



Annual Convocation



JUNE 1 AND 2, 2023

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GUIDELINES FOR GUESTS



Thank you for joining us at Brandon University's Annual Convocation. This is an extraordinarily special moment in the academic journey, as we recognize the deep commitment that each graduate has made, and the success of their accomplishment.

As you join in the celebration, we offer a few guidelines to help everyone enjoy these special moments as much as possible.

There are many great seats at Convocation, whether you choose to be as close as possible or sit up high to take in the fullness of the ceremony. Reserved seats on the floor have been set aside as accessible seating. To meet the need, please limit use of this seating area to those who require accessible seating and to one or two companions.

Convocation is a time to celebrate! Show your pride and enthusiasm by waving, cheering and taking photos during moments of celebration, such as when degrees are presented or when tassels are moved. However, please avoid disruption during the more solemn moments of the ceremony, such as during speeches and award presentations.

For your convenience, there are fresh flowers, gifts, mementoes, and official Brandon University degree frames available for purchase on the upper-level walking track. Please wait until after the ceremony to present these, as graduates will need to carry their degrees.

There is deep meaning in experiencing special moments as part of a community, and we encourage you to share the enthusiasm on social media. We'd love to see it! Please tag @BrandonUni on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

Have friends or family members who couldn't make it? A Convocation livestream is broadcast online, linked from BrandonU.ca/Convocation and an archive will also be available for future viewing.

WELCOME TO CONVOCATION

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE SUCCESS

Congratulations! Convocation is the culmination of an academic journey of learning and discovery. We celebrate with a highly ceremonial occasion that is filled with tradition, ritual and symbolism. This reflects the honour and heritage that are associated with an academic education and with a Brandon University degree.

At Convocation, degrees are officially conferred, awards are presented, and academic achievement is celebrated. At its essence, the Convocation ceremony is simple, yet its meaning is profound. As they proceed in, students are referred to as “graduands.” They have fulfilled all the requirements for graduation, but haven’t yet had their degrees conferred. With a pronouncement from the stage, the Chancellor will officially confer those degrees, and graduates will move the tassels on their caps from one side to the next, symbolizing their graduation. They will then each be called to the platform in turn, to receive their degree parchments. After degrees are presented, there are special award presentations and speeches, as graduates receive some final pieces of thoughtful advice and guidance, before the Chancellor concludes Convocation.

Convocation is founded on many traditions, including symbols, formal language, academic regalia and processions. Each element has history and meaning behind it, although often these are reinterpreted and reinvented by new generations. All participants in Convocation are encouraged to observe the occasion with joy and solemnity. Guests are welcome, as the whole community joins together and celebrates the newest Brandon University alumni.



GREETINGS



As Chancellor, I have the great honour to officially confer each of you with the degrees you have earned. This takes just a moment, yet encapsulates your years of learning, concentration, self-reflection, and personal growth.

Learning is a journey of discovery and in that way also a spiritual journey. This moment of Convocation ends one part of your spiritual journey, as you begin the next part. What you have learned so far, all that you have experienced and absorbed, are now strengths that you will carry with you forever. These strengths will help you overcome life's many challenges and to fulfill your life's work — to fight for Mother Earth and for social justice.

When I carry *migizii mitik*, the Eagle Staff, during the Convocation procession, I am thinking of the moments that connect our pasts with our futures. You should consider past and future as you apply your newfound strengths to the challenges that you face in the present. You will lean on the strengths of your ancestors. Remember to be thankful. Take the time to be deliberate, as well. Which strengths of yours will you pass on as an ancestor?

I offer congratulations at this moment, and with those congratulations I bring honour for the past that you carry with you, as well as warm and sincere aspirations for the future where you are headed.

Dr. Mary Jane McCallum
Chancellor



Today is an exciting day! For all you graduates and your families and friends, of course, but equally so for the faculty, administration, and staff of BU who have been cheering you on, supporting you, and working alongside you for the past few years. In fact, Convocation is my absolute favourite day of the academic year.

Earning your degree may have included some stress and worry. That will fade. What never fades are the joys of discovery, the satisfactions of mastering new knowledge and new skills, and the deep relationships with friends that have been forged through facing and solving problems together.

Ahead of you lies bright possibility and endless potential. There are many

possible paths, each exciting. And while no one can predict the future, we know that you and your fresh BU education will be among those who shape what that future looks like. With your invention, reinvention, creativity, thoughtfulness, diligence and care, I know all of our tomorrows are in good hands.

Each of you brought a unique background to BU, and you will go on to a unique future. Yet among all that incredible and inspiring uniqueness, we all now share one thing in common — our time here at BU.

I'm so glad we shared that time. Congratulations, graduates!

Dr. David Docherty
President and Vice-Chancellor

GREETINGS

Well done, graduates! I have the very special honour of congratulating you on behalf of the Brandon University Board of Governors.

I know that we Board of Governors, charged with long-term strategy and guidance, might seem somewhat remote from your day-to-day classes, labs, studios, and exams. But for us, students are at the absolute centre. Everything we do at the board level is done with a sharp eye on what it means for students and how we can support you and your learning here.

On your degree parchment, the most uniquely meaningful items are your name, and the degree you have earned. Cherish the work that you put into your accomplishment. Relish the accomplishment itself. Your BU degree will serve as a marker of your achievement and a proud milestone of intellectual growth.

Congratulations, graduates!

You've worked hard to achieve your goals, and now you're on your way to seek new vistas, dream new dreams, embark on who you are, embrace life with passion and keep reaching for your star.

Welcome to the Alumni Association, where you are part of a unique network of BU graduates that spans across the country and around the globe. The relationships you built during your time at BU will last a lifetime and more await through your fellow alumni. We encourage you to stay connected with each other and with your alma mater, wherever life takes you.

Be sure to watch for upcoming alumni events in your area and sign up for the

Your degree parchment also includes powerful symbolic elements, among them the Brandon University Coat of Arms. These lasting symbols unite every degree ever presented by Brandon University and before that, Brandon College. Therefore, they also unite you to this lasting and ever-renewed community.

Brandon University influences our world in many ways, including through research discoveries, economic impact, and social leadership. Those often get the headlines. But the secret to our success is you. With your BU education and your BU degree, you are now armed and ready to bring your own purpose into the world.

Congratulations! We are so proud of you today, and eager to follow your successes in the future.

Julee Galvin
Chair, Brandon University
Board of Governors

BU Café, an online networking and mentorship platform at brandonu.ca/Alumni. Take advantage of the opportunity to connect with fellow BU alumni for professional career advice or become a mentor yourself.

You are always welcome to visit campus in the future. Join us for our annual fall Homecoming celebrations and class reunions or stop by to say hello, have a cup of coffee or visit the bookstore. Once again, congratulations and all the best in your future!

Rhoni Mohanraj
Vice-President, Brandon University
Alumni Association



BRANDON UNIVERSITY'S DISTINGUISHED HISTORY

Brandon College was founded in 1899, and the history of higher education in the Brandon area can be traced back even earlier. In 1871, the signing of Treaty 2 permitted the settling of areas that are the traditional home of the Dakota, Anishanabek, Oji-Cree, Cree, Dene, and Red River Métis peoples. Soon thereafter, early Baptist missionaries founded a small college in Rapid City. In 1890, the McKee Academy followed the railroad to Brandon.

Brandon College absorbed McKee Academy in 1899 and began instruction that year. In 1900, the original Brandon College building was constructed, followed by Clark Hall as a women's residence in 1906 and then a next-door Science Building. The institution weathered economic downturns and two world wars to thrive and prosper.

Brandon University received its charter on June 5, 1967, on the occasion of a royal visit. The charter itself was dated July 1, 1967, to mark Canada's Centennial. Brandon University shares this anniversary with a number of other Canadian universities.

Prior to its chartering, students at Brandon College received degrees from other institutions. The first class to receive Brandon University degrees graduated in May 1968. In recent decades, Brandon University has continued to expand, and now boasts five faculties and schools, as well as several burgeoning graduate programs.

Special Convocation of McMaster University at Brandon College • 1911 – 1938
University of Manitoba at Brandon College • 1939 – 1967
Brandon University • 1968 – today



UNIVERSITY COAT OF ARMS

Steeped in the deeply symbolic meanings of heraldry, the Brandon University Coat of Arms was originally drawn in 1948 for Brandon College. The full heraldic achievement, including coat of arms, crest, mantling and motto, is reserved for highly ceremonial use, including occasions such as Convocation and Presidential Installation ceremonies.

