

## Monthly Report to the Provost – Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science (FoS) has the following to report for the month of **September 2021**:

### Engaging Learners

After over a year and a half of working remotely most faculty and staff were back at work this semester mingling with students, with appropriate COVID-19 precautionary measures. Our lectures and labs are full and students are enjoying being back on campus. Students were actively engaging in various activities within their classes as well as extracurricular, volunteering in the various groups, clubs and institutional activities.

Two of our science students were selected as Student senators: **Ishika Sethi** and **Charnjit Nijjar** and have already participated in their first senate meeting on Sept 24.

Students are active in various club activities and are participating on the Student Campus Expo this Sept 29. The Physics student association (PSA) held a meeting on Sept 28 and the Women in Science Engineering and Technology (UFV WEST) are planning a social for Oct 7.

The Faculty of Science sponsored a Best face mask contest to promote use of face masks on campus <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2021/09/23/best-face-masks-contest-deadline-monday-sept-27-5pm/> . Winners will be announced in October.

**Dr. Robin Endelman**, Science Rocks Outreach Coordinator and Math and Stats Professor applied for a WIL grant earlier this year to help support our new science outreach program this semester. This week she received notification that grant has ben appr TJO Tc 0 Tw 5.511 0 Td(-)Tj-0.012 Tc 0.012 Tw 0.304 0 Td(ro)-17.6 (c)-12.9 (k)-13.5 (s)TJO T

**Dr. Michelle Rhodes**, currently on leave from SLUEC, has published a book: *The Tree Farm: The evolution of Canada's first community forest*, which was released on Sept 20. [https://www.amazon.ca/Tree-Farm-Evolution-Canadas-Community/dp/1989025684/ref=sr\\_1\\_42?dchild=1&keywords=forest+conservation&qid=1632759865&sr=8-42](https://www.amazon.ca/Tree-Farm-Evolution-Canadas-Community/dp/1989025684/ref=sr_1_42?dchild=1&keywords=forest+conservation&qid=1632759865&sr=8-42).

Michelle also spoke to the growth and values of community forestry in a brand new series of videos produced by the City of Mission and ValleyTech productions, the first two of which were released on September 23:

Community Forest: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQQ7lulCkDQ>

History of the Tree Farm: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U90rhshGQvY>

### **Building Community**

We held a Sto:lo Places Name Tour on Sept 15 with Albert (Sonny) McHalsie. Various administrators, faculty and staff from across the university joined in this tour. See photos of event on <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ufv/albums/72157719857670219>

A Welcome back social was held on the afternoon of Sept 9 on the patio of K-building. This opportunity facilitated the introduction of our new Associate Dean to the faculty and staff of Science.

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