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Diwakar Gandhi is an innovative and strategically focused business development professional with over fifteen years of international educational leadership experience contributing to partnerships and driving marketing & branding in the Film and Media education sector. Diwakar is a respected member of the British Columbia Council for International Education (BCCIE) in Canada and well-known veteran of international education industry.

Diwakar received his undergraduate education at the renowned University of British Columbia in Vancouver followed by a master's degree in international Relations (Diplomacy) from University of Birmingham, UK.

Diwakar co-founded the Centre for Entertainment Arts (CEA) in partnership with Langara College in 2019 with a mission to deliver state-of-the-art entertainment and technology driven programs that serve the existing needs globally. The CEA's campus was established at 565 Great Northern Way, which is considered to be the hub of Vancouver's art and technology eco-system. The CEA campus is surrounded by the Emily Carr University of Art and Design, the Centre for Digital Media and numerous companies and studios that are working on some of the highest grossing films, tv series and games globally. Within a short span of time, the CEA has received global recognition for world renowned faculty and staff and

currently has student representation from over 35 countries. Diwakar has been instrumental in creating institutional and industrial partnerships around the world that has contributed to the success of the CEA.

Diwakar is extremely passionate about creating meaningful partnerships and alliances that result in student success and satisfaction, while ensuring that partners from the creative industries benefit from the high caliber talent that is trained at the Centre for Entertainment Arts. Diwakar also serves as the Vice President of Business Development at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco since 2017.