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GUIDELINES FOR GUESTS



Thank you for joining us at Brandon University's Annual Convocation. During this special moment in the academic journey, 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. Some floor area has been set aside as accessible seating. To meet the need, please limit use of this 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 joy, such as when degrees are presented or when tassels are moved. However, you should avoid disrupting the more solemn moments, such as speeches and award presentations.

Please only take photos or video from your seat, from the stands, or from the walking track area. We have a lovely space set aside in Harvest Hall for you to take photos with your grad after the ceremony, and our official Convocation photographers and videographers are taking as many photos as they can to share with you.

For your convenience, flowers, gifts, mementoes, and official Brandon University degree frames are available for purchase on the upper level. These should be given only after the ceremony, as graduates will need free hands to receive their degrees.

It is fun to share special moments with others, and we encourage you to post about Convocation online. Please tag @BrandonUni on social media.

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](https://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
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 and shared territory of the Dakota Oyate and the Anishinaabeg, as well as the homeland of the Red River Métis. 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

An Anishanaabek artisan from Ebb and Flow First Nation created the Eagle Staff out of natural elements that have 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. 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, symbolizing knowledge and community, are strung from the top of the staff. 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. And, from the side of the banner, 10 bundles of horsehair are attached, representing the history of plains horsemen. Every part of the staff was crafted by hand.

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.

Ceremonial maces are carried in many processions and ceremonies around the world. In academic contexts, they typically represent the university's independence from external 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 that is suspended from a crossbar on a pole. As a symbol of state or office, the use of a gonfalon dates to medieval Italy, and they have also long been associated with ecclesiastical ceremonies.

Many universities and other academic institutions use gonfalons for identification and ceremonial purposes at large functions.

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 nearly a hundred and twenty-five years, this historic lectern has been a central part of Convocation ceremonies.

The lectern, which was originally donated by students at McMaster University around 1900 to mark the founding of Brandon College, was also used for many years in the College Chapel.

At Convocation, this lectern stands at the very centre of the stage, and is the focus of attention for most of the ceremony, including award presentations, honorary degrees, and speeches.



CHAIRS

There are two ornate wooden chairs on stage at Convocation. They are symbols of the authority of the Chancellor and the President.

The Chancellor's chair was presented to Brandon College nearly a century ago, by the Class of 1927, and has been used ever since. The President's chair was donated by a number of faculty and staff to commemorate the service of Dr. John Mallea, who was BU President and Vice-Chancellor from 1985-90.

UNDERSTANDING 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 required 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.



COMMISSIONED ARTWORK

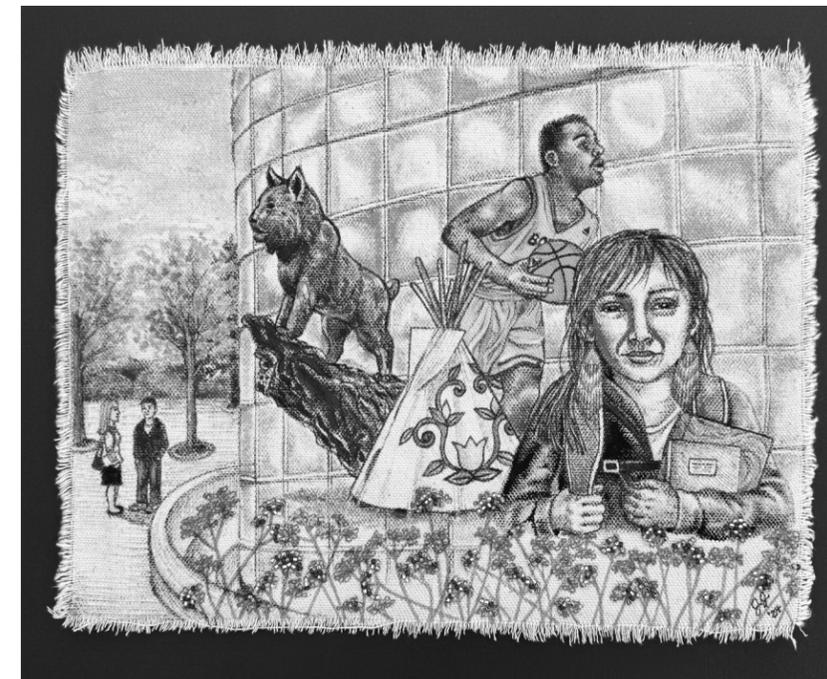
Graduates from Brandon University this year will receive a print of commissioned artwork that reflects on their experience at campus, and will become a unique memento of their time at BU.

While every graduate looks forward to receiving their degree, which represents years of dedication, discovery, and accomplishment, the university experience includes so much more than academic learning. Each student's time at BU also include so much fun, and the artwork presented each year at Convocation is a chance to highlight things like social, cultural, and athletic activities — the memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

This year's art was created by Jessie Jannuska, a Winnipeg-based Indigenous visual artist and art workshop facilitator who received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Brandon University in 2018. Working in mixed media on canvas, Jannuska's piece includes a collage of campus moments, many of them depicted as reflected in the iconic curved windows of the John E. Robbins Library. Across the bottom, flowers at the front of the building are highlighted with beadwork.

The piece combines classic symbols of Brandon University, including a Bobcat student-athlete and the bobcat statue from the courtyard. Front and centre is an Indigenous student portrait and a tipi decorated with florals, while additional students fill out the background.

This is the fifth year that BU has commissioned artwork for graduates, and each year has been different. The annual tradition was inaugurated in 2020 and was a way to offer special recognition to graduates in a year when an in-person ceremony was not possible. The overwhelmingly positive response to the art inspired BU to make it a permanent part of Convocation moving forward.



HONORARY DEGREE

NORMAN FLEURY



Born in St. Lazare, Manitoba, Elder Norman Fleury is a sixth-generation Michif, known nationally for his efforts to preserve the Michif language, stories, history, and culture.

