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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year! Term 2 classes begin on January 3rd.



• Holidays

The school will be closed from December 31st to January 2nd.

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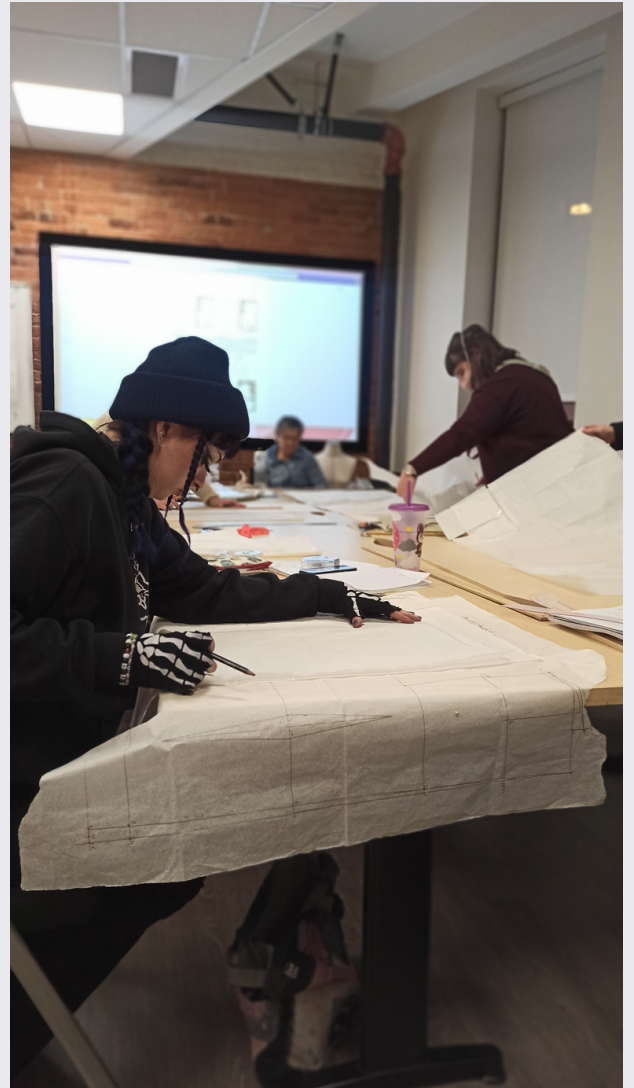
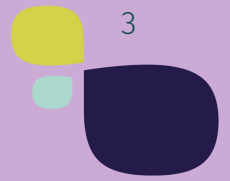
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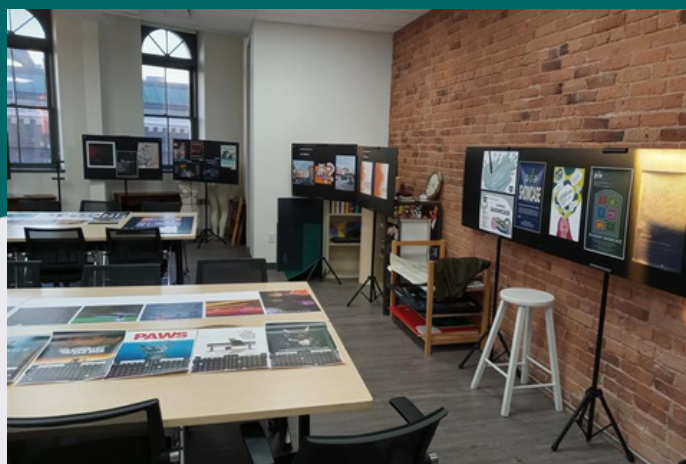
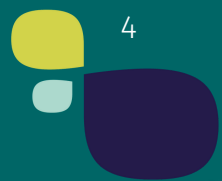
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2022 was a big year here at Pacific Design Academy! Here are some of the highlights.

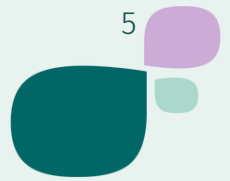
- We moved into our brand new space!
- We ran our first session of Practice of Building Technology.
- We volunteered at the CNIB gala and HeroWorks.
- We hosted our first in-person graduation in a few years.
- We said goodbye to Oliver Drew, our longtime School Director, and wish him the best of luck in future endeavours!
- We welcomed several new members of our admin team.
- We completely updated the Application and Web Development program.
- We said goodbye to our 2022 graduates and hello to our new students.
- We hosted our first Counsellors' lunch.
- We partnered with LaSalle College in Vancouver to build a transfer pathway for our Interior Design students.
- We introduced two new scholarships.
- Our Student Council hosted a number of events, including a food drive for The Soup Kitchen.

December Events





Thank you to all of our students and faculty for making our showcase such a success!



Daniel Mantecon

Interior Design and Architectural Building Technology Instructor

How did you get into your field?

Ever since I was a kid I was into art; I started painting and drawing when I was nine. As I grew up, I started to build things with my hands and got more use of my creativity, and later I started doing murals and bigger paintings, and slowly designing. Once I graduated from Industrial Design I knew that I wanted to combine design with recreating and innovating spaces.

What brought you to Pacific Design Academy?

PDA is a place where I always knew I belonged. In the design world, we connect with different environments in the profession, and when I had the opportunity to come to PDA, I knew it was the right place for me.

Why do you think education is important?

I owe my learning to amazing professors that taught me in my university years. I would not be where I am today if it weren't for them, and it is my responsibility to give back the learning to other generations. I believe that education is extremely important because it builds character and leadership, and it prepares you for professional work.

What's your favourite snack to eat while working?

I love snacking while I'm working! Even though you will always see me with a water bottle in my hand, gummies and chocolate are my power up snacks.

Current Promotion

Apply to any of our full-time programs during the month of January, and receive \$400 off your tuition in September!*

Contact registrar@pacificdesignacademy.com for more information.

*Some restrictions may apply.



Inspiration of the Month

"I don't know where I'm going from here,
but I promise it won't be boring."

~David Bowie

Happy New Year from PDA!