

# ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

CLASS OF 2022 CONVOCATION



FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

# CONVOCATION CEREMONY

## FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

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Ontario Tech University, Polonsky Commons, Oshawa, Ontario  
Friday, June 10, 2022







**CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADUATES!**



# TODAY WE CELEBRATE OUR STUDENTS—THEIR SUCCESS AT ONTARIO TECH, AS WELL AS THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS THEY WILL ACHIEVE IN THE FUTURE.

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**We can all take great pride in this moment.**

After all, each of us—family and friends, professors, academic advisors, members of the board—have helped to ensure the academic success of our students. We're proud of our students and we know they're well equipped to meet the challenges of today and in the future.

Following the ceremony, please join us for a reception located at Shawenjigewining Hall.





# MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Class of 2022, it is an honour to salute you on all of your accomplishments as you celebrate Convocation. The earning of your university degree culminates one of the most rewarding and memorable chapters of your life and forever symbolizes your dedication, perseverance and capacity to fulfill a life goal. The entire Ontario Tech University community shares immense pride in your success.



**YOUR UNIVERSITY FAMILY IS PROUD OF YOU, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU IN THE YEARS AHEAD AS YOU ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS.**

It goes without saying that your achievements have come during a period of substantial change that's featured significant adjustments to our daily lives. In tandem with your university, you have navigated the many challenges of the pandemic period, demonstrating determination, resilience and creativity throughout.

As classes and lectures transitioned between virtual and in-person modes, you needed to think differently, alongside Ontario Tech's amazing faculty and staff. Under the most trying of circumstances, you made it work. This will always speak volumes about your personal depth and character.

While it comes in the physical form of an elegant parchment, your degree represents the sum of your efforts and embodies your innovative skills, your flexibility to take on unique challenges and your ability to adapt to technological change.

As you push forward along new paths and search for new rewards, always reflect on your purpose and the nuggets of wisdom you take from your time at Ontario Tech. Your university family is proud of you, and we will continue to be here to support you in the years ahead as you achieve great things.

From all of us at Ontario Tech, I offer my warmest congratulations and best wishes. Enjoy the moment with your classmates, family and friends.

Sincerely,  
Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

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Mitch Frazer, *Chancellor*

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Thorsten Koseck

Matthew Mackenzie

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Joshua Sankarlal

Kim Slade

Trevin Stratton

Roger Thompson

Jim Wilson

Lynne Zucker



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

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Congratulations graduates! On this day you are joining an exclusive community of more than 25,000 Ontario Tech alumni who are making extraordinary contributions in the workplace and in academia. You are also graduating from a university that is now listed among the Top 200 of the world's best young universities.

Your university is extremely proud of your achievements and confident you will continue to experience personal success as you embark upon the exciting next chapters in your life. As you reflect upon all of the hard work of your years at Ontario Tech, know that your degree confirms to the community, and to the world, that you are an innovative thinker and a solution finder. You are ready to lead.



**AS YOU REFLECT UPON ALL OF THE HARD WORK OF YOUR YEARS AT ONTARIO TECH, KNOW THAT YOUR DEGREE CONFIRMS TO THE COMMUNITY, AND TO THE WORLD, THAT YOU ARE AN INNOVATIVE THINKER AND A SOLUTION FINDER. YOU ARE READY TO LEAD.**

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Nineteenth-century American essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us". It's a poignant observation. In the heart of a pandemic and in the midst of public-health restrictions, Ontario Tech is where you demonstrated how you were able to rapidly adapt to new ways of working, studying and collaborating. You persevered and rolled with the technological and social changes.

Students proudly carried the Ontario Tech banner, many of them capturing accolades in a variety of external competitions on the national and international stage. Others found creative ways to uphold the university's 'tech with a conscience' mantra and help build better communities through such endeavours as developing a mental health app for first responders, or examining the impact of social media on mental health. In short, you showcased your resiliency and exemplified how we as a university worked together, even if some of that time required us to stay apart.

On behalf of our entire university community, congratulations again on a job well done, and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Steven Murphy  
President and Vice-Chancellor





## MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

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On behalf of the university's entire Academic Team—the deans, professors, lecturers, lab technicians, teaching assistants, advisors, and academic support units—I offer sincere congratulations from your family at Ontario Tech on your special graduation day.



