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Dan Hurley appointed as Pearson College's new VP Advancement & External Relations

I am thrilled to announce the appointment of **Dan Hurley as Pearson College UWC's new Vice-President of Advancement & External Relations (VP-AER)**. Along with me in capacity as "Chief Champion of Pearson," Dan will be the College's most visible front-line raiser of "funds, friends and profile." In posting this position, we stated:

The College is seeking an exceptional individual to lead Advancement and External Relations, including fundraising, communications & marketing, community & stakeholder engagement & events. Reporting directly to, and working closely with, the President, the VP will have a unique opportunity to help re-define, plan and execute the strategy of the institution. Together with the Board of Directors, College leadership is working to ensure the long-term sustainability of Pearson as a distinct and unique institution dedicated to educating young

global leaders and agents of change committed to the ideals of peace, sustainability and international understanding. The successful candidate will work to ensure that the College can thrive in delivering its mission, underpinned by robust revenues and strong support from stakeholders and partners across Canada.

This position requires a mission-focused, seasoned, strategic, results-oriented leader with experience managing a high-performing team; and who brings significant, demonstrated experience in fundraising and community and stakeholder engagement as well as communications, marketing and effective relations with governments, Indigenous communities and alumni. The individual will embrace the mission and values of the College, drive philanthropic efforts and lead the most ambitious, comprehensive campaign in the College's history.

After an intensive search and selection process, I am confident that we have found the right candidate in Dan Hurley. Dan has more than **20 years experience as a senior communications, public affairs and advancement leader with the past 10 years in post-secondary education**. He comes to Pearson from Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, BC — a Canadian public university serving Vancouver Island and coastal British Columbia. As **Executive Director of University Relations**, he leads a team of 25 employees responsible for advancement and alumni relations, strategic communications, marketing and branding, government and public affairs, and VIU's Milner Gardens and Woodland in Qualicum Beach, BC. Dan played a leading role in branding VIU as a respected, regional university focused on student excellence while providing **access to Indigenous and other non-traditional students**, creating the first program in BC to waive tuition for former youth-in-care, launching an initiative to promote the **Canada Learning Bond for low-income children and families**, and identifying and securing new government funding for the University. Under Dan's leadership, VIU has **transformed its Advancement and Alumni Relations team and the VIU Foundation** by doubling annual donations to the university in the past two years, launching a variety of new campaigns to support programs such as the Deep Bay Marine Field Station and the Malaspina Theatre, establishing an alumni call centre, and preparing a major capital campaign for VIU.

Dan previously served as **Associate Vice-President (External Affairs) and senior advisor to the President of the University of Winnipeg, the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy**, former Foreign Affairs Minister of Canada. Dan played a leading role in planning and executing the communications and advancement strategy for the University's **\$135 million capital campaign** – resulting in the construction of the Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex, a Faculty of Business and Economic building, a student residence and day care centre for the campus and the community as well as programs and scholarships intended to promote access for Indigenous and new Canadian students.

Dan also spent more than a decade in Ottawa working as a political advisor to several Members of Parliament and cabinet ministers, including as **chief of staff to the Honourable Stéphane Dion** when he was Canada's Environment Minister and President of the UN Climate Change Conference in Montreal in 2005. Dan is also a former broadcast journalist with CBC Radio, Canada's public broadcaster.

Dan, who hails from Winnipeg, holds a **Bachelor of Arts in Canadian Studies from the University of Winnipeg**, a **Master of Journalism from Carleton University**, and is an **Accredited Public Relations professional**. He is an active community volunteer serving on the boards of the Foundation that supports the **Forum for Young Canadians** program in Ottawa, the **Vancouver Island University Foundation**, the **Canadian Public Relations Society - Vancouver Island**, and the **Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA)**. He is currently Chair of VIEA's 2016 State of the Island Summit taking place in Nanaimo in October.

