I am delighted to recognize your achievement towards lifelong learning. To the instructors who have taught numerous courses throughout the years and to our enthusiastic learners who have attended these courses and supported our programs, your commitment and engagement is inspiring.

The Division of Continuing Studies has been an integral part of UVic since its inception in 1963 and today provides adult and continuing education programming in co-operation with UVic faculties and community partners. As part of UVic it provides an opportunity for students to pursue learning in a unique way.

Like the biology of a healthy organism, UVic needs diversity. Different people who pursue different paths according to their interests and abilities. Each of you represent a unique part of the whole in your participation with Continuing Studies. Your keen sense of personal growth and desire for learning is to be commended.

Congratulations on your achievement—may you continue to engage in rich and meaningful experiences in your pursuit of lifelong learning.

Jamie Cassels, QC
President and Vice-Chancellor
Our lifelong learners

501+ courses taken

John Olafson  | Linda Beare

101–200 courses taken

Amanda Pite  | Ann Gibbard

201–500 courses taken

Gael Gannid  | Gwenneth KIngham

101–200 courses taken

Taylor Beattie  | William Fisch

75–100 courses taken

Lucy Moller  | Elizabeth van der Merwe

2017 DCS Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION GRADUATE ’94

Denise Blackwell has lived in Langford, BC for over 25 years and has worked for both the provincial and municipal governments. She was married to a man with two grown children and two beautiful grandchildren.

In 1992, Denise was elected to the City of Langford's inaugural council, where she continues to serve today, and she is currently Chair of Langford’s Planning, Zoning and Affordable Housing Committee. She has served as Langford’s Acting Mayor, and has worked on numerous committees as Chair and Vice-Chair, including the West Shore Parks & Recreation Committee, Capital Regional Emergency Services Telecommunications, Capital Regional District Board and Capital Regional Hospital District Board.

In addition to her service on council, Denise has served on other community boards as well as volunteers, including the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness.

Congratulations Denise!