



**NWACUHO New Professional Award – British Columbia: Lydia Braam
Nominated by Lawrence Lam, University of Victoria**

I am nominating Lydia Braam for the NWACHO New Professional Award (British Columbia) as she is someone who has constantly impressed me with her dedication and service to students.

Lydia joined UVic a year and half ago from the University of Guelph, and we're very grateful to have a part of our team. Her transition into a professional role has been seamless as she effectively balances her work-life responsibilities. She is well-respected across campus and earns respect by being firm but fair. Although she has a quiet demeanor, her impact on the community is loud. She builds strong one-on-one relationships with students in residence by consistently attending programs and being present.

Lydia is someone who everyone knows they can depend on. She's known for her organization, her ability to get things done, and of course, her hand-written lists. She identifies areas of growth and gaps within our department and works independently to address them. She sets high standards and helps all those around her to meet them.

Some of her greatest accomplishments lie within the Living-Learning Communities that she has helped establish and currently supervises. The strong relationships that she has with her staff team have immensely helped the community reach the objectives of the LLCs. This in turn has helped prove to our campus partners (such as the Faculty of Science, Faculty of Engineering, Office of Sustainability), the importance of residence education. She has no doubt helped the campus community see the need to invest in residence programs.

The potential that I see in Lydia is incredible and she is no doubt worthy of this award.