Dan will officially assume his role as Pearson's Vice-President of Advancement & External Relations on Monday 15 August. He will not only serve as a senior member of the Pearson team, but as an integral member of the campus community: Dan will live on campus with his spouse, Kim Martin, their ten-year-old son, Liam, and their two pet cats, Toby and Annie. Dan and his family will be moving onto campus during the week of August 8, and are very much looking forward to becoming active and visible members of the Pearson community. As former sea cadets and cadet instructors, both Dan and Kim love the ocean and plan to be regulars down at the Waterfront!

I will leave you with a quote from Dan that reflects – above and beyond the extensive professional experience and credentials he brings to his new position – his genuine passion for our overall mission:

Education has the power to transform lives, to empower and inspire all of us to achieve our dreams. Pearson College has an exceptional reputation in delivering a high-quality educational experience for its students to prepare them to take on leadership roles to help build a better world. I am so pleased to be joining the Pearson community at this important time in its history as it transforms itself into the premier school for global education and reconciliation in Canada and within the United World College movement.

I know you will join me in warmly welcoming Dan and his family to the Pearson Community!

Tyrone Pile appointed as Pearson College's new VP Operations & Administration

I am absolutely delighted to announce that effective June 1st 2016 (tomorrow), **Tyrone Pile, C.M.M., M.S.C., C.D. will be joining Pearson College UWC as Vice-President of Operations and Administration**. In this capacity and working closely with the current team, Tyrone will lead all internal non-academic operations including administration, strategic and organizational planning, finance, human resources, legal, infrastructure and information technology. He will also be instrumental as we finalize our over-arching strategic plan and translate it into detailed operating plans for the entire College.

From my very first interview with the Search Committee, I indicated that the new Head of Pearson College would need a strong COO to successfully deliver on their wide-ranging and ambitious mandate. I am confident that I have found that person in Tyrone; and I am thrilled that he will be my strategic partner and collaborator in the months and years to come. A full bio is attached; below is a synopsis:

*Over his **35-year Royal Canadian Navy** career, Tyrone has led at every level from Captain at sea to Flag Officer and Member of Armed Forces Council to the most senior executive body at Canada's National Defence. Tyrone retired as **Rear Admiral from the Canadian Forces** in 2010 before going into the private sector. Some career highlights:*

- **Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic (2003-5)**
- **Commander Pacific Naval Forces (2007-10)**
- **Commander of the Joint Task Force Games** (leading the Canadian Forces' contribution to security and public safety for Vancouver's 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games – Canada's largest ever joint domestic operation)
- **Participated in UN and NATO operations in Haiti and the Former Yugoslavia and UN operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf**
- National Defence Headquarters:
 - o **Director NATO Policy**
 - o **Chief of Staff/Assistant Deputy Minister (Human Resources - Military)**
 - o **Chief Military Personnel and a member of Armed Forces Council** (responsible for all HR in the Canadian Forces)
 - o **Order of Military Merit (2006) and Meritorious Service Cross (2011)**

Tyrone brings to Pearson a wealth of leadership experience at the highest levels of the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Armed Forces, an impressive track record of HR management, successful strategic and operational planning combined with a deep interest in global issues and an abiding admiration for Lester B. Pearson's role in the 1965 Suez Crisis. Throughout his career, Tyrone has worked "to resolve conflict and create stability so that future generations could take ownership of their destiny and live in peace." He has led many international diplomatic and security missions at all levels, at home and abroad, from planning

humanitarian and disaster relief to UN evacuation and security operations in areas of tension and hostility. As he points out, he has “experienced firsthand many of the situations and unstable environments from which some Pearson students are drawn.”

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Tyrone as he joins the Pearson Community!

Valérie Colas welcomed as new Executive Coordinator and Assistant to Head of Pearson College

I am pleased to announce that Valérie Colas has accepted the role of Executive Coordinator and Assistant to the President effective 1 August 2016.

