carisbrooke)

Anita Mullaly (Learning Services)

Heather Myhre (Eslha7an)

Ian Powell (Mountainside)

Lisa Richardson (Handsworth/TTOC)

Graham Simms (Canyon Heights)

Sheila Threndyle (Learning Services)

Cheryl Toms (Carisbrooke)

Cal Tustin (Windsor)

Jill Warland (Argyle)

Gayle Weyell (Carson Graham)

Kevin Williams (Dorothy Lynas)