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**MEDIA RELEASE**

# SFU honours innovative B.C. educators–May 2

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On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, SFU's [Faculty of Education](#) is hosting an award ceremony to honour the winner and finalists of the \$100,000 [Cmolik Prize for Enhancement of Public Education in B.C.](#)

The Cmolik Prize recognizes recipients who have developed and implemented an invention, innovation, concept, process or procedure that enhances educational practice in the K-12 public school system in B.C.

This year's winner, SFU education professor Peter Liljedahl, developed a set of practices called Building Thinking Classrooms, to help math teachers implement problem-solving in their lessons.

Since introducing the program, he has delivered in-service education for thousands of K-12 mathematics teachers and is currently working with teachers in 14 B.C. school districts.

**WHAT:**

2017 [Cmolik Prize for the Enhancement of Public Education in B.C.](#) Reception

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Founders Hall, Segal Building, 500 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C.

**FAST FACTS:**

- The Cmolik Prize, valued at \$100,000, is the largest of its kind in Canada.
- The prize is established through Russ and Ellen Cmolik's \$1.3-million endowment to SFU's Faculty of Education.
- The Cmolik Prize finalists include:

Todd Manuel and his team members Judith King, Naryn Searcy, Jeff Fitton, Myron Dueck, Leyton Schnellert from school district 67–Okanagan Skaha. Their contribution, Through a Different Lens looks at innovative teaching and assessment strategies that capitalize on student strengths by allowing them to choose a method of learning that is aligned with their interests, cultural background, talents and strengths.

John Sarte and his team members David Truss and Alan Soiseth from school district 43–Coquitlam. Their contribution, Dream\_Create\_Learn (DCL): Inquiry Hub and Student-Powered Projects encourages innovation, invention and inspiration to help students make their ideas come to life.

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### SFU NEWS: \$100,000 SFU Cmolik Prize awarded for prof's impactful mathematics program

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