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University of Victoria Grads Are Winners in 2007 New Venture BC Competition

A 2006 graduate of the University of Victoria's entrepreneurship program is a winner in the 2007 New Ventures BC competition.

Mike Tan, who graduated in 2006 with a degree in psychology and entrepreneurship, along with fellow UVic alumnus Jonathan Kerr and current UVic student Adam Palmblad, entered their new company, TeamPages Inc. in the technology business idea competition last April. At an awards ceremony September 26, they won the \$38,000 Enbridge second-prize package for their company's new online social network for amateur sports teams. The University of Victoria's intramural teams tested the system over the summer.

TeamPages offers a simple, easy method for league administrators, coaches, parents and athletes to schedule, communicate and organize. Using TeamPages' online tools, they can post game and event schedules, arrange carpools and volunteer schedules, track game scores and records, email team members with just one click and post news and announcements to a message board. Athletes can also use the system to build their resume over time. "The goal is to make athletes' and coaches' lives easier and simpler," says Tan, the co-founder of TeamPages. He holds a degree in psychology and entrepreneurship from the University of Victoria.

New Ventures BC is one of North America's largest technology business idea competitions. The four-round competition attracted over 80 BC entrants last April who participated in business education seminars and networking events as they worked to complete a final venture plan. To win, competitors had to convince a jury of venture capitalists, financiers and angel investors that their business idea was commercially viable and that they could execute it in the marketplace. Four winners shared \$135,000 in prizes at an awards ceremony September 26 in Vancouver.

New Ventures BC was established in 2000 by SFU Business. It is operated by the non-profit BC Ventures Society and made possible through the generous support of both private and public sponsors as well as more than 150 volunteer mentors, judges, speakers and workshop leaders

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