**AS THIS CHAPTER IN YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY COMES TO A CONCLUSION, IT ALSO REPRESENTS A BEGINNING AS NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND LIFE DIRECTIONS COME YOUR WAY.**

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Convocation represents one of life's most significant milestones: a moment to celebrate with those who have supported you. It is a time to reflect on the many different aspects of your Ontario Tech University journey, such as the bonds you have formed with friends and classmates, your work with faculty members as you pursued innovative projects or research collaborations, or the memorable experiences of your involvement with student clubs, societies or athletics. Be as proud of your achievements as we are of you.

I also want to take this opportunity to commend you for your flexibility throughout the challenges our university community faced during the pandemic. You played a huge role in Ontario Tech's response by adapting to new ways of learning and connecting with peers through virtual classes, online tutorials, labs and meetings. The fact that you thrived with ingenuity, in spite of the challenges, will serve you well throughout your career.

As this chapter in your academic journey comes to a conclusion, it also represents a beginning as new opportunities and life directions come your way. One of those new opportunities is the power of staying connected with Ontario Tech through your Alumni Association. Please be sure to share your future triumphs with us, and remember that your university will always be here to support you.

Once again, congratulations on your incredible achievement and best wishes for your future!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Lori A. Livingston  
Provost and Vice-President, Academic





## OUR MOTTO

# COGITANDO ET AGENDO DUCEMUS

By thinking and doing,  
we shall lead.

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## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

### Processional

Indigenous Smudging and Honour Song

National Anthem

### Opening of Convocation

Dr. Lori A. Livingston,  
Provost and Vice-President, Academic

### Chancellor's Address

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

### President's Address

Dr. Steven Murphy, President and  
Vice-Chancellor

### Conferral of the Honorary Degree

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

### Address to the Graduands

Ms. Phyllis Webstad

### Conferral of Degrees

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

### Alumni Association Address

Alumni Association Council Member

### Closing of Convocation

Dr. Lori A. Livingston,  
Provost and Vice-President, Academic

### Recessional

### Reception

## CEREMONY NOTES

As a courtesy, audience members are asked to remain in their seat throughout the convocation ceremony and until the Academic Procession has left the ceremony. The audience should rise, if they are able, for the Processional, the honour song, the national anthem and the Recessional. Please silence electronic devices for the duration of the ceremony.

Guests wishing to take photos during the ceremony are asked to do so from their seat. A professional photographer will photograph each graduate and provide a complimentary proof following the ceremony.



[View and share the convocation ceremony webcast with friends and family here.](#)

The Hive Café can be found in front of Polonsky Commons, and is open for refreshments.

If you need first-aid assistance please visit the Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) tent. A lost and found station is located in the UB Café.





## HONORARY DEGREES

Honorary degrees recognize individuals who have accomplished extraordinary achievements and remarkable service. These individuals have demonstrated a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in one or more field; provided outstanding service to the greater society through non-academic achievements and/or public service; or made noteworthy contributions in areas relevant to the mission of the university and/or local community.

### **DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA (LLD)**

Awarded for outstanding achievement in social science in the broadest sense, or significant community contributions at the local, national or international levels.

## 2022 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

- Mr. Jeffrey Boyce and Mrs. Julia Boyce
- Dr. Naheed Dosani
- Mr. Christian Lassonde
- Ms. Rania Llewellyn
- Mr. John Tavares (to be conferred in the Fall)
- Ms. Phyllis Webstad



# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Ms. Phyllis Webstad | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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**For her efforts to raise awareness about the legacy of Canada’s residential school system, her advocacy for Indigenous Peoples, and her commitment to providing Indigenous Peoples with a platform to have their voices heard, the university proudly confers upon Ms. Phyllis Webstad the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.**

As the founder of Orange Shirt Day and Ambassador of Orange Shirt Society, Phyllis Webstad facilitates dialogue around the disturbing history of Canada’s residential school system and creates space for healing. Orange Shirt Day, recognized annually on September 30, is a day to honour survivors and their families and to remember those that never made it home. It is also a day for people to reflect, educate themselves and commit to the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, issued in 2015.

Ms. Webstad is Northern Secwépemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem’c Xget’tem First Nation (Canoe Creek Indian Band). When she was just six years old, she attended St. Joseph’s Mission Residential School near Williams Lake, British Columbia.

Her grandmother purchased for her an orange shirt to wear on her first day of school, but upon arrival, her shirt was forcibly removed. No matter how much she cried or protested, her special new shirt was never returned. That cruel action resulted in her feeling unimportant and as though she did not matter.