Valérie comes to us from the Montreal-based and McGill-affiliated **Jeanne Sauvé Foundation** where she most recently served as **Operations and Recruitment Manager**. In her operational and programming role, she oversaw day-to-day logistics of the Foundation and Sauvé House as well as coordination of Sauvé events and planning and execution of programs. As Recruitment Manager, she worked closely with the Director of Programs, designing recruitment strategy and coordinating global application and selection processes. Valérie joined the Foundation in 2011 as **Executive Assistant to the President and Executive Director** – at the time, me! Having worked closely with Valérie for over four years, I am confident that she will not only invaluable to me, but she will be a tremendous asset to the entire College: she is smart and resourceful, multi-talented and multi-tasking, and above all, a strong contributor to community.

Valérie, who comes to us with a Bachelor’s degree in **Communications and Film Studies from the Université de Montréal** and experience as a **Board member of Recreart International**, will begin her **on-campus orientation June 20-23** before assuming her duties full time in August. In the meantime, she will work closely with me and Nina to ensure a smooth transition.

I would ask you to please join me in welcoming Valérie to the Pearson community, not only as an employee but **campus resident as she will live in Woodward building**.

Nina Moroso appointed as Pearson's Governance Officer and UWC National Committee of Canada Coordinator

I'm pleased to announce the appointment, effective 1 July 2016, of Nina Moroso as both Pearson College's Governance Officer and Coordinator of the newly-established UWC National Committee of Canada. Both positions report directly to the Head of College and close collaboration with the Chair of the Board of Directors.

As **Governance Officer**, Nina will build on her excellent track record as Board Secretary to serve as "corporate or institutional secretary" to Pearson College, its Board of Directors and Management team.

As Coordinator of the **UWC National Committee of Canada**, Nina will work closely with relevant members of staff, notably those responsible for Admissions (recruitment and selection), Experiential Education (programming) and External Relations (fund-raising, communications and marketing, community engagement and alumni relations). I know Nina is thrilled to be engaging with the broader UWC movement as she assists the new national committee to seek, select and support Canadians who apply to, study and/or graduate from UWC schools around the world. Please note that additional information will ensue in the next week or two regarding the formal title and mandate of this new Standing Committee of Pearson's Board of Directors.

As you know, Nina has been an integral part of Pearson College for nearly six years, serving in a variety of roles ranging from the Head's **Executive Assistant to Board Secretary** and encompassing tasks such as assisting with the College's **Human Resource** functions and providing additional governance support for key initiatives like the 2014 amalgamation with the Canadian Foundation and the ongoing Council of Independent Schools (CIS) accreditation process. Her HR responsibilities will be referred to our VP Operations & Administration Tyrone Pile for further assignment. Her **HR role with respect to faculty will be handled by Mark Bannar-Martin** in his capacity as Deputy Head and Dean of Studies. Her EA role will be assigned to a soon-to-be announced new hire.

Nina's professional career path has taken a number of interesting turns; prior to arriving at Pearson, she worked as a **Senior Communications Specialist** for the Insurance Corporation of BC, a small-town **reporter**, and a **radio personality**.

Given her strong institutional knowledge and diverse experience, it's hard to imagine a better person to fulfill this dual role. Please join me in congratulating Nina on her well-deserved appointment!

Mark Bannar-Martin to continue as Deputy Head and Dean of Studies through 31 December 2016

I'm pleased to announce that Mark Bannar-Martin will continue to serve as **Deputy Head and Dean of Studies** through to the end of the calendar year. As you may know, he had originally planned to take a well-earned professional development leave effective August 1st. However, in true "Mark form", he agreed to put the interests of the College ahead of his own personal plans. This extension of his tenure will provide for enhanced stability as we implement Pearson's updated organizational structure. Indeed, his experience and input will be instrumental as:

