Alumni Networking Night 2022

Daniel Lam
BSc in Atmospheric Science and Political Science

Daniel Lam graduated with a BSc double major in Atmospheric Science and Political Science from UBC in 2019. During his time at UBC, he was involved with the AMS, SUS, UBC Senate, and UBC Orientations, where he worked to advocate for the needs of students at various university governance bodies. He then went on to complete his Master of Public Policy at SFU in 2021, which fuelled his love of environmental policy and governance. After working a short meteorological internship over the summer with the Meteorological Service of Canada (MSC) under Environment and Climate Change Canada, Daniel is currently working as a research analyst with the MSC’s Policy, Planning, and Partnerships Directorate, where he hopes to combine his knowledge from his two degrees to better inform policy decisions around the future of weather services in Canada, particularly under the lens of a changing climate.

Maisie Morsara
BSc in Biochemistry

Maisie Morsara graduated from UBC with a BSc in Biochemistry and immediately immersed herself in the biotech industry. In her last year of school, Maisie began her career in the Bioanalytical department of a large pharma company. After graduation, she garnered a laboratory production role in the medical device field, focusing on point-of-care testing for cardiac and infectious diseases. Her responsibilities became more specialized in streamlining manufacturing processes, ultimately reducing production costs. More recently, she was a Quality Assurance Associate in a dental navigation start-up, where she maintained the quality management system, assisted in regulatory submissions, and wrote the product’s user manual. Being inspired with mentoring post-secondary students, she made an exciting, yet drastic, career change and is currently an Associate Academic Advisor at SFU Faculty of Science.

Louie Dinh
BSc in Computer Science

Louie Dinh graduated with a BSc in computer science at UBC in 2012 and currently works as a data scientist. His career has focused on using data to make decisions effectively. After graduation, he joined a mobile gaming company called A Thinking Ape. His time there sparked an interest in how to accurately measure impact when a product decision touches millions of people. Returning to UBC for further studies, Louie picked up an MSc focusing on statistics and machine learning. Now, he now uses those quantitative tools to help scientists discover therapeutic antibodies at AbCellera.
Sarah Leong
BSc in Integrated Sciences, MPT (Master of Physical Therapy)
Sarah graduated from UBC in 2017 with her Bachelor of Science (Integrated Sciences, Physiology & Neuroscience) with a minor in Kinesiology, and completed her UBC Master of Physical Therapy in 2019. Sarah is a registered physiotherapist currently working in musculoskeletal and pelvic health rehabilitation and is passionate about exercise and mental health. Her upcoming publication affiliated with ICORD's Krassioukov Lab is about the impact of COVID-19 (tele-rehabilitation and mental health wellness) on individuals with Spinal Cord Injuries. Feel free to ask about her past Integrated Sciences Student Association involvement, ongoing education in physical therapy beyond a master's degree, and about her current work with patients!

James Jong
BSc in Biology
James Jong graduated UBC in 2006 with a General Biology Degree. Since then, he did not pursue any further education but instead, entered the Consumer Electronics industry and worked with global brands like Sony and currently Samsung. His experience was predominantly in Sales managing National Accounts across Canada. The higher level of education he obtained during his time at UBC helped propel him to his current role as Director of National Accounts overseeing a National Sales Team for Samsung Canada. James lives in North Vancouver and enjoys exploring the mountains and trails this beautiful province has to offer. He is always open to making new connections and inspiring individuals who want to know more about the Retail and Electronics industry in Canada which has been a fruitful path post-university graduation for him.

Leyla Salmi
BSc in General Biology and Spanish Language and Literature
Leyla grew up in the lower mainland and graduated from the general biology program at UBC in 2016. During her undergraduate studies, she was involved with several on-campus organizations including peer programs (SCI Team and Science Peer Academic Coaches), Jump Start, Trek, and others. Following graduation, Leyla pursued a degree in law at the University of Victoria, articled and worked at an international law firm as a construction litigation lawyer. She then transitioned to work at the Ministry of Attorney General's office before returning to private practice. She now continues working in construction litigation with a focus on insurance defense for architects and engineers. During her spare time, she enjoys painting, running, skiing, and learning new languages.
Kimberly Noble

BSc in Biology

Born and raised in North Vancouver, Kimberly went on to complete her B.Sc. in Biology (2011) at UBC. With a keen interest in languages, medicine and teaching others she set off to Australia to complete her Masters of Speech-Language Pathology (2014) at the University of Sydney. Kimberly now works at Vancouver General Hospital as a Speech-Language Pathologist assessing and treating patients with a variety of communication and swallowing needs from the intensive care unit to palliative care and everything in between. She enjoys working alongside the physicians, nurses, and allied health team to provide the best patient care as well as acting as a clinical educator for the School of Audiology and Speech Sciences at UBC. Kimberly has been involved in several frontline research endeavours as well as quality improvement projects. In her spare time Kimberly can be found hiking, playing field hockey, and competing in triathlons. When she’s not feeling so adventurous Kimberly loves to bake and cook for friends or curl up on the couch with a great book.

Elizabeth Digby

BSc in Biology

Elizabeth completed my Bachelor of Science (Major: Biology, Concentration: Cell Biology and Genetics) in 2009 from the University of British Columbia. During her final year she took a work-study position in a Microbiology Research Lab on campus and after graduating, she moved into a full-time technologist position in the same laboratory. After a year of that position, Elizabeth went back to school at the British Columbia Institute of Technology to study Clinical Genetic Technologies. She completed her coursework and part of practicum in cytogenetics before leaving the program to begin medical school at the University of Calgary. Elizabeth graduated from medical school in 2014. She recently completed her residency in Medical Genetics and Genomics at the University of British Columbia/BC Women’s Hospital and now works as a staff physician in the Provincial Medical Genetics Program.
Sandra Wan
BSc in Biochemistry

Sandra completed her BSc in 2015 (majoring in Biochemistry and a minor in Commerce) and her Master of Education in Adult Learning and Education in 2020. After graduating with her undergraduate degree, she has been working at UBC in different student affairs roles ranging from facilitating co-curricular programs, supporting students’ academic success, and implementing large-scale events all of which aim to enhance the overall student experience. Most recently, she worked as a Program Manager overseeing two graduate programs at the Robert H. Lee Graduate School, UBC Sauder School of Business; and previously as the Program Coordinator, Workplace Learning, facilitating work and undergraduate research opportunities on campus. Currently, she is working as the Manager of Scheduling Services with Enrolment Services, where she is responsible for leading the delivery and operations of various scheduling services at the UBC Vancouver campus.

Farnaz Pournia
BSc in Biology

Farnaz received a BSc in Biology, Cell and Genetics Option, from UBC in 2011 and her MSc in Cell and Developmental Biology in 2015. She is currently a Ph.D. Candidate in the Cell and Developmental Biology program at UBC. Her research focuses on studying the immune cells of our body and their cellular responses upon encountering germs. These cellular responses are important for the body to initiate an effective immune response and defense against harmful germs. She has acquired great research, teaching and mentoring experience during her years in graduate school, and is seeking a career in research and academia, Biotechnology and teaching in higher education upon finishing her Ph.D. degree.

Note: This list will be updated as more alumni join the event.