



November 2022

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



"Autumn carries more gold  
in its pocket than all the  
other seasons."

- Jim Bishop



## • Holidays

The school will be closed on  
November 11th for Remembrance Day.

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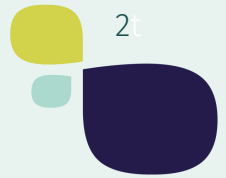
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# November Events



## Workshop: Having Difficult Conversations

**Open to current students. On November 2 at 3:30 in the lecture room OR November 4 at 12pm on MS Teams.**

Geared toward current students, Jamie will lead a workshop to help students feel confident about raising their concerns in a way that will help them to efficiently communicate with instructors. She will teach the structure and approach she learned when completing a post-grad Diploma in collaborative conflict resolution.



## Practice of Building Technology Graduation

**Open to PBT students and their guests. On November 3 at 6pm in the lecture room.**

We're celebrating the accomplishments of our hard-working Practice of Building Technology students this November as many of them move into the work experience portion of their program! Please email Sue at [admin@pacificdesignacademy.com](mailto:admin@pacificdesignacademy.com) to RSVP.

## Student-Led Study Night

**Open to current students. On November 10th from 5:30-8:30.**

Run by Student Council, this event will give students the opportunity to work on projects together in the school after hours and ask second-year students questions. Students will have access to Labs 1 & 3, the Drafting Room, the Flex Room, the Lecture Room, and the meeting rooms.

Please note: the other rooms will be in use for part-time evening classes.

## Faculty Development Workshop

**Open to all faculty members. On November 18th at 9am.**

Our Academic Dean Jamie Kemp will be leading a workshop on how to give effective feedback to students through both formal evaluations and during everyday interactions.



## Jennifer Longstaff: AWD Department Head, Graphic Design Instructor

### How did you get into your field?

I was fortunate to have an inspiring high school math teacher who also taught beginning computer programming. My decision to pursue a software career began early and has never wavered. The constantly-changing industry has provided ongoing new types of projects, and I have worked in engineering, International marketing, and now graphic design, all tied together by those first programming principles I learned at age 17.



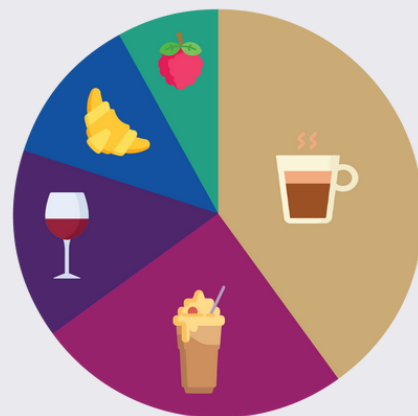
### Why do you think education is important?

Education is the greatest gift people can give themselves. It opens doors to imagination, discovery, goals, and success. I'm thrilled to be part of an education institution after many exciting years in the industry. I can't say enough about how much I love education, so I created a word cloud!



### What's your favourite snack to enjoy while working?

My snack-enjoyment varies but the relative weight of my favourites can be best shown in a pie chart ("pie" is an appropriate name in this case).



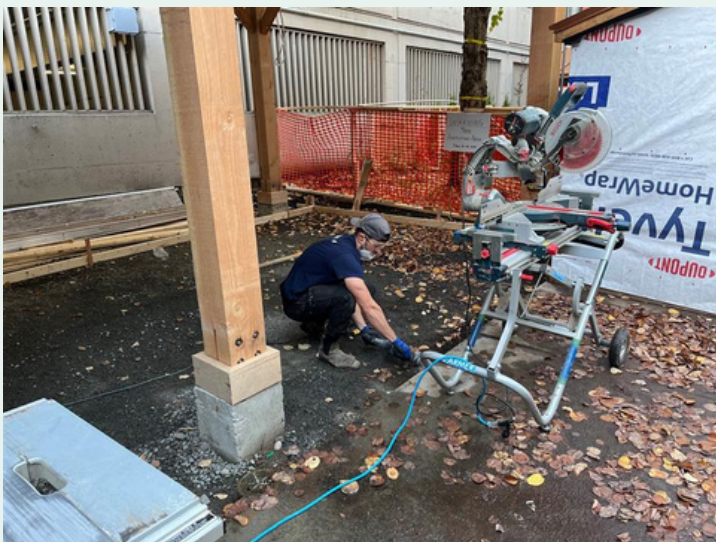
## HeroWork

On October 26th, our Architectural Building Technology and Interior Design students volunteered with the HeroWork Society on one of their Radical Renovations projects. This fall's project was for Cool Aid's Downtown Community Centre at 755 Pandora in an effort to transform the building and breathe new life into this important community resource, allowing them to better serve more people

Welcoming over 6000 visitors a year, the Downtown Community Centre is the only space of its kind in the region, providing free programming to support the health and wellness of our city's most vulnerable.

Our students joined the project from 8am to 3pm. This volunteer effort was spearheaded by Vaibhav Patel, one of our fantastic Department Heads. One of PDA's priorities is to support students as they turn their passions into service to others, so we're proud to see our students doing this important work!







Zombie Construction Worker (Winner!)



Vampire's Victim



PDA QR Code





To celebrate Halloween PDA-style, our MPP students produced a short film starring our very own Jules Molloy about a Dog Man seeking acceptance. Check it out on our YouTube and other social media platforms for some wholesome hilarity!



## Inspiration of the Month

"You've got to think about big things while you're doing small things, so that all the small things go in the right direction."

~Alvin Toffler

Happy November from PDA!

