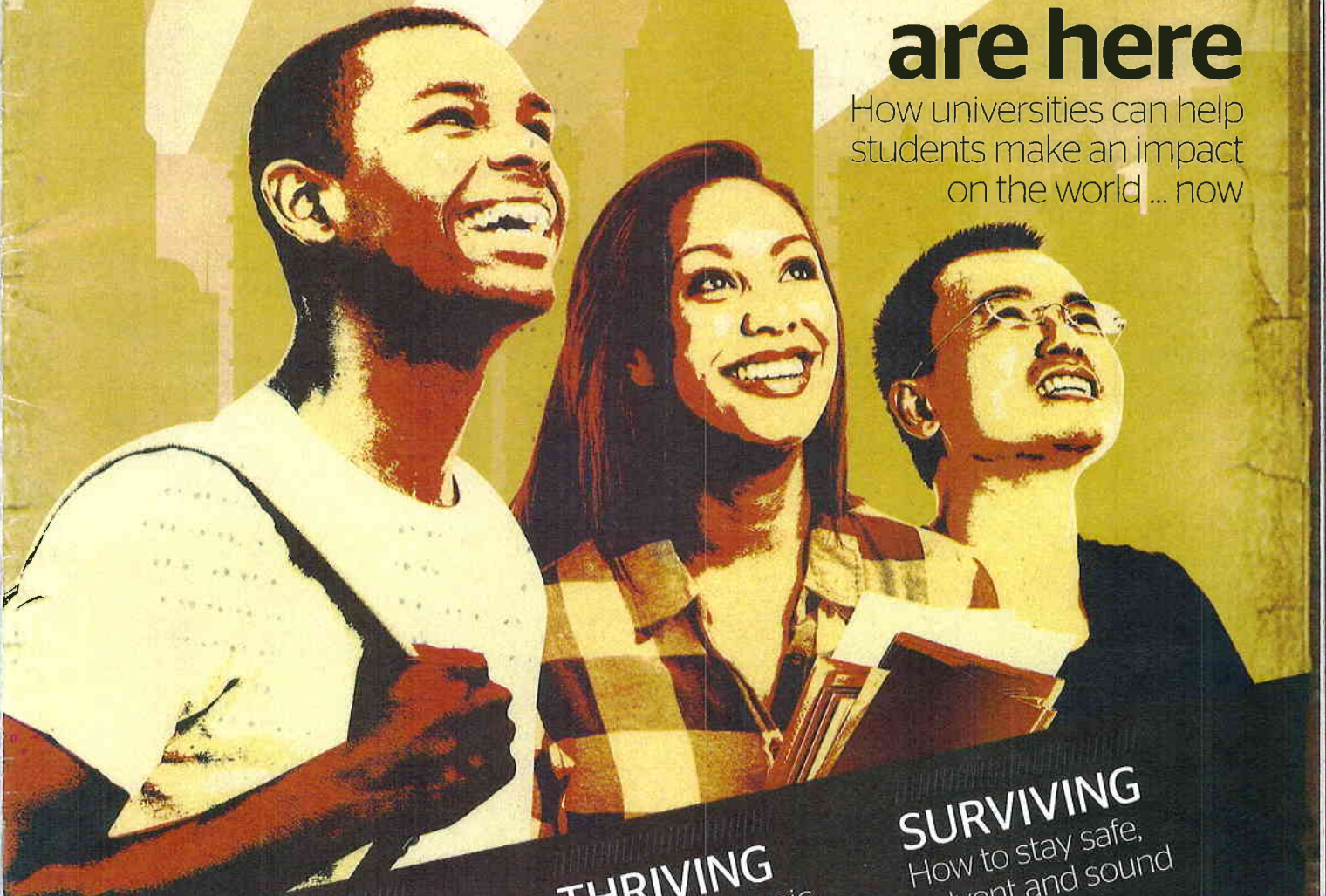


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mandate is to serve the educational needs of the Fraser Valley and nearly 90 per cent of students hail from the surrounding region. Students praised the quality of instruction and interaction with teachers in a national student survey. Classes are capped at 36 students, but students complain about waitlists to get into courses.