- We undertake a search for a new **Vice President of Education & Programming** (interviews and selection will take place over the fall)
- We undertake a period of preparation and transition to our **new Dean of Studies**, Emily Coolidge (whose appointment will take effect 1 January 2017)
- We coordinate the final stages of **CIS accreditation** (with a campus visit planned for November)
- We further develop our **academic and experiential programming** (working closely with Heather as Director of Experiential Education)

Mark will continue to work closely with **faculty in terms of recruitment, support, mentorship and evaluation**. Please note that, going forward, Tyrone Pile in his capacity as VP Operations & Administration, which includes HR and legal functions, will be the go-to person for all matters of a contractual nature (e.g. employee agreements, on-campus tenant agreements, etc.) as they pertain to all residents, volunteers and employees, including faculty.

Finally, Mark will assume additional responsibilities (particularly with respect to Education & Programming) when I am on maternity leave (exact dates TBC around September 21 due date). Following his professional development leave (1 January to 31 May 2017), **Mark plans to resume his faculty position** as an exceptional math teacher. And a very good thing that is when one considers his extensive background. An abbreviated bio follows below, reflecting both modesty and an economy of words, much like the man himself:

*A graduate of universities in New Zealand and Canada, Mark has been **teaching 16 to 19 year olds for nearly 40 years with the majority of those years spent teaching at United World Colleges**. Mark began teaching IB mathematics in 1982 and was appointed as an examiner of IB higher level mathematics in 1985. Since that time Mark has led over **40 mathematics workshops at all levels throughout North America**, coordinated **the IB online forums for higher and further mathematics**, and participated in **three***

*mathematics curriculum reviews. At Pearson College, Mark has held a number of key positions including **Houseparent, Dean of Studies and Deputy Head**. Mark is a water sports enthusiast and has shared his **love of the water** with students in such activities as sailing, surfing, kayaking, swimming and water polo.*

On a final personal note, I am deeply grateful to Mark for his leadership and enduring loyalty to Pearson College, particularly during these last two years of transition spanning David's departure from Pearson to my appointment through to my first year as new Head of College. I am indebted to both **Mark and Becky** (and of course James!) for their graciousness. Their willingness to stay on in the Director's Residence allowed me to spend previous time with my own family in Montreal as part of my "cross-country commute" over the last 11 months.

Please join me in wishing them a happy return to their home in Metchosin, and a wonderful family vacation throughout the month of July.

Suzanne Dubé appointed as Director of Philanthropy & Legacy Giving

I am delighted to announce the appointment, effective 1 June 2016, of Suzanne Dubé as **Director of Philanthropy & Legacy Giving** at Pearson College UWC.

In taking on this important role, Suzanne will provide interim leadership for the fundraising team until the appointment of a new Vice President of Advancement & External Relations to whom she will report directly. Until then, she will report to the Head of College or designate (Acting Head) when I am off campus.

As the Director of Philanthropy & Legacy Giving, Suzanne will utilize her extensive experience in fundraising and her numerous community and organizational contacts to share the Pearson story and opportunity with supporters and potential donors.

Since joining the College four years ago, Suzanne has provided **experienced and invaluable mentorship** to all members of the fundraising team and the entire Advancement & External Relations group. She is a **seasoned community fundraiser with more than 20 years of experience** in the charitable sector, including positions with the **University of Victoria, Royal Roads University, Victoria Conservatory of Music, Pacific Opera Victoria and Victoria Women's Transition House**. She also worked as an

independent consultant supporting a variety of smaller charities building new fundraising programs.

Suzanne's dedicated years of service and her ability to provide continuity and stability remain highly valued by me personally and the entire Pearson Community. I am pleased to officially welcome Suzanne as Director of Philanthropy & Legacy Giving. I know you will join me in congratulating her as she assumes this **well-deserved recognition and role**.

Benoit Charlebois appointed as Director of Community & Stakeholder Engagement

I am pleased to announce the appointment, effective 1 July 2016, of Benoît Charlebois (PC YR 9/1984 Canada QC), to **Director of Community & Stakeholder Engagement** at Pearson College UWC.