In addition to being active for 57 years with Métis governance building and preservation and revitalization of the Michif language and culture. He has written several books on the subject—including Canada's first Michif language dictionary—and has translated documents ranging from children's books to government documents into Michif.

Norman believes in community, and he has worked with Brandon University, where he taught the first-ever accredited Michif Language course, Gabriel Dumont Institute, Saskatchewan Urban Native Teachers Educational Program (SUNTEP), Louis Riel Institute, Rupertsland Institute, and community organizations. He continues to work with Métis Nation—

Saskatchewan, community schools, and University of Saskatchewan where he is a special lecturer in the College of Education.

He is a strong leader in teaching Michif, which includes sharing Métis culture, history, and heritage. His experiences, knowledge, and ability to share cultural components of Michif language have helped develop curriculum, translate written educational materials, and orally share the rich history of the Métis.

Norman wears many hats, but most importantly he is Paapaa or Mooshoom to many in the Métis community. He continues his legacy by passing down his language and knowledge to his children, Chantelle and Marc, and granddaughters, Saige and Blake, as well as many other children within the Métis community. He sees children as the future of the nation, while he is the past, but he continues to build a strong nation through the children.

HONORARY DEGREE

PHYLLIS WEBSTAD

As founder of Orange Shirt Day and ambassador for the Orange Shirt Society, Phyllis Webstad facilitates dialogue around the Indian Residential School system and creates space for healing. Orange Shirt Day, recognized annually on September 30, is a day for people to reflect, educate themselves and commit to Truth and Reconciliation.

When Phyllis was just six years old, she was forced to attend St. Joseph's Mission Residential School near Williams Lake, British Columbia. Her grandma gifted her an orange shirt to wear on her first day of school, but upon arrival, her shirt was forcibly removed. No matter how much Phyllis cried or protested, her special new shirt was never returned. That cruel action resulted in Phyllis feeling unimportant and as if she did not matter. The colour orange became a symbol of the effects of Indian Residential Schools and a physical symbol for 'Every Child Matters'.

The Orange Shirt Society was created as a legacy to Phyllis' Orange Shirt Day. The society works to further the message of Indian Residential School survivors. The non-profit organization is located in Williams Lake, and the board of directors consists of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous members. Phyllis works full-time with the society.

Over Phyllis's career, she has acquired diplomas in both Business Administration from Nicola Valley Institute of Technology and Accounting from Thompson Rivers University (TRU). She received the TRU Distinguished Alumni Award in 2017 for her unprecedented impact on local, provincial, national and international communities through the sharing of her orange shirt story. She has also received the Meritorious Service Cross (Civil Division) from the Governor General of Canada.

A published author, Phyllis has three books that share her story in her own words – Orange Shirt Story; Phyllis' Orange Shirt; and Beyond the Orange Shirt Story. Due to Phyllis' work, a simple orange shirt has become a conversation starter for all aspects of Indian Residential Schools across the country and beyond its borders.

Phyllis is Northern Secwépemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek Indian Band), and she currently resides in Williams Lake with her husband.

Finding comfort in the outdoors, Phyllis can often be found in nature or going for walks outside as it allows her to feel grounded and connected to the land.



HONORARY DEGREE

WEIMING ZHAO

Weiming Zhao is a distinguished plein air painter based here in Brandon, who has created a painting every single day for the past 20 years.

Working mainly outdoors no matter the weather, Weiming challenges himself to set down in oil the fleeting moments, the touches of light, and the serendipitous instants that make up everyday life wherever he sets his easel.

As an artist, Weiming is drawn to Brandon's historic character homes, with their charming architecture and silent histories, but also to the everyday scenes of people coming and going from ordinary spaces in the city. By focusing attention on the familiar, Weiming's paintings are relatable in a way that captivates his audiences.

From these daily observations, over the past two decades, Weiming has produced an absolutely unparalleled chronicle of Brandon — perhaps the only community anywhere in the world to have been painted so often, for so long, by one person.

The 7,300-plus paintings he has created grace both gallery walls and private collections, from Canada and the United States to England, Russia, and China. More than a dozen of Weiming's works have been acquired by the Manitoba Provincial Art Collection. On a regular

basis, his works are sought after for fundraising auctions and regional calendars. In fact, one of Weiming's portraits of the Brandon University campus was chosen as the first-ever annual Convocation artwork.

Brandon University is a repeated subject for Weiming, as he credits the university for bringing him to Brandon, and for surrounding him with the support and connections that enticed him to stay. Every year on the anniversary of his arrival in the city, he paints a new portrait of the BU campus.

Having grown up in a remote northwestern part of China during the Cultural Revolution, Weiming taught himself English in the 1970s, then taught English to others in China before turning his sights to Canada. Weiming arrived in Brandon in 1991 as an international student, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from BU in 1994 — exactly 30 years ago this month.

Weiming's ongoing dedication to daily plein air painting has significantly contributed to the cultural landscape of Brandon and beyond. His ability to capture the beauty and spirit of the city inspires his viewers to take pride in their city, and to see everyday sights through the magic of his brush.

His contributions to the local art scene ensure Weiming is a vital cultural figure in Brandon.



AWARDS

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NANCY STANLEY

Dr. Nancy Stanley enjoyed a 54-year career at Brandon University, beginning in 1969 until her retirement in 2023.

As a champion of women in sport, she coached badminton, field hockey, soccer, volleyball and track & field at BU. A Professor in the Department of Physical Education, Nancy also served as Athletic Director for six years, and she was the driving force behind the creation of the Mini University program in 1984. Through Mini U, Nancy created a day camp that offered an inclusive environment where participants designed their day around their

personal strengths and interests. Forty years later it is estimated that more than 23,000 children and youth have participated in one or more weeks of Mini U.

Nancy and her team have secured well over \$2 million in external grant funding, supporting operation of the program and creating bursaries that have allowed more than 2,500 disadvantaged children and youth to enjoy summer day camp.

