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## **Comox Valley Schools thanks local businesses and organizations for contributing to Careers Week**

**Comox Valley, B.C.** – Last week, Comox Valley Schools celebrated Careers Week, officially proclaimed by the B.C. government to take place from November 25-29. Careers Week in SD 71 highlighted the many pathways and opportunities available to our students. With a wide range of activities, students explored career programs, heard from industry professionals, and discovered what their future could hold.

“We extend our heartfelt thanks to the businesses and organizations that participated in our Careers Day events at Mark R. Isfeld Secondary, Highland Secondary, and GP Vanier Secondary,” said Craig Sorochan, Manager of Communications, Comox Valley Schools. “Your time and expertise were invaluable for our students, providing them with great insights and inspiration for their future careers.”

### **Mark R. Isfeld Secondary Participants:**

- BC Emergency Health Services: Nina Friend
- Sewing Spool: Nicole Bertram
- Burger Smith Urdahl: Matt Low (Lawyer)
- Odium Brown: Drew Kuhnert (Financial Advisor)
- Courtenay Fire Department: Ian Robertson
- VIHA: Juvena Burns (Medical Imaging), Taylor Hasse (Lab Medicine)
- CPA: Jenna Matkoski (Senior Accountant)
- Muir Engineering: Brian Muir (Engineer)
- North Island College: Rishi Somvanshi (Instructor, PhD Biology)
- Island Health: Elena Gonzalez and Ashley Frame
- Blue Wizard Digital: Nate Schmold
- CFB Comox: Jay Harker (Military & Reserves)
- Marine Biologist: Lauren Hudson
- Mt. Washington: Michelle Ford
- Quantum Dental Group: Sonya Friend
- Professional Artist: Marianne Enhorning
- Retired Kinesiology Professor: Ted Milner
- Comox Valley Family Services: Melissa Scott (Victim Services) Brooke finlayson
- NIC: Garnet Martens (College Professor, Sciences)
- RCMP: Monica Terragni
- Swift Dattoo: Christopher Kelsy (Lawyer) Ben Kingstone

- Biomed/Mech Engineer: Neil Bulman-Fleming
- Electrician: Jake Kieran
- Agricultural/ Farmer: Laura Ingram
- Project Watershed: Caila Holbrook
- NIC: Kerrie MacKenzie (Social Work Professor/SW Law)
- Broken Squirrel Wellness: Tanya Yardley (Physiotherapist)
- Big Brothers and Sisters: Candace Johnson
- Auctioneer: Dave Stevens
- Chef: Andrew Stigant
- SD 71 Associate Superintendent: Jay Dixon
- Psychologist: Benton Dorman

### **Highland Secondary Participants:**

- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Bryce Gillard
- Natural Resource Officer: Dan Smallecombe
- Chartered Accountant/Notary: Jason McLean (Robbins Notary)
- Pilot: Gavin Lee
- Odium Brown: Drew Kuhnert (Financial Advisor)
- Cameron Contracting: Cory Cameron and Kristy Shambrook (Trades)
- REMAX: Don McRae (Realtor)
- Fresh Tracks Physio: Christopher Brake (Physiotherapist)
- Comox Valley Hospital: Executive Director Max Jajszczok and Dr. Adrian Nasager
- Comox Fire Rescue: Captain Corey Brooks
- SD 71 School and Youth Worker: Jason McLean
- Comox Valley Tourism: Hannah
- 911 recruiting: Mandy-Rae Krack
- EHS recruiting: Galen Brewer
- McElhanney Engineers: Stephanie Horner and Chantal Richard
- RCMP: Corporal Arpi Horvath and Sgt. Rob Brennan
- Blue Wizard video game designer: Nate Schmol

### **GP Vanier Secondary Participants:**

- Firefighter: Orod Farbod/Lieutenant Andrew Pisano
- Heavy Duty Mechanic: Glen Wilford
- DFO: Jared Riddell
- Mt. Washington: Michelle Ford/Charlotte Judd/Erin
- ECCE: Rebecca Kleinman/Natalie Robinson
- Quantum Group: Sonya Friend (Dentistry)
- RCMP: Samantha Haldane
- Go2HR - Tourism: Peter Charles/Nicole Seeley
- BC Ambulance: Jessica Powell/Nina
- Nurse Practitioner: Jamie Fortier & Crissy Stavrakov
- Farming & Agriculture: Laura Ingram
- Muchalat: Tania Formosa (Construction)
- SD 71 Associate Superintendent: Jay Dixon

- Geology/Engineering: Tony Williamson
- Aerospace Engineering: Stefan Szkwarek
- Fresh Tracks Physio: Lindsay Baker (Physiotherapist)
- Dr. Ted Milner (Kinesiology/Physical Education)
- Theatre/Production: Andrew Taylor
- Military: Captain Konnor Belbeck
- Artist: Rebecca Martel
- BC Ferries: Courtney McIntosh
- REMAX: Don McRae (Realtor)
- Comox Valley Tourism: Hannah
- Thrifty Foods: Dan Wright
- McDonald's: Kelsey Jeannotte
- Costco: Sue & Kelsey
- Nelson Roofing: Brian Hignell
- Comox Valley Hospital: Heather McEachen/Missy Clark (Health Care Careers)

Thank you once again to all the participants for making Careers Week a success. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our students' futures.

### Media Contact

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Picture 1: Artist: Rebecca Martel speaks to students at GP Vanier



Picture 2: Technical Producer: Andrew Taylor speaks to students at GP Vanier