

Premier Gordon Campbell
UBC Sauder School of Business Funding Announcement
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It's particularly great to be able to join the Sauder family in this celebration. The generous donation from the Sauder family is not just a financial milestone. It's really a comment about the University of British Columbia. Bill doesn't invest in anything that isn't top quality and that doesn't meet the global standard of being the best. We should recognize that this is an exceptional comment about the quality of your staff and your faculty here at the University of British Columbia.

Our world has changed dramatically since 1929 when the first Commerce degree was granted here. It used to be that, when the university moved here to the campus, it seemed too far away from the city.

Today, it is at the centre of research and new ideas. Now, with this \$20 million gift to the Sauder School of Business, it will be a centre not just for British Columbians, but also a centre of learning and research for the world.

Thank you for that, Bill Sauder. This is surely a crowning achievement on behalf of the Sauder family.

B.C. is recognized in our country as a generator of the kind of new research, new knowledge, and new technology that translates into active and vital economic ingredients in our economy. The Sauder School of Business will help us build on those successes.

The province wants to be sure that we take full advantage of this investment by the Sauder family. I am pleased to tell you that we will be adding an additional million dollars a year of funding so that 125 additional students will be able to come to this school to learn and to build for their future.

This Sauder School of Business will only be as good as the students and the faculty that are housed here. It's not about buildings, it's about people. And when we think of the contribution that is being made today, we should recognize it is a true contribution to the long-term future of our province.

It's a contribution generated by love for the province, and by the support of all the people who live here. On behalf of the people that I represent as the Premier of British Columbia, let me say thank you to Bill Sauder once again for his generosity of spirit and for his exceptional contribution to the future of British Columbia.