



Penny Le Couteur (Cameron)



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Penny Le Couteur always enjoyed chemistry, as she found it interesting, relevant and challenging, and so after finishing her school years at EGGS, Penny continued to study chemistry at University. From there, Penny completed her Bachelor of Science and her Masters degrees, and later her Ph.D at the University of California.

40 years later, Penny has had many key roles at Capilano University in Vancouver, from Head of Department, Chair of Sciences and Dean of Arts and Sciences. Over that time, Penny considers her students as her greatest successes, as she has seen them go on to have a wide range of rewarding careers. This love of student learning is also represented at EGGS prizegiving in her annual award to the top chemistry scholar.

Penny's proudest achievement is her popular science book 'Napoleon's Buttons: Seventeen Molecules that Changed History' which she wrote during her sabbatical and has now sold over one hundred thousand copies and been published in nine different languages.

"Look out for opportunities and grab them when they come. Believe in yourself - you can do it!"