



Colonel Mike Minor. Photo submitted.

Mike Minor - Colonel, Artist, MBA Graduate

He's jumped out of planes, trained in the Arctic and has been to Ethiopia, Macedonia, London and Europe. Now, as Colonel Mike Minor packs for his upcoming deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan, he ensures that his iPod and laptop containing photos of his family are ready to go. He is also taking something very powerful, yet intangible with him. He's taking the knowledge gleaned from his recently-completed Master of Business Administration (MBA)

degree program at University Canada West.

Colonel Minor will be the NATO Commander at the largest Afghan army training facility, the Kabul Military Training Centre (KMTC), where he will command NATO's multinational forces and advise the General of the Afghan National Army, giving Colonel Minor an opportunity to apply what he's learned in school.

"At any one time there are over 10,000 students. My MBA

courses in global leadership, managing cultural diversity, and leading change will be particularly useful," said Colonel Minor.

Previously, Colonel Minor served as Chief of Staff and Chief of Operations, contributing to United Nations Mission efforts in Ethiopia and Eritrea. He was also dispatched as lead planner to the Canadian Joint Task

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President's Message



I am delighted to see the renewal of our Newsletter. This is a ready and readable vehicle for information

The important and timely creation of a new University Vision, Mission, Business and Capital Plan is underway. In parallel with these strategic initiatives, we are also undertaking an intensive marketing review to support re-branding and website redesign.

transfer and recognition of the events and people shaping the University.

Both student registration and retention continue as priorities. We are committed to strengthening our on-ground and on-line student experience, providing quality service and education at each point of contact.

I am writing this message as we finalize University Canada West's Annual Ministry Report. UCW's 2010-2011 submission maps our many academic and operational achievements to quality standards. With considerable resolve, much has been accomplished over the past 12 months. UCW students, faculty and staff have contributed feedback, ideas and team work to advance our growing organization. For this I am immensely grateful and invite continued individual and collective input.

I look forward to an ambitious – and impactful – year ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Dr. Verna Magee-Shepherd

Mark your Calendars! Important dates upcoming

Tuition Due Date
(Online students):
August 2, 2011

Application Deadline for this
year's Convocation:
October 15, 2011

Convocation Date:
November 19, 2011

Watch for the next:

- Speaker Series
- Career Development Workshops
- Exciting Social Events

The Artist Within (...Continued from front cover)

Force Tampa after the 9-11 crisis in the United States of America.

When he is not in search of adventure with the Canadian Forces, Colonel Minor paints with aspirations to be a professional artist. His paintings are done in watercolour or oil with subjects ranging from still and wildlife to sea and landscapes to figures and portraits, just to name a few.

"A life time of painting would not be enough to capture what inspires me. I try to view the world through fresh eyes every day," he said. "Sometimes something awe-inspiring is right at

your feet."

But painting will have to wait, although Colonel Minor will have his sketch pad with him on his journey.

Looking forward to his one year post in Kabul, Colonel Minor said, "Afghanistan is 'a march of 1000 miles.' I hope my team and I can help the Afghan National Army to the best of our abilities in the time we have to train their soldiers to defend their country."

Colonel Mike Minor poses with the Stanley Cup in a past deployment in Afghanistan.
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The Student Committee from left to right: M.S. Lehal, Jeffrey Ha, Sai Chander Botha, Harish Jonnada, Sunil Sharma, Ebrahim Jadwet.
Not pictured: Shannon McMaster, Shanee Philip. Photo credit: Lisa Duong

Meet your Student Committee

Formed in April 11, 2011, this term's student committee comprises of eight members. During a recent interview, they shared their passion about their roles and a bit more about themselves.

Why did you join the committee?

Shanee: This is a chance to improve leadership, communication and networking skills, and to develop as a person.

Ebrahim: We want to make a difference for this university.

Sunil: This is a great way to learn lots of things. We have to think according to the student perspective in order to help them.

Shannon: I strive to be a voice of positive energy and action in life. The student committee is the opportunity to do this for my peers.

What's the best thing about UCW?

Shannon: Professors teach you to think, not read and regurgitate. This skill will outlast all the textbooks that have been

or may follow...

Ebrahim: Practical knowledge is very important. We've been to CTV, CBC, stock exchanges...

Jeff: Diverse culture.

Sunil: Open door policy.

You can go talk to anyone.

What's playing on your iPod?

Jeff: Dixie Chicks, Landslide.

Sunil: Enrique and Gurdass mann.

Shanee: Tamil Song, Ennamo Yedho.

Lehal: Jazzy-B.

Sai: Teenage Dreams.

In one word, what's your favourite thing about Vancouver?

Harish: Mountains.

Sai: Climate.

Sunil: Adventures.

Lehal: Multiculturalism.

Shannon: I love Shwarmas.

Where is the best place to study?

Ebrahim: Waterfront.

Harish and Shannon: VPL.

Jeff: Starbucks.

Where do you want to be 10 years from now?

Ebrahim: Prime Minister of India.

Jeff: Married and living in Vancouver.

Lehal: King-maker (finding talent and promoting that person).

Sai: Running a fortune 500 company.

If you're not in class, you are...

Sai: Online.

Jeff: On my bicycle.

Ebrahim: Flirting with girls.

Harish: Sightseeing.

Shannon: At the seaside.

How do you define success?

Jeff and Shannon: Happiness.

Shanee: Knowing that I did the right thing for the right reasons.

Lehal: Being a leader who helps others lead.

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Presenting Papers: Faculty Spotlight

The past months have been a busy time for UCW faculty members that included invitations to present their papers to various organizations.

Dr. Alexandra Pett presented a paper on trauma in Latin American fiction (focusing on the work of Isabel Allende) at a conference on World Literature, hosted by the American Comparative Literature Association in May, 2011.

Dr. Bruce Hiebert presented a paper on "rituals and ethics" to the American Academy of Religion regional meeting in Victoria BC, exploring the point of interface between psychological states of anxiety, religious ritual behaviour and post-ritual practices.

It argues that rituals are calming in the face of anxiety and provide practitioners with semantic clues to the meaning of ordinary existence.

Upon hearing his paper, two members of the North American Academy of Liturgics (NAAL) further invited Dr. Hiebert to speak at their hermeneutics seminar at the NAAL annual meeting in San Francisco. The paper was read in advance and discussed for 1.5 hours.

Dr. Chris Tabi has been selected to attend and present at the biennial international symposium for Analytical Hierarchy Process in Italy.

The paper provides an insight into the AHP/ANP that use main core mathematics to derive priorities by making comparisons using the idea of dominance both for criteria, sub-criteria and alternatives. The paper is titled: "Using multi-criteria decision making to determine the critical success factors for procurement of capital projects under public-private partnerships."

New Faculty Members

UCW welcomes the following new faculty members, who have gone through and successfully passed the three-week faculty orientation, certification and mentorship course to help them prepare for teaching and learning at UCW.

- Jim Randall
(Advertising and Public Relations)
- Priscilla Wamucci
(Communications and Media Theory)
- Yesman Post
(Visual Communications)
- James Wood
(History)