On the coat of arms, which decorate the shield portion, the two open books represent both the learning and the arts of humankind. The wheat sheaf below represents the bounty of the earth, and takes on special resonance in the Wheat City. The lit antique lamp represents life and spirituality.

Above, the crest is what sits atop the helmet. Brandon University's crest is the mythological phoenix: a bird that was fabled to live for hundreds of years in the desert, then to burn itself to ashes in a funeral pyre before emerging from the ashes with renewed life to live. The phoenix represents immortality.

Underneath, the motto is taken from the Bible, Ephesians IV:15. Translated from Greek, "Aletheuontes de en Agape" means "Speaking the truth in love" and it reminds all members of the Brandon University community of our twin responsibilities of honesty and respect.

Brandon University's current, modern logo is based on a simplified version of the coat of arms.



CEREMONIAL OBJECTS



MIGIZII MITIK – EAGLE STAFF

Brandon University has been honoured to be presented with a migizii mitik, or Eagle Staff, which will help the university include a new Indigenous element in important ceremonial occasions and celebrations like Convocation

William Mousseau, an Anishanaabek artisan from Ebb and Flow First Nation, created the Eagle Staff out of natural elements with spiritual significance and symbolic value to the university as well as to Indigenous communities in the region.

The staff is about five feet tall, with a curve at the top, and made from a young tamarack tree. Tamarack was traditionally used in many plains tipis and grows naturally straight; this staff has rare twisted fiber growth, which adds unique character. Wrapped around the wood is deer leather near the bottom, and river otter fur along most of the length of the staff.

In the centre of the curve is an inclusive version of the traditional medicine wheel, painted on both sides of a two-sided leather shield.

Five bald eagle feathers are strung from the top of the staff, one for each faculty at Brandon University. The feathers are white, meaning they are from more mature eagles, and they symbolize knowledge and community. Tucked behind the feathers is a medicine bag with tobacco, sage, and cedar and sweet grass inside.

From the side of the staff, a large banner projects out, featuring the Brandon University logo, name, and graphic elements like the chevron on both sides. The beaded logo, the chevron, and the lettering in the BU name, were all created by hand, as was every part of the staff.

Finally, from the side of the banner, 10 bundles of horsehair are attached, representing the history of plains horsemen. Other elements, like eagle plumes and small, black-tipped feathers, both located on the center shield, have been added decoratively.

The Eagle Staff is given a place of honour during important BU ceremonies. At Convocation, it is carried in earliest in the procession, held by the BU Chancellor, and the Eagle Staff serves to officially open the proceedings.



KANDODO

The Brandon University Mace, handcarved in Malawi of African king ebony, is a kandodo, or walking stick, traditionally carried by a chief to signify authority.

The kandodo was a gift to Brandon University from Domasi College of Education in Malawi, where Brandon University had a six-year project to train secondary school teachers.



GONFALON

A gonfalon is a long flag or banner suspended from a crossbar on a pole that dates to medieval Italy as a symbol of state or office.

Brandon University first adopted a gonfalon in 2009 to increase the ceremonial aspects of Convocation. In 2019, new faculty-specific gonfalons were also introduced.



LECTERN

For more than a century, this historic lectern has been a central part of Convocation ceremonies. Originally donated by students at McMaster University around 1900 to mark the founding of Brandon College, for many years the lectern was also used in the College Chapel.



CHAIRS

The two ornate wooden chairs are symbols of the authority of the Chancellor and the President. The Chancellor's chair was presented by the Class of 1927, while the President's chair was donated by a number of faculty and staff to commemorate the service of Dr. John Mallea, BU President and Vice-Chancellor from 1985-90.

ORIGINS OF THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The distinctive cap, gown and hood of the present-day academic regalia is known worldwide to represent academic achievement. The style, believed to have originated at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in the 1300s, derived from the common religious and academic garb of the time. As universities passed from ecclesiastical control, brighter colours began to distinguish the academic robe from more modest clerical gowns. Until as recently as a century ago, some universities decreed academic dress be worn throughout the year, whenever attending lectures or classes, although they are now generally reserved for special occasions like Convocation.

In Canada today, academic regalia continues to be based on the British tradition, but each university establishes its own style and colours. Brandon University determines particular hood colours to mark different degrees, although many follow larger traditions.

The tassel affixed to the top of the mortarboard cap also holds a special significance. During Convocation, graduands will move their tassels from the right-hand to the left-hand side, symbolizing the moment of their graduation.

Of the regalia's three components, the hood is the most interesting. Originally it had three uses: as a head covering, as a shoulder cape, and as a bag in which alms could be collected. It is mentioned as early as 1480 in clerical literature. However, when large wigs were in vogue in Britain, the cape part of the hood was split in front and a narrow neckband inserted. The entire cape and hood was allowed to fall back as it is today, and it was never restored to the original style.



ANNUAL ARTWORK

Convocation continues a recent tradition this year, with the commissioning of a unique piece of artwork to mark the year. A print of the year's art is included as part of the parchment package that is presented to each graduate as they cross the stage and that will be mailed to graduates unable to join in person.

This tradition was first inspired by our efforts to craft a special and meaningful experience during Virtual Convocations in 2020 and 2021. Over the past three years, we have presented a print of the Brandon University campus by famed plein air painter and BU alumnus Weiming Zhao, a piece of art that represented graduates breaking free from video calling apps by noted comics illustrator and BU employee, Curt Shoultz, and a transition watercolour of the Kavanagh Courtyard, representing an easing of pandemic restrictions, by lifelong Brandon resident Grace Buitenhuis. Each piece is inspired by the year that was.

One of the most dramatic additions to campus during the 2022–23 year was the installation of the soaring “Healing Together” Reconciliation sculpture across from the Healthy Living Centre, home of Convocation. We turned to sculptor Kevin McKenzie, who is also an instructor in BU’s IshKaabatens Waasa Gaa Inaabateg Department of Visual Art, to help us find a student who could capture an interpretation of the piece.

Artist Kaelin Grill is a current student of McKenzie’s, and this piece is directly influenced by the sculpture.

Kaelin’s piece depicts a Mother Earth type figure who is sewing a tear in their dress that fades into a river. Like the sculpture, which reminds many viewers of sewing a ripped seam, this piece highlights the process of Reconciliation, of repairing broken ties. It also echoes crafting practices like kintsugi and sashiko, which are about how the time and care to fix something make it more valuable while emphasizing previous breakages.

A warm colour palette draws from the Prairie landscape, while the shape of the river recalls the void in the sculpture itself. Meanwhile, the braided hair of the sewing figure is an element drawn directly from Mamaawii-atooshke aakihkiwiin, the Brandon University Strategic Plan, where a braid is the central image.

As our annual art presentation becomes a cherished tradition, we are creating an important collection of artwork that reflects each year at BU, and we are actively looking for the right place to proudly display it permanently. We hope each graduate finds a special place for their print as well.



AWARDS



SENATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH (TIER 1)

MEGUMI MASAKI

Megumi Masaki is a pianist, multimedia artist, educator and curator. For over 30 years, she has established an international reputation as a leading interpreter of Canadian and new music. Her work explores new models of interaction and integration of sound, image, text and movement in multimedia works through new technologies, expanding the possibilities of human expression. As a Japanese-Canadian artist, her work is also connected deeply to building community, acting on Truth and Reconciliation calls to action, and how human rights and environmental issues can be communicated through music and multimedia performances.

Megumi's collaborations with composers, visual artists, writers, choreographers and scientists have resulted in the creation of 74 original works and she has premiered over 180 works worldwide. She has released three documentary films and 15 CD, DVD, LP and digital recordings. Megumi is featured at major festivals and venues worldwide.

Megumi is a Professor at BU's School of Music and director of the New Music Ensemble and New Music Festival. A highly regarded teacher, Megumi is also on faculty at the Banff Centre, Chetham's International Summer School UK, Musiktage am Rhein Germany, and the Casalmaggiore International Music Festival Italy. Committed to an inclusive Canadian music community, she is also an elected member of several boards.

Megumi has been appointed as a Member of the Order of Manitoba and elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.



SENATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

NICHOLAS WATIER

Dr. Nicholas Watier is an experimental psychologist with expertise in quantitative methods and visual perception. He obtained his PhD in Psychology from the University of Ottawa in 2012. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Brandon University, where he has taught courses in statistics, perception, and the history of psychology since 2014.

Prior to joining BU, Nicholas was an instructor at Laurentian University, where he was nominated for Outstanding Teacher of the Year. At BU, his commitment to teaching merited an appointment as a Teaching Affiliate with the Centre for

Teaching, Learning, and Technology, and in 2017, his students successfully nominated him for the Brandon University Alumni Association's Excellence in Teaching Award.

He attributes his accomplishments as an educator to the exemplary professors that inspired him when he was a student. They instilled a conviction that knowledge is created, not transmitted. His teaching philosophy places a high value on personal discovery, as he believes that his role as an educator is not to simply transmit his expertise, but to provide students with the opportunity to develop their own insights. This is often accomplished by offering resistance to students' intuitive and preliminary understanding of the material—by offering more questions than answers. In doing so, students confront the limitations of their existing knowledge structures and revise them, enabling their knowledge to progress.

AWARDS

BUAA EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

SHELLEY KOKORUDZ

Dr. Shelley Kokorudz is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology & Student Services in the Faculty of Education. She has been an educator since graduating with her Bachelor of Education degree in 1985.

Prior to her employment at Brandon University, which began 10 years ago, Shelley received her master's degree from BU and was a teacher in the K-12 school system, teaching all grades from 2 to 12. She was also a principal and now shares her experiences with pre-service teachers. She completed her PhD in 2020 and is developing a research agenda around nature-based approaches to teaching and learning.

Shelley is a strong advocate for inclusion of all learners. She is very involved with the university's PENT program, focusing on the education of Indigenous pre-service teachers. She enjoys teaching courses in spring and summer when PENT students are on campus. Her passion reflects her desire to see all students be excited about learning by focusing on the abilities and interests of all learners. This excitement begins with compassionate, confident teachers who believe in children and work to inspire them through their commitment to excellence. Shelley remains faithful to the development of 'teacher heroes' who teach 'outside' ordinary boxes because there is no such thing as an 'ordinary' child.

When she is not teaching, Shelley enjoys spending time with her family, playing her violin and riding her horses. She is humbled to receive this award today.



AWARDS



DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

JEFF MCPHERSON

Jeff McPherson graduated from Brandon University in 2010 with a B.Mus/B.Ed concurrent degree. He is now the full-time music teacher at Wayoata Elementary School in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Jeff has worked with a small team of other music teachers, curricular consultants, and assistant superintendents over the past six years to implement a division wide technology integration program in River East Transcona School Division and is currently the teacher leader for technology integration in elementary music. In 2020, Jeff completed the Microsoft Innovative Educator Certificate (MIE) and the MIE Trainer Academy. Through the lens of 21st century teaching/learning, he continues to provide professional development at the school and divisional level as a member of the Digital Literacy Leadership team. He

has been a ukulele clinician at TEMPO (Manitoba Music Educators Conference), DECAPO at Brandon University, and, most recently, at Intersections 2022 (National Orff Educators Conference). Education conferences are not the only way Jeff shares his love of teaching music with others. He also runs a YouTube channel (@MessyDeskConcerts) with hundreds of lessons, song arrangements and fun activities for music teachers to use in their classrooms. Jeff regularly conducts divisional choirs with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. In 2017, his medley of classic Canadian favorites, co-arranged with Neil Weisensel for Canada 150, was performed in an evening concert by the WSO and 230 Grade Five students. His school groups have performed at Manitoba Music Month and at the Manitoba Legislature Open House. Most importantly, Jeff is fortunate to be married to another wonderful music teacher and is a proud dad of two great kids!



DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

JUSTIN ROWE

Justin was born and raised in Brandon and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brandon University in 2016. He went on to complete his Bachelor of Education at Brandon University, graduating in 2018. Justin has taught in Brandon School Division for the past 5 years at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School.

Throughout Justin's young career he has truly enjoyed connecting with each of his students. This is done through his role as a both a social studies teacher and track and field coach. He is passionate about

the power of creating relationships and connection with each student he teaches. He feels blessed to be in the position to guide and mentor so many inspiring young people through his role within the school. Justin believes that schools are a place in which more than just facts and knowledge should be emphasized. Instead, schools should be a place in which students learn and practice the fundamental underlying skills of what it is to be a good person. Justin encourages students to consistently reflect, think critically, and be a force for good in the world. Within the classroom, he tries to build students' capacity for empathy, kindness, gratitude, connection, and the adoption of responsibility.

AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

MARIA O'GREYSIK

Maria graduated from Brandon University with a Bachelor of Education in 2000. Shortly after graduation, she obtained her first teaching position with the Brandon School Division. Maria and her husband decided to settle in Brandon, and she has remained with the Brandon School Division for the last 22 years. Over those years, Maria been fortunate to hold many different positions at a variety of schools.

At the beginning of her career, Maria was a classroom teacher and taught primarily in grades 4 – 8. After having children of her own, she started to explore teaching positions outside the classroom

and has been both a teacher librarian and a “High Ability Learner Enrichment Programming” (HALEP) teacher. Maria returned to Brandon University to obtain her Special Education Certificate and graduated with a Master of Education, specializing in Inclusive Education in 2015. She later completed a second Master’s degree with a focus on leadership. With these updated qualifications, Maria obtained a position as a resource teacher and is currently in this role at Linden Lanes School.

Maria is passionate about inclusive education and loves working with the students and families in her school community. She believes all students deserve equitable access to quality education and she enjoys working with her colleagues to help all students reach their potential.



VALEDICTORIANS



FACULTY OF ARTS

JANICE DUTCHAK

Janice Dutchak is graduating with a four-year Bachelor of Arts (Honours), with a major in sociology, and a double minor in political science and psychology. Janice completed her honours thesis on the formation of online deviant subcultures and has also studied sexual violence in the news media.

Janice has made the President's and Dean's honours lists each year and was awarded the Justice System Certificate in 2021. She helped create the Brandon University Sociological Society, and worked as a student marking assistant. She is thankful for the scholarships that enabled her education and participated in a student scholarship profile.

Janice looks forward to achieving her dream of becoming a lawyer and will attend law school at the University of Saskatchewan.



FACULTY OF EDUCATION

ANDREW BRERETON-WALLER

Andrew Brereton-Waller is honoured to be selected as the Faculty of Education valedictorian. He also has a Bachelor of Science from BU, majoring in mathematics. Andrew has received the Manitoba Association of Mathematics Teachers Scholarship and has been a member of the President's Honour Society in both of his years in Education.

Andrew grew up in Virden, Man., and graduated from Virden Collegiate Institute in 2008. In his free time he enjoys taking hikes with his wife and puppy or playing Magic: The Gathering.

As an educator, he looks forward to sharing his passion for learning and mathematics and to providing students with an exciting and engaging learning environment.



FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

OLUFUNKE ADELEYE

Olufunke Sophia Adeleye came to BU in 2018 from Nigeria to pursue a Bachelor of Nursing degree, after being inspired by her father, who was a medical doctor.

While in pre-nursing, she discovered a passion for advocacy. Olufunke joined the BU Students' Union as Health Studies

Director and later became President. She held the role for three years while maintaining a GPA above 3.5. Olufunke is a recipient of the Canadian Federation of Students Outstanding Black Student Leader award, the BU International Undergraduate Student Scholarship and the Act Brandon Club Scholarship.

Olufunke ascribes everything that she is to the Holy Spirit and hopes to inspire others through her walk with Him.

VALEDICTORIANS

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

AZARIA NEUSCHWANDER

Graduating with a double major in vocal and piano performance and a minor in theatre, Azaria Neuschwander has spent the last four-and-a-half years making the most of her time at Brandon University. She was part of the Music Students' Council, took part in several

theatrical productions, taught and played for students, participated in the Brandon Festival of the Arts, and often performed as a soloist.

Azaria is grateful to her friends, family, and supporters over the last few years for helping her get where she is today. Following this degree, Azaria plans to travel to Germany and pursue a master's degree in vocal performance.