Originally from the Brandon area, Nancy was also a celebrated athlete at Brandon College, participating in six sports and being recognized with 1965's Outstanding Female Athlete award. She was inducted into BU's Dick and Verda McDonald Sports Wall of Fame in 2006.



SENATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

KATHRYN CHACHULA

Dr. Kathryn Chachula is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Nursing Department in the Faculty of Health studies. Kathryn is a Registered Nurse with a diverse clinical background that includes community health nursing in a remote, fly-in First Nations community in northern Manitoba, nursing within a rural community in New South Wales, Australia, among other experiences that include medicine, post-operative nursing, critical care, and emergency nursing.

Kathryn's research centres upon teaching and learning in nursing education,

incivility, student experiences of psychological trauma and supports, compassion fatigue, the transition experience of Licensed Practical Nurses into undergraduate nursing education, as well as the experience of newly graduated Registered and Psychiatric Nurses entering the workforce.

She is one of Brandon University's longest serving Teaching Affiliates, having begun her professorial position at BU in 2014. In 2022, she received the Dean's Award for Academic Teaching Excellence.

Students often comment that her passion and enthusiasm is contagious and that her approach empowers students to learn, grow, and gain confidence in their future careers as nurses.



AWARDS



BU BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

CHRISTOPHER J. SCHNEIDER

Dr. Christopher J. Schneider is Professor of Sociology at Brandon University. He has written or collaborated on seven books and published more than 100 scholarly papers and essays, on topics from policing and social media, beard culture, to sexual misconduct and more.

This public scholarship informs Christopher's community work and public engagement, including books, presentations and contributions to a

organizations like the John Howard Society, Canadian Armed Forces, Rotary and Kiwanis..

The practice of community service addresses matters of public concern, which is a core tenet of public scholarship, a practice that has defined Christopher's entire career. He has been called a leading public intellectual for his public scholarship.

Outside of the university, Christopher's work has appeared in more than 650 media segments and news reports including the New York Times and Washington Post and he is the author of nearly 60 op-eds, which have appeared in USA Today, the Globe and Mail, and Toronto Star, among other outlets.



BUAA EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

STEVEN ROBINSON

Dr. Steven Robinson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy at Brandon University. Steve has a long history of service since arriving at BU in 1996. In addition to his teaching and research, he has served as interim President and Vice-Chancellor, Vice-President (Academic & Provost), Associate Dean of Arts, and Acting Dean of Arts. He has been a member of both the BU Senate and the Board of Governors.

Steve has taught widely in his field, from logic and ethics to ancient philosophy, metaphysics and democracy. His research and publications pertain to the philosophy

of Plato, the evolution of ethics, and phenomenology.

Personally invested in fostering community with faculty and students, Steve hosts philosophy events to create further interest, social and emotional growth, and connections within the department. Steve is constantly changing his approach to education based on students' needs, using final exams as a way to not only form a mark, but also to gauge student learning. Steve believes in giving students the tools to help them tackle challenges and problems in a variety of fields from a multitude of perspectives.

He makes assignments engaging to facilitate understanding of ideas and approaches learning as an equal partnership.

AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

CHRISTINE TOURNIER-CROFT

Christine Tournier-Croft graduated from Brandon University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education. Christine has mainly taught on Hutterite colonies within the Prairie Spirit School Division. This has afforded her the unique opportunity to teach nearly every core subject, from Kindergarten to Grade 12,

at some point in her career. Currently, her focus is predominantly on senior years where she takes pride in watching her students grow and develop into active members of their community.

Christine takes advantage of the many unique learning opportunities available in multi-grade classrooms to provide students the chance to interact and develop the skills of empathy, kindness, and integrity. She works to build an environment of mutual respect with her students.



DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

BENITA SHWALUK

Benita Shwaluk, a dedicated educator from Reston, embarked on her academic journey at Brandon University, where she earned a Bachelor of General Studies and an After Degree in Education.

generation as a classroom teacher since 2001. Over the years, she has honed her skills and expertise, primarily focusing on teaching Grades 7 and 8.

Benita's love for learning is evident in her teaching approach, always striving to instill a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm in her students. Her favourite subjects to teach include math, science, and art, where she encourages creativity and critical thinking.



DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

JACQUELINE TABIOS

Jacqueline Tabios is a dedicated educator with a passion for nurturing young minds and shaping the leaders of tomorrow. She graduated from the University of Winnipeg in 2005 and has taught for 19 years in the Winnipeg School Division.

5 and Math/Literacy Support Teacher at Meadows West School.

Her passion for integrating technology into the classroom has led her to explore innovative approaches, including the use of digital media such as coding, animation, film, and game-based learning to enhance curricular content learning.

Jacqueline's teaching philosophy aims to equip students with 21st-century skills such as communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking.



VALEDICTORIANS



FACULTY OF ARTS

RENEE FERGUSON

Renee Ferguson is graduating with a four-year Bachelor of Arts (Honours), with a major in Political Science, and a double minor in Sociology and Gender and Women's Studies. She brought her learning from these departments together through researching topics including social movements, international law with a focus on Palestine, and 2SLGBTQ+ and women's experiences.

Renee is committed to social justice and human rights, as seen in her participation in events such as peace vigils held in the spirit of the Women in Black organization and collaborations with various community projects. She has also been the President of the BU Politics Society for the past two years.

Renee is honoured to be valedictorian, and grateful to her loved ones and professors for their endless support.



FACULTY OF EDUCATION

ROBERT DINSDALE

Robert Dinsdale is first, and foremost, a husband and father. He enjoys raising three daughters with his wife on an acreage near Brandon. The support of his family has been invaluable to his academic success.

For the past 13 years, Robert has served as a classroom teacher, continuous

improvement coach, and most recently a vice-principal. In the fall of 2024, he will begin a new chapter of his career as a principal.

His educational background includes: a Bachelor of Arts (University of Calgary), a Bachelor of Education (University of Manitoba), and he is now graduating from Brandon University with a Master of Education degree.



FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

OLUCHUKWU GLADNESS CHIJOKE

Oluchukwu Gladness Chijioke came to Brandon University in 2020 to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. During her studies in the Bachelor of Nursing program she was active in extra curricular activities and became the President of Brandon University Health Studies Student Association. Gladness was also a student representative of the

Health Studies Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion committee, where she was involved in the creation of Anti-racism action plans and policies.

She maintained these roles in nursing school while consistently being on the President's or Dean's honour roll and she was a recipient of the International Undergraduate Student Scholarship.

Gladness looks forward to a long, satisfying career in nursing.

VALEDICTORIANS

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

FAITH COLOBONG

Faith Colobong is graduating from the School of Music, where she has completed the five-year Concurrent Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Education (After Degree) program, specializing in Instrumental Music.

Faith holds a deep love and appreciation for learning, music, and people. This prompted her to explore the intersections of these topics and pursue music education

and all of its possibilities. She has not looked back since.

Faith expresses immense gratitude to her family and friends for their unending support, as well as the colleagues, friends, teachers, and mentors she has had the honour of knowing and learning from leading up to and throughout this degree. She is also excited to embark on her teaching journey, having accepted a full-time teaching position at Morris School, where she has the privilege to teach Kindergarten to Grade 12 Music.



FACULTY OF SCIENCE

JULIE VAN DEN BUSSCHE

Julie Van Den Bussche is graduating with a Bachelor of Science (Honours) degree, with a major in Psychology and a minor in Biology. She has received numerous awards during her studies at BU.

On-campus, Julie has volunteered as a student leader, an executive of the Psychology Club, and at Psychology

department events as well as for other organizations off-campus.

Julie appreciates BU's experiences, opportunities, and sense of community among faculty and fellow students and is grateful to friends, family, and mentors who have supported her over the years. She is excited to pursue a Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology at Minot State University next year.



ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE & SCHOOL OF MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL

O CANADA

Jennifer Yaschyshyn

KNOWLEDGE KEEPER GREETINGS

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Inineu

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

HONORARY DEGREE

Phyllis Webstad

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

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Rhoni Mohanraj, President,
Brandon University Alumni Association

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2024, FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Julie Van Den Bussche

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

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2024, SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Faith Colobong

Introduced by: Greg Gatien, Dean, School of Music

CLOSING REMARKS

David Docherty

HONOUR SONG

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Inineu
Deidre Gregory, Anishinaabe

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 GOLD MEDAL

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

Nidhi Utkarshbhai Patel

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SILVER MEDAL

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

Machiel Jurgen Hamman

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Science (3-Year)

Jonathon Wollmann

Bachelor of Science (4-Year)

Kaydence Alexandra Shewchuk

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Machiel Jurgen Hamman

Master of Science (Environmental and Life Sciences)

Nidhi Utkarshbhai Patel

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 Science (3 Year)

Brooklynn Lee-Ann Sawchuk

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.

Biology

Machiel Jurgen Hamman

Chemistry

Joshua Alexander Broome

Computer Science

Jialiang Guan

Environmental Science

Madison Tennille Bowley

Geography & Environment

Aranza Jaqueline Ramirez

Geology

Aranza Jaqueline Ramirez

Mathematics

Jared Gross

Native Studies

Danielle Christine Moore

Philosophy

Lucas Gerhardt James Harvey

Psychology

Julie Van Den Bussche

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

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Biology

Hanna Gabrielle Gross

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FACULTY OF SCIENCE

GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (3-YEAR)

Light Green hood

Oluwatobi Moshood Abbas
Frank Adjei
Ibrahim Ademola Akintunde
Tierahh Kristania Amari Bernard
Segun Mathew Bolajoko
Chelsey Christina Collier
Adedapo Uthman Dabiri
Lincoln Benson George-Kalagbor
Jared Gross
Justin Isaiah Hofer
Lauren Kelly Letexier
Kobe Ty Lim
Chukwuanugo Joseph Okudo
Paige Ellen Ostroman
Hrishikesh Dhananjay Patel
Rutu Sanketkumar Patel
Brooklynn Lee-Ann Sawchuk
Shallom Olatunji Soyombo
Selam Teferi
Natasha Rose Vermette
Janae Ruth Wollmann
Jonathon Wollmann

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (4-YEAR)

Light Green hood

Jessica Nathalia Acero
Sherifah Adeyosola Adediran
Vaughn Barkman
Mathieuw Merlin Douglas Blakely
McKayla Elise Brading
Emily Grace Chastko
Benish Chaudhry
Jorge Luis Chavez Sanchez
Tamara Danette Chavez Sanchez
Jeongwoo Choi
Cheyenne Raelyn Davie

James Nikki Degroot
Hillary Anne Derewianchuk
Lyndsey Lee Dunning
Julia Helen Ginter
Marie Leofel Bazar Haguiling
Daniel Richard Hoff
Taylor Anthony Holland
Faten Khalaf
Bailey Danielle Marie Klyne
McKenzie April Jean Maduke
Carson Rory McDonald
Milah Jane Mikkelsen
Danielle Christine Moore
Hy Quang Nguyen
Noah Paddock
Heliben Vijaybhai Patel
Julia Grace Phillips
Kaiden Kevin Poirier
Aranza Jaqueline Ramirez
Cristian Camilo Rodriguez Bohada
Kaydence Alexandra Shewchuk
Brianna McKenzie Stott
Sharon Yan Tan
Jens Watt

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (4-YEAR HONOURS)

Light Green hood

Joshua Alexander Broome
Carthy William Garnet Caswell
Nelson Edgardo Dominguez-Galvez
Olivia Lena Erickson
Vaishnavi Lakshana Gopaul
Hanna Gabrielle Gross
Jialiang Guan
Machiel Jurgen Hamman
Lucas Gerhardt James Harvey
Linden Orval Haubrick
Carter Dale Loewen
Michael Wright McFarlane

Asit Pinakinbhai Patel
Laura Pauline Simonson
Jiyeon Son
Elisha Lisa Tariq
Raya Sky Turner
Julie Van Den Bussche

