

\$840,000 Ike Barber Transfer Scholarships Awarded to 168 BC Students

VICTORIA, B.C. – Achi Nguyen believes in a good investment, especially when it comes in the form of \$5,000 to help her with the cost of transferring between post-secondary institutions to finish her degree. She is one of 168 BC students who received an *Ike Barber Transfer Scholarships* this year.

“Receiving this award is not only a tremendous honour, but also a great encouragement for me to pursue my academic and professional goals...thank you for believing and investing in me, a good cause.”

The scholarships are awarded annually by the BC Scholarship Society to undergraduate students who have completed at least one year at a public post-secondary institution in BC and are transferring to another degree-granting institution to complete their studies. *Scholarship* funds come from the returns on a \$15 million endowment established by the province in 2006. The fund is named after philanthropist Irving K. Barber who had a long history of supporting public education and research projects in British Columbia before his death in 2012.

“*These scholarships are helping more undergraduate students complete their academic goals,*” said Selina Robinson, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills. “*Through the BC Scholarship Society, students are pursuing the next chapter in their post-secondary journeys and gaining the skills they need to find and attain a good job in B.C. and contribute to the dynamic and growing economy.*”

To qualify for a transfer scholarship, students must have strong grades and a demonstrated commitment to community service.

“*We trust that our Ike Barber Transfer Scholarship recipients know the best path to personal success and the role it plays in the prosperity of our community.*” noted Society Chair, Firas Abbasi. “*The BC Scholarship Society is excited to be a propelling force along the way.*”

Since its founding in 2006, the BC Scholarship Society has awarded more than \$33 million in scholarships and awards to thousands of BC students through five different programs including *Transfer, International, Indigenous, Adult Basic Education, and Women in Technology*. The Society is governed by a volunteer board of directors and is administered by the Victoria Foundation.

To find out more about the *Ike Barber Transfer Scholarship* or any of the Society’s other programs, call 844-478-4645 (toll-free) or visit www.bcscholarshipsociety.ca

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Editors Please Note: A list of this year’s Ike Barber Transfer Scholarship recipients is available at <https://www.bcscholarshipsociety.ca/transfer-scholarships/about-this-scholarship/>

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