The colour orange has since symbolized the impact of residential schools and has become a physical symbol for the ‘Every Child Matters’ movement. The B.C.-based not-for-profit Orange Shirt Society was created as a legacy to Orange Shirt Day, to support reconciliation efforts and to create awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools.

Over her career, Ms. Webstad has acquired diplomas in Business Administration from Nicola Valley Institute of Technology in Merritt, B.C. and in Accounting from Thompson Rivers University (TRU) in Kamloops, B.C. She received TRU’s Distinguished Alumni Award in 2017 for her unprecedented impact on local, provincial, national and international communities through the sharing of her orange shirt story. In January 2022, she was awarded the Governor General’s Meritorious Service Cross (Civil Division).

A profound storyteller and author, Ms. Webstad has published three books that share her story in her own words: *The Orange Shirt Story*; *Phyllis’s Orange Shirt*; and *Beyond the Orange Shirt Story*. Through her work, a simple orange shirt has become a conversation starter for all aspects of residential schools across the country and beyond its borders.



**A PROFOUND STORYTELLER AND AUTHOR, MS. WEBSTAD HAS PUBLISHED THREE BOOKS THAT SHARE HER STORY IN HER OWN WORDS: THE ORANGE SHIRT STORY; PHYLLIS’S ORANGE SHIRT; AND BEYOND THE ORANGE SHIRT STORY.**

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## DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA

Phyllis M. C. Webstad

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Rajendra Rambajue  
Thesis Title: Young Adults'  
Understandings of their  
Transition out of the Child  
Welfare System

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Korri Bickle  
Thesis Title: Youth  
Correctional Officer Orientation  
and Opinions on Relationships  
with Youth

Laleh Dadgardoust  
Thesis Title: Improving  
Understanding of Rape  
Proclivity

Lindsay Groat  
Thesis Title: Influencing  
Motivation to Empathize in  
Individuals with Heightened  
Psychopathic Traits: Neural  
and Behavioural Assessment  
of Empathizing with Others

Isabelle Simard  
Thesis Title: Neural Markers  
of Antisocial Behaviour  
in Offenders and their  
Relationship with Risk-Factors  
of Offending

## MASTER OF ARTS, CRIMINOLOGY

Jennafer Anita Callan  
Maria Shanyyn Cashore  
Adiba Fannana

Carolina Gutierrez Cadavid  
Esther James-Charles  
Michael Magnante  
Angelina Mackenzie Naccarato  
Riley Ronald Therrien

## MASTER OF SCIENCE, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Daniella Filoso  
Rebecca Ann Fisico  
Siobhan Marguerite Green  
Karli Manai Hamilton  
Taya Deshaun Henry  
Ryan Lahay

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL MEDIA STUDIES

Omotolani Abraham  
Jesse Alexander Vlahakis  
Babcock  
Joely Kayla Brown ★★  
Faculty Medal  
Samantha Maria Cavallari ★  
Aryan Chaurasia ★  
Sellorne Subrina Clarke  
Westley Nicholas Dawod ★  
Sabrina Paulina Desousa  
Olivia Dias  
Farid Ebrahimy-Dehkordy  
Emily Diane Fontana ★  
Lucas Giulianelli ★★  
Stephanie Emely Grisolia ★★  
John Louis Guevara  
Brock Vincent Helmer ★★  
Krystal Deborah Hines  
Gavin Foster Hinton ★★  
Neecha Laurie Klee ★★  
Darryl Knight ★★

James Kokkoros  
Uzair Malek  
Megan Margaret McDonald  
Alyssia Elizabeth Nahar ★  
Adam Jack Narine  
Breanna Nicole Nowen  
Melanie Uniana Palanithurai  
Campbell Stephen Parsons  
Matthew Don Pulito  
Jahnell Ceyon Richards  
Timothy Ian Roantree ★  
Thomas James Shearman ★  
Zhuoya Shi  
Emily Leola Small ★  
Samantha Sarah Stefanin  
Bola Omo-Dayo Sulaiman  
Kevin Thomas  
Connor James Walsh ★  
Brooke Watson  
Mckayla Katharine White  
Kailing Xing

## BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE

Ali Alakozai  
Dianne Alphonso  
Banujan Balachandran  
Brevin Balachandran  
Sairada Balasuriyan  
Kimel Barrett  
Aliya Bekpassova  
Lukas Benedict Anton  
Kelsey Kristine Bennett  
Luke Bessonov ★  
Harmanjit Singh Bhullar  
Maxx Steven Bozzo ★★  
Kyle William Brooks  
Victoria Katherine Browne

Harlee Patricia Bugg ★  
Harneak Singh Burmi ★★  
Daniela Calleri ★★  
Kayla Card  
Paramaditya Chandra  
Charan Baraddan Charles  
Baskaran  
Samantha Marie Clark-Allread  
Emily Collins ★★  
Ethan David Csanadi  
Jacob Edward Davis-Ritz  
Morgan Ann Aileen Dickens  
Abishai Din  
Jasiel Tremaria Dinham  
Amelia Jean Dinsmore ★  
Kaitlin Dittrich  
Harkamal Singh Doad ★  
Katherine Marie Duncan ★★  
Essachar Bani Edward ★★  
Jeffrey Antonio Estrada Tablada  
Farah Fakhri ★★  
Ashhar Farooq  
Joshua Andres Foster  
Andrew William Foster-Bartlett  
Monique Stephanie Fuller  
Justin Stone Gillis  
Juliana Francesca Giunta  
Stephanie Ann Greene  
Shabnam Hafizi ★★  
Jawed Hakimi  
Alya Elizabeth Harvey  
Victoria Isabel Heaney ★★  
Delon Alain Hubbard  
Mbaswa Jesus Ilonga  
Ramyana J. Irenius  
Donovan Iwelomen  
Tariq Kareem Anthony Jennings  
Niveathan Jeyakumar  
Anantavahini Jeyarajasingam  
Tiffeny Jeyasanker  
Gajevindh Jeyatheesan ★  
Kayla Mary Jones  
Jack Samuel Joseph  
Dominika Maria Kawecka ★★

MD Rahaber Uddin Khan  
Joel Andrew Kingsley  
Alexis Cierra Kirton  
Emily Rachel Kolodziejczak ★★  
Djan Eunice Kwakye  
Arman Alkarim Ladha ★  
Luis Jose Lara Palacios ★  
Erica Riley Locke  
Andrew Shemen Luguterah  
Ashir Mohammad Malik  
Simranjit Mandla  
Mathusha Manokaran  
Julia Louise Mantler  
Laura McDonald ★  
Melanie Anne McInnis  
Melanie McLean  
JJ Arthur Mugford  
Lori Rachael Murphy  
Arani Naguleswaran  
Rayan Najm  
Veveakka Neelavannan  
Thomas Joseph Edward Nicholas  
Pavitrnan Nirmalathithakumar  
Brendan Robert Yiu Fai O'Connor  
Aisosa Osaguona ★  
Rochelle Oscar-Few  
Jacob Lloyd Patrick Osmond  
Dilakshan Packiyathan  
Corey James Parisien  
John Robert Patterson  
Salma Peerzada  
Jasmine Kali Pelle  
Scott B. Perry ★★  
Michael Pilotis  
Thadchayani Puvaneswararajah  
Rasheed Kareem Rafle  
Jasmin Selena Reason Castillo  
Rafay Riaz  
Lexie Marie Riley  
Mowunisha Sahadevan  
Randy Gopaul Kumar Sarwan  
Shaijiny Sathyakumar  
Aiswarya Satkunanathan  
Aman Ullah Sayah

Jason Raymond Seetal  
Aileen-Celeste Seifert ★  
Arunan Shanmugaratnam ★  
Harishvishnu Shureskumar  
Taranjot Singh-Azad  
Abbinash Sivanesan  
Jenna M. Stapley  
James Reginald Sukhu  
Ashina Sureshkumar  
Kyle Jaden Taylor  
Justine Ivy Thomas ★★  
Arun Thulasinathan  
Stefan Trantalovski  
Andres Felipe Velez Carmona  
Joshua James Watt  
Georgi Ann Williams ★  
Morgan Elise Wilson  
Darien Teneil Wong-Shaw