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Light Green hood

Syed Rahat-UI Ahsan
Madison Tennille Bowley
Amanda Colleen Hopcraft
Evan Jeffrey Mah
Sierra Paige Makasoff
Alixandra Mikayla Sabeski
Zachary W. D. Tiessen

MASTER OF SCIENCE (ENVIRONMENTAL AND LIFE SCIENCES)

Scarlet hood, bound in Light Green

Brayden Timothy John Cuthbert
Michael Oluwaseyi Falufosi
Nnamdi Ogochukwu
Komlan-Dodoh
Nidhi Utkarshbhai Patel
Autumn J. Wiebe

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC

AWARDS

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Music

Shelby Mackenzie English

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

Abby Elizabeth Mowat Petersen

Master of Music

Haocheng Gong

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

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

Benjamin John Kensok

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

Philipp Jonas Lauter

Music Performance

Esteban Antonio Seunarine

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.

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

Abby Elizabeth Mowat Petersen



SCHOOL OF MUSIC

GRADUATES

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

Pink hood, bound in Mauve

Kimberly Dawn Allan
Marcus Keith Brodie
Faith Margarette Colobong
Genielle Cook
Nicholas Andrew Johnson
Jacob Ivica Jubinville
Benjamin John Kensok
Daeun Lee
Janina Janna Sayangco Macalalad
Robert Terrence Morales Maningas
Abby Elizabeth Mowat Petersen
Jacob Christopher Pfeifer
McKenna Lynn Thenhaus

Avery Jane Walker
Jennifer Rosemarie Yaschyshyn

BACHELOR OF MUSIC (4-YEAR)

Pink hood

Jeremy Rowatt Allen
QiaoChu An
Caitlin Ann Baker
Amy Janyne Brown
Yuefeng Du
Shelby Mackenzie English
Jess Elliot Johnson
Victoria Dawn Jordan
Philipp Jonas Lauter
Wenjie Liang

Emilee Patricia Martel
Dane Michael Neufeld
Morgan Lane Paramor
Dylan Michael Pilcher
Anil Singh Ramgotra
Esteban Antonio Seunarine
Zhuo Song
Jichen Wang
Ren Wang
Junxin Ye
Mengtong Yin

MASTER OF MUSIC *Scarlet hood, bound in Pink*

Haocheng Gong
Kendra Larissa Maxon

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024 – 2:00 P.M.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

PROCESSIONAL

O CANADA

Jennifer Yaschyshyn

KNOWLEDGE KEEPER GREETINGS

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Ininew

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

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nancy Stanley

Presented by: David Docherty

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARDS

Jacqueline Tabios, Meadows West School (Winnipeg)

Benita Shwaluk, Shoal Lake School (Shoal Lake)

Christine Tournier-Croft, West Valley School

(Darlingford)

Presented by: Alysha Farrell,

Dean, Faculty of Education

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Rhoni Mohanraj, President,
Brandon University Alumni Association

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2024

Robert Dinsdale

Introduced by: Alysha Farrell,
Dean, Faculty of Education

CLOSING REMARKS

David Docherty

HONOUR SONG

Susie McPherson-Derendy, Ininew

Deidre Gregory, Anishinaabe

CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum

RECESSIONAL

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academic procession has left the stage.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

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.

Antonio Dominic Hernando

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Education (A.D.)

Antonio Dominic Hernando

Bachelor of Physical Education Studies

Carmen Sarah Heaphy

Master of Education

Angela Klassen

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.)

Courtney Melissa Sunaert

Bachelor of Physical Education Studies

Kyle Steven Michael Tomchuk

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)

Robynn Leigh Marie Munro

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

Courtney Melissa Sunaert

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

Julia Danielle Greer

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

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

Jenna-Mae Colley

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

Ashleigh Lynn Skelton

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

Marley DeGroot

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Early Years

Areej Tahboub

Early Years

Robynn Leigh Marie Munro

Middle Years

Courtney Melissa Sunaert

Middle Years

Ashleigh Lynn Skelton

Senior Years

Antonio Dominic Hernando

Senior Years

Julia Danielle Greer

Integrated/Concurrent

Jenna-Mae Colley

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

GRADUATES

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

Mauve hood

Edith Irene Blacksmith
Claire Brister
Shirley Kathleen Broughton
Lori Michelle Campbell
Bradley Scott Clearsky
Jenna-Mae Colley
Marissa Kathleen Crook
Blaire Morgan De La Mare
Janelle Shayna Eastman
Sarah Mackenzie Fahlman
Shae-Lynn Stephanie Elizabeth Forster
Candace Gadsby
Melanie Louise Gloor
McKenna Graham
Michaela Lynne Halls
Jasmine Aimee Hamel
Daelyn Brooke Howarth
Taylor Katheryn Johnson
Cassidy Megan Klassen
Chantal Mackenzie Korman
Jacie McKenna Katherine Leckie
Braidia Marie LeNouail
Mary Mackenzie Longman
Kirsten Arlene Maris
Kyle James McIvor
Roylynn Beverly Meyer
Lily Jean Moore
Thelma Vanessa Muskego
Joslyn Madelin Orr
Amy Renee Peters
Kendal Danielle Rink
Willie Marcel Ross
Susanna Monique Mary Sanderson
Kaleigh Elice Margaret Somersall
Kiana Dawn Stevens
Alyxandra May Sumner
Janika Jade Swampy
Tyson Eric Devon Collin Thompson

Samantha Velma Wozney
Samara Elaine Zatylny

BACHELOR OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES

Royal Blue hood

Elisha Kojo Ampofo
Matthew Phillip John Angus
Kale Nicholas Raymond Bomback
Jordan Nicholas Brown
Dante Asago Kealon Cameron
Rirah Nina Jusay Cuevas
Karissa Rae-Lynn De Backer
Dominique Alexander Dennis
Thomas John Eros
Taylor Mackenzie Fawcett
Laura Ann Fehr
Jaelyn Rae Frykas
Franchesca Mareen Ramos Garcia
Elizabeth Lena Glenn
Weston Rylee Harder
Carmen Sarah Heaphy
Piper Ruth Ingalls
Bailey Mackenzie Johnson
Jodie Dawn Martin
Jack McDonald
Shane William McKay
Jana Kendal McTavish
Deja Michelle May Newell
McKenna Lynn Penner
Santiago Alberto Pozo-Trinidad
Carmen Jean Ross
Amy Melissa Sanders
Carly Thomson
Kyle Steven Michael Tomchuk
Paycen William Zane Warkentin
Luke Lyle Wildeboer

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (A.D.)

