



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
CAPILANO UNIVERSITY

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2025 Alumni Awards of Excellence

### CELEBRATE THE EXPERIENCE!

Capilano University (CapU) and Capilano University Alumni Association (CUAA) are pleased to present our ***Alumni Awards of Excellence!***

The **Alumni Awards of Excellence** were created to recognize alumni who embody the essence of who we are and the impact of CapU locally, regionally and around the world. As in past years, threads of our community's values— spirit, passion, innovation, collaboration, pride and impact—are woven through each of our award categories. Five awards will be given out to individuals who exemplify one of our brand essences. There will be one award for each CapU brand essence: **Open, Expressive, Dedicated, Relevant** and **Enterprising**. To ensure we have every opportunity to nominate and recognize the positive impact of our alumni in the communities in which they live and work, all alumni including past recipients may be nominated.

### SUBMITTING YOUR NOMINATION

- Read the award criteria and eligibility requirements before making your recommendations.
- Review the criteria for the award categories and suggestions about supporting documents to include.
- Complete the nomination form online. Reach out to [alumni@capilanou.ca](mailto:alumni@capilanou.ca) with any questions
- Please include examples of how your nominee fulfills the criteria for the award category for which you are making the nomination.
- A thoughtful and substantive response to questions in support of your nominee is very important in helping the committee with its selections.

If available, please include the nominee's resumé or other supporting materials that will inform the selection committee's decision.

### WHO CAN MAKE A NOMINATION

The selection committee will accept nominations for alumni candidates from various stakeholders in our community, including but not limited to: students, alumni, faculty & staff, employers of alumni, vendors, family and friends. The selection committee will review materials submitted for each candidate and select those candidates who are deemed to best represent the award they have been nominated for based upon the criteria established for each award.

## HOW RECIPIENTS ARE SELECTED

The selection committee is comprised of representatives from the Capilano University Board of Governors, Alumni Association Board of Directors, President's Office and Office of Philanthropy and Alumni Relations.

## AWARDS CRITERIA & CATEGORIES

Each award has specific criteria outlined below. Each criterion is weighted and scored.

All awards categories will consider why the award recipient is deserving and additional achievements and accolades received.

### OPEN

The brand essence ***Open: Fostering community connection, cultivating spaces of belonging, and prioritizing equity-building. Demonstrating a readiness to listen and learn.***

Specific Criteria for Open:

1. The nominee has demonstrated exceptional efforts in fostering community connections, creating spaces of belonging, and promoting equity.
2. The nominee has shown a readiness to listen, learn, and reduce boundaries between communities.

### EXPRESSIVE

The brand essence ***Expressive: Authentic expressions of intersectionality and personal character.***

Specific Criteria for Expressive:

1. The nominee authentically expresses creativity and individuality in artistic, cultural or innovative pursuits.
2. The nominee encompasses unique perspectives that have pushed boundaries, challenged norms, and inspired others to embrace their own passions in the creative or cultural sectors.

### DEDICATED

The brand essence ***Dedicated: Actions that demonstrate our caring and community. Ensuring accessibility on all fronts.***

Specific Criteria for Dedicated:

1. The nominee has demonstrated a commitment to making a positive impact in social justice, personal well-being or community advocacy.
2. The nominee has demonstrated unwavering support for their communities, especially in areas of personal

## RELEVANT

The brand essence *Relevant: Storytelling and sharing lived experiences. Continuing to address the needs of our communities and society.*

Specific Criteria for Relevant:

1. The nominee has made contributions that have had a profound and lasting impact on their fields and communities.
2. The nominee has made a sustained, measurable difference through educational, research-driven, or community-centered initiatives that have broad societal relevance.

## ENTERPRISING

The brand essence *Enterprising: Co-creating new opportunities. The bravery to adapt and evolve, at pace.*

Specific Criteria for Enterprising:

1. The nominee embodies the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation.
2. The nominee takes initiative, embrace experimentation, and cross boundaries to create new opportunities in their industries, always demonstrating resourcefulness and forward-thinking adaptability.

## WHAT IS A GOOD ENTRY?

The selection committee will be looking for quality and impact rather than scale or number of years of experience. We encourage you to be concise, tell us your nominee's story and provide specific examples. The ideal nomination includes a short summary of the nominee and what they are doing, their background and how they have used their influence to contribute to the community and in doing so exemplified our brand essences.

## ELIGIBILITY

All alumni are eligible for nomination. Alumni are defined as those individuals who have received a credential from the University or have successfully completed a minimum of 54 credits at Capilano University.

Award recipients must consent to participate in the awards celebration on March 26, 2025. Nominators may nominate more than one candidate for each award. There is only one award recipient in each award category.

## EXCLUSIONS

Members of the Capilano University Board of Governors, Foundation Board or Alumni Association Board, and currently active politicians are **not eligible** for nomination.

Nominees must be aware of their nomination and accept that their name, photo, credentials and biography may be published in various media promoting the event.

Capilano University protects the privacy and confidentiality of the information of nominees.

Further information and details on next steps will be provided once the nomination has been received.

All nominations must be received by the [December 6, 2024](#) application closing date.