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INTERIOR SAVINGS CREDIT UNION SUPPORTS LIFELONG LEARNERS AT UBC OKANAGAN

For many students, returning to school after a break is much harder than going to school in the first place. Resuming an academic career that is interrupted by other priorities – family needs; community service – can be particularly challenging.

“Everyone is on a different path in life, and we wanted to support people who are active in the community,” says Barry Meckler, President and CEO of Interior Savings Credit Union, explaining the organization’s motive for creating a bursary at UBC Okanagan for students who return to university after a pause of a year or more.

Interior Savings Credit Union is a financial institution with 80,000 members and 21 branches throughout the central and southern

interior of BC. In December 2008 Interior Savings and UBC announced the creation of the Lifelong Learner Bursary.

This bursary will be awarded annually, beginning in 2009, to a UBC Okanagan student with one or more dependents who is entering or returning to post-secondary education after a pause in studies of one year or more, and who has demonstrated active community involvement.

“Our organization is dedicated to the prosperity of our communities, and the people in them,” says Barry. “So we understand how important it is to support people who are active

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