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY**

Bohdanya Adina Michal Allen  
Erik John Kenneth Allen ★★  
Shaniece Eugenie Allen  
Codi Joyce Altenburg  
Khatera Amale  
Luqman Arab ★★  
April Ray Arciaga  
Quinton Mark Armstrong  
Hayden Donald Gordon Atkins ★  
Siobhan Marie Avery  
Megan Brianna Bacchi ★  
Travis Barham  
Ashanti Qiana Barnett  
Serra Baskurt ★★  
Farwa Batool ★★  
Jada Diamond Bean ★★  
April Lynn Bolton  
Megan Emily Booth ★★  
Allyssa Mary Bowen  
Kaitlyn Mckenzie Bowman ★★  
Rylee Levett Bremner  
Danielle Ashley Browne

Gabriel Angelo Cando  
Generalao ★  
Megan Lillian Chassels  
Brianna Amanda Chung-Kelly  
Anthony Alejandro Cisneros  
Mackenzie Alexandra Collins  
Andi Lynn Cooper  
Hannah Avery Cronk  
David Cucuteanu  
Sabreena Kendra Dancey ★  
Lydia Marie Jane Darby  
Jonathan Das  
Gabrielle Nicole De La Cruz  
Teanna Dyer  
Ciara Julanna Dymond  
Faisal Kamel El Hindawi  
Brandon Michael Eno  
Calum James Evans  
Erica Eyvonne Ann Fell  
David DeJesus Fernandes  
Alyssa Consuelo Pua Florencio  
Jahmeela Elizabeth Forrester  
Laura Lianne Marie Gagne ★  
Alexandra Louise Garel  
Alessandra Gayle  
Fiona Bronwynn Gibb ★  
Teagan Rochelle Goulding ★★  
Emma Katherine Gray ★★  
Reanna Pearl Griffiths  
Taia Shaian Guirguis  
Joshua Robert Gutierrez  
Leslie Diane Gutierrez  
Alexandria Kristina Hadden  
Brianna Hope Henry  
Kathleen Julia Hiscock  
Noelle Kimberley Humphrey  
Rebekah Tracey Hunte  
Musa Imran  
Agnes Lourdes Jaafar  
Noy Ruth Judah  
Neruka Kanagarasa  
Allison Katschewitz  
Chanel Jorgia Kelly  
Melissa Sherrill Kenny

Sobana Ketheeswaran  
Alena Kikot ★★  
Savannah Lynne Kilpatrick ★★  
Sarah Mirella Marguerite ★★  
Kirkpatrick  
Aidan Michael Klinck  
Anthony Akwasi Kusi ★  
Benjamin Peter Lalonde  
Rachel Eleanor Langlois ★  
So Sum Leung  
Sherae Jenelle Lewis  
Jayda Willow Milne Lightfoot  
Anatania Tin Yan Liu  
Patricia Lopes  
Emily Marie-Ann Lowing  
Brianna Kayla Maharaj ★  
Blakely Austin Courtney Marshall  
Rylan Mascarenhas  
Erin Teresa Mattes ★★  
Karly Anne Matthews-McCart ★★  
Nabihah Mogra  
Ciana Elizabeth Montesanto  
Meagan Kathleen Muscat  
Rafia Nadeem  
Deborah Nadesalingam  
Murtaza Najmi ★★  
Madison Elizabeth Anne Nesbitt  
Ashley Elizabeth Newton  
Vivian Nguyen  
Kateryna Nikishechkina ★  
Brenda Nyangau  
Makayla Eileen Parsons  
Aleesha Dianne Aulda Patrick  
Ashley Patrick Arsenault  
Laura Danielle Perdue  
Avery Rose Piazza ★  
Hannah Rose Polonsky  
Emily Mackenzie Purdy  
Ammara Jawed Qazi  
Joelan Ragunathan  
Mithusanaa Ramesh  
Hayley Frances Rayson ★  
Madison Mackenzie Renkiewicz  
Mira Rezk

Francillia Danielle Robinson  
Tabitha Anne Robinson ★  
Jessica Page Rogers  
Elise Sarah Rusonik  
Cassandra Rachel Sacratini  
Harman Singh Sandhar  
Alice Schiavoni  
Ronit Schlam ★  
Caroline Sebor ★  
Soriyah-Dester Iyis Serieaux ★  
Candace Raquel Seymour ★★  
Abdullah S. Shakoori  
Stefani Kristian Shipinkas  
Tyler Singh  
Malik Anthony Smith  
Daniel Cornelis Arie Sonneveld  
Maya Kathleen Stephen  
Kirsten Eleanor Amaris  
Stewart ★★  
Renee Mary Stocchetti  
Reese Nicole Terlouw  
Danesia Thavarajah  
Achalath Thayaparan  
Gemma Tyner ★★  
Maxwell Asher Solomon  
Uretsky ★★  
Lia Jayde Vesters  
McKenna Anne Ward  
Alyssa Myra Ann Woods  
Natalie Tea Wozney ★★  
Tyaijah Aiyanna Wright  
Dong Xu ★★  
Angelica Yalung  
Ashleigh Elizabeth Young  
Adnan Zoubi  
Josephine Zwolski

