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SFU alumni help create healthier and safer world

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Simon Fraser University will present its 2007 Outstanding Alumni Award (OAA) to four alumni in February for their achievements in gerontology, cardiac research, energy economics and global development. SFU's Alumni Association will present the award to recipients at a gala dinner on Feb. 19, 2008 at The Four Seasons Hotel in downtown Vancouver. The annual award recognizes achievements in several areas including professional, academic and community. Find out more about the awards and the recipients at www.sfu.ca/alumni.

Academic Achievement Dr. Mark Jaccard, BA '78, MRM '84, SFU professor, author, and researcher is known as one of Canada's top energy economists and one of the country's foremost minds on the environment. The OAA recognizes his work in advancing knowledge on key energy issues such as transportation systems, greenhouse gases, electricity supply and demand, renewable and non-renewable sources of energy, and energy conservation. Jaccard lives in New Westminster.

Professional Achievement Dr. David Granville, BSc '95, associate professor and Canada Research Chair with St. Paul's Hospital-University of British Columbia, has attracted millions of dollars in funding for cardiovascular research. One of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 recipients, Granville is on a mission to fight heart disease, the world's number one killer. The OAA recognizes his achievements in cardiovascular research. Granville makes Port Coquitlam his home.

Service to the Community Dr. Elaine Gallagher, PhD '88, professor and director of the Centre on Aging at the University of Victoria, is an internationally renowned leader in the gerontology profession. Her efforts to make the world a safer and more accessible, supportive and inclusive place for the elderly have earned her an OAA. Her research focuses on falls among the elderly, caregiver support, homecare, health promotion and community development. Gallagher resides in Victoria.

Service to the Community Alison Lawton, MA '06, executive director, Mindset Media, is raising \$25 million to combat HIV/AIDS in infants, young children and adolescents in Africa and elsewhere in the developing world. The accomplished media pioneer, financier, philanthropist and documentary filmmaker is receiving an OAA for bringing global awareness to some of the world's most pressing social problems. West Vancouver is home for Lawton.

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