Mauve hood

Marilyn Marie Alexiuk
Jensyn Ivy Baron
Mackenzie Katherine Bell
Michelle Bell
Lily Kathleen Bibault
Joelene Brianna Biletski
Blair Tara Jean Bodie
Taryn Buchanan
Chantelle Frances Grace Chappell
Heidi Elizabeth Kathleen Cloutier
Zackery Robert Cormier
Seth Dominique Dancel
Marley DeGroot
Taylor Drue Delamare
Brett Dreilich
Natasha Esquivel
Anna Elizabeth Gervais
Grace Anne Gervin
Alexander Joseph Gibbs
Bailey Austin Everett Green
Julia Danielle Greer
Abigail Grindley
Nathaniel Gilbert Jacob Guiboche
Antonio Dominic Hernando
Teresa Anne Howells
Christian Neal Husarski
Jessica Rae Hutcheson
Adeola Igbalajobi
Reece Logan Johnson
Eleni Rae Kilbride
Tyler Mackenzie Kilbride
Stacey Michelle Kostenchuk
Caleb Clarence Kroeker
Drew Keegan Kulcheski
Jonathon David Lawless
Noah Marc Lemoine
Kendra Marie Lucy
Tyler James Luptak
Josee Maguet
Hannah Rae Mandryk

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Mason Thomas Nicholas McDowell
 Kaitlyn Marie McIntyre
 Leslie Andrew Fredrick McKay
 Lucas John Ingram Mikkelsen
 Hallie Mackenzie Miller
 Robynn Leigh Marie Munro
 Min Jun Oh
 Macayla Katherine Paziuk
 Taryn Ashley Rathwell
 Michael Gerrit Willem Riedstra
 Adam Benoit Robidoux
 Jeffrey Jr. Joseph Roulette
 Kelsea Leigh Sanheim
 Emily Paige Scramstad
 Ashleigh Lynn Skelton
 Paul Joseph Stanley
 Caitlyn Eleanor Stuhm
 Courtney Melissa Sunaert
 Areej Tahboub
 Sydney Bervalyn Teece
 Braedon Jay Thiessen
 Rachel Anne UnRuh
 Tylyn Ranelda Vandersluis
 Eric Brendan Waldner
 Jessica Taylor Watts
 Melissa Brooke Wenstob
 Adam Christopher Willis
 Yanisa Wu

MASTER OF EDUCATION
Scarlet hood, bound in Sky Blue

Kaitlin Michelle Anderson
 Alicia Dawn Ballantyne
 Janelle Bernier
 Brittni Raeghan Bitzer
 Jamie Rae Blyth
 Angela Caines
 Lynn Michelle Cliplef
 Daniel Arthur Cowell
 Marietta Carmen Di Nella
 Robert Gregory Dinsdale
 Rosemary Driscoll
 Eva Kristina Eberts
 Charlene Victoria Edye-Rowntree
 Kristyn Dawn Eftoda
 Patricia Dawn Everett
 Shianne Margaret Everett
 Joanna Pauline Ford
 Shannon Effie Fullerton
 Anastasia Beverly Athanasios
 Giannopoulos
 Easton Nelean Hedley
 Erin Marie Hodgson
 Angela Klassen
 Damon Douglas Alan Klassen
 Patrick Allan Loewen

Diane Elizabeth Luckins
 Ryan Joseph Mangin
 Sarah Kathryn March
 Karl Jeffrey McDaniel
 Valerie McInnes
 Yvonne Adeline Mercredi
 Alexander James Murray
 Jonathan Albert Nairn
 E. Lynn Nicol
 Penny Lynn Osborne
 Anthony Dean Penner
 Lori Denise Pople
 Jenelle Taffie Robinson
 Carla Sadler
 Taylor Schmidt
 Julie Dawn Seeley
 Janaa Shaw-Campbell
 Donica Elizabeth Oreen Simpson
 Kristyn Leigha Smith
 Alana Alice Stanchuk
 Candice Dawn Taylor
 Jay Michael Thiesen
 Tanya Berniece Vandamme
 Brittany Rae Wallis
 Laura Lynn Wenzel
 Duncan White
 Donna Lee Yaschyshyn

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.

FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

PROCESSIONAL

O CANADA

Jennifer Yaschyshyn

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

SENATE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Kathryn Chachula

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

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Rhoni Mohanraj, President,
 Brandon University Alumni Association

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2024

Oluchukwu Gladness Chijioke

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

CLOSING REMARKS

David Docherty

HONOUR SONG

Barb Blind, Anishinaabe
 Susie McPherson-Derendy, Ininew
 Deidre Gregory, Anishinaabe

CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum

RECESSIONAL

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FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

AWARDS

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Nursing
Taylor Ashlyn Kristjanson

Bachelor of Science in Psychiatric Nursing
Christina Sandra Ambrenac

Master of Psychiatric Nursing
Samantha Marie Miller

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

Awarded, upon recommendation, to students whose GPA is within 0.05 of the medal award winner.

