

Alumni Networking Night 2022



Adjoa Quainoo

BSc in Geophysics

Adjoa Quainoo graduated from UBC in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in geophysics. After graduation, she went on to work at a geophysics consulting company in a role that involved a combination of field work and data processing. This job took her to many remote and interesting sites across BC to conduct a variety of challenging geophysical surveys for geotechnical and environmental purposes. Finding that she had more of an interest in the data analysis aspect of her work, she recently decided to make a slight pivot in her career, taking on a new challenge as a business analyst at a geoscience technology company. Her current role mainly involves analysing software usage and assisting the marketing team with targeted campaigns to maximise on opportunities for growth. Outside of work, Adjoa enjoys going for walks and runs around False Creek, playing tennis and volunteering.



Angela Eugenio

BSc in Integrated Sciences

Angela graduated from UBC with her BSc in Integrated Sciences in 2018, followed by her Master of Occupational Therapy degree in 2020. During her undergrad, she worked as a Co-op Research Assistant at BC Children's Hospital, as well as the GF Strong Rehab Research Lab through the Work Learn program. Passionate about the intersection between mind, body, and behaviour, she now has the privilege of working as a registered occupational therapist. In her practice, she implements rehab programs to support individuals living with various health challenges, such as mental health and trauma-related disorders, brain injuries, and musculoskeletal conditions. Angela credits her UBC Science experience for equipping her with the creative, analytical, and self-reflective skills needed to help people get back to occupying their time the way they need to and want to. Be sure to ask her about navigating the BSc journey, and anything and everything about occupational therapy!



Anne Liao

BSc in Integrated Science

Anne Liao graduated from UBC with a BSc in Integrated Science (Human Biology and Psychology) in 2019 and has explored a variety of opportunities since then. After working at a café/bakery for several months, Anne eventually took Peer Support Worker training with Fraser Health in partnership with Coast Mental Health, and upon graduation began work as a peer support worker with the Canadian Mental Health Association and later on with Foundry, supporting youth and adults using Anne's own lived experience as their expertise. Now, Anne works as a researcher with the UBCO School of Social Work, volunteers their time for various committees and support groups, and has started their degree in Naturopathic Medicine. In their free time, they enjoy scoping out new cafés and eateries, going for walks along the seawall, cozying up with a cup of tea, and cuddling with their cat.



Antony Wang

BSc in Integrated Science

Antony Wang graduated from UBC in May 2018 with a BSc, majoring in Integrated Sciences and minoring in Commerce. Antony is currently an Assistant Branch Manager of a flagship branch at RBC Royal Bank – Canada's largest bank and one of the largest banks in the world, based on market capitalization. At RBC, Antony volunteers as a B.C. Pride Employee Resource Group Steering Committee Member, Wellness Champion, and Employee Giving Campaign Market Champion. He is passionate about community leadership and engagement so that we can help clients thrive and communities prosper. Prior to joining RBC, Antony worked at TD Bank and was winner of the 2020 Regional Champions Club, which celebrates the top Canadian retail branch banking performers at TD. Outside of work, Antony serves on the board of directors for a non-profit organization, Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives, in Richmond, B.C.



Armandeep Sidhu

BSc in Chemistry

Armandeep grew up in the Okanagan and decided to move to Vancouver to complete her BSc degree, majoring in Chemistry and minoring in Commerce. During her time at UBC, she was involved with the Science Undergraduate Society, Faculty of Science, UBC Orientations, UBC Cancer Association & SCI Team. She also completed a co-op term as the Science Student Development Associate and supported the planning of Imagine Day at UBC for science students. After completing her undergrad, Armandeep decided to pursue the commerce side of her degree and moved on to the Diploma in Accounting program at UBC. She started working at PwC to gain accounting experience and work towards obtaining the CPA designation. After obtaining her CPA, Armandeep transitioned to Fraser Health and is currently working as a Financial Manager. She was able to combine her passion for health care with finance in this career so far.



Arnold Cheung

BSc in Biology

Arnold Cheung partners with medium and large-sized companies for combined business and technology projects. He is involved in the selection, mentoring, leadership and collaboration of project team members for areas such as analysis, design, testing, training, reporting and management. Connect with Arnold to learn about his journey from a scientific background to working in business and technology throughout North America.



