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FUTURE 15 Nominees Announced, Sharing Inspired Visions for Campbell River's Future

Campbell River Chamber's FUTURE 15 event will be held Friday, February 19th at the Maritime Heritage Centre, profiling the 52 nominees and awarding the inaugural Future 15 award to 15 recipients. The nominees represent a diverse group of local individuals across broad sectors, all between the ages of 19-45. They are doctors, scientists, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, artists, social innovators, creators and nominated for the good work they are doing in their workplace and community. "This event and nomination process was in response to the Chamber's commitment to build a positive climate for businesses to prosper in, a commitment to attract and retain young professionals in our community and an opportunity to further engage young professionals in shaping the future of Campbell River." commented Chamber President Colleen Evans.

The event will provide a social opportunity for exceptional young professionals and leaders in our community to connect and meet, who might not otherwise know each other. "The nominees are from very diverse background and networks; so bringing everyone together on event night, our hope is that new connections and opportunities for collaboration will be made, comments Evans."

"We see the Chamber being a catalyst for positive and progressive leadership", stated Chamber Board Chair, Corby Lamb. "Local businesses are dependent on a healthy vibrant business community and our Chamber works tirelessly to that end", further commented Lamb. The award recipients will be invited by the Chamber as FUTURE 15 alum, to continue to shape the future of Campbell River by engaging on important initiatives and ideas around social innovation, social enterprise, philanthropy, business and economic development.

In their submissions, nominees demonstrated how they are making a positive difference in Campbell River through their professional and personal growth, community service and leadership. Nominees were also asked to comment on if they thought their workplace was a next generation best place to work and what their employer's commitment was to support the development of young professionals. "It's great to see so many local workplaces creating a culture of support for attracting and retaining young professionals, said Chamber Board Chair,

Corby Lamb.” One of the most inspiring responses to a nomination question was in their collective visions for the future of Campbell River. The Chamber will be sharing those visions through social media and community engagement opportunities over the next month.

For nominees, the future is now. They see the direct link to creating future success by what they are doing today, right now, to influence the quality of life and business climate that they want to raise their families in, develop a career in and enjoy a high quality of life in Campbell River. “We value and support the important role each of them is taking to improve our quality of life and for their commitment to Campbell River, adds Evans.”

[A complete list of nominees](#), tickets to the FUTURE 15 event and further information is available at www.campbellriverchamber.ca

The FUTURE 15 event is presented by the Chamber in partnership with lead sponsors, Canadian Western Bank and Campbell River Mirror and support from 2DayFM and Chameleon Creative.

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