

Class Act: SFU celebrates 50 years

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SFU's Burnaby campus Photograph By Contributed

Simon Fraser University kicks off a year of 50th anniversary celebrations at its Burnaby campus next week.

Festivities take off Wednesday, Sept. 9, with a ceremony from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

On hand will be a group of charter students, who were among the 2,500 first to attend SFU when the doors opened in September, 1965.

The event will include a cake-cutting, a food-truck festival and a host of afternoon faculty celebrations.

A sold-out Celebrate and Savour event later in the evening will feature outdoor entertainment, fine cuisine, fireworks and the unveiling of the SFU's new school song as well as a new 50th anniversary beer created by Surrey's Central City Brewery.

For a complete list of SFU's 50th celebration events see sfu.ca/50 or #SFU50 on Twitter.

Citizen science

Want to be scientific without actually becoming a scientist?

Join Burnaby resident David Burns for a talk at Science World (1455 Quebec St., Vancouver) Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

Burns, who has a PhD in educational policy studies and has worked as a high school teacher and educational consultant, has dedicated much of his life to science literacy and education.

In his upcoming talk, he'll discuss "citizen science," and how understanding science is crucial to everyday life.

“Every time a person fills a prescription, goes on a diet or chooses what kind of car to buy, she’s making decisions that have significant scientific dimensions,” Burns said in press release.

His talk is the third of a six-installment collaborative speaker series between Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Science World. The event is free and open to the public, but guests must register in advance at kpu.ca/scienceworld.

Science scholars

A pair of Burnaby students have each earned major \$60,000 scholarships at B.C. universities.

Alpha Secondary grad Salina Kung and Moscrop Secondary grad Aishwarya Roshan were chosen by SFU and UBC respectively to receive Schulich Leader Scholarships, awarded each year to students pursuing undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

Kung will study science at SFU, majoring in biomedical physiology and kinesiology, with plans of becoming a neurosurgeon. Roshan will study science at UBC.


Students head back to school next week. Have an item for Class Act or an education story for Cornelia? Email cnaylor@burnabynow.com or follow her on Twitter @CorNaylor.

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