

Wall of Fame Inductee – 2017

Jatinder “J.T.” Notay

Ladies and Gentlemen, friends and invited guests. I am here to honour Jatinder Notay as a Terry Fox Wall of Fame inductee for 2017.

JT’s path to Port Coquitlam and his connection to our school community was certainly more than what you would call typical.

Their family immigrated to Canada in 1972 from Uganda, during the Idi Amin dictatorship era.

Along with 60,000 East Indian Citizens JT’s family was forced to leave their home, and sought haven in various countries around the globe. They were the “Syrians of the 1970s”.

Although quite young at the time, JT and his family appreciate how fortunate we all are as Canadians and especially being able to call Port Coquitlam – HOME.

Even though JT’s professional career has taken him across the country, and around the world, he believes his formative years at James Park Elementary, George Pearkes Jr. Secondary and Port Coquitlam Senior Secondary (now Terry Fox) taught him the importance of passing forward the values of community, achievement, hard-work and integrity.

JT holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of British Columbia. He then completed a Masters of Education Degree from Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario, and is a PhD Candidate with the University of Toronto. JT is a strong advocate of life-long learning and lives and breathes those values to this day.

Currently, JT is the Vice President Academic, for the College of New Caledonia based out of Prince George, BC.

His resume includes being the senior administrator with both Georgian College and Mohawk College in Ontario and as the Dean of the School of Transportation at BCIT.

JT has been a leader in post secondary education for over 20 years, and has been responsible for graduating well over 20,000 students over a variety of program areas within his portfolios.

He has also been instrumental in accessing and securing well over \$45 million in various funding initiatives for rural and urban communities across BC and Ontario, which have benefitted a diverse population of students.

A message to students:

- When I graduated from high school, I never in my wildest dreams imagined that I would be an Vice President of a College and playing a positive impact on so many students throughout my career.
- In fact, when I went to UBC, I thought is was going to be an Accountant! After taking my first accounting course, I knew that was not for me!

- I shifted my focus and specializing in marketing, and let me career take me where it led me today
- I fell into education quite accidentally. But, I was hooked on this industry because I knew that I would be responsible for the success, and helping establish the base for thousands of students as they embark on their futures.
- My two favorite days are the first day of classes (orientation), and graduation.
- As an senior leader in education, I see the nerves new students experience in their first day of classes, understand the commitments they have to make going to school beyond high school, see the challenges they experience while they take their programs, see how they overcome those challenges and gain confidence in what they can do, and then I get to shake their hand as they cross the stage and get their diploma or degree.
- That is what drives me as a leader in education, and drives me as a student in my doctoral program

Jatinder Notay is a very deserving recipient and it is my pleasure to welcome him to the Terry Fox wall of fame for 2017.

Wall of Fame Induction

Ian Tooley

It is my pleasure and honour to be able to tell you about an exceptional man, teacher and coach. Tonight we are honouring Mr. Ian Tooley, fondly known as the Toolman, as one of our 2017 inductees to our Wall of Fame.

The Toolman started his career at Port Coquitlam Secondary in 1980 at the old site. He began as a metal work and stagecraft teacher. As a stagecraft teacher for 13 years he worked with his students transforming the old gym into a theatre, for the annual drama production. His elaborate sets were creatively designed and the nature of the work provided unique challenges and lots of opportunity for creativity and problem solving. The gym was turned into this magical place that enhanced every production. One of his fondest memories was when the school was doing Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dream Coat. The production was so popular that it sold out for two weeks and then they were given the opportunity to move the production to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre for 3 more shows. The sets were dismantled and moved by semi-trucks to the downtown theatre. It took a tremendous amount of work but it was an organizational feat enjoyed by all who were involved.

In the classroom the Toolman had an amazing way of connecting with kids. He inspired them to engage, learn and work hard. He challenged them to be creative and find ways to solve problems. He pushed them beyond their limits and led them into career pathways where they

could have a wonderful start to their adult lives in the areas of metalwork, mechanics and carpentry. One of the unique projects he did with the metal work students at the old school, was create a time capsule that is still buried to this day in the court yard on the old site.

That site is currently going through some transition right now and perhaps it will be found.

