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and volunteering in the community; people who have family or community obligations that so far have kept them from pursuing their education goals.”

“We know that these people have the potential to become strong leaders because they value both education and building community.”

The Lifelong Learner Bursary joins a bursary that Interior Savings previously established at UBC Okanagan, for which any student in financial need is eligible.

Interior Savings has also partnered with UBC Okanagan in a monthly luncheon series that brings together successful UBC alumni with third and fourth year students. The three or four alumni have a panel discussion about their education and careers, helping students understand that a successful career pathway is not necessarily linear. “We get excellent feedback on these events from the students and alumni,” says Amanda Sheehan, Community Investment Advisor for Interior Savings.

She adds, “The staff at UBC Okanagan were fantastic to work with in creating the Lifelong Learner Bursary. And it’s wonderful that this is an endowment that will endure over time.” ♦

INTRODUCING RHONDA ROTH

Rhonda Roth is the new Associate Director for Awards Development as of August 2009. She takes over in this position from Dan Worsley, who has retired after 30 years of service to UBC.

Rhonda was born in Vancouver and raised in Calgary, and graduated from the University of Calgary with a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Arts in political science. While still a student, she began volunteering in a Faculty of Commerce fundraising campaign and quickly became interested in the field of fundraising. She took a position with a hospital foundation in Calgary and worked there until returning to Vancouver in 2001 to work at UBC.

Before joining the Gift and Estate Planning unit, Rhonda held positions of increasing responsibility in the Development Office in the Faculty of Medicine, culminating in her role as Associate Director of Development.

“I had begun to work with donors who were giving to student awards, and I found myself drawn to that special group,” she says. “Dan was a mentor to me, so it is very rewarding for me to continue in the position that he has left.”

Rhonda looks forward to working with existing donors and encouraging new ones to support awards for UBC students.

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