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# Hospitality and Tourism Monthly Newsletter



## March by the Water: Experiencing Kitsilano's Coastal Charm



**As March arrives in Vancouver, the city begins its transition from winter to early spring.** Longer daylight hours, fresh ocean air, and the first signs of blooming trees make it the perfect time to explore the waterfront. **Kitsilano**, with its relaxed atmosphere, scenic shoreline, and vibrant cafés, captures the spirit of Vancouver's coastal lifestyle during this seasonal shift.

As the season shifts, the hospitality and tourism community remains active with learning opportunities, student achievements, and industry events. In this issue, we celebrate several MHMS students recognized for their outstanding academic performance and commitment to excellence.

We also highlight an engaging experiential learning activity where students from the Research Methodology 2 course explored the concepts

of validity and reliability through a hands-on archery workshop.

FDU Vancouver will host Vancouver Days, the university's largest open house, where prospective students can explore programs and meet faculty and students. Professional Networking Week, organized by Career Services, will feature alumni talks, employer sessions, LinkedIn support, and mentoring opportunities to help students build professional connections.

Later in the month, the program will participate in the WORTH Leadership Summit, offering an opportunity to learn from inspiring women leaders in recreation, tourism, and hospitality. Fairmont Hotels have begun hiring for seasonal roles, providing students valuable hands-on experience and exposure within a leading luxury hospitality brand.

### Upcoming Events in March

**What:** BC Tourism & Hospitality Conference  
**When:** Mar 4 - 6, 2026  
**\*Registration required\***  
**Where:** Kelowna, BC

**What:** HRTM 7716 Field Course Information Session  
**When:** Mar 12, 2026 (from 3-4pm)  
**Who:** **\*All first and second term MHMS students\***  
**Where:** Online via Zoom or in person Cambie 130

**What:** WORTH Leadership Summit  
**When:** Apr 1, 2026  
**\*Registration required\***  
**Where:** JW Marriott Parq





## Highlights from February 2026

### Graduate Academic Distinction Awards - February 03, 2026

Six MHMS students achieved outstanding academic success by earning a GPA of 3.7 or higher, securing their place on the Graduate Academic Distinction Award List for their achievement in the Fall 2025 term. **Congratulations to all the award recipients!**

Allison Benalcazar Chalen, Bhuwan Thapa, Pradhyum Sharma,  
Rohit Tharu, Saurav Lama, and Susan Maharjan





## Highlights from February 2026

### Experiential Learning Activity: Archery and Research Concepts

On February 11, Dr. Michael Lever took the students enrolled in **Research Methodology 2 (HRTM 7752)** to Academie Duello - Centre for Swordplay for an experiential learning activity designed to connect research concepts with a practical and engaging experience. During this one-hour session, students participated in an introductory archery workshop where they learned the fundamentals of proper shooting form, archery etiquette, and key terminologies associated with the sport.

**Students practiced aiming and shooting at targets while also reflecting on how consistency, accuracy, and controlled conditions relate to the concepts of data validity and reliability discussed in class.** The activity provided students with a hands-on opportunity to understand how repeated attempts under similar conditions can improve precision and produce more reliable outcomes, thereby reinforcing key research methodology concepts in a fun and memorable learning environment beyond the traditional classroom setting.





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# Upcoming in March...

## FDU Vancouver Days 2026

FDU Vancouver will host Vancouver Days, the university's largest open house event of the year, on **March 4, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at 842 Cambie Street**. The event offers prospective students and visitors an opportunity to explore undergraduate and graduate programs, meet faculty and current students, and learn more about student life and support services. Guests will also have the chance to enjoy refreshments, connect with the FDU community, and **learn about the exciting new campus development at Oakridge Park opening in Fall 2026**.



## PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING WEEK

<b>9</b> MAR		<b>My First Pharmacy Job in Canada: An FDU Alumni Story</b> <small>Lilly Sharon Madasu, cPharmC (Pharmacy Assistant, (RMAAS 2024))</small> 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
<b>10</b> MAR		<b>LinkedIn Headshots, Profile Review &amp; Career Closet</b> 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
<b>11</b> MAR		<b>[Employer Series] Stroke Recovery Association of British Columbia Info Session</b> 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
<b>12</b> MAR		<b>L.O.T. - Leaders of Tomorrow... and a LOT More</b> 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
<b>12</b> MAR		<b>Mentor Connect Live: Meet and Talk to Mentors</b> 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Hear inspiring career journeys from successful alumni, discover hidden job opportunities, learn how to find mentors and build professional connections, get a professional LinkedIn headshot, and gain practical tips and confidence for your future.

## Professional Networking Week

FDU Vancouver Career Services will host **Professional Networking Week from March 9–12, 2026**, featuring a series of interactive sessions designed to help students build valuable professional connections. The week includes alumni talks, employer information sessions, LinkedIn profile support, professional headshots, and mentoring opportunities with industry professionals. These events aim to help students learn from real career journeys, discover job opportunities, and gain practical skills to support their future careers. **Students are encouraged to refer to the registration link mentioned below for more details and to sign up.**

[Professional Networking Week: Register HERE](#)





### **WORTH Leadership Summit Bursary Opportunity 2026**

Students interested in leadership development within the tourism and hospitality industry are encouraged to apply for the WORTH Leadership Summit Bursary, which offers financial support to attend the **WORTH Leadership Summit 2026 taking place on April 1st, 2026, at the JW Marriott Parq in Downtown Vancouver.**

The bursary is designed to support students enrolled in Recreation, Tourism, or Hospitality programs in British Columbia who may require financial assistance to participate. This summit provides a valuable opportunity to learn from inspiring women leaders and gain insights into leadership within the industry. **The application deadline is March 20, 2026,** and successful applicants will be notified by March 27, 2026.

Form linked HERE:

<https://forms.gle/3oZqNwKkvth35VAE6>



### **Fairmont Hotels Begin Hiring for Seasonal Roles**

Fairmont Hotels have started recruiting for a variety of seasonal positions across several properties in preparation for the upcoming tourism season. These roles offer students and hospitality professionals valuable hands-on experience in areas such as front office operations, food and beverage service, guest services, and housekeeping. **Seasonal positions provide a great opportunity to gain industry exposure, develop professional skills, and build connections within one of the world's leading luxury hospitality brands.** Students interested in hospitality careers are encouraged to explore these opportunities and apply early.

Refer to the link - [Seasonal Roles](#)



*Thank you for reading!*