

# Alumni Networking Night 2026

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## Life Sciences



### Leslie Chan (she/her)

BSc in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Quality Improvement Leader

Leslie graduated from UBC in 2017 with a BSc in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and a minor in Commerce. Her early research experience includes co-op placements in cancer research at the Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute and vaccine research at Sanofi Pasteur in Toronto. After graduation, Leslie worked with cross-functional teams in the implementation of the CST Cerner electronic medical record system at Vancouver General and UBC Hospitals. She also supported system-level quality improvement initiatives and strengthened partnerships among patients, families, and health care providers to enhance care across British Columbia. Leslie now works as a Quality Improvement Leader on the Physician Quality Improvement and Spreading team at Vancouver Coastal Health, supporting physicians in driving meaningful, people-centered improvements across the health system.



### Roy Chen (He/Him)

BSc in Biology (Cell Biology and Genetics)  
Point-of-Care Solution Specialist for Siemens Healthineers

Roy is an alumnus of UBC with a BSc in Cell Biology and Genetics ('07) and an MSc in Experimental Medicine ('16). Roy also became a certified Project Management Professional ('17). As a graduate and a registered Medical Laboratory Technologist from the Medlab Science Program at BCIT ('12), he worked in various roles within the local health authorities in the past decade. He enjoys helping others and solving problems in a complex healthcare setting and continues to forge meaningful connections with healthcare, industry, and academic professionals. In 2023, he had a career change from healthcare to the diagnostic industry as a Point-of-Care Solution Specialist for Siemens Healthineers. Lastly, he has been volunteering as a mentor for over ten years, and he enjoys sharing his career stories with everyone. So, come and chat with him if you are curious about how he survived through school, work, and whatever else happens in life! : )



## Rob Kim (he/his)

BSc in Biopsychology  
Alumni engagement

Rob Kim, BSc'98, BEd'00, MET'08 (he/him/his) — Associate Director, Lifelong Learning, alumni UBC. Rob Kim contributes to the development of strategies to deliver lifelong learning opportunities for students and UBC alumni globally. He is a believer in applying learning and development approaches to support people's career and personal growth. Rob is a lifelong learner — as a CliftonStrengths coach, a professional ICF (International Coaching Federation) Associate Coach, and a proud 3x UBC alum. He was also named a LinkedIn Top Voice in Job Search and Careers.



## Ajay Puri (He/They)

BSc in BioPsychology  
Principal of Pepel (JEDI and Engagement Agency)

Ajay is a movement builder, strategist, and Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) facilitator. He has 25 years experience in empowering communities and creating social change in the non-profit, academic, government and social innovation sectors. They have been running their consulting agency Pē'pēl for 15 years which seeks to deepen engagement using JEDI principles. Mr. Puri was acknowledged for his work as a featured TEDx speaker and recognized as one of Canada's top five volunteers in CBC's Champions of Change contest. He has spoken to over 200 audiences nationally and internationally on topics dealing with social movements, social innovation, leadership, digital engagement, and healthcare transformation. They were a JEDI strategist at UBC for 5 years and 15 years in the healthcare system. He sits on the Boards of VIFW and Inner Activist. Ajay has a MHA, and started PhD but put it on hold. They enjoy spending time with their 2 children, bhangra dancing and gardening.



## Beth Power

BSc in Zoology

Environmental Scientist

Beth Power, M.Sc., R.P.Bio., CSAP (risk) - Beth is a Registered Professional Biologist (BC College of Applied Biologists) with over 33 years of experience consulting on matters related to toxicology and ecological risk assessment of contaminants. She has a Masters degree in Zoology from the University of BC (Institute of Animal Resource Ecology, 1987) and completed training (1995-97) in dispute resolution and mediation from the Justice Institute of BC. Beth is appointed to the Roster of Approved Professionals in BC (for Risk Assessment, through the Contaminated Sites Approved Professional Society). She began her consulting career after graduation and progressed to senior management before departing in 2000 to work as an independent consultant in England for three years. Beth returned to Canada in 2003 and joined Azimuth Consulting Group as a Partner.



