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Educators Lead Our Way

My first school years were in a classroom with students from Grades 1 to 7.

We had one teacher who was responsible for delivering the appropriate courses to each grade. He was a wonderful man, loved by all his pupils. He gave so much to ensure each of us flourished under his tutelage. He encouraged and praised us. He also made sure we had fun!

In high school, again I encountered very special people who made it their life's work to ensure their students were well prepared for the years beyond school.

I am fortunate that my early desire to learn stayed with me. One reason is the teachers I encountered

along the way. I believed teaching was the most wonderful job in the world. At age 7, I decided I would be a teacher—and carried that plan with me for many years.

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My grandmother, who taught school before she was married, was a keen supporter of my choice. She allowed me to use several old textbooks from her teaching days to “practise” for my future career; my siblings were my pupils. Although I ultimately did not fulfill that goal, I have remained an avid student, which to me is just as wonderful.

I have also been blessed with “unofficial” teachers throughout my life. When I was a preteen, my uncle spent hours with me in the office of our family sawmill business, teaching me the finer points of bookkeeping and doing payroll. He also instilled in me a foundation of business sense.

Later in my life, when I was looking for a career challenge, I became a Notary Public. During the time I was preparing for the statutory examinations, a practising Notary hosted study groups for the students in our geographic area—that was an invaluable resource for all of us. I will always be thankful to Bob Kerr. Although not a formal educator, he gave of himself, his time, and his knowledge. He truly is a teacher at heart.

Today, our Society is very proud to support the Master of Arts in Applied Legal Studies (MAALS) program offered by Simon Fraser University for people wishing to have a career as a Notary Public in this province. The program has been developed with the help and cooperation of the educators at SFU, to whom we say a heart-felt thank you!

Educators help us achieve our dreams. They need to be reminded that the work they do every day **is priceless to their students and to our society as a whole.**

Where would we be without them?! ▲



Susan's first school