FACULTY OF SCIENCE

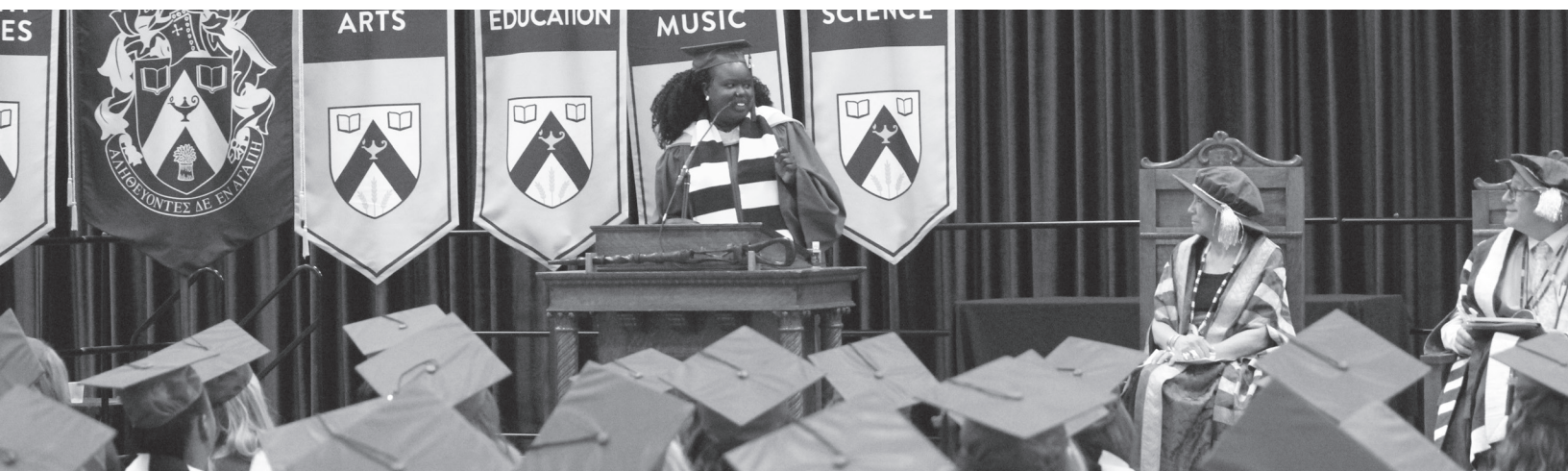
KIERAN TAYLOR

Kieran Taylor is graduating with a Bachelor of Science (Honours). During his undergraduate studies he pursued a biology major and dual minor in chemistry and mathematics.

Kieran received the NSERC USRA award for research supervised by Dr. Cassone.

This involved diagnosis of numerous soy pathogens, giving him practical research skills and the experience needed to do similar work with Dr. Madison in 2022. Kieran's research also acted as the springboard for his honours thesis at BU, where he would create and test several PCR primer sets meant to diagnose the soy pathogen *Cercospora kikuchii*.

Kieran plans to pursue a career in botany.



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE & SCHOOL OF MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL

O CANADA

Azaria Neuschwander

INVOCATION

Wendy McCallum,
Joint Department of Music Education

KNOWLEDGE KEEPER GREETINGS

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Cree

OPENING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum, Chancellor

CHANCELLOR'S GREETINGS

Mary Jane McCallum

PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GREETINGS

David Docherty

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Andrea McDaniel, University Registrar

SENATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Nicholas Watier

Presented by: Kofi Campbell,
Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

SENATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Megumi Masaki

Presented by: Kofi Campbell,
Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Rhoni Mohanraj, Vice-President,
Brandon University Alumni Association

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2023, FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Kieran Taylor

Introduced by: Christophe LeMoine, Acting Dean,
Faculty of Science

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2023, SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Azaria Neuschwander

Introduced by: Greg Gatien, Dean, School of Music

CLOSING REMARKS

David Docherty, President & Vice-Chancellor

HONOUR SONG

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Cree

CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum

RECESSIONAL

The audience is requested to remain standing until the academic procession has left the stage.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

AWARDS

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SILVER MEDAL

Awarded to the undergraduate who achieves the highest academic standing in their Bachelor's degree program.

Jeffrey Peijia Li

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Science (3-Year)

Juliana Hiebert

Bachelor of Science (4-Year)

Brittany Marie Dancsok

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Jeffrey Peijia Li

Master of Science (Environmental and Life Sciences)

Riley James Feser

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

Awarded, upon recommendation, to students whose grade point average (GPA) is within 0.05 of that of the medal award winner.

Master of Science (Environmental and Life Sciences) *Cole Baril*

BRANDON UNIVERSITY SILVER MEDALS

Awarded to those students deemed by the departments to have the best academic performance and who obtain a 3.50 grade point average (GPA) or better in their major or minor area of study.

Applied Disaster & Emergency Studies *Dustin Layne Grudeski*

Biology *Kieran Robert Taylor*

Chemistry *Jeffrey Peijia Li*

Computer Science *Matthew Cory Hammond*

Environmental Science *Maeghan Jean Ruth McDonald*

Geography & Environment *Jared Daniel Friesen*

Geology *Easton McConnell Pelletier*

Mathematics *Juliana Hiebert*

Physics and Astronomy *Desmond Avery Lagace*

Psychology *Hannah Corenblum*

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

Awarded, upon recommendation, to students whose grade point average (GPA) is within 0.05 of that of the medal award winner.

Geology *Kacia Nicole George*

Physics and Astronomy *Wade Nicholas Cowie*

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FACULTY OF SCIENCE

GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (3-YEAR)

Light Green hood

Joseph Matthias Ankama
Kaitlyn Grace Dmytriw
Edeghonghon Valentina
Eighbiremonlen
Joe Haw
Juliana Hiebert
Omar B. Jawara
Camille Emily Lough
Ahmed Mahmood
John Ekow Nketsia
Ekene Victor Nnabuife
Kayode Abraham Orija
Gabrielle Emma Pelletier
Ethan Perry Pulak
Coby Dean Senkbeil

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (4-YEAR)

Light Green hood

Daniel Ekenedilichukwu Anerobi
Joanna Matthias Ankama
Saira Atif
Felipe Octavio Belottini
Kate Anne Black
Mattias Magne Boganes
Cole Maurice Mark Bohonos
Jolene Dorothy-May Chacun
Bryce Ethan Lee Cotton
Kasie Lynne Cullen
Brittany Marie Dancsok
Landon Michael Thomas Davies
Adanna Daria Denys-Peters
Ashley Nicole Drewelow
Lauryn Jolene Dunning
Jonathon Stephen Joseph Dvorak
Andrew Brett Elder
Sydney Blythe Forster
Jared Daniel Friesen

Kacia Nicole George
Adam Michael Eric Goudy
Dustin Layne Grudeski
Matthew Cory Hammond
Spencer Emilee Harasemchuk
Bahja Barre Hassan
Lauren Christine James
Andrew David Janz
Gabriel Thomas Scott Jardine
Madison Rochelle Lambert
Helee Rajendrasinh Mahida
Samantha Dawn Meisner
Danielle Emily Faye Marie Moore
Oluwamayowa David Oguntoye
Majiroghene Mishaal Okrikri
Diekoloreoluwa Adetoun Oyegunle
Parthkumar Paresbhai Patel
Easton McConnell Pelletier
Brock Neil Polnik
Leila Ann Richmond Robinson
Matthew William Carman Rust
Yanik Bruno Sidler
Lantz Elmer Joseph Skidmore
Andrew John Moore Suggett
Megan Marie Sych
Shea Allyana Taylor
Wade Barrie Vandoorne
Carter James Williamson
Hannah Marie Ziegler-Blair

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (4-YEAR HONOURS)

Light Green hood

Ibrahim Muhammad Abidullah
Brett Chrest
Hannah Corenblum
Wade Nicholas Cowie
Ahmed Ech-Cherif
Khaled Elsayed Elsayed Elsayed
Elshaer
Brooklynn Victoria Hole

Jonathan Nicholas Kohan
Redowan Jakir Labib
Desmond Avery Lagace
Jeffrey Peijia Li
Brooke Madison Loewen
Margaret Nicole Medina
Hishaam Khan Pathan
Julia Morgan Phillips
Ben Garrett Pilling
Madalyn Jane Pryke
Gabriella Faith Sisson
Mitchell Grant Stanton
Kieran Robert Taylor
Kailey Tianna Thompson
Tyler Michael Edward Weselowski

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Light Green hood

Daniela Paz Campama Gonzalez
Jayde Erica Marie Clendenning
Kimberly Dunthorne
Emma Julianne Gerrard
Calla Justine Matienzo
Maeghan Jean Ruth McDonald
Maria Andrea Sanchez Martinez
Ashley Victoria Schultz
Hannah Jean Shields
Natalie Jean Vachon

MASTER OF SCIENCE (ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES)

Scarlet hood, bound in Light Green

Cole Baril
Matthew Davis
Riley James Feser
Jessica Erin Kalyniuk
Maria Alejandra Luna Mino
Frank Yamoah

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC

AWARDS

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S GOLD MEDAL

Awarded to the graduate student who achieves the highest standing in their Master's degree program.