### **BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), LEGAL STUDIES**

Nuriam Zulfika Abam  
Zaineb Sarmad Sabeeh Al-Dleamy  
Nadine Joy Annan  
Rachel Boyd ★★

Alicia A. Bray  
Vanessa Budimunda Bilekela  
Katelyn Tamara Bunting ★★  
Seemal Kamran Butt  
Zanib Butt ★  
Adina Maria Capota-Mera  
Elizabeth Charitonov  
Dakoda Cluett ★★  
Therese Sabrina Deckker  
Kennedy Louise Disalvo ★  
Edris Faqirzai  
Mackenzie Ann Madeline  
Featherstone ★★  
Jennifer Gillis ★★  
Jennifer Marie Hauk ★★  
Oleenasasagi Helessage  
Masamba Momodou Jah  
Thamara Jeyakumar  
Emilie Ann Kathryn Kalita ★  
Krystal Sonia Kooblall  
Tharsan Logendran ★★  
Milica Maljkovic Birkett ★★  
Leah Jade Shannon Maloney ★  
Mackenzie Maring ★  
Sharon Marioselva  
Alyssa Mursalin  
Praise Oluwadamilola Owolabi  
Cynthia Rita Pacelli ★  
Theodora Papanikolaou  
Zanera Nasar Raja ★★  
Priya Nalita Ramjas  
Erica Nancy Rizzuto  
Holly Ardan Samec  
Brandon Chris Singh ★★  
Rohit Singh ★★  
Shantal Tenacia Smith  
Aiman Sohail  
Ibrahim W. Tshibola  
Varun Vibhu Prakash ★★  
Bavithra Vigneswararajah ★★

## **BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Pamela Ansah  
Ella Eunice Bognot  
Fidel Alexsander Calderon  
Devorn Rasheem Carty  
Bradley David Davies  
Jacob Christopher Durack ★★  
Brandon John Eady  
Aurazu Ghani ★  
Demitra Gkelis  
Jorge Guerrero Esparza ★★  
Brock Shayne Heard ★  
Victoria Megan Karpinski  
Celine Kassem  
Ali Dildar Khan  
Rebecca Lindsay ★★  
Hei Yin Iven Lui  
Amir Muise ★★  
Michael Joseph Peter Petriw  
Abdul Basat Qazi  
Theresa Roxanne Schmidt  
Alexander Douglas Shearer  
Natalie Lauren Wood  
Joseph Peter Young ★★





## FACULTY MEDALS

Faculty medals are awarded annually by each faculty to the student graduating from an undergraduate program who has achieved the highest cumulative GPA in the courses required for their degree, as approved by the dean of the faculty.

### **FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Brennan James King Mason

### **FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

Laura Ann Gallella

### **FACULTY OF ENERGY SYSTEMS AND NUCLEAR SCIENCE**

Matthew Andrew Oinonen

### **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE**

Nathan Jeffrey Reedyk

### **FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

Haaris Rana

### **FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

Naida Cicelly Tania

### **FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES**

Joely Kayla Brown

## DISTINCTIONS

### **With Highest Distinction:**

Undergraduate students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.8 or higher for the courses required for their degree.

**With Distinction:** Undergraduate students who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.79 for the courses required for their degree.

## OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARDS

Outstanding Thesis Awards recognize a student graduating from a thesis-based master's program and a student from a thesis-based doctoral program whose thesis has made, or is expected to make, a significant contribution to their field of study.

### **2022 OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS AWARD RECIPIENT**

Jennifer Robb

Thesis Title: ChangeMakers: Exploring Social Consciousness through Making and the Internet of Things

Master of Arts in Education

### **2022 OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL THESIS AWARD RECIPIENT**

Holly Fruehwald

Thesis Title: Functionalized Carbon Surfaces for Clean Electrochemical Energy Systems

Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science



## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDALS

The Governor General's Academic Medal was first awarded in 1873 by the Earl of Dufferin, and has since become one of the most prestigious awards a student in a Canadian educational institution can receive. The Governor General of Canada continues the tradition of encouraging scholarship across the nation and recognizing outstanding students.