Bachelor of Nursing
Lauren Kendel McEvoy

THE REGISTERED PSYCHIATRIC NURSES' FOUNDATION'S MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

Katrina Michelle Pander
Mya Lee Jorgenson

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FACULTY OF HEALTH STUDIES

GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF NURSING Maroon hood

Lhara Denise Azarcon
Similoluwa Fortune Azeez
Lianza Baking
Kim Nicole Bresky
Shanneilla Antonia Campbell-Hylton
Oluchukwu Gladness Chijioke
Ha Linh Cu
Brienne Dalglish
Drew Allan Davies
Haley Katherine DeJaegher
Tarinana Rita Edwin-Tobi
Krisette Hart Chua Ezpeleta

Emily Aline Fraser
Carter Thomas Friesen
Mariya Gavadzyn
Imani Chinelle Griffiths
Annaliza Bauto Gungon
Jenna Rose Hanson
Emilee Brooke Hofer
Kendry Holder
Taylor Ashlyn Kristjanson
Madison Elizabeth Kynoch
Samantha Nicole Love
Kylah Gwyn MacKenzie
Cynthia Amarachi Madubuobi
Juanita Tatenda Mazhandu

Onyinye Adaeze Ifeoma Mbanefo
Mariah Barbara McCue
Lauren Kendel McEvoy
Kaitlyn McKnight
Sarah Kimberly McLay
Cassidy Rae-Ann Miller
Trevor Emile Moar
Yvonne Wangari Mureithi
Erin Sarah Rose Murray
Mary Uchechukwu Okorie
Damilola Oluwakemi Oladiran
Barbara Imali Otodo
Ma. Veron Padrones
Lauren Nicole Parley

Anzhela Pasakas
Naitriben Jigneshbhai Patel
Dmitriy Sharapov
Jessica Anne Slack
Laramie Laura Stanley
Rachel Judith Waldner

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHIATRIC NURSING Teal hood

Rukayat Aderonke Adesola
Dorcas Olayinka Agbaje
Oluwabukola Bosede Agboola
Omolara Olatorera Akinsola
Christina Sandra Ambrenac
Jade Wanda Helen Anderson
Melrose Margaret Arellano
Lisa Michelle Boles
Shelby Katherine Bourbonnais
Brianna Jordan Brown
Sydney Alena Brown
Tessa Breanne Clark
Melissa Rae Cumming
Foluke Aderonke Diya
Odera Chinyere Durunna
Janelle Mary Abigail Dzioba

Kalen Rhys Finnsson-Barrett
Ashley Kathleen Gallant
Nicholas Paul Daniel Glesmann
Skylar Brooke Mackenzie Groening
Taryn Gwynne
Apple Mae Haguiling
Mark Adam Rene Jensen
Maria Alyanna Joaquin
Mya Lee Jorgenson
Kiera Heidi Michelle Kanaski
Selamawit Erdachew Kebebu
Leah Mckenzie Killam
Amanda Elizabeth Koersvelt
Savannah Brooke Koffman
Ogheneyoma Arho Koyi
Mikayla Jay Kurchaba
Deborah Titilope Lawani
Shayla Lynne Legary
Raegan Sara McLean
Megan Amanda Meakin
Desiree Shawnalee Mendoza
Kelsey Morgan
Caitlynn Anh Nguyen
Oluwabunmi Oduru
Oluwatoyin Julianah Ogundele
Queen Esther Okogwu
Oluwafemi Abiodun Opaleye
Katrina Michelle Pander

Jyra Tyrish Paragas
Mahima Patel
Alvaro Jose Peinado
Kristiana June Pennycook
Shae-Lynn Devlin Peters
Danessa Rae Picard
Shelby Dawn Poole
Jayaroop Singh
Paige Sherri-Anne Stelmachowich
Serena Cadence Geordon Stuart
Richard Brian Ward
Katelyn Wark
Amal Aden Warsame

MASTER OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING Scarlet hood, bound in Emerald Green

Yohannes Argaw Bahiru
Barbara Rae Bishop
Amanda Leanne Lavigne
Chantell Elizabeth McKay
Samantha Marie Miller
Melissa Roshini Ramharakh
Tamara Rossignol
Elizabeth Christine Rowlands
Jillian Melissa Thomas
Natasha Tobin

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024 – 2:00 P.M.

FACULTY OF ARTS

PROCESSIONAL

O CANADA

Jennifer Yaschyshyn

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

HONORARY DEGREE

Norman Fleury, Métis Elder

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

HONORARY DEGREE

Weiming Zhao

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

BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Christopher J. Schneider

Presented by: Kevan Sumner,
Vice-Chair, Brandon University Board of Governors

BRANDON UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Steven Robinson

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

ALUMNI GREETINGS

Rhoni Mohanraj, President,
Brandon University Alumni Association

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS FROM THE CLASS OF 2024

Renee Ferguson

Introduced by: Gregory Kennedy,
Dean, Faculty of Arts

CLOSING REMARKS

David Docherty, President & Vice-Chancellor

HONOUR SONG

Barb Blind, Anishinaabe
Susie McPherson-Derendy, Ininew
Deidre Gregory, Anishinaabe

CLOSING OF CONVOCATION

Mary Jane McCallum

RECESSIONAL

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FACULTY OF ARTS

AWARDS

BRANDON UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for the highest standing in the degree program.

Bachelor of Arts (3-Year)

Matthew David Reimer

Bachelor of Arts (4-Year)

Faith Mary Clarke

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Renee Quinn Ferguson

Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours)

Jackson Patrick Wade Lumbard

Master of Arts (Rural Development)

John Olamide Oladele

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 Arts (Honours)

Daa Won Kim

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

Ashley Paige Austin

Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies

Madison Lindsay Black

Business Administration

Jackson Patrick Wade Lumbard

Creative Arts

George Laurel Phillips

Creative Writing

Taylor Brianne Kornelsen

Economics

Kristen Nicole Belcher

English

Daa Won Kim

French

Lily Kathleen Bibault

Gender and Women's Studies

Renee Quinn Ferguson

History

Trinity Reese Nylen

Political Science

Renee Quinn Ferguson

Sociology

Dawson Reid Didur

CERTIFICATES OF HONOURABLE MENTION

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Sociology

Lucia del Carmen Aguilar Perez

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FACULTY OF ARTS

GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF ARTS (3-YEAR)

