

World of Choices

PROGRAM REPORT

2022-23



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WORLD OF CHOICES OVERVIEW



JA WORLD OF CHOICES HELPS YOUTH LEARN ABOUT CAREER PATHS DIRECTLY FROM PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD

JA British Columbia was delighted to offer the second great year of World of Choices to students in grades 6-12. This program is a monthly series of virtual events which highlight various industries and high-opportunity career fields in B.C.

World of Choices aims to support students in their journey to explore and refine their career goals by reflecting on their personal interests and strengths and discover where these might intersect with emerging career-life opportunities. Students gain confidence and further knowledge to succeed in an ever-changing world.

JA volunteers from the local community and businesses play a key role in this program as featured guest speakers. These guest speakers help enable students to see opportunities, both in their community and in the world outside their classroom.

We are grateful for the support, leadership, and commitment of our partners who have made this opportunity possible.

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**Check out our
2022-23 speakers**



"It was an honour to speak with these students who will be our leaders of the future. Thank you JA British Columbia for the work that you do to bring the world of choices to these students."

- Diana Vuong, Vice President, Finance and CFO,
Vancouver Airport Authority

WORLD OF CHOICES 2022-23 AT A GLANCE



27,000+
Students



932
Classes



110
Schools



36
Presenters



34
Partnering
Companies



8
B.C. Industries

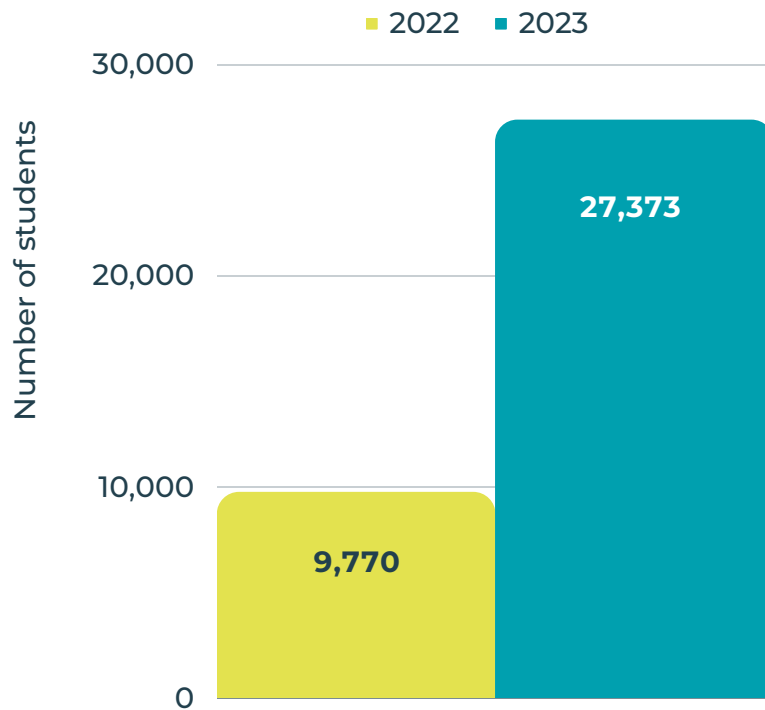


I liked hearing about the mentors' personal journeys. It helped remind me that everyone goes through challenges and that they'll eventually get to where they need to.



- World of Choices Student

WORLD OF CHOICES 2022-23 REACH



20

**School
Districts**

3

**First Nations
Schools**

2022-23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS REACHED

#05 Southeast Kootenay	#44 North Vancouver
#06 Rocky Mountain	#45 West Vancouver
#22 Vernon	#53 Okanagan Similkameen
#23 Central Okanagan	#57 Prince George
#28 Quesnel	#61 Greater Victoria
#36 Surrey	#62 Sooke
#38 Richmond	#63 Saanich
#39 Vancouver	#73 Kamloops-Thompson
#40 New Westminster	#79 Cowichan Valley
#41 Burnaby	#85 Vancouver Island North

FN: Bella Bella Community School
FN: Gitanyow Independent School
FN: Nus Wadeezulh Community School

2022-23 INDUSTRIES HIGHLIGHTED



Each month, we focused on a different industry and invited speakers working in a variety of roles in that particular industry.