In the community: A higher percentage of first-year students reported participating in an internship or co-op program than at any other B.C. university. For instance, Cherie Enns' urban planning students designed innovative urbanization proposals to revive an historic ornamental garden site that closed down several years ago. Students envisioned walkable, vibrant multiuse communities and presented their ideas to the local planning director.



KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

Surrey (main), Richmond, Langley and Cloverdale

Students: 15,000

Cost: \$5,400

This college-turned-university has four regional campuses and offers a variety of flexible study options for a range of bachelor's degrees. KPU offers many bridging programs, which allow students to complete a certificate or a diploma and continue on to a degree. The teaching-focused school caps class sizes at 35, making it easy to get to know the instructors, which is impressive for such a large institution. Students say the commuter-style campus lacks community and culture. Despite priding itself on a vocational and applied approach to learning, very few programs outside of the business school have co-op study options.

This year: Current students gave back in a big way to future KPU students. For instance, Kwantlen's student-owned, not-for-profit Polytechnic Ink Publishing Society (PIPS) donated \$100,000 toward annual scholarships for journalism and creative writing students.



Kwantlen offers four regional campuses and flexible study options.



UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Prince George (main), Peace River-Liard, Terrace, Prince Rupert, Quesnel

Students: 3,300

Cost: \$5,500

UNBC opened its doors in 1990, two years after 16,000 Northern B.C. residents campaigned for the creation of their own university. Co-op placements are limited, but research opportunities for undergraduates are numerous compared to other small universities. UNBC students reported a 93-per-cent employment rate two years after graduation, higher than UBC and the University of Victoria. Eighty per cent of 2012 graduates in the work force surveyed two years after graduation say their job is related to their degree, higher than most B.C. universities.

In the community: Students in the social work and business programs collaborated to develop

the Northern Family Support Program, which provides resources to families and individuals in crisis who may not qualify for traditional social services. The social venture is funded by local businesses and donors.

Beyond the classroom: UNBC offers experiential learning courses that connect students with community groups. In one recent course, students built a traditional pit house in partnership with a local First Nation; in another, they learned about biodiversity in the Skeena River at an estuary research centre.



QUEST UNIVERSITY

Squamish

Students: 650

Cost: \$31,200

The student experience at the private Quest University is unique in Canada and is profiled here to highlight alternative learning models. For the first two years,

students take a common set of interdisciplinary courses that build critical thinking skills. In the last two years, students design their learning experience around a personalized question. For example: "What is dark matter?" or "What conditions optimize a sense of belonging?" The mountain views and small class sizes offered by the private university don't come cheap, but the university handed out \$10.2-million in merit- and needs-based scholarships to its 650 students in 2014. Despite being a fairly new university granting only a bachelor in arts and science, Quest grads have landed jobs at Nike, Parks Canada and Yale University's Singapore campus, while others have gone on to postgraduate studies at Ivy League schools.

In the community: All students are required to spend one to four months off campus immersed in experiential learning. The flexibility of the school's block program (students take just one class at a time each month) is attractive to students who want to travel, work or train, like freestyle skiers Keltie Hansen and Rosalind Groenewoud, who represented Canada at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia.

Students say: Faculty are extremely supportive. "They are our friends and colleagues, as well as mentors, which has deepened the learning experience for me," says third-year Questy, Cello Lukey.



ROYAL ROADS UNIVERSITY

Victoria

Students: 2,000 (graduate) and 1,100 (undergraduate)

Cost: \$9,200

Royal Roads University offers the final two years (60 credits) of study for undergraduate programs, a variety of master's programs and a doctorate of social sciences. Most programs start with an intense on-campus learning experience, followed by distance and online courses and an internship that is integrated into the core curriculum. In a 2014 survey of recent graduates, 98 per cent said the quality of