

Richard Lannon



Six years ago PricewaterhouseCoopers handed Richard Lannon a pink slip. Richard saw this as “an invitation to his preferred future,” as he was now free to pursue whatever career path he wanted.

Richard’s eyes widened and his stomach flip-flopped as he digested the data. He had no idea he’d be accepting an award for teaching excellence at Mount Royal a few years later.

“It’s surreal. I actually don’t believe it,” says Richard. “I’ve had the privilege of going through performance reviews of all sorts but because of how much passion I put into teaching this is really special.”

Richard, who has been featured in publications such as the National Post for his work as an entrepreneurial and business consultant, began his career doing independent consulting while teaching at a small college in British Columbia.

Over the years his adventurous spirit has driven him in and out of a variety of roles and

positions, including his current consulting company, Brave World, but training and teaching has been a constant.

His mark on Mount Royal’s Faculty of Continuing Education and Extension speaks for itself. Thirteen years ago he helped shape the Project Management Certificate program from the ground up.

Six years ago he proposed a Business Analysis program to Continuing Education. The program launched in 2005 and its ensuing success is one of Richard’s proudest achievements.

Richard considers himself an “edutainer.” When he teaches a class he says there are three keys to success: content, relevance and entertainment. “If you’ve got those three aspects down, you’re going to reach a lot of people.”

And reaching people is what it’s all about for Richard.

“I get the most gratification whenever I am working with a group of people and I see that they get what I’m teaching. You can see it in their eyes when the lights turn on.

“There’s an emotional high that just leaves you feeling fantastic.”

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