## Alvin Hartono (He/him)

BSc in Integrated Science (Behavioural Neuroscience and Physiology), Minor in Commerce

Growth and AI Consultant

Alvin Hartono graduated from UBC in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science and has spent over 9 years working across technology, product, and growth marketing. His experience spans ad tech, consumer software, ecommerce, media, and professional services, with a strong focus on product and growth leadership. He has lived and worked abroad across Asia, Europe, and the United States as a digital nomad, fueled by a love of travel and curiosity about how teams operate in different cultures and markets.

Before moving into consulting, Alvin led growth strategy for AdBlock and Adblock Plus, where he worked on scaling acquisition, monetization, and lifecycle programs for hundreds of millions of users worldwide. Today, he primarily works as a consultant advising companies on growth strategy, experimentation, and lifecycle optimization, including supporting Google teams in San Francisco. He has also built his own AI powered SaaS products and now helps teams integrate AI into everyday workflows, from ideation and analysis to execution and decision making.

Alongside his consulting work, Alvin is deeply invested in mentoring undergraduate students interested in careers in marketing and growth. He focuses on helping students

turn analytical thinking into practical, in demand skills and connecting them with small businesses so they can gain real world experience and confidence when entering the job market.



## Owen Fan (he/him)

BSc in Behavioural Neuroscience

Executive Director, Learning Buddies Network

As a passionate advocate for youth empowerment, I serve as the Executive Director of Learning Buddies Network (LBN). My journey with LBN began over eleven years ago as a volunteer during high school, and I have since progressed through various roles, including Director of Operations and Programs, to my current position. At LBN, we provide free one-to-one mentoring to over 400 children across British Columbia each year, empowering them to achieve their educational goals. I believe in the transformative power of grassroots charities and community support, which are essential for creating change. My goal is to inspire future leaders within our organization and the broader community. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Behavioural Neuroscience from the University of British Columbia, where I contributed to research on adolescent mental health. My professional experience includes managing UBC's Depression, Anxiety and Stress Lab.

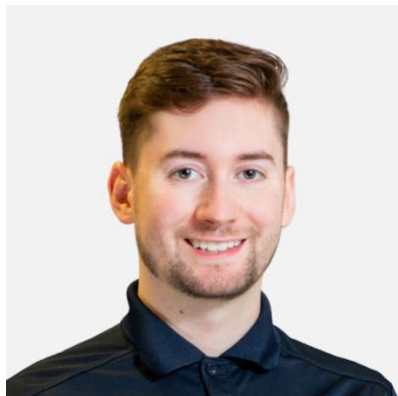


## Amin Sabzevari

BSc in Honours Biophysics

Lawyer

Amin is a lawyer with the Department of Justice Canada. He teaches insolvency law and creditors' remedies at the Allard School of Law at UBC. He is a mentor for law students via the Canadian Bar Association and the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers. Amin has volunteered as a science fair judge for nearly 20 years, with experience judging at the Greater Vancouver Science Fair, the Edmonton Regional Science Fair, the Calgary Youth Science Fair, and the Canada-Wide Science Fair.



## Mitchell Prost (He, Him, His)

BSc in Biology, Minor in Behavioural Neuroscience  
Manager, Residence Life at BCIT

Mitchell Prost is currently the Manager of Residence Life at BCIT, where he leads student housing operations and community development, including the opening of BCIT's newest residence building. A UBC Science alumnus, Mitchell earned his Bachelor of Science at UBC before completing a Master of Education in Higher Education at the University of Toronto. His career spans roles in student affairs and residence life at institutions across Canada, with a focus on student support, leadership development, and creating inclusive campus communities. Passionate about mentorship and student success, Mitchell enjoys connecting with students to share insights on navigating university life and building meaningful careers.



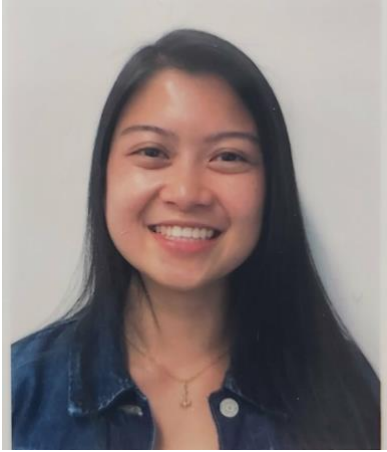
## Joel Jih

BSc in Biology, Minor in Psychology  
High school teacher

Joel graduated in 2017 with a BSc in Biology with a minor in Psychology but was in a CMS of Computer science and Biology. Joel's involvement with UBC orientations, Jumpstart, residence life, and SUS were formative experiences at UBC and led him to complete a Bachelor of Education at the secondary level, specializing in Biology.