Ian Hunter Mustard

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Music

Azaria Zeitel Neuschwander

Bachelor of Music / Bachelor of Education (A.D.)

Colleen Renée Hallett

Master of Music

Ian Hunter Mustard

BRANDON UNIVERSITY SILVER MEDALS

Awarded to those students deemed by the departments to have the best academic performance and who obtain a 3.50 grade point average (GPA) or better in their major or minor area of study.

General Music

Adra Gardner Thiele

Music Performance

Emmanuel Bach Camargo

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC

GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF MUSIC/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (A.D.)

Pink hood, bound in Mauve

Emily Margaret Kathleen Chasowy
Naomi Mae Cords
Colleen Renée Hallett
Olivia Kelly
Catryna Nicole Muilenburg

BACHELOR OF MUSIC (4-YEAR)

Pink hood

Jordan Adrianna Arvisais
Emmanuel Bach Camargo
Nicolas Stephan Bray
Zackery Robert Cormier
Azaria Zeitel Neuschwander
Adra Gardner Thiele
Qihan Xia
Juncheng Yu
Jia Zhang
Yangzhengyao Zhao

MASTER OF MUSIC

Scarlet hood, bound in Pink

Minghui Dou
Ian Hunter Mustard
Reanne Janee Vanden Brink

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

PROCESSIONAL

○ CANADA

Shelby English

INVOCATION

Wendy McCallum,
Joint Department of Music Education

KNOWLEDGE KEEPER GREETINGS

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Cree

OPENING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum, Chancellor

CHANCELLOR'S GREETINGS

Mary Jane McCallum

PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GREETINGS

David Docherty

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Andrea McDaniel, University Registrar

BUAA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Shelley Kokorudz

Presented by: Rhoni Mohanraj, Vice-President,
Brandon University Alumni Association

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARDS

Jeff McPherson, Wayoata School (Winnipeg)

Maria O'Greysik, Linden Lanes School (Brandon)

Justin Rowe, Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School
(Brandon)

Presented by: Heather Duncan, Dean,
Faculty of Education

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Rhoni Mohanraj, Vice-President,
Brandon University Alumni Association

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2023

Andrew Brereton-Waller

Introduced by: Heather Duncan, Dean,
Faculty of Education

CLOSING REMARKS

David Docherty, President & Vice-Chancellor

HONOUR SONG

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Cree

CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum

RECESSIONAL

The audience is requested to remain standing until the academic procession has left the stage.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

AWARDS

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Education (A.D.)

Abby Madison Jago

Bachelor of Physical Education Studies

Cassidy Lorelle Jones

Master of Education

Jeremy Mitchell Roberts

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

Awarded, upon recommendation, to students whose grade point average (GPA) is within 0.05 of that of the medal award winner.

Bachelor of Education (A.D.)

Cara Leeann Gallagher

Master of Education

David Edmund Hurley

BRANDON UNIVERSITY SILVER MEDALS

Awarded to those students deemed by the departments to have the best academic performance and who obtain a 3.50 grade point average (GPA) or better in their major or minor area of study.

Bachelor of Education (A.D.) (Early Years)

Teagan Dawn Cuvelier

Bachelor of Education (A.D.) (Middle Years)

Cara Leeann Gallagher

Bachelor of Education (A.D.) (Senior Years)

Jenna Nicole Miller

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

Awarded, upon recommendation, to students whose grade point average (GPA) is within 0.05 of that of the medal award winner.

Bachelor of Education (A.D.) (Early Years)

MyKayla Dawn Kohlman

Bachelor of Education (A.D.) (Middle Years)

Hallie Poula Anne Rose

Bachelor of Education (A.D.) (Senior Years)

Elizabeth Dawn Janzen

DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Awarded to students deemed by the Faculty of Education to have demonstrated exceptional academic performance, excellence in the practice of teaching, outstanding leadership qualities, collegial behaviour, self-directed learning and appropriate application, commitment to ongoing professional improvement, demonstrated integrity and diligence, and demonstrated professional responsibility.

Early Years

Josephine Elizabeth Moellenbeck

Early Years

Andrew Conrad Brereton-Waller

Middle Years

Danielle Simone Fortin

Middle Years

Edith Spence

Senior Years

Madison Sheyenne Meadows

Senior Years

Jamie Lynn Ketcheson

Integrated/Concurrent

Cassie Quadrelli

Integrated/Concurrent

Rebecca Lynn Baker

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FACULTY OF EDUCATION

GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF ARTS/ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (A.D.)

Mauve hood

Laura Camila Acosta
Brianna Ashley Allen
Isabela Beatriz Paclibar Azarcon
Rebecca Lynn Baker
Sara Orlena Beardy
Sherisse Olivia Bouchard
Virginia Orlena Michelle Brightnose
Pamela Frances Budd
Jarrett Alexander Campbell
Quinn Titus Leo Constant
Lena Janet Cooper
Christina Joyce Desjarlais
Miranda Shannon Dysart
Geraldine Priscilla Caroline Fiddler
Brittany Dawn Flatfoot
Ingrid Charity Flett
Nicole Amber Odette Friesen
Autumn Victoria Gansekoel
Gwen Betsy Halkett
Kendall James Henderson
Janelle Nicole Houle
Stacey Lynne Houle
Sean Melvin Hrabowich
Charis Montana Kozak
Hannah Renee Lena Landels
Taylor Treasure Rose Lindenbach
Leonard Keith McDaniel
Laura Jean McKay
Rose Melanie Molin
Brandy Desirae Monkman
Victoria Elizabeth Newham
Anita Olive Partridge
Cassie Quadrelli
Rochelle Cherish-Lee Ross
Edith Spence
Selena Noreen Spence
Victoria Rebecca Waldner
Amanda Nicole Walker
Jada Kylie Ranae Wieler

Maralee Katerina Wood
Brayden John George Young

BACHELOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES

Royal Blue hood

Auriel Catherine Lepper Bacon
Amber Dawn Baker
Ryker Nicholas Batson
Brook Mackenzie Lazaruk Bradshaw
Kayla Chartier
Jodie Danielle Davis
Brianna Doerksen
Andrea Nicole Gohl
Bailey Austin Everett Green
Daylen Zachery Everett Green
Riley Keith Grusing
Chaley Elizabeth Harder
Mary Hughes
Cassidy Lorelle Jones
Joshua Dawson Walter Kruse
Drew Keegan Kulcheski
Jayden Chase Laliberty
Tyrell Medwid
Daniel Taborlupa Miranda
Tyler Jordan Monias
Emily Rachel Nichol
Leonard Tandri Ice Pierone
Sabrina Rose Robertson
Abigail Yvonne Simms
Mitchell Allan Skotlas
Connor Michael Slipp
Marvin Allan Rene Spence
Charles Timinimi
Victoria Rae Weatherald
Isabella Rory Grace Wieler

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (A.D.)

