

## Presenting the Career Education Excellence Awards on Behalf of The Career Education Society

Join us as we celebrate the recipients of this years CES Career Education Excellent Awards! One of which is our very own, Executive Director, Michelle Skelly!



*CES is a non-profit professional organization founded to promote the development of Career Education in British Columbia and assist in the professional growth of its members.*

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### CAREER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Last week at our annual conference, we presented the inaugural **Awards for Excellence in Career Education** along with the traditional Honourary Life Member Awards. Join us in celebrating these worthy individuals and organizations!

- **Carol Martina**, BCIT (Retired) - Honourary Life Membership
- **Reid Findlay, SD83** - Honourary Life Membership
- **Rob Gowan-Smith, SD68** - Excellence in Career Education
- **Nicola Priestly, South Island Partnership** - Excellence in Collaboration
- **Rob Hicks and Danny Tones, Education Programs & Policy Branch, Ministry of Education and Child Care** - Excellence in Collaboration
- **Matt Pitcairn and Roxanne La Claire, BC Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association** - Excellence in Innovation
- **Michelle Skelly, Skills Canada BC** - Excellence in Leadership





Thank you!

Message from Carol Martina:

*I'm thrilled to be receiving this award! Partnering with the CES and participating in the annual CES Conference were always highlights of the year for me.*

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Message from Reid Findlay:

*I consider it a great honour to have my name added to this distinguished list of career educators. This will make this particular CES conference a very special one for me!*

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Message from Rob Gowan-Smith:

*I am deeply appreciative for the recognition, thank you!*

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Message from Nicola Priestly, SIP:

*Since 2003, the South Island Partnership (SIP) has been a collaboration between Camosun College and five South Island school districts - Greater Victoria (61), Sooke (62), Saanich (63), Gulf Islands (64) and Cowichan Valley (79); focused on enhancing career exploration opportunities, dual credit programming, and post-secondary transition for thousands of students each year.*

*In addition to the SIP Team (April Atkins, Bob Gronotte, Colin Scott-Moncrieff, Jen Smyly, Sharath Dhesingh and Nicola Priestley), multiple SIP committees and working groups are comprised of school-based Career teams, teachers, administrators, district Career teams, district senior leadership, college support teams, educators, program leads, and Camosun senior leadership. Hundreds of people across six partner organizations are continually working collaboratively, motivated by a vision to grow student exploration, education, transition and success.*

*We want to acknowledge the many current and former colleagues that have been integral to the partnership's success. In addition, support from numerous industry partners, community organizations, local and large-scale donors, Skilled Trades BC, and the Ministry of Education & Child Care have repeatedly propelled SIP into a new realm of student engagement and achievement. The South Island Partnership is incredibly grateful to be acknowledged for our collaborative approach to supporting students and our community. We are excited for our future and to continue supporting the growth and learning of students across the South Island.*

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Message from Roxanne La Claire, BC Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association:

*Thank you for this honour. We are very excited about this!*

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Message from Danny Tones & Rob Hicks:

*We feel honoured that the CES has chosen to recognize us and the work of our teams in the Education Programs and Policy Branch, and we look forward to accepting the award on behalf of our teams on November 18.*

*The strong and trusting relationships built between our team and CES/career educators are very important to us.*

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Message from Michelle Skelly:

*I have appreciated all the amazing support the career educators throughout the Province have provided that has enabled SkillsBC to bring our programs and competitions to the classrooms and communities. We couldn't do what we do without all of you!*



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