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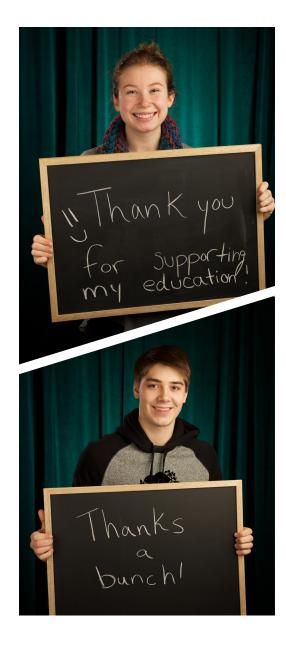
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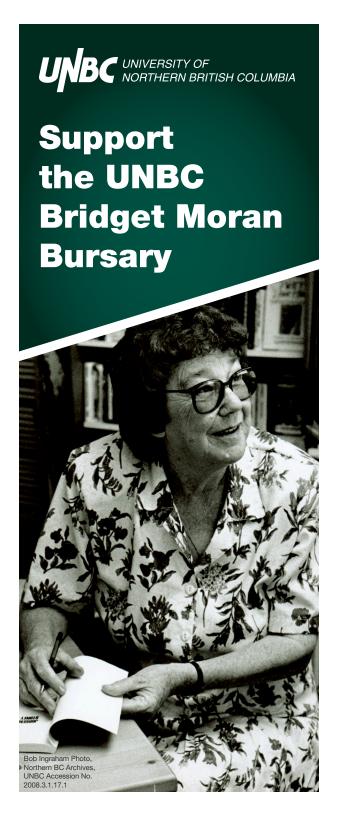
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# Bridget Moran (née Drugan) (September 1, 1923-August 21, 1999) was a prominent social activist, social worker, writer and mentor who spent most of her adult life in British Columbia.

Throughout her life Bridget was a strong advocate for social and political causes, particularly noting neglect that she confronted through her work as a social worker. She brought forth issues of concern to the public, through the media and her writings, and to the political arena, where she spoke out on issues that impacted the social welfare system. She provided critical commentary on how proposed legislation and government policies affected single mothers, children, prisoners, workers and the underprivileged. She was also a tireless and strong advocate for indigenous communities. Bridget's activism led also to her appointment and involvement on various BC provincial boards including the Legal Services Society of BC; and the Board of Governors of the College of New Caledonia. Her career in social work included service with the Province of BC, the Prince George Regional Hospital, University of Victoria and with the Prince George School District.

Moran has been recognized also by academia for her professional, literary and community pursuits. She received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Northern British Columbia in 1995 and an honorary degree from the University of Victoria in 1996. She was also bestowed as an honorary member of the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women.

Moran's family emigrated from Ireland when she was very young. Her experience of growing up in Saskatchewan during the depression, raised by a single mother, shaped a lifelong drive to engage in the community through her writing, workshops, readings and lectures. She shared her experiences as a social worker, writer and activist, always relaying a strong message for social justice.

## Help establish the UNBC Bridget Moran Bursary for students in the School of Social Work.

Once established the bursary will be made available annually to students pursuing a degree in the UNBC School of Social Work and awarded based on financial need. This bursary will honour Bridget's life's work and her profession by supporting promising students that might not otherwise be able to pursue a career in social work.

This is the first financial award in Bridget Moran's honour established for a student studying social work.

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