September 22, 2022 EDUCATION

Guest Speakers:

- Melissa Lenz, Sea to Sky Behaviour & Learning Inc.
- Elicia Salzberg, Sauder School of Business
- Valerie Tosoff, Chilliwack School District
- Karen Kettenacker, Mt. Baker Secondary School

October 20, 2022 ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Guest Speakers:

- Yuri Fulmer, Fulmer & Company
- Jamileh Askarian, Noura Homes
- Maya Gay, Basecamp Card Co.
- Sofia Layarda, Mercer

November 17, 2022 FINANCIAL SERVICES

Guest Speakers:

- Laurent Munier, Safe Pacific Financial Inc.
- Alicia Armstrong, BCI
- Madison Mailey, Mailey Rogers Group of ScotiaMcLeod
- Selena Woo, Nicola Wealth
- Joban Gill, Prospera Credit Union

January 26, 2023 CONSTRUCTION & SKILLED TRADES

Guest Speakers:

- Mason Archibald, Finning Canada
- Steven Thomson, Ledcor
- Chelsea Barron, British Columbia Institute of Technology
- Maureen Phung, SkilledTradesBC

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February 16, 2023 HEALTHCARE

Guest speakers:

- Veronica Tissera, Nurse Next Door
- Mark Dale, Lab Health Physio
- Melissa Dennis, Acuitas Therapeutics
- Tim Leaver, Precision NanoSystems

April 20, 2023 TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING

Guest speakers:

- Troy Klemo, Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Diana Vuong, Vancouver Airport Authority
- Chris Ng, Global Container Terminals Canada
- Sean Langan, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority
- Sarah Powell, Canadian Coast Guard

May 11, 2023 SPORTS, CULTURE AND RECREATION

Guest speakers:

- Amina Chergui, Museum of Anthropology at UBC
- Madison Mailey, Tokyo 2020 Olympic gold medalist
- Heather Paul, Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre
- Roger Weetman, Resort Municipality of Whistler
- Marley Leacock, H.R. MacMillan Space Centre

June 8, 2023 INDIGENOUS LEADERS

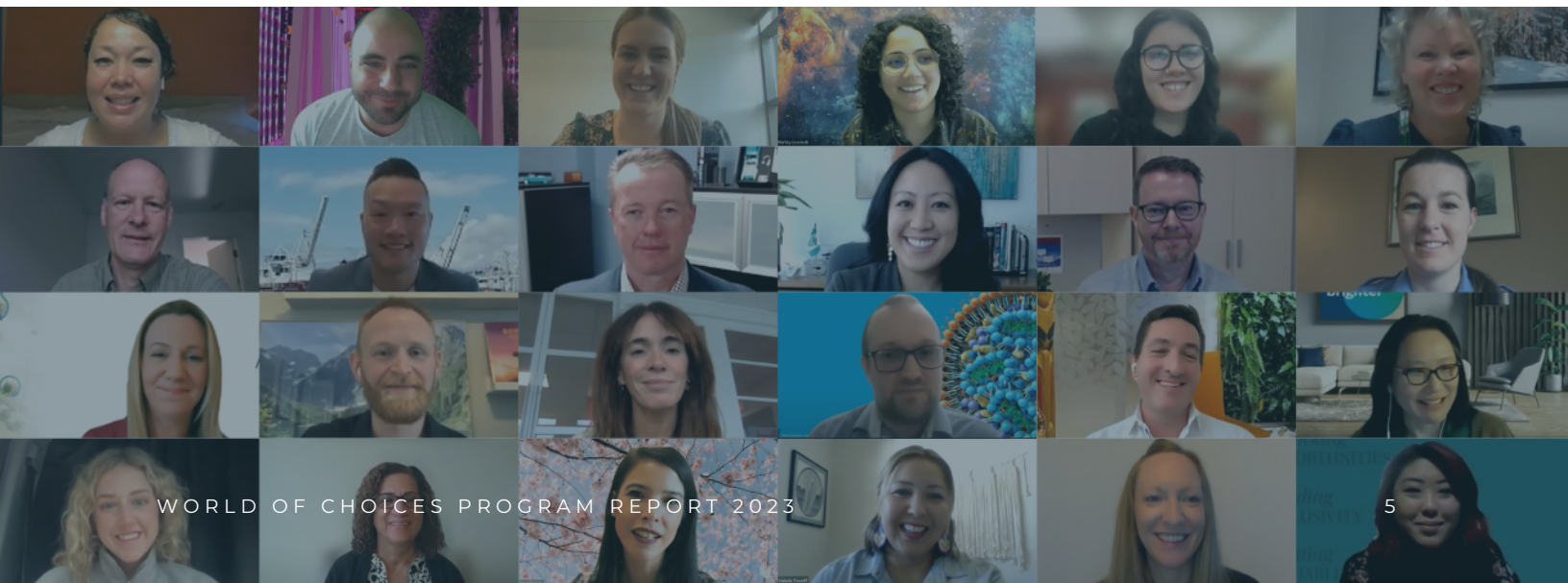
Guest speakers:

- Ben Feagin Jr., AgriTech North
- Lynn-Marie Angus, Sisters Sage
- Kris McAdam, Iskwew Air
- Chef Aaron George, Songhees Food Truck
- Spindle Whorl Dancers

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