

Wall of Fame



NICOLE DUNSDON

Journalist

SSS Grad of 1988

Schools attended: Summerland Secondary School (1988), University of Alberta (B.A., 1994); University of Western Ontario (M.A., Journalism, 1995)

How I got started on my career: I interned at CKSP Radio in Summerland. I was hooked immediately, and listed television broadcast journalism as my career goal in my grad year book. After high school, and a rejection letter from the NAIT Radio and Television Arts program, I pursued a career in Speech Pathology and Audiology at the University of Alberta. A year off as Miss Canada 1992, however, gave me pause to re-evaluate and I was soon studying towards a scholarship to Western's renowned Journalism program. After stints in television at CBC Newsworld and A-Channel Calgary, I realized I am a "writer" first and a "talker" second. I now regularly contribute to the Calgary Herald, Calgary.Inc magazine, and other publications.

Highlights & interests: Getting on the cover of any publication I write for is always my goal. A nomination at the 2003 Western Magazine Awards for Best Magazine Article was further proof that following your instincts can eventually lead to the right career. My lead story on Calgary's economic diversity was published in the magazine given to G-8 Summit delegates in Kananaskis. The best part of my life, other than my family, remains community involvement.

Advice to young people: Put your community's needs in front of your quest for personal happiness and success ... and upon reflection, you'll find that you've got both.