Christine Simone

BSc in Biology

Christine grew up in Toronto and moved out west to complete her B.Sc in Biology at UBC. Outside of her academic commitments, she was known for her involvement with the Recreation Intramurals Program for 3 years, growing from an Assistant Director position, to Director of the Ice Hockey League, to then leading the ambitious group of over 100 volunteers in her last year as Program Developer. After graduating, Christine took a less conventional path by working in various sales, operations, and client experience roles at numerous health tech startups, and, in the middle of the pandemic, she jumped on the opportunity to start her own business in the healthcare industry. Christine is a city girl - and unfortunately, an avid Leafs fan - but she comes back to Vancouver frequently to ski, hike and see friends!



Cindy Shan

BSc in Integrated Science

Cindy Shan graduated from the University of British Columbia in 2017 and from the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science in 2021. She is now completing her Cornea and Contact Lens residency at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma. She is a licensed optometrist in Canada and the US, with a special interest in specialty contact lens and advanced procedures such as laser and surgical procedures. She hopes to spend a few years working internationally before returning to Canada and teaching what she learned abroad.



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 researcher 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.



Dunia Tozy

BSc in Biology

Dunia is a Leo award nominated TV host, video journalist, filmmaker and artist born and raised in Baghdad, Iraq. She has a B.Sc. from UBC in Biology and a Broadcast Journalism diploma from BCIT. Her experience in filmmaking and video journalism stems from many years creating and hosting lifestyle content for Shaw TV both on Vancouver Island and in Vancouver. She was part of the 'go! Vancouver' lifestyle magazine show team airing on channel 4 in addition to being the host & producer of the Leo Award nominated show 'Open Doors' which featured stories for and about newcomers to Canada. In addition, she's the owner and CEO of Love 2 Media, a multimedia company that helps capture everyday moments for clients through the magic of photography and videography. Dunia is also a media consultant and she teaches photography, videography, and social media classes.



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 work as a staff physician in the Provincial Medical Genetics Program.



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 PhD 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 PhD degree.



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.



Joel Jih

BSc in Biology, minor in psychology

Joel graduated in 2017 with a BSc in Biology with a minor in Psychology. During undergrad, Joel was primarily involved with UBC orientations, UBC Jumpstart, UBC residence life, and the science undergraduate society. Following graduation, Joel completed his B. Ed at the secondary level, specializing in Biology. Joel has been teaching in Richmond for the past 4 years at Matthew McNair and primarily teaches computer programming and digital media design. He ponders how he ended up teaching compsci when he switched out of the major in 2014 to escape programming.



Katherine Tourigny

BSc in Behavioural Neuroscience

Born and raised in Vancouver, Katherine jumped at the opportunity to study at UBC. She competed on the Varsity Track and Field Team, was a House President in Totem Park, and volunteered as a Squad Leader with UBC Orientations. The skills learned from her peers in these roles were invaluable and are applicable to all aspects of life. She has a keen interest in the environment, doing research in Antarctica then later working at the UN Climate Change Conference in Peru. After her BSc, Katherine graduated from UBC

Medical School and is currently training to be a neurosurgeon with the Dalhousie Neurosurgery Residency Program in Halifax, Nova Scotia.



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.



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, articulated 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.



Lisa Frey

BSc in Mathematics

Lisa is an associate in the Vancouver office of Lawson Lundell LLP. Her practice is focused on real estate and condominium law. Lisa assists clients with a wide variety of real property matters including acquisitions and dispositions of commercial properties, real estate development and commercial leasing. She also has experience in various strata corporation matters, such as drafting bylaws, policies and resolutions, and providing practical advice to numerous condominium owner, section and strata corporation clients. Lisa received a B.Sc. in Mathematics (2007) and a J.D. (2012) from the University of British Columbia and practiced at a large international law firm immediately prior to joining Lawson Lundell LLP. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking with fresh, local produce, and volcano tourism.



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 a MSc. focusing on statistics and machine learning. Now, he now uses those quantitative tools to help scientists discover therapeutic antibodies at AbCellera.



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."



