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MEDIA RELEASE

1,000th student graduates from SFU SIAT

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Jeremy Mamisao has the distinction of not just graduating from SFU's [School of Interactive Arts + Technology](#) (SIAT) this spring—he clocks in as the 1,000th student to do so. And he happens to have landed at the number as the school reaches another milestone—its 10th year.

“Over the past 10 years, SIAT has successfully integrated a community of artists, designers and technologists to create future opportunities for technology and culture,” says Thecla Schiphorst, SIAT associate director.

Last semester, there were approximately 800 undergraduate students and 100 graduate students enrolled in the program. Celebrations for the school, one of SFU Surrey's founding programs, are planned for later this year.

Meanwhile, Mamisao, who was pleasantly surprised by the news, will celebrate his joint degree in interactive arts and technology, and communications, during SFU's June 14 convocation ceremony for the [Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology](#) (FCAT).

The Port Moody resident's enthusiasm for creating videos and motion graphic work that “affects, informs and inspires others” has led to his involvement in creating many SFU videos for several groups, including [SFU Work Integrated Learning](#) (WIL), Orientation and the Simon Fraser Student Society.

He has represented SIAT at a number of events speaking on his experience and has had his work showcased at faculty events, such as the FCAT Undergrad Conference.

He has also been an ardent volunteer with the TechTeams group, SFU Surrey orientation, student ambassadors, and the FCAT mentorship program.

“Being the president for the SFU Improv group also opened up doors for me to spend a lot of time performing comedy improv on campus and emceeding a number of major SFU events,” he says.

Mamisao also works as a research assistant in the SIAT Pain Studies Lab, which focuses on creating technologies to help chronic-pain patients manage their illness. He works on the visuals used in the virtual reality techniques that researchers in the lab are designing and testing under the supervision of SFU professor Diane Gromala.

Mamisao also provides freelance video and motion graphic services to various clients in the Vancouver area.

His current venture and future plan is to establish a media production studio, which is currently in the works and will be launched in the fall of 2013.

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