Mauve hood

Lauren Marie Ballantyne

Cassandra Lynn Bartley
Chad Richard Behrmann
Heather Lynn Bialas
Cory Jordan Billiaert
Gillian Rae Black
Shailyn Nicole Boschman
Nichole Marie Boylan
Andrew Conrad Brereton-Waller
Dylan James Connor Burrell
Shannon Kelly Cameron
Taylor Brenna Leigh Chyzyk
Ashley Dawn Clark
Graham Clark
Brett Mikayla Cline
Leah Rae Corenblum
Emily Melissa Agnes Cullen
Teagan Dawn Cuvelier
Riley Derlago
Jonna Elizabeth Doerksen
Carly Belle Dumanske
Bryce Edwards
Cameron Elder
Bryan Michael Erbach
Vanessa Rae Lorraine Fehr
Derek John Lazarus Fontaine
Danielle Simone Fortin
Cara Leeann Gallagher
Christopher William Joseph Gerry
Tanja Gohl
Kinsley Brooke Grindle
Brett Andrew Hammond
Joshua James Hart
Jaret Charles Heaman
Shayla Katherina Heinrichs
Devin Hildebrand
Monique Elizabeth Huberdeau
Ravi Shankar Hunter
Abby Madison Jago
Elizabeth Dawn Janzen
Anna Kabashko
Dylan James Kalinowski
Shane Michael Keown
Jamie Lynn Ketcheson

Kiele Paige Kittle
MyKayla Dawn Kohlman
Nancy Kotelniski
Amy Bea Kowalchuk
Nadia Nicole Krahn
Cassidy Raine Kuharski
Trina Marie Langan
Dallas James Lewis
Brooklynn Anne Makasoff
Madison Sheyenne Meadows
Rylan Douglas Metcalf
Madison Abbey Gail Mihalicz
Jenna Nicole Miller
Kaden Jamil Mirza
Chelsea Alexandra Misskey
Josephine Elizabeth Moellenbeck
Sheridan Alyssa Oswald
Oyeyemi Oluwaseyi Oyebola
Hope Isabell Pauline Penner
Gregory Robert Pike
Sean Brennan Rea
Bailey Reichmuth
Tristan Jerome Ricketts
Kaelei Mae Rink
Hallie Poula Anne Rose
Ashley Sadler
Emma Joe Salmon
Camille Renee Sanderson
Melissa Marilynn Marie Shaw
Jennifer Lyn Shelton
Daniel Solomon
Madison Shea Sutherland

Joshua Donn Ross Sylvester
Michyla Mae Turnbull
Suzanne Maria Wurtz

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Scarlet hood, bound in Sky Blue

Krista Michele Adams
Peta-Gaye Elaine Allen-Brown
Darin Harvey Arnold
Kellie Rae Baker
Jocelyn Marie Bender
Amanda Joyce Dora Burtnack
Oscar Armando Calix
Hoanglan Cardinal
Agnieszka Anna Desjardins
Jennifer Lynn Donnelly
Jerilyn Francine Juel Ducharme
Natasha Lee Emerson
Kristen Maria Everett
Brittney Anne Ferland
Tabitha Laura Jane Galloway
Nazma Jasmine Kassam Garcia
Kirsten Jayne Glen
Patti Dawn Marie Hack
Natashia Danielle Herring
David Edmund Hurley
Kristy Lynne Hutsal
Kelsey Rachelle Keilback
Laura Lynn Kellough
Tetiana Kovtun

Riel Wayne Langlois
Brittany Lasko
Erin Rebecca Lauze
Alison Jeanette Lubinski
Danielle Kathleen Matthisen
Nicole Marie McIntyre-Garbutt
Leilani Marlynn McKay
Yodit Mekuria
Terryl Marisa Mogk Stone
Vincent Kwantwi Nkrumah
Baseswa Esisombe Nundu
Natasha Emmy Ofwono
Alexandra Paiva
Suzanne Janelle Paradine
Jennifer Allison Rannie
Peter Douglas Austin Reid
Tawn Cirstie Rellinger-Moar
Christopher Robert Rivet
Jeremy Mitchell Roberts
Shelley Lynn Scribe
Carolyn Margaret Skene-Didych
Kathleen Anne Slashinsky
Sheyln Marie Sparrow
Bradley Theodore St Denis
Diana Marie Swain
Karen Vaarmeyer
Laura Anne Van Mulligen
Alexia Josette Walters
Landon Jay White
Nicolas Rudolf Antonius Wiewel
Teri Ann Young

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

PROCESSIONAL

O CANADA

Shelby English

INVOCATION

Rosanne Gasse, Department of English,
Drama and Creative Writing

KNOWLEDGE KEEPER GREETINGS

Barb Blind, Anishinaabe

OPENING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum, Chancellor

CHANCELLOR'S GREETINGS

Mary Jane McCallum

PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GREETINGS

David Docherty

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Andrea McDaniel, University Registrar

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Rhoni Mohanraj, Vice-President,
Brandon University Alumni Association

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2023

Olufunke Adeleye

Introduced by: Linda Ross, Acting Dean,
Faculty of Health Studies

CLOSING REMARKS

David Docherty, President & Vice-Chancellor

HONOUR SONG

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Cree

CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum, Chancellor

RECESSIONAL

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academic procession has left the stage.

FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

AWARDS

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Nursing
Heidi Leanne Mayr

Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing

Kayla Marie Godbout

Master of Psychiatric Nursing

Melanie Diane Michelle Gessell

THE REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES' FOUNDATION'S MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

Mary Denise Waldner
Haley Diane Pelland

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FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF NURSING *Maroon hood*

Olufunke Sophia Adeleye
Gian Lou De Guia Almanza
Erin Dawn Atkin
Faithful Itohan Atomon
Jayde Willow Lisa Boyd
Caitlin Debra Rae Coté
Larissa Dawn Marie Drohomereski
Delaney Patricia Elliott
Ashley Dawn Emerson
Rosemary Chidinma Ezenduka
Amanda Grace Gallant
Rizza Leal Gamayon

Diana Hiebert
Tamara Dawn Hofer
Tamara Shirley Kathleen Hunter
Brittany Jo-Lene Johnson
Benjamin Warren Justice
Kiana Lerenn Kehler
Shantel Kent
Meliah Mactal
Heidi Leanne Mayr
Kathleen Hrefna-Gene McCartney
Sydney Johanna Nault
Ainsley Rose Marie Nelson
Joyelle Roseanne Tiffany Norris
Abigael Oreoluwa Ogunlana

Onyinyechi Miriam Okonkwo
Oluwakemi Aderinsola Owonla
Yamini Patel
Racquel Catacutan Quiminales
Oyindamola Sekinat Shittu
Oluwademilade Deborah Sonibare
Jordan Sophasath
Jenny Mae Tulleo
Ogechi Princess Umunna
Alyssa Mae Villavicencio
Alyssa Jen Orbeta Yanga
Cheyenne Rose Zeghers
Karen Zhen

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN PSYCHIATRIC
NURSING**

Teal hood

Toluwalope Excelson Adewuyi
Kara Emily Alexander
Eileen Alfonso
Kennedy Elaine Barker
Kylie Lynn Bukowski
Harvey Rivera Cabarlo
Kelsey Lynn Campbell
Daniela Alejandra Lucia Castillo
Ouksonna Marie Chomenchuk
Lorena Daniela Ciobanu
Danica Delaquis
Lidet Daniel Demissie
Faith Francis Ducharme
Erica Lynn Erlendson
Matthew Gordon Guy Frechette
Kayla Marie Godbout
Angèle Simone Marie Grenier
Melissa Hadden
Brittany Rebecca Hancox
Jaden Hanna Bridget Harbour
Caitlin Dawn Iwasienko

Sara Grace Jamieson
Sophie Marie Agnes Joyal
Tatianna Brielle Kanski
Adam James Kowalchuk
Kayley Sandra Krahn
Shelby Lee Loewen
Amber Dawn Lynes
Carly Tik Manthanarack
Taylor Brook Marcq
Macy McGrath
Taylor Christine Mead
Solomon Musyimi Mutwandia
Brooke Ashley Nicholson
Michael Okafor
Chijioke Dennis Oraetue
Justin Aquino Pagsisihan
Jessica Marie Parkin
Haley Diane Pelland
Alyssa Jade Poganiatz
Savannah Rayne Richardson
Michelle Leigh Robinson
Claudine Jameelah Salumu
Chynna Kaylyn Samoil
Patrick Roger San Vicente
Pearl Alba Duro Serrano

Kirti Sharma
Raven Amber Shawara
Jasmine Sheppard
Rachel Francis Sidorchuk
Emily Joy Slater
Janelle Lianna Tan
Delaney Quinn Thiessen
Kayla Monique Dayao Torres
Cassandra Troszko
Patricia Lianne Uy
Katelyn Anne Virata
Mary Denise Waldner
Mariam Aden Warsame
Benjamin Krzysztof Zygarlicki

**MASTER OF
PSYCHIATRIC NURSING**
Scarlet hood, bound in Emerald Green

Corrina Anne Boyd
Melanie Diane Michelle Gessell
Natalie Pearson
Jamie Terhorst

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023 – 2:00 P.M.