Pale Blue hood

Andrew Michael Alberg
 Maria Sheila Enriquez Alfafara
 Britney Ann Marie Barwick
 Julia Colleen Baxter
 Selam Tsegay Beyene
 Teagan Bialas
 Lily Kathleen Bibault
 Daija Lynne Kennedy Bird
 Shawna Alicia Blahy
 Bella Paige Brading
 Britteny Alexanderia Laing
 Breemersch
 Takeisha Beth Burns
 Breanna Laurie Cairns
 Kanice Rayzene Kimone Cousins
 Josephine Torno Del Rosario
 Kyle C. Erickson
 Kristen Sharon Fortune
 Sarah Elizabeth Gerdis Filipchuk
 Shelby Gillis
 Kaylee Amy Hatley
 Sherry Lynn Helwer
 Alexandra Marie Henry
 Harold Wayne Hourie
 Erica Peggy Howell
 Jaydyn Lucus Daniel Hutsal
 Lama Khalaf
 Samantha Kirouac
 Cassidy Margaret Larocque
 Jenielyn Latogan
 Mikayla Dawn Madsen
 Caitlin May Meyers
 Bobbee Le Morrisseau
 Adefolabi Odunaiya
 Shanique Geraldine O'Gilvie-Rose
 Oluwabunmi Abigail Ogundele
 Victoria Amarachi Opara
 Chelsea Ida Power
 Matthew David Reimer

Tisheena Rae-Anne Roels
 Jemma Rae Seale
 Vanya Sydney Sloane
 Abibat Temitope Soewu
 Sheryl Nadado Sto Domingo
 Kaleb Isaac Straney
 Alex Thompson
 Kalyn Nicole Tokaryk
 Olivia McKenna Tolton
 Reetta-Sofia Alisa Tulkki
 Benjamin Wollmann
 Sarah Ann Wollmann
 Arynn Alexandra Woytkiw
 Sydney Wright

BACHELOR OF ARTS (4-YEAR)

Pale Blue hood

Sadika Tamanna Alpona
 Alexis Elizabeth Armstrong
 Kristen Nicole Belcher
 Dezarae Jayne Bodnar
 Tawsha Olivia Marie Bristol
 Landon Myles Broome
 Charity Jeanette Brugger
 Faith Mary Clarke
 Shaina Lee Cousins
 Keelin Crawford
 Peter Reed Maxa Donnelly
 Macy Katherine Fast
 Rachel Dawn Fraser
 Kiersten Bryanne Garbutt
 Camryn Lyn Hildebrand
 Sydney Frances Houlihan
 Akunna Chidera Imoh
 Gabrielle Jubinville
 Taylor Brienne Kornelsen
 Sierrah Alexis Denise Peters
 George Laurel Phillips
 Derek Alexander Pike
 Kirstin Nicole Rodrigo
 Emma Nykol Scott

Emily Rebecca Simon
 Aimee Charlotte Vrignon

BACHELOR OF ARTS (4-YEAR HONOURS)

Pale Blue hood

Lucia del Carmen Aguilar Perez
 Ashley Paige Austin
 Madison Lindsay Black
 Brandon Bourdeau D'Hui
 Katja Sabiene Buchholz
 Morgan Bryanne Dereniwski
 Dawson Reid Didur
 Renee Quinn Ferguson
 Liam Kelley
 Daa Won Kim
 Destiny Cherish Blair Maluga
 Daniel Joseph McInnis
 Trinity Reese Nylen
 Adriana Gabriela Osegueda Alas
 Camille Villarubia Punay
 Megan Amanda Remillard
 Emily Roberta Lynn Street
 Richard Isaac Waldner

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Red hood

Rachel Moyosoreoluwa Agboola
 Katelyn Grace Brown
 Nicole Viloría Corpuz
 Kelci Elizabeth Kyle
 Malik Sizzla Lewis
 Beatriz De Los Angeles Nerio Lopez
 Luis Samuel Osegueda Alas
 Rushabh Patel
 Jhordan Alysha Pritchard
 Matthew James Vandenberghe
 Austin Blaine Williams
 Layla Sera Zastre

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HONOURS)

Red hood

Carla Jacqueline Anderson
 Colin Reid Bambridge
 Sydney Jane Belinski
 Bryce Michelle Bodin
 Danielle Jennifer Dardis
 Nicolas Dizengremel
 Martha Jean Jahns
 Nolan Peter Kreusch
 Jackson Patrick Wade Lumbard
 Maria Jasmine MacDonald
 Tammy Louise McCormick
 Enoch Edwin Ouskun
 Tiffany Ann Riddell

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (4-YEAR)

Black hood, bound in Red

Hannah Quiming De Los Reyes
 Sierra Alexa Khan
 Felicity May Nepinak-Hart
 Anja Pickel
 Lauren Christine Teterenko

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (4-YEAR HONOURS)

Black hood, bound in Red

Kathryn Marie Harrison

MASTER OF ARTS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Scarlet hood, bound in White

Mustapha Abiodun Adegbindin
 Helen Iyesomi Agbiboa
 Mordecai Chiwaula
 George Ifeanyichukwu Nwainokpor
 John Olamide Oladele
 Sandra Afra Owusu
 Adebowale Kazeem Yusuf

Note: The foregoing does not necessarily constitute the Final List of Graduates for the 2024 Convocation.



INDIGENOUS INFLUENCE

While the legacy of Brandon University, Brandon College and our forerunner institutions dates back a hundred and twenty-five 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 presence in Treaty 2 and Treaty 1 territory. We acknowledge Brandon is on shared territory between the Dakota Oyate and the Anishinaabeg, and is located on the Homeland of the Red River Métis. Today many other Indigenous people call Brandon their home, including the Ininew, Anisininewuk, Denesuline and Inuit.

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.

Since 2023, Convocation has been 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.

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.
Erin 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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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!