### Gold Medal

The Gold Medal is awarded annually to the student graduating from a graduate-level program who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average (GPA) in the courses required for the degree, as approved by the Admissions and Scholarship Committee.

### 2022 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT

**Jennifer Robb**

Master of Arts, Education

### Silver Medal

The Silver Medal is awarded annually to the student graduating from an undergraduate program who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average (GPA) in the courses required for the degree as approved by the Admissions and Scholarship Committee.

### 2022 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SILVER MEDAL RECIPIENT

**Matthew Andrew Oinonen**

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours),  
Electrical Engineering

## AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The university recognizes instructors who have demonstrated excellence in teaching. These awards distinguish those who have significantly enhanced the quality of learning for students through innovation and commitment, by fostering new instructional practices and learning activities, and through engagement in the scholarship of teaching and learning.

### TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Diana Petrarca, PhD**, Faculty of Education

### EARLY CAREER TEACHING AWARD

**Jane Breen, PhD**, Faculty of Science

### LEARNING RE-IMAGINED AWARD

**Alvaro Quevedo, PhD**

Faculty of Business and Information Technology

### OPENNESS IN EDUCATION AWARD

**Elita Partosoedarso, PhD**, Faculty of Health Sciences

### TEACHING ASSISTANT EXCELLENCE AWARD

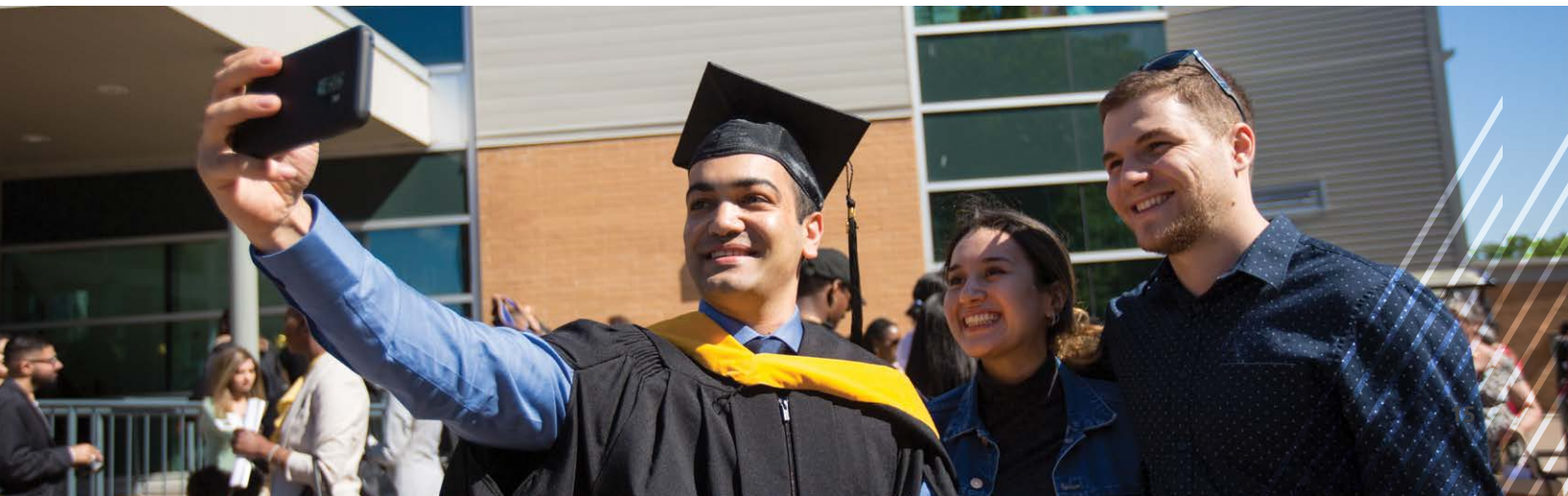
**Shanelle Racine**, Faculty of Health Sciences

### TIM MCTIERNAN STUDENT MENTORSHIP AWARD

**Janette Hughes, PhD**, Faculty of Education

### STUDENT CHOICE AWARD

**Syed Qadri, MD, PhD**, Faculty of Health Sciences



# ABOUT ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

Modern and forwarding-thinking, Ontario Tech University advances the discovery and application of knowledge to accelerate economic growth, regional development and social innovation. We inspire and equip our students and graduates to make a positive impact in a tech-focused world.

