

BCCAT

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL
ON ADMISSIONS & TRANSFER

2017 BCCAT Transfer Awards

Friday, November 17, 2017 at 1:00 pm
Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC





INTRODUCTION

by Jim Hamilton, President, Okanagan College & BCCAT Co-Chair

CONFERRAL OF AWARDS

Brian Dick

TRANSFER & ARTICULATION COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Steven Earle

TRANSFER & ARTICULATION COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Tanis Sawkins

LEADERSHIP AWARD

CLOSING REMARKS

by Jim Hamilton

This award recognizes an individual or group for their contributions to the BC Transfer System in their role(s) as community leaders and active volunteers in professional service to the broader articulation community.

BRIAN DICK

Professor & Chair, Dept. of Physics, Engineering, and Astronomy, Vancouver Island University

“Brian has demonstrated leadership in several ways. First, by proposing and being the champion of the project of defining a common first-year engineering core curriculum. Second, by volunteering to be Chair of the BCCAT Engineering Articulation Committee in 2016, and acting as the chair since. Third, Brian has formed the working group to prepare the proposal for second phase (implementation) of the common first-year engineering core curriculum project.”

“The success of the first phase of the common first-year engineering core curriculum project was due in large part to Brian’s collaborative approach to the needs of the receiving institutions... For these reasons, he is a worthy (award) recipient.” - Elroy Switlishoff, Engineering Instructor, Selkirk College



STEVEN EARLE

Instructor, Earth Sciences, Thompson Rivers University - Open Learning / Vancouver Island University

“It takes incredible dedication to write useful annotated field guides, arrange field trips to good localities, with food, accommodation, transportation and contingencies. His trips are simply the best we have had the chance to participate in and learn from. The humble, thorough, careful work is superb for team building both within our articulation group and in his other contributions. His innovations with the online text and teaching are unique.”

“For any of these attributes or contributions alone, he would be a great candidate for the BCCAT Transfer & Articulation Community Leadership Award. Collectively, they are truly impressive and worthy of respect and recognition.” - Tark Hamilton, Instructor, Chemistry and Geoscience, Camosun College.



This award recognizes an individual or group for demonstrating exemplary leadership that has had a significant and positive impact on advancing the theory and practice of transfer and articulation within the BC Transfer System.

TANIS SAWKINS

Associate Director, Partnership Development Office,
Vancouver Community College

“Tanis Sawkins has been an active devoted, and significant contributor to the ESL Articulation Committee (13 years) as well as the EAL (English as an Additional Language) community for almost 30 years. Ever since she began attending the ESL Steering Committee in 2004, she has been a vocal, passionate, and thoughtful advocate for a broad spectrum of issues pertaining to the field of ESL in British Columbia.”



“ESL encompasses much more than learning a language; our programs and classrooms bring individuals together from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds in a safe space that promotes intercultural awareness and understanding. Her work both within the committee and in provincially funded projects developing curriculum to prepare newcomers for various disciplines (including occupation specific language training for engineers and accountants) is a notable contribution towards our province’s efforts in this regard.”

“While we, as fellow committee members, are only able to see a portion of her work as a whole, her excellent leadership, warmth, sincere engagement, and unwavering commitment are all consistently apparent within the years of her involvement on the ESL articulation committee... For her efforts, her vision, her dedication and spirit, she is most deserving of this honour and recognition.”

- Adrian Lipsett, Registrar & Director of Operations, Alexander College
(& Co-Chair of the ESL Articulation Committee)