FACULTY OF ARTS

PROCESSIONAL

O CANADA

Shelby English

INVOCATION

Rosanne Gasse, Department of English,
Drama and Creative Writing

KNOWLEDGE KEEPER GREETINGS

Barb Blind, Anishinaabe

OPENING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum, Chancellor

CHANCELLOR'S GREETINGS

Mary Jane McCallum

PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GREETINGS

David Docherty

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Andrea McDaniel, University Registrar

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Rhoni Mohanraj, Vice-President,
Brandon University Alumni Association

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2023

Janice Dutchak

Introduced by: Balfour Spence, Acting Dean,
Faculty of Arts

CLOSING REMARKS

David Docherty, President & Vice-Chancellor

HONOUR SONG

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Cree

CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum, Chancellor

RECESSIONAL

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academic procession has left the stage.

FACULTY OF ARTS

AWARDS

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S GOLD MEDAL

Awarded to the undergraduate who attains the highest academic standing in their degree excluding the Faculty or School already represented by the Governor General's Silver Medal.

Janice Marie Dutchak

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Arts (3-Year)

Janelle Nicole Houle

Bachelor of Arts (4-Year)

Allison Elizabeth Byram

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Janice Marie Dutchak

Bachelor of Business Administration

Junyan Wang

Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours)

Aiden Thomas Matthew Hughes

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Dina Salah Mohamed

Master of Arts (Rural Development)

Emmanuel Owusu Ansah

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

Awarded, upon recommendation, to students whose grade point average (GPA) is within 0.05 of that of the medal award winner.

Master of Arts (Rural Development)

James Victor Maxon

BRANDON UNIVERSITY SILVER MEDALS

Awarded to those students deemed by the departments to have the best academic performance and who obtain a 3.50 grade point average (GPA) or better in their major or minor area of study.

Anthropology

Joel Matthew Firman

Business Administration

Aiden Thomas Matthew Hughes

English

Megan Pauline Lamontagne

French

Julieth Lorena Torres Diaz

Gender and Women's Studies

Mandy Reine Hilda Swidersky

History

Marshall Levi Northam

Political Science

Kathryn Anne Marie O'Rourke

Rural and Community Studies

Jolanda Caroline Kroll

Sociology

Janice Marie Dutchak

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

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Business Administration

Jaycee L. A. Thexton

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FACULTY OF ARTS

GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF ARTS (3-YEAR)

Pale Blue hood

Khaleed Olabode Adeyemi
Fahad Al-Ani
Korinne Michelle Alexander
Emmanuel Barning
Dayle April Blackbird
Max Brook
Braden Cole Cancade
Candice Roberta Chartrand
Maxwell James Darvill
Amanda Nicole Elston
Rhys Sydney Dale Fletcher
Dylan Wesley Lampman Foster
Kristen Anne Heathcote
Mark Hercina
Sarah Jane Hiller
Gayle Juanita Johnson
Jadyne Marie Judd
Brenna Elizabeth Gabrielle Kelland
Megan Pauline Lamontagne
Kiera Laura LeBlanc
Dallas Jackson Loewen
Evi Susan Ogege
Kyle Peters
Naomi Andrina Plett
Victoria Sarah Rae

Ashley Taylor Seekings
Jaycee L. A. Thexton
Melissa Michelle Thorne
Loida Lumatac Tokcho
Morgan Gail Voth
Shevaughn Donna-Marie
Whyte-Brown
Beverly Ann Young

BACHELOR OF ARTS (4-YEAR)

Pale Blue hood

Odunayo Badmos
Dayne Bickerton
Hunter Bowley
Jenna Marie Bullee
Allison Elizabeth Byram
Amanda Christine Charles
Nathaniel Delbridge
Riise Dunseath
Sierra Nitanis Ettawacappo
Robert William Futrell
Dustin Lane Gilliland
Jacob Anthony Hanstead
Cassidy Noelle Johns
Mallory Laura Johnson
Bryston Lee Keck

Jolanda Caroline Kroll
Dillon Gabriel Colin Labossiere
Ainslee Faith Lockhart
Mikayla Marie Lusk
Scott Bruce McDonald
Mason Thomas Nicholas McDowell
Alana Janelle Moorehead
Similoluwa Omotoye
Joel Eric Perreux
Caitlyn Ann Post
Sarah Jean Potoroka
Megan Lindsay Prince
Kathleen Mae Ramsden-Wutke
Holly Reimer
Jewel Lee Raquel Stouffer
Mandy Reine Hilda Swidersky
Julieth Lorena Torres Diaz
Samuel Wetstein
Kirby Bernice Wright

BACHELOR OF ARTS (4-YEAR HONOURS)

Pale Blue hood

Kelsey Jayde Crandall
Janice Marie Dutchak
Doug Fidler
Joel Matthew Firman



Robyn Martha Rose Foxton
 Alison Samantha Hore
 Keylyn Lizeth Lemuz
 Alexander Stuart Lints
 Emily Diana Martin
 Hayley McCaskill
 Marshall Jack Morrisseau
 Kayla Marie Neiman
 Kathryn Grace Newhouse
 Liam Bradley Nohr
 Marshall Levi Northam
 Kathryn Anne Marie O'Rourke
 Jasmine Grace Ramsay
 Megan C. Secord
 Jesse David William Ian Snyder

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
 ADMINISTRATION**

Red hood

Oluwadunsin Racheal Abolarin
 Munil Opoku Amankwah
 Drew Russell Amey
 Tanner Gordon Ransom Ardron
 Kian Geoffrey Lawrence Bell
 Christopher Patrick Charles Bertram
 Sydney Hope Bisschop
 Josseline Abigail Chavez Vasquez
 Brandt Robert Geer

Ashley Elizabeth Heinrichs
 William Lehnert
 Lady Leon Lau
 Lohit Lohit
 Kyla Lea Menard
 Trista Deanne Morgan
 Mikayla Katherine Irene Morissette
 Pruthvi Vipul Patel
 Brittany Michelle Pearn
 Benjamin Mark Rainka
 Junyan Wang

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
 ADMINISTRATION
 (HONOURS)**

Red hood

Isak Binyam Abraham
 Patrick Comte
 Tristan Andrew Dudgeon
 Zainab Fatima
 Aiden Thomas Matthew Hughes
 Yuqin Liu
 Hannah Meg McCannell
 Jaime Esau Nerio Lopez
 Merit Ifunayachukwu Ogamba
 Onyinyechukwu Stephanie Okeke
 Collette Rosaleen Ridgen
 Christian Kurt Schenkel

Samantha Elizebeth Smith
 Grayson William Turner
 Cierra Madyson Zacharias

**BACHELOR OF FINE
 ARTS (4-YEAR)**

Black hood, bound in Red

Dina Salah Mohamed

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA
 IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Pale Blue hood, bound in White

Krystal Dawn Kayne

**MASTER OF RURAL
 DEVELOPMENT**

Scarlet hood, bound in White

Rosanna Co Angeles
 Blessing Chukwunonso Eze
 Ziling Jiang
 Abigail Ama Kwofie
 James Victor Maxon
 Emmanuel Owusu Ansah
 Tijesunimi Tomisin Oyetunde

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FACULTY OF
HEALTH
STUDIES

FACULTY OF
EDUCATION

FACULTY OF
ARTS



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INDIGENOUS INFLUENCE

While the legacy of Brandon University, Brandon College and our forerunner institutions dates back more than one hundred years to the late 19th century, the history of knowledge-keeping in this area draws on thousands of years of Indigenous traditions. Today, Brandon University is proud to celebrate our home in Treaty 2 and Treaty 1 territory, the traditional territory of Anishinaabek, Cree, Oji-Cree, Assiniboine, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation.

Our commitment to Indigenous services and Indigenous education was formalized as early as 1975 when we became the first university in western Canada (and only the second in Canada) to establish a Native Studies Department. Our engagement with First Nations, Red River Métis and Inuit programming continues today, and we have a firmly renewed commitment to reconciliation.