Mary Arakelyan

BSc in Integrated Sciences, minor in Psychology

Mary graduated from UBC in May 2020 with a BSc in Integrated Sciences and a minor in Psychology. Pursuing her interests in population health, health services research, and improving equitable access to care, Mary went on to earn a Master of Public Health from The Dartmouth Institute (Dartmouth College, USA). Mary is currently working as a research project manager at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, where her research efforts are focused on urban-rural disparities in healthcare access, quality, and outcomes for children with medical complexity, and pediatric hospitalizations for mental health. During her time at UBC, Mary was involved with SCI Team, worked as a Student Engagement Assistant in the Faculty of Science, and studied media representation of interventions for pediatric epilepsy at Neuroethics Canada (Faculty of Medicine).



Nishal Kumar

BSc in Geophysics and Commerce

Nishal graduated from UBC with a BSc in Geophysics and a minor in Commerce. Since leaving UBC, Nishal has worked for Tesla Motors, as a Geophysicist with a Vancouver Geotechnical Engineering firm, has launched an after-market parts and accessories business for Tesla vehicles - called EVitems, and is the Founder and CEO of No Days Wasted - a wellness/supplement brand. Nishal has used his passion for science, business acumen and first-principles approach to problem-solving as tools to guide his entrepreneurship. He also loves to play basketball, ski, run and work out - Nishal is a big believer that physical and mental health are very closely linked and that we should all work to achieve balance in order to feel and be our best.



Roy Chen

BSc in Cell Biology and Genetics

Roy is an alumnus from UBC with a BSc in Cell Biology and Genetics, and a MSc in Experimental Medicine. He went through BCIT in the Medical Laboratory Science Program and became certified as a registered Medical Laboratory Technologist. He currently works at Vancouver General Hospital in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine as a Research Coordinator. He has been volunteering as a mentor for the past few years, and he enjoys sharing his career stories with everyone. So, come chat with him if you are curious about how he survived through school, work, and life!



Sally Bagk

BSc in Statistics

Sally graduated from UBC with a BSc in Statistics and 1.5 years of co-op experience which played a key role in kick-starting her professional development upon graduation. Throughout her last internship at Electronic Arts (EA), she gained experience supporting multiple projects and collaborating with many teams globally. Now, she is the lead analyst for FIFA Mobile, a video game played by millions of players globally. She's responsible for ensuring the necessary gameplay data is collected and processed with high quality which is achieved through collaboration of many roles including data engineers, architects, and quality analysts. She regularly works with the game development team to help tune live services for improving player experience through analyzing terabytes of telemetry data, providing analyses, and building regular cadence reports and dashboards.



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 from her undergraduate degree, she has been working at UBC in different student affair 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, Scheduling Services, with Enrolment Services, where she is responsible for leading the delivery and operations of various scheduling services at the UBC Vancouver campus.



Sarah Leong

BSc in Integrated Sciences, MPT (Master of Physical Therapy)

Sarah graduated from UBC in 2017 from 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 injury. Feel free to ask about her past Integrated Sciences Student Association involvement, ongoing education in physical therapy beyond a masters degree, and about her current work with patients!



Siong Ng

BSc in Physics

Siong Ng holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Physics, specializing in experimental particle physics. He joined the IT industry during the dot-com heyday and started his professional career as a Software Test Engineer with ALI Technologies. After a few years, he changed focus to business management; first by completing a Master of Business Administration and began pursuing management roles in hightech companies. He has spent the last 15 years in the medical imaging industry, working at Change Healthcare in Richmond, BC. He is currently working at Synthesis Health as Director Product, focusing on creating AI-enabled solutions in the healthcare space.



Suyoung Ahn

BSc in Combined Major in Sciences

Suyoung graduated with a BSc in 2020 and went to complete her Master of Management in 2021. During her time at UBC, she was heavily involved with UBC's Residence Life by working as a Residence Advisor and the AMS as the Clubs Administrator and the Clubs and Constituencies Financial Administrator. She is currently working as a Product Manager/Product Owner at SiteMax Systems, a construction management software company based in Vancouver. She enjoys rallying a team to turn a vision into reality, seeing a product grow right in front of her eyes and making an impact. When she is not working, she is cycling around the city or snowboarding at local mountains.



Tania Karan

BSc in Physics

Tania Karan graduated from UBC with a BSc in Physics with a minor in Mathematics in 2011. After a few months of wayfinding and working as a research associate, she enrolled in an MSc of Medical Physics, an awesome program that helps physicists translate and apply 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. On a non-career related note, Tania enjoys running and trying to re-create 'The Great Canadian Baking Show' desserts.