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Pearson College UWC Announces New Board Members

WSÁNEĆ Nation Leader; Senior Counsel and Educator Join Volunteer Board

VICTORIA, B.C. – [Pearson College UWC](#), Canada's only United World College, this week confirmed the appointment of two notable alumni to the school's [Board of Directors](#).

Board Chair Lori Sterling (YR 2/1977)* formally welcomed William (Will) Morris (YR 20/1995) of the [Tsartlip First Nation](#), one of five communities that constitute the WSÁNEĆ Nation on the Saanich Peninsula of Vancouver Island, and [Geoffrey Turner](#) (YR 10/1985) of Toronto, Ontario to the volunteer Board of Directors.

"We are delighted to welcome William and Geoffrey to the Board of Canada's only United World College," said Sterling. "Like all our directors, Will and Geoff are generously volunteering their time and experience in numerous areas, including involvement in providing governance for educational institutions, leadership and sustainability."

Located on the unceded territory of the Sc'ianew First Nation and lands inhabited by Coast Salish peoples since time immemorial, southwest of Victoria, Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific and United World Colleges will be celebrating 50 years of educating students representing about 90 nationalities. Three-quarters of students attend with scholarship support.

Currently [Director of Stewardship](#) under the [Salish Sea initiative](#) for the Tsartlip First Nation, Morris has a long record of continuing community service, including more than 12 years as an elected leader for the Nation and as a former Chair of the [WSÁNEĆ School Board](#) that represents the four Saanich nations in the field of education. Morris has served on a number and variety of boards and committees across Canada and worked as part of the National Aboriginal Lands Managers Association.

Morris says he is grateful for strong cultural values and beliefs passed on to him from his grandparents and parents, reflected also in his commitment to lifelong learning, which included [SENĆOŦEN](#) language revitalization through the University of Victoria. [SENĆOŦEN](#) is one of the Coast Salish group of languages.

A father and grandfather, Morris jokes that as a former lead hand on Canadian Coast Guard rescue vessels and a certified Master SCUBA diving instructor, that, "anything to do with on, below or anything to do with the water, it's...fascinating to me!"

Turner, a Toronto-based tax lawyer and Senior Counsel with Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP, also brings direct educational experience as an adjunct professor at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law and Osgoode Hall Law School.

“My two years as a Pearson student four decades ago were transformative,” he recalls. “Now as [a board member](#), I hope to give back to the College with responsible contributions to its governance and as a steward of its financial health.

“I’ll draw on my teaching experience at several of Canada’s leading law schools and apply that contemporary university perspective in considering the interests of students, faculty and all other stakeholders at Pearson.”

As well as confirming new Board members, Sterling warmly acknowledged Dr. Yewande Awe (YR 10/1985), Brian Poston (YR 15/1990) and Kory Wilson (YR 14/1989) for their extensive contributions as they stepped down as directors.

Pearson College UWC was established under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the College.

**(YR 2, for example, refers to the second student cohort after Pearson was founded. The calendar year refers to an individual’s graduation year from the College.)*

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