He has been teaching in Richmond for the past 8 years but doesn't teach science (except in summer school). He primarily teaches computer programming, digital media design, the yearbook, accounting, and AP psychology. He ponders how he ended up teaching compsci when he switched out of the major in 2014 to escape programming. Although, with time, he has grown to appreciate the field and the eclectic knowledge learned from these topics.





## Liann Badiiong

BSc in Biology  
Registered Nurse

My name is Liann. I am currently working as a Registered Nurse in the Cardiac ICU at Vancouver General Hospital. I graduated from UBC Sciences with a major in Biology in 2018 and started the Nursing program shortly after. After graduating from Nursing school, I worked with patient populations needing open heart surgeries, diagnostic procedures or acute medical interventions. The Nursing profession offered a wide variety of career opportunities, scheduling flexibility and the ability to work closely with people. I look forward to meeting you all!

## Kevin Gonzalez

BSc in Biology  
Research Tech - Medical Research

## Quantitative Sciences



**Tania Karan**

BSc in Physics  
Medical Physicist

Tania graduated from UBC in 2011 with a BSc in Physics with a minor in Math. After a few months of wayfinding and working as a research associate, she enrolled in the MSc Medical Physics program, which teaches physicists to translate their technical knowledge to produce and improve tools that image and treat cancer patients. The MSc program was followed by a 2-year residency that aims to introduce the physicist into a clinical setting and continue their education. Since 2015, Tania has been a staff physicist at BC Cancer, working alongside radiation oncologists and therapists in an interdisciplinary team that ensures cancer patients get the best possible radiation therapy treatment. Tania's clinical research interests include advancements in breast radiation therapy and motion management techniques for novel treatments such as cardiac radiosurgery.



**Siong Ng**

BSc in Physics  
Industrial Technology Advisor

Siong Ng holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Physics. After completing his Master's degree, he joined ALI Technologies as a Software Test Engineer and spent over 20+ years of his professional career in the medical imaging industry. He has taken different leadership roles during this period, including head of software development, product, and business development teams. He also holds an MBA from University of Victoria. He currently works as an Industry Technology Advisor at NRC Canada that engages and supports small-medium enterprises throughout Canada.





## Nishal Kumar

BSc in Geophysics, Minor in Commerce

CEO at No Days Wasted

Nishal Kumar is the CEO & Founder of No Days Wasted - a wellness company that makes science-backed supplements to help you achieve balance and feel your best. No Days Wasted is proudly Canadian and solves problems in recovery, hydration, immune support and sleep with their optimized blends.

Nishal is also a partner at Susie's Rise & Dine, a nostalgic diner experience that serves classic diner food with an Asian flair, located in Little Italy, Toronto.

Nishal was also one of the original 8 employees for Tesla in Western Canada in 2014, founded EVitems - an aftermarket parts company for Tesla vehicles, and worked as Geophysicist in Vancouver. He has a BSc. in Geophysics and Commerce, and graduated from UBC in 2015. Nishal has also been featured on Dragons' Den, Forbes and The Globe & Mail.

## Connor Greig (he/him)

BSc in Physics

Senior Chemist - Personal Care & Cosmetics



As a Professional Chemist (P.Chem) with 15 years of experience, I develop and scale personal care products for brands across North America. I began my career as a lab assistant during my physics studies at the University of British Columbia and now work within ISO 22716 certified manufacturing environments, where I oversee ongoing quality and recertification. My work spans formulation, testing, regulatory, and production, and I'm passionate about creating products that help both established and emerging brands bring new ideas to market.



## Cameron Herberts (He/him)

BSc in Biophysics

Scientist @ Diagnostics / Biotechnology company

Cameron Herberts completed his BSc in Biophysics (2018) and PhD (2024) at The University of British Columbia. During his doctoral training with Dr. Alexander Wyatt in the Department of Urologic Sciences, he helped develop blood-based circulating tumour DNA (ctDNA) approaches for (epi)genomic biomarker characterization, supporting the integration of this new technology into routine clinical care for metastatic prostate cancer. He is now a Translational Medicine Scientist at Natera focusing on ctDNA clinical evidence generation across genitourinary cancers. Cameron works with global academic and BioPharma collaborators to design, execute, and analyze correlative and ctDNA-guided interventional clinical trials, aiming to define how ctDNA can be incorporated into clinical management paradigms.



