



**THE IRVING K. BARBER**

British Columbia Scholarship Society

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE VICTORIA FOUNDATION

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **16 BC students awarded \$5,000 Ike Barber Transfer Scholarships**

VICTORIA – Sixteen BC students will each receive a \$5,000 Ike Barber Transfer Scholarship this year from the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society.

“These scholarships are an investment in the skills and talents of students in BC,” said Dr. Irving K. Barber, the philanthropist for whom the scholarship is named. “They help students obtain their post-secondary degrees while rewarding their outstanding accomplishments, both in the classroom and in the community.” Dr. Barber is the founder of Slocan Forest Products Ltd. and is well known for his commitment to education and research in British Columbia.

The scholarships are awarded annually to undergraduate students who have completed two years at a public post-secondary institution in B.C. and are transferring to another degree-granting institution in B.C. to complete their degrees. They are funded from the returns on a \$15 million endowment established by the Province in 2006.

“The Irving K. Barber BC scholarships encourage students to take advantage of some of the best features of B.C.’s post-secondary system – choice and transferability,” said Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development. “For students seeking a degree, having the ability to transfer easily between institutions means that they can start their degrees at their closest community college or institute, saving them thousands of dollars in costs.”

Students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5 or 87.5 per cent for 54 credits completed and have demonstrated service to their school and/or community. Scholarships of \$5,000 each are awarded annually to undergraduate students across BC.

“By helping students meet their financial needs for post-secondary education, we all win,” said Jim Reed, chair of the board of the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society. “These scholarships help students obtain degrees while studying closer to home longer and at less cost.”

Working in partnership with the Victoria Foundation, the Irving K. Barber BC Scholarship Society provides scholarships to students attending public post-secondary institutions both throughout the province and internationally. To date, the Society has awarded over \$2.2 million in scholarships.

To find out more about this fund call the Victoria Foundation at 250-381-5532 or visit [www.bcscholarship.ca](http://www.bcscholarship.ca).

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List of recipients below

### 2009 Ike Barber Transfer Scholarship Recipients

Student	Home Town/City	Original Institution	Destination Institution
Joness Lang	Vancouver	BC Institute of Technology	Royal Roads University
Chris Bigelow-Nuttall	Victoria	Camosun College	University of Victoria
Joel Witherington	Victoria	Camosun College	University of Victoria
Braden Young	Victoria	Camosun College	University of British Columbia
Peder Sande	North Vancouver	Capilano University	University of British Columbia
Rachelle Durand	Prince George	College of New Caledonia	University of Northern British Columbia
Candace VanDijk	Prince George	College of New Caledonia	University of Northern British Columbia
Maeghan Sheepwash	Surrey	Douglas College	Vancouver Island University
Kalind Chatterson	Vancouver	Langara College	University of British Columbia
Jennifer Rowe	Vancouver	Langara College	University of British Columbia
Kaeleen Foote	Prince Rupert	Northwest Community College	University of Northern British Columbia
Sarah Palahicky	Terrace	Northwest Community College	University of Northern British Columbia
Marie Ouellet	Kelowna	Okanagan College	Simon Fraser University
Sandra Bargery	Armstrong	Okanagan College	University of British Columbia
James Powell	Vernon	Okanagan College	University of British Columbia
Christina Godfrey	Kaslo	Selkirk College	University of Victoria