

Last fall the club created a \$1000 scholarship to be awarded to a deserving student in the Visual Arts program at Camosun Collage, a student whose program emphasis is on photographic arts. Such a scholarship is a win-win-win arrangement—for the college and our club as well as for the award winner. Our gift showcases our club's commitment to promoting the visual arts—photography in particular—in our community, and our commitment to helping young aspiring artists.

The VCC Award for Excellence in Photography is intended to support a student who has demonstrated creativity, potential, passion, effort, and a dedication to photography. The student is also expected to be hardworking, and kind and helpful to their peers. The winner also receives a one-year honorary membership in our club.

The winner this year is **Jeannie Chipps**. Jeannie is of Beecher Bay First Nations descent, and her father is the Chief of the band.

Dennis Crabtree, our Club Vice President, and I had the honor of presenting the award to Jeannie on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the College's graduation and awards ceremonies.

Jeannie has an interesting approach to photography. She is into film; she uses cheap disposable cameras and then develops her own film. She has a portfolio of her photos that she produced as a graduation requirement, and she promised she would share that portfolio with us. We are looking forward to seeing what she will bring to our club. Jeannie wants to continue her studies at the University of Victoria; this award will help her achieve that goal.

For more information on the VCC Award for Excellence in Photography visit the Camosun College webpage: <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards/search-funding/victoria-camera-club-award-excellence>

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