Beginning this year, Convocation is graced with the inclusion an Eagle Staff, or migizii mitik, which is carried in a place of honour to lead the procession. The Eagle Staff indicates the official beginning and conclusion of Convocation. The ceremonies also include greetings from an elder or knowledge-keeper, as well as a traditional honour song.



BRANDON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The knowledge you've earned at Brandon University will last you a lifetime, and so will the connections you've built here. The Brandon University Alumni Association nurtures those connections between and among all who share Brandon University degrees.

Your privileges as a BU alumnus include access to this vast network of fellow grads, including through fun social evenings that the Alumni Association regularly organizes in cities across Canada. You are always welcome back on campus, whether for a Bobcats game or special events like our annual fall Homecoming. It's also easy to stay connected to BU through regular e-newsletters, our Clark magazine, and social media groups, so you can learn about the latest research, be inspired by standout students, and share your own successes in the future.

As you know, earning a BU degree requires hard work and dedication, as well as much support. The Brandon University Foundation is a charitable organization that supports the University through fund-raising and endowment stewardship. Money raised by the BU Foundation directly supports students through bursaries and scholarships, as well as enhancing the University experience through research, equipment, and facility support.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

No ceremony as large, as important, and as complex as Convocation could possibly happen without the dedication of a huge contingent of staff and volunteers. Some you will see around today, in black robes, helping direct graduates and guests to ensure that everyone is where they need to be, when they need to be there. Others have been working behind the scenes, helping with robes, hoods and caps, handing out programs, and even fixing hair. They have helped with setup, and they will help clean up. Many have worked for weeks or even months on behind-the-scenes preparation. Thank you to all who have given time to take on all the tasks you have to make today a special one for everyone involved.

Every seat in the house gets a great view of all our graduates thanks to the outstanding video work and the camera operators. Westman Communications Group also provides complimentary wireless internet access in the Healthy Living Centre so all Convocation participants and guests can share this special moment around the world with ease.

Thank you to the Brandon University faculty and staff who supported each and every student on their journey to reach Convocation. Thank you to the very many friends and family who came out to cheer for the graduates, and who also were key members of each student's support network.

And finally, thank you to the students we celebrate here today. You have fully earned your degree, and we are all proud of your hard work and your accomplishment. Brandon University will forever be your alma mater!



PREVIOUS HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

1967

Dr. W.G. Bigelow, D.Sc.
Douglas L. Campbell, LL.D.
Milton C. Holden, LL.D.
Dr. Stanley H. Knowles, LL.D.
Rev. Dr. H.L. MacNeill, D.D.
Wilfred F. McGregor, LL.D.

1968

Stuart Criddle, D.Sc.
Maurice F. Strong, LL.D.

1969

Samuel Bronfman, LL.D.
J.W. Grant MacEwan, LL.D.
Christopher Riley, D.Sc.
W.L. Wright, D.Mus.

1970

Sophie Carmen
Eckhardt-Gramatté, D.Mus.
Paul Henrik Thorbjorn
Thorlakson, D.Sc.
Thomas Clement Douglas, LL.D.

1971

Sarah Persis Darrach, LL.D.
John Lane, LL.D.
Philippe Andre Renaud, LL.D.

1972

Helen Clara Riesberry, LL.D.
Murray Adaskin, D.Mus.
Dr. Martin Wesley Johns, D.Sc.

1973

Chief Dan George, LL.D.
Beatrice Bridgen, LL.D.
Maurice Stanton Donovan, LL.D.
Maurice Joseph Cooney, D.D.

1974

Henry Heard Marshall, D.Sc.
Robert Dudley Howland, LL.D.
John King Gordon, LL.D.
Dr. John Everett Robbins, LL.D.

James Henry Gray, D.Litt.
Paul Gerhardt Hiebert, D.Litt.
William Ormond Mitchell, D.Litt.

1975

Margaret Laurence, D.Litt.
Andrew Hill Clark, D.Sc.
Frank Henry Epp, LL.D.
Laurence Gladwyn
MacPherson, LL.D.
Harry B. Hawthorn, LL.D.
Grettir Leo Johannson, LL.D.

1976

James Harvey Tolton, D.Sc.
Laurence Harold Cragg, D.Sc.
Jon Vickers, D.Mus.

1977

Walter Gilbert Dinsdale, LL.D.
Betty Margaret Gibson, LL.D.

1980

August James Henzel, D.Sc.

1982

Dr. Henry Edmison
Duckworth, D.Sc.

1984

Audrey Engle Hawthorn, LL.D.

1985

Gerald A. McKinney, LL.D.

1987

Dr. John Warkentin, LL.D.
Bishop Remi DeRoo, LL.D.
Dr. Thomas H. McLeod, LL.D.

1988

Dr. Robert Beamish, D.Sc.
Dr. Norma Walmsley, LL.D.

1989

Dr. Kenneth Winters, D.Mus.
Dr. Wilfred McCutcheon, D.Ed.

1990

Lewis Whitehead, LL.D.
Dr. Ferdinand Eckhardt, LL.D.

1992

Dr. Donald A. Robertson, D.Ed.
Dr. David. B. Stewart, LL.D.

1993

George Gooden, LL.D.
Dr. Lorne Watson, D.Mus.

1994

Arthur Amiotte, LL.D.
Charles Gordon, D.Litt.

1995

Benjamin Schacter, LL.D.
Lydia Makhubu, LL.D.

1996

Tomson Highway, D.Litt.

1997

Fred McGuinness, LL.D.
Lawrence Stuckey, LL.D.

1998

Eli Taylor, LL.D.
Peggy Sharpe, D.Mus.

1999

Donald Penny, LL.D.
Leo Pettipas, LL.D.

2000

Yvon Dumont, LL.D.
Dr. John R. Wiens, D.Ed.
Westley G. Wong, LL.D.

2001

Leonard Evans, LL.D.
Ian Cormack Palmer Smith, D.Sc.
Norma A. Wylie, D.Ed.
Burton Cummings, D.Mus.
Randy Bachman, D.Mus.
Garry Peterson, D.Mus.
Don McDougall, D.Mus.

Bill Wallace, D.Mus.
Jim Kale, D.Mus.

2002

Matthew Choptuik, D.Sc.
Robert Prus, D.Litt.
Clement Chang, D.Ed.

2003

Victor Sharpe, D.Sc.
The Honourable
Sharon Carstairs, LL.D.

2004

The Honourable
Peter M. Liba, LL.D.
Dr. James S. Brown, D.Sc.

2005

Tom Cochrane, D.Mus.
James Ehnes, D.Mus.
Shirley Douglas, LL.D.
Henry Champ, LL.D.

2006

Miriam Toews, D.Litt.
Ronald Bell, LL.D.

2007

William R. Morrison, D.Litt.
Justice Warren Winkler, LL.D.

Diedre Irons, D.Mus.
Frederick Ralph Cornelius
Penner, D.Mus.

2008

Tom Breneman, D.Sc.
Kenneth Dortor, D.Litt.
Erín Moure, D.Litt.
Lorne Munroe, D.Mus.
Shirley Josephine Paine, D.Sc.

2009

Marlene Fitzsimmons, D.Sc.
Brian Keating, D.Sc.
Elizabeth Grant, D.Mus.
Basil Johnston, LL.D.

2010

Larry Phillip Fontaine, LL.D.
Stephen Lewis, LL.D.

2011

Gary Doer, LL.D.
Dr. Ray Bollman, LL.D.
Buffy Sainte-Marie, D.Mus.
Heather Bishop, LL.D.

2012

Annette Thorimbert Osted, LL.D.
Anton Kureti, D.Mus.

2013

Lloyd Robertson, LL.D.

2014

Eric “Lyle” Dyck, LL.D.
Christopher Summerville, LL.D.

2015

The Honourable Philip S. Lee, LL.D.
Theoren “Theo” Fleury, LL.D.
Lisa de Wilde, LL.D.
Mitch Podolak, LL.D.

2016

The Right Honourable
Paul Martin, LL.D.
Eric Friesen, LL.D.

2017

Andy Murray, LL.D.

2018

Linda Hutcheon, D.Litt.

2021

Dr. Brent Roussin, LL.D.
Tom Jackson, LL.D.



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