



# ASSOCIATION FOR CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION **BC/Yukon**

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gear up for National Co-op  
Week in BC  
March 21 – 25, 2011**

Mark your calendars—this year's National Co-op Week is set for the week of March 21 to 25, 2011. Here are a few tips to help you celebrate:

- Host an open house to showcase co-op and engage your campus community
- Create a campus-wide video contest to encourage students to share their co-op stories
- Promote National Co-op Week in your campus newspapers, on the radio and in your local Community
- Invite co-op students to do a walk about around campus to spread the word
- Ask your municipal leaders to proclaim March 21 – 25 National Co-op Week

## GREETINGS FROM THE ACE PRESIDENT



Another hectic Fall semester is well under way and I am reminded more than ever that ACE is addressing the needs of our members: developing tools to assist in student success, reaching out to key industry partners, and mining for new insights in our own professional development.

ACE's revived External Relations Committee has made huge strides to build industry ties. Leanne MacKenzie (KPU) and Larry Iles (TRU) were invited to the Local Government Management Association of British Columbia (LGMA) conference held this Spring in Whistler, leading to development of new opportunities for students and collaboration with institutions.

Members can look forward to visiting Vancouver Island once again for the upcoming ACE 2011 Conference, to be held in Victoria this May. UVic and Camosun are hosting this event and have drawn together both a stellar venue and interactive approach sure to please.

ACE has also begun preparations to co-host the next CAFCE Conference in Whistler, scheduled for August 12 to 16, 2012. Lynne Murchie (UBC) has generously stepped forward to helm this event.

Please contact Lynne today to lend your expertise and enthusiasm.

One of ACE's greatest strengths continues to be the unparalleled energy and commitment of our membership. I encourage all members, new and long-standing, to draw unique and valued experiences from increased participation in a committee or contributing to the success of a conference.

Build your professional development and contact your committee reps today (Communications, External Relations, PD, Research, Web Enhancement and CAFCE 2012 Conference).

Special thanks go out to Frances McLafferty (SFU), as she steps down as PD Co-Chair. At this time, we also welcome Judith Hall (BCIT) and David Woodward (VIU), as our newest chairs for External Relations and PD.

On a final note, it is with great admiration that ACE congratulates Norah McRae (UVic) on her new role as CAFCE President-Elect. As a result, ACE has a growing national representation in shaping co-operative education's impact and growth.

Stuart Billings  
ACE President

## ACE 2011 CONFERENCE IN VICTORIA DISCOVER QUALITY ON THE COAST

On May 18 to 20, 2011, join us in beautiful Victoria, BC for the ACE 2011 Conference, held at the Inn at Laurel Point.

Hosted by Camosun College and the University of Victoria's co-op and career programs, this 3-day event will focus on the theme of "Quality at Work" and what "quality" means in the workplace and in the classroom.

Activities will include:  
- Keynote speaker presentation

- Student and employer panels
- Evening reception and a gala dinner
- Exciting social activities in Victoria including whale watching, golfing and a trip to the world-famous Butchart Gardens

Visit [ACE 2011 Conference](#) to register or to find details about the schedule, accommodations, social activities and more.





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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS ACE CO-OP STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

ACE is proud to continue the tradition of supporting excellence in co-op education. Once again, ACE is seeking nominations for a university co-op student and a college co-op student of the year for 2010.

Winners will be recognized at the 2011 ACE Conference and will receive an award of \$500.00. Please nominate your outstanding students for the **ACE 2010 Co-op Student of the Year Awards**.

The students will be evaluated on their job and academic achievement, contribution to co-operative education and involvement in extra-curricular activities at school and/or in the community at large.

Nominations must be received by **Tuesday, January 26, 2011**.

[Nomination Form and Materials](#)

## CO-OP STUDENT HOUSING SITE

Do your co-op students remain fearful of finding housing when applying for out-of-town positions? Is student housing a common concern voiced on your campus?

The Co-op Student Housing Site was developed by ACE to support BC co-op students search for short term housing in other cities or countries.

Students in registered co-op programs can post their own accommodations for subletting or search for housing in communities where they are seeking co-op work terms. The site also provides valuable information on general housing resources and links.

Visit the [Co-op Student Housing Site](#)

## ACE PD EVENT NOVEMBER 25, 2010

**Employer Relations** – Recruiting and Maintaining Productive Relations with Employers in a Stagnant Economy.

Where have all the Co-op jobs gone? What's on the minds of employers and how do we stay connected with them in today's economy? What's coming down the road?

These are just a few questions that most career educators are asking these days. If this is you, then plan to attend the next ACE-PD Event at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

9:30am	Registration
10:00am	Welcome Address
10:15am	ACE External Relations
10:40am	Employer Panel
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Café Discussions
2:30pm	Gallery Walk
3:30pm	Social @ Earls in Richmond

[RSVP Now](#)

## GET INVOLVED

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered with ACE over the past year. Your commitment and contributions keep our association strong.

ACE welcomes new volunteers to anytime throughout the year encourages you to get involved and have fun with your colleagues and peers.

To get involved, contact any of the ACE Board of Directors or Committee Chairs today.