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## **Partnership Fuels \$36 million Scholarship Programs**

**Victoria, BC** – The Victoria Foundation and The Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society have partnered in managing and awarding scholarships from \$36 million in endowment funds established by the Province of BC.

“We are very pleased to partner with the Victoria Foundation in the administration and stewardship of our scholarship funds,” said Mike Apsey, chair of the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society. “With support from the Government of British Columbia, the Society has quickly increased the number and value of its scholarship programs”.

The funds provide scholarships to students attending public post-secondary institutions both throughout the province and internationally. To date, the Society has awarded over \$1.2 million in scholarships.

“Working with the Scholarship Society builds on the province-wide impact the Victoria Foundation has,” said Tom Burley, chair of the Victoria Foundation. “Helping students succeed by providing access to funds for continued learning is an investment in all our futures.”

Under the partnership, the Victoria Foundation will administer and coordinate the Society’s five scholarship programs. These programs are for transfer students, aboriginal students, international education, study abroad, and general educational opportunities.

To find out more about the funding available or to make a donation to these funds, call the Victoria Foundation at 250-381-5532.

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