## Alyssa Sangalang (she/her)

BSc in Combined Major in Science (Life Sciences, Computer Science, Earth + Ocean Science)

Owner and lead designer of a web design agency, Contrast Collective Co

Alyssa is a user experience (UX) strategist and web designer who helps experts turn their knowledge into clear, engaging digital experiences. She discovered UX during a year-long internship at BC Children's Hospital Research Institute, where she learned that design isn't just aesthetics: it's how people make sense of information. With a BSc combining life sciences, earth sciences, and computer science, and volunteer experience in both genetics and psychology labs, she navigated the uncertainty of not fitting into a single box and went on to become the sole UX specialist at one of North America's leading accessibility firms. Today she runs Contrast Collective Co., a Langley-based studio helping experts & business owners translate the nuances of their story, expertise, and lived experiences into a compelling digital presence. Alyssa believes the most compelling, purpose-driven careers are built at the intersection of what you've lived, what you're curious about, and what you know deeply.



## Shawna Narayan (She/Her)

BSc in Physics

Medical Student

Shawna Narayan is a second-year medical student at the University of British Columbia (UBC), aspiring to become a clinician-scientist. With over a decade of experience in health research, her work is grounded in a commitment to improving healthcare services for marginalized communities. She earned her MSc in Experimental Medicine in 2021, where her thesis examined the cultural responsiveness of online mental health resources. Shawna is also the Founder and Executive Director of Empower The Future, a non-profit organization that supports inner-city youth in their transition from high school to post-secondary education through mentorship and skill-building workshops.



## Adjoa Say (She/her)

BSc in Geophysics

Data Analyst

Adjoa is a data analyst with an undergraduate degree in Geophysics. She studied at UBC from 2013 to 2018, gaining hands-on experience during her degree through the UBC Science Co-op program. She worked as a junior geophysicist for three years after completing her degree before pivoting to work as a business analyst at a geoscience software company. After 1 year in this role, she transitioned into a data analyst role within the same company.

Adjoa enjoys using data to gain valuable insights that increase growth. She uses the analytical mindset shaped during her undergraduate degree daily in her current job.



## Paul Yi (he/him/his)

BSc in Biology, Bachelor of Computer Science  
Data Analytics Consultant

Performance Analytics consultant at Mastercard Vancouver. Recently graduated with a Bachelor of Computer Science (BCS second degree program) at the University of British Columbia. Previous UBC degree in Biology. Former radio reporter, TV broadcaster, and news writer. Volunteered as UBC Career Peer Coach and Mastercard recruitment campus ambassador.

## Gabriela Arias

BSc in Physics  
Sustainability Product Manager at Lululemon

## Ghislaine Chan

BSc in Computer Science  
VP, Delivery Lead

## Earth Sciences



### Rei Van (She/her)

BSc in Environmental Sciences Major, Minor in French  
Environmental Officer

Rei Van graduated from the Environmental Science major with a minor in French in 2016. She currently works at Metro Vancouver Regional District as an Environmental Officer. Her experience includes enforcing environmental bylaws (focused in liquid waste) and promoting compliance by conducting site inspections, reviewing wastewater quality reports and processing waste discharge permits.

Outside of work, she enjoys taking dance classes, creating food content on instagram, playing a game of tennis while working on her passion project of selling her mother's Japanese calligraphy artwork and hosting workshops.



### Sybil Zhang (they/them)

BSc in Earth and Ocean Sciences  
NGO Program Lead

Sybil Zhang is the Program Lead for the Energy Peers in Indigenous Communities Network at the Fraser Basin Council. She previously served as the School and Education Lead for the FBC Youth Program and Coordinator for the First Nations Home EnergySave Program where she developed capacity-building initiatives through education and training. Before joining Fraser Basin Council, Sybil

worked with local and international academic institutions and startup ecosystems, supporting students and emerging business leaders. Notable projects include the Canada China Open Innovation Forum with SFU Innovates, EduHacks and the C2CAN Network, which contributed to the growth and development of diverse communities. Sybil holds a Master's degree in Integrated Marketing and Communication from the City University of Hong Kong and a Bachelor's degree in Earth and Ocean Science from the University of British Columbia.