At some point the Toolman taught mechanics and worked with students to rebuild a Model A in which a family in the community owned. This family was inspired by the relationships and work that the Toolman was doing with students. They donated a tremendous amount of tools and \$20,000 to be given out in a scholarship yearly. This is the Kavanagh Automotive Scholarship and to date it is still awarded annually and the original steering wheel from the model A is on the trophy. (The interest from the \$20,000 is awarded)

The Toolman encouraged his students to participate in the Skills Canada Competitions. He chaired the Provincial Cabinet Making Competition where many of our Terry Fox Students were very successful. Being able to witness his students compete using the skills they had learned in the classroom was a rewarding and satisfying experience for him. When the Career Preparation Program came into the BC curriculum, the Toolman was instrumental in promoting and developing the program at our school.

The Toolman played an important role when the new school site, (this school site) was being constructed. The project manager and school administration consulted with the Toolman regularly on the blue print plans and he provided his expertise with various aspects of the construction of the building. He loves building and creating so this was an exciting adventure for him and he felt honoured to be called upon. It was under his insistence that they install a third flag pole at the front of the school for the purpose to fly the Terry Fox Flag.

After the building was completed the arduous task of moving 150 major pieces of shop equipment to the new school shops was overseen by the Toolman and the other amazing Tech teachers. This was a very exciting time for everyone, to move to the new modern school and it required a collaborative effort by all.

Another incredible, and exciting project that the Toolman was a part of was the construction of the Terry Fox Statue that graces the front of our school. As a mentor to the designer and artist of the project, Danielle Pentacost, the Toolman spent hours reviewing the model with her, helping build the metal framework and supervising her casting as she crafted her master piece. He also made sure this symbolic art piece was safely installed. Although he felt he was a behind the scene guy on this project, once it was complete, was extremely proud.

Before you think this guy is a proficient architect of all master pieces...there was this time he and the other Tech teachers were rebuilding a utility trailer at the old Terry Fox. Once finished, they attached the wheels and discovered it was too wide to get out the door! Don't they say measure twice...all the retired shop teachers meet regularly and still have a chuckle over this one!

The Toolman was also involved and supported many extracurricular activities at Terry Fox. He coached the Cross Country team for 25 years and took them to the Provincial Championships for many years. He made sure he and his runners ran the Terry Fox Hometown run each September and many continue to participate in the run to this day. Somewhere along the way he got his bus license and became the "Keeper of the Busses", mostly because he was mechanical and could maintain them but also because he knew how important transportation was to all of our athletic teams and to teachers who were taking their students on meaningful field trips. This extracurricular pursuit provided him with an opportunity to bond with other students, athletes, coaches and teachers. When it came time to buy a new bus, he and one other coach drove non-stop to and from Alberta to pick it up.

For the past 15 years Ian has driven the bus for the Terry Fox Tennis Program to the BC Championships (throughout the Province), retreats at Manning Park and the many tournaments on the Island. Often while the team was playing, he would go and buy fresh ingredients (cold cuts, bread, vegetables, fruit, etc...) for their lunches. He would set up an area for a picnic so the players had a chance to recharge and fuel up with a healthy meal before their next match. This was a lot of work but he did it because it was in the best interest of the players and because it is in his nature to be kind and helpful. As the coach of the team, I have enjoyed the many trips together and appreciated his mentorship as it has helped me to become a better coach.

Ian's kindness always extended well beyond the walls of our school. He was always there to lend a hand when someone was in need and did so for many of our staff members. When Mr. Chambers needed his bathroom and home converted to be wheel chair accessible. He and Mr. Heardi were there to complete the task...and Lord knows Mr. Chambers can't swing a hammer!

The Toolman retired from teaching at Terry Fox Secondary in 2009 but still continues to visit the shops and drive the bus. Ian's leadership, kindness, compassion, integrity and perseverance is

reflected in the quality of the relationships he has with many students and teachers past and present. He still continues to consult, mentor and carry on the many wonderful friendships.

They say behind every wonderful man is a wonderful woman. In Ian's case there are 3. His wife Peggy and daughters Jennifer and Katie...we are so pleased you can be here tonight!

Mr. Tooley, thank you for all you have done for Terry Fox Secondary. Your contributions have truly made a difference!

Please join with me in congratulating our first 2017 inductee for the Wall of Fame Mr. Ian Tooley

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Terry Fox Varsity Football Team of 2008

- AAA BC High School Champions
- Undefeated season, 12-0
- Joe Patko, Game MVP