In this new position, Benoît will report to the Vice President of Advancement & External Relations (recruitment still in process); in the meantime, he will report to me as Head or my designate (Acting Head) while I'm off campus. Collaborating closely with Julia Norman and the entire Advancement & External Relations team as well as other members of staff and faculty, Benoît's responsibilities will encompass all aspects of engagement with Pearson's stakeholders and the broader community, including developing partnerships, coordinating events and strengthening relations with Alumni, all levels of government, First Nations and local communities. A key part of his mandate will be to develop and implement an operating plan for Pearson College's Community & Stakeholder Engagement – including strategic partnerships and events – that will support the College's mission, values and overall strategic plan.

Benoît brings considerable and wide-ranging experience to this position. His multifaceted 28-year career has involved senior communications, program management and marketing operations positions with **TELUS Québec**, **Bell Canada**, the **Canadian International Development Agency**, **OXFAM Quebec's Club 2/3**, and **Telesystem International Wireless** in Romania, Brazil, France and Britain. Earlier in his career, Benoît held several communications/public engagement positions including with the UWC International Office in the U.K. and Italy, and coordinating the first International Seminar on Youth and Development (now PSYL) at Pearson. Benoît also served on Pearson's Board of Directors (2011-12).

Prior to joining Pearson, Benoît also held a number of leadership positions such as: Managing Director, **Initiatives of Change Canada**; Director, Communications and Public Engagement at **Canada World Youth**; Acting Program Manager at the **Canadian Commission for UNESCO**; and Acting Deputy Secretary General of the **Canadian Red Cross**. Benoît's experience and interest in the fields of **social justice/development education and international cooperation** has also led him to take on volunteer positions including with **CUSO in Colombia** and acting as Chair of the **Council of Initiatives of Change Association of Canada** and as a Board Director of the **Space for Life Foundation** in Montreal.

Benoît holds a **Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) in Mass Media Communications from the University of Ottawa** (1988) and specialized in Development Support Communications at the **Javeriana University in Bogota, Colombia**. Together with his wife Anamaria Gomez Upegui, Benoît makes his home on campus.

During his six-month secondment from Advancement, I have worked closely with Benoît in coordinating the College's strategic planning and initiatives. I can attest to his extensive professional experience, strong work ethic and, above all, deep commitment to Pearson College and the UWC movement.

Please join me in welcoming Benoît in this new role.

Heather Gross appointed as Pearson's new Director of Experiential Education (in addition to Admissions and University Counselling)

I am pleased to announce the appointment, effective 1 July 2016, of Heather Gross, PC YR 20/1995 Canada AB, as **Director of Experiential Education** at Pearson College UWC for a one-year term.

In adding the Director of Experiential Education role to her current duties* as **Director of Admissions and University Counselling**, Heather will play a key role in the design and coordination of innovative and high-impact approaches to experiential education at Pearson in a way that complements our academic program and is directly aligned with our vision and values as well as the overall UWC mission. In this role, she will work closely with me both as Head of College and effectively serving as Vice President of Education and Programming until that person is in place next year. She will also work directly with the Dean of Studies, the Dean of Students, the various Coordinators of the IB, CAS, Project Week

and Extended Essay as well as Pearson Summer Youth Leadership (PSYL) program to provide the vision and resources which will broaden and deepen experiential learning, in all its forms, at Pearson.

Heather joined the College in January 2007 as Director of Admissions, a task she undertook with élan and zeal to strategize and implement student admissions both internationally and as **coordinator of the Canadian selection process for the UWC**. She has represented the College with international stakeholders and in 2010 added Universities Counselling to her role, liaising with post-secondary institutions and advising students on university and gap year options in at least five national systems. Currently, she serves on the College's leadership team and, as such, contributes to the College's operational and strategic direction. She has also been instrumental in coordinating Pearson College's candidacy for **CIS accreditation**.

Before joining Pearson, Heather worked in recruitment and admissions at the **University of Alberta** in Edmonton and in informal education at the **Royal Alberta Museum** and for **William A. Switzer Provincial Park**.

Facilitation has been a consistent thread in Heather's professional and volunteer experience and while living as a student in India and Germany. She enjoys bringing people together and is pleased when the conversation turns to matters of **geography and international education**. In addition to her status as an IB graduate of Pearson, she earned a **Master's degree in Human Geography** (2010).

Heather brings energy, exceptional institutional knowledge and experience that aligns with the values of Pearson College and the UWC movement. Please join me in congratulating Heather on this appointment.

Clint Kuzio appointed as Pearson's first Indigenous Educator, Advisor and Coordinator of Reconciliation Programming

I am delighted to announce the appointment, effective 15 August 2016, of **Clint Kuzio (PC YR 14/1989 Canada MB)** as **Pearson College UWC's first-ever Indigenous Educator, Advisor and Coordinator of Reconciliation Programming**.

In this important dual faculty-staff role, Clint will teach two **Theory of Knowledge** classes, provide advice and support for all students, in particular Indigenous students, and help

increase understanding of Indigenous issues across the Pearson community as well as **engage Indigenous experience and perspectives in our academic and experiential programming**. Building networks with **Indigenous organizations throughout BC and across Canada**, he will develop Pearson's Reconciliation Program as well as actively **recruit and support the success of more First Nations students** to Pearson's programming throughout the regular academic year and summer sessions. While working closely with fellow Alumni, faculty and staff, particularly regarding recruitment and community engagement initiatives, Clint will report directly to the Head of College or designate until such time as the Vice President of Education & Programming is appointed.

Many of you will recall in my first address to students last year, I challenged the Pearson community with a call to action to begin the work of reconciliation between the College and First Peoples of Canada. This work aligns with one of the core values of the UWC Movement, *"the importance of acting on your beliefs and taking a lead role in what you do as well as what you say."* The College has always strived to give students the necessary tools to create global change and is taking action to work in partnership with Indigenous communities to create positive and supportive change. I am thrilled that Clint has taken up this challenge, and know that he will continue to engage others in our reconciliation efforts.

Clint's most recent "return" to Pearson began earlier this year when he offered to volunteer as Pearson's Indigenous advisor and coordinator of reconciliation programming. Clint gave generously of his **time, talent and expertise**, spending many hours of his days on campus meeting with faculty, staff and students to discuss and recommend how to **build a meaningful reconciliation program** that has genuine and positive impact in support of Indigenous communities and students.

Clint, who is of **Cree ancestry**, is uniquely qualified for this role. As a **Pearson Alumnus and former History teacher at UWC Red Cross Nordic** in Norway, he is deeply committed to our collective mission. As a **lawyer, teacher and a public servant here in B.C.**, he brings a wealth of real-world and relevant experience. Through his various careers he has always focused on improving the lives of Indigenous people.

Clint is an active and involved local resident, living right here in **Metchosin with his wife, Dr. Ilka Thiessen, PC YR 13/1988 Germany**.

I know you will all join me in offering Clint a warm welcome back to Pearson in this new, exciting and vital role.

Dani McArthur appointed as Library and Learning Support Coordinator

I am pleased to announce the appointment, effective 1 August 2016, of **Dani McArthur (PC YR 6/1981 Canada ON)** as **Library and Learning Support Coordinator** for Pearson College UWC. I know most of you have already met Dani and have had a chance to tour her delightful Tiny House on campus.

Dani joined the campus community several months ago in response to a challenge I issued to Pearson Alumni (who gathered in Toronto for a summer 2015 reunion) to find **creative and innovative ways to dedicate their time and talent in support of the College's mission**. Dani responded to this challenge by volunteering as a **learning support tutor to Pearson students** who need extra help with their English – a role she is continuing. Indeed, she has collaborated with Kim Meredith, Julia Norman and others to develop (and soon deliver) Pearson's **Summer Program for English Language Learning (SPELL) program** aimed at supporting new and returning students who wish to improve their English.

Prior to returning to the campus last March, Dani spent **33 years as a teacher of English as a foreign language** in a variety of locations around the world, including **South America, Japan and Toronto**.

She has already proven to be an invaluable and tireless contributor to the Pearson Community. Please join me in congratulating Dani on her appointment as Library and Learning Support Coordinator.

Emily Coolidge: Future Dean of Studies

I'm very pleased to announce that **Emily Coolidge has accepted the role of Dean of Studies, effective 1 January 2017**. Until then, Emily will work closely with Mark Bannar-Martin who has kindly agreed to defer his plans to take a well-earned professional development leave in order to remain as Deputy Head and Dean of Studies through 31 December 2016.

As you know, Emily joined Pearson College a year ago to teach **Biology and Theory of Knowledge** as well as take on the **Priory and Fitness** activities. Emily is passionate about biology and has infused that enthusiasm into the students at Pearson this year. She has also demonstrated leadership in organizing the Fitness program for the entire student body,

including special events such as the campus-wide 5km run/walk, and coaching fitness leaders to run a focused and successful student-led program.

What you might not know about Emily: When she is not in the classroom, she enjoys staying active by running, walking and cross-fitting as well as riding her bike and playing tennis. She is an avid reader and usually has a knitting project on the go. She has her **Bachelors of Science in Biology** from Acadia University and went on to complete a **Masters of Science in Zoology** at the University of British Columbia with a research focus in fish respiratory physiology. During her graduate studies, Emily nurtured her passion for teaching and learning and continued her studies with a **Bachelors of Education** from UBC as well. Emily has experience teaching science, math, and experiential learning in both the public and independent school systems. She taught in the **Vancouver School District** as well as the **Greater Victoria School District**, where she ran a transition program for international students. Before coming to Pearson, Emily taught Biology and Mathematics in **Kathmandu, Nepal**, and fostered her passion for travel and outdoor pursuits. Emily truly embodies the internationalism that Pearson represents in that her family lived abroad for much of her growing up years: she has lived in **Poland, Pakistan, England, the USA and Guatemala**, but calls both British Columbia and Prince Edward Island home.

I know that Emily is excited not only about her ongoing faculty responsibilities, but also about joining the administrative team at Pearson and helping to create enhanced opportunities for faculty and students – whether in working with colleagues to further develop our educational programming or new faculty hires – as we move to a student body of 200!

Please join me in congratulating Emily on her appointment as Dean of Studies.

Julia Clark: Future Dean of Students

I'm very pleased to announce that **Julia Clark has accepted the role of Dean of Students, effective 1 June 2017**. Until then – and starting at next week's UWC Pastoral Care Conference hosted at Pearson College, Julia will work closely with current Dean of Students Libby Mason to ensure a seamless transition to this important position.

Julia, a Year 27 /2002 graduate of Pearson College, attended the College of the Atlantic and the London School of Economics while also earning a **Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Ecology** (Economics, Global Politics and Sustainability) and, in 2011, a **Master of Arts in Teaching** degree from the University of Southern California. She taught in high school in

public systems in California and Virginia, frequently working with young people from varied backgrounds and challenging circumstances, winning the ***First Year Teacher of the Year*** award and becoming involved in curriculum development for an Economics and Personal Finance course, now mandatory for all Virginia students.

Since coming to Pearson College in 2014, Julia has worked as a teacher of Economics and Theory of Knowledge, taken on the role of CAS (Creativity, Action, Service) Coordinator and been a houseparent in Victoria House.

Please join me in congratulating Julia on her appointment as Dean of Students.