We believe it's not only about developing the next tech breakthrough. Understanding and integrating the social and ethical implications of technology are our key differentiator.

We adapt to the ever-changing educational landscape by experimenting with the most effective ways to deliver flexible and dynamic learning, giving more choices to more people. We provide learner-centred educational options by offering a range of credentials, experiential learning opportunities and sparking entrepreneurship activities.

Our students enjoy a stimulating campus life experience that includes hundreds of clubs, cultural and community events, recreational opportunities and a growing varsity athletics program featuring basketball, badminton, curling, dance, golf, hockey, rowing, soccer, and women's lacrosse.

In addition to excellence in teaching, we offer our students experiential learning opportunities through internships, co-ops, practicums, research projects and more. In fact, 85 per cent of upper-year undergraduate students participate in experiential learning.

We collaborate with industry, community, government and academic organizations, bringing them together with our researchers and students to uncover innovative solutions for our partners' most pressing problems. Home to more than 80 specialized research laboratories and facilities, we're committed to attracting passionate and capable scholars to our high-tech campus.



***The university is proud to acknowledge the lands and people of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, which is covered under the Williams Treaties. We are situated on the Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas, a branch of the greater Anishinaabeg Nation, which includes Algonquin, Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi.***



# THE UNIVERSITY COAT OF ARMS



The Coat of Arms was granted to the university on July 15, 2009 by Claire Boudreau, Chief Herald of Canada under the authority of the Governor General of Canada. The Coat of Arms offers a graphic representation of important facets of the university, as well as its history, values and achievements.

It highlights the university's ties to the regional, national and worldwide communities from which the university draws its mission and purpose. The university reserves the use of the Coat of Arms for commemorative and ceremonial purposes.

The Coat of Arms consists of a shield, a crest, supporters and a motto. The shield, at the centre of the arms, contains three elements: an open book, a canoe and a division line.

The open book denotes an institute of higher education. The inverted canoe alludes to intellectual exploration and signifies the university's location in Oshawa, which means portage or carrying place. The division line represents energy, innovation and community.

Atop the crest a falcon perches with its head facing forward to see the world as it is and to find ways to make a difference. The falcon, a symbol of leadership and persistence, holds a thunderbolt with flames at the top and bottom. Lightning bolts crossed behind the falcon emphasize the importance of technology. Thoroughbred horses flank the shield to reference Windfields Farm, which was located directly north of the university, and famed for breeding champion racehorses. As an official symbol of Canada, the horses also represent excellence, energy and agility. They stand on a mound of grass set with trillium flowers as a reference to Ontario. The university motto, *Cogitando et Agendo Duceamus*, means by thinking and doing, we shall lead.



## THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace symbolizes the authority, independence and responsibility of the university as a protector, creator and facilitator of knowledge. It is carried before the President and Vice-Chancellor, and the Chancellor in the Academic Procession and rests on its stand throughout the ceremony.

The mace was unveiled at Convocation in 2007. Designed and crafted by Beth Alber, Associate Dean, Faculty of Design at OCAD University in Toronto, Ontario, it consists of a strong handle of carved cherry wood, an elegant and hardy tree native to southern Ontario. Rings of polished quartz and sodalite, in the university's colours, top the wood. The handle supports a crown of silver in the form of an abstracted flower bud, which is intended to be a reminder of our unending responsibility to nurture, protect and celebrate academic achievement among students, faculty and staff. The surfaces of the petals are etched with the microscopic imprint of a poplar leaf, as a symbol of hope and endurance. The mace is supported by a base of Belmont Rose granite from a quarry in the Kawartha Lakes region, representing the foundation of knowledge and our interdependence with the surrounding community.



# GONFALONS

The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Universities from around the world have adopted gonfalons and they use them during Convocation ceremonies to symbolize the different academic areas within the university. The eight gonfalons displayed at the university's Convocation ceremonies represent the university and its seven faculties. Gonfalon carriers march at the head of their faculty during the procession, followed by the students who will graduate from each of the faculties during the ceremony.



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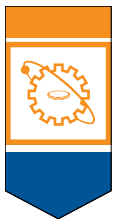
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