

# SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degree Citation  
The degree of Doctor of Laws, \_\_\_\_\_,  
conferred on Dr. Keith Beedie  
Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Madam Chancellor, I am delighted to present Mr. Keith Beedie, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Beedie Development Group. Keith Beedie is one of British Columbia's most distinguished business and philanthropic leaders, whose contributions have helped shape the Metro Vancouver landscape.

Keith Beedie built his first building at the age of 19. By the time he was 39, he had a thriving construction company and the beginnings of a business empire. Beedie Development Group is now the province's largest private industrial landlord, and one of its premier residential real estate development companies. Underpinning Beedie Development Group's success is Keith Beedie's lifelong commitment to honesty, integrity, innovation, and uncompromising quality.

Keith Beedie is also known for his unwavering commitment to community, which he has instilled in his family and in the culture of the company he founded. The Keith and Betty Beedie Foundation has made generous contributions to many charities, health centres, and institutions around the Lower Mainland and beyond. A donation from the foundation made it possible to build a much-needed NCAA-compliant softball field at SFU Burnaby.

Like so many of his generation, Keith Beedie left high school early to enlist during the Second World War. Always regretting that he did not have the opportunity to attend university, Keith Beedie never failed to drive home the value of an education. And in characteristic Beedie style of 'paying it forward', Keith and son, Ryan, donated the largest gift SFU has ever received. That gift established the Beedie School of