



## **A MESSAGE *from* PREMIER DAVID EBY**

As Premier of British Columbia, it is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest congratulations to Dr. Benoit-Antoine Bacon on his new role as the 17th President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Consistently ranking among the top 20 public universities worldwide, UBC serves as a global hub for learning, innovation, and cutting-edge research, serving its over 72,000 students through a diverse range of programs. The university's impact is evident in its annual attraction of over \$750 million in research funding for over 10,000 projects. It plays an important role in our province, setting up the next generation of leaders with the skills they need to contribute to the well-being of our communities and address some of our biggest challenges.

As your local Member of the Legislative Assembly and someone with deep connections to UBC, I am particularly excited to see Dr. Bacon in this role. His distinguished career reflects his outstanding qualifications and experience, making him an excellent choice to lead such an esteemed institution. I have no doubt that under Dr. Bacon's guidance, UBC will continue to innovate, expand learning opportunities, and advance our shared strategic priorities, such as equity, diversity and inclusion, climate action, and Indigenous engagement and reconciliation.

Congratulations, again, Dr. Bacon – I am confident that your leadership will ensure that UBC continues to excel and contribute to a brighter future for all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Eby".

**Honourable David Eby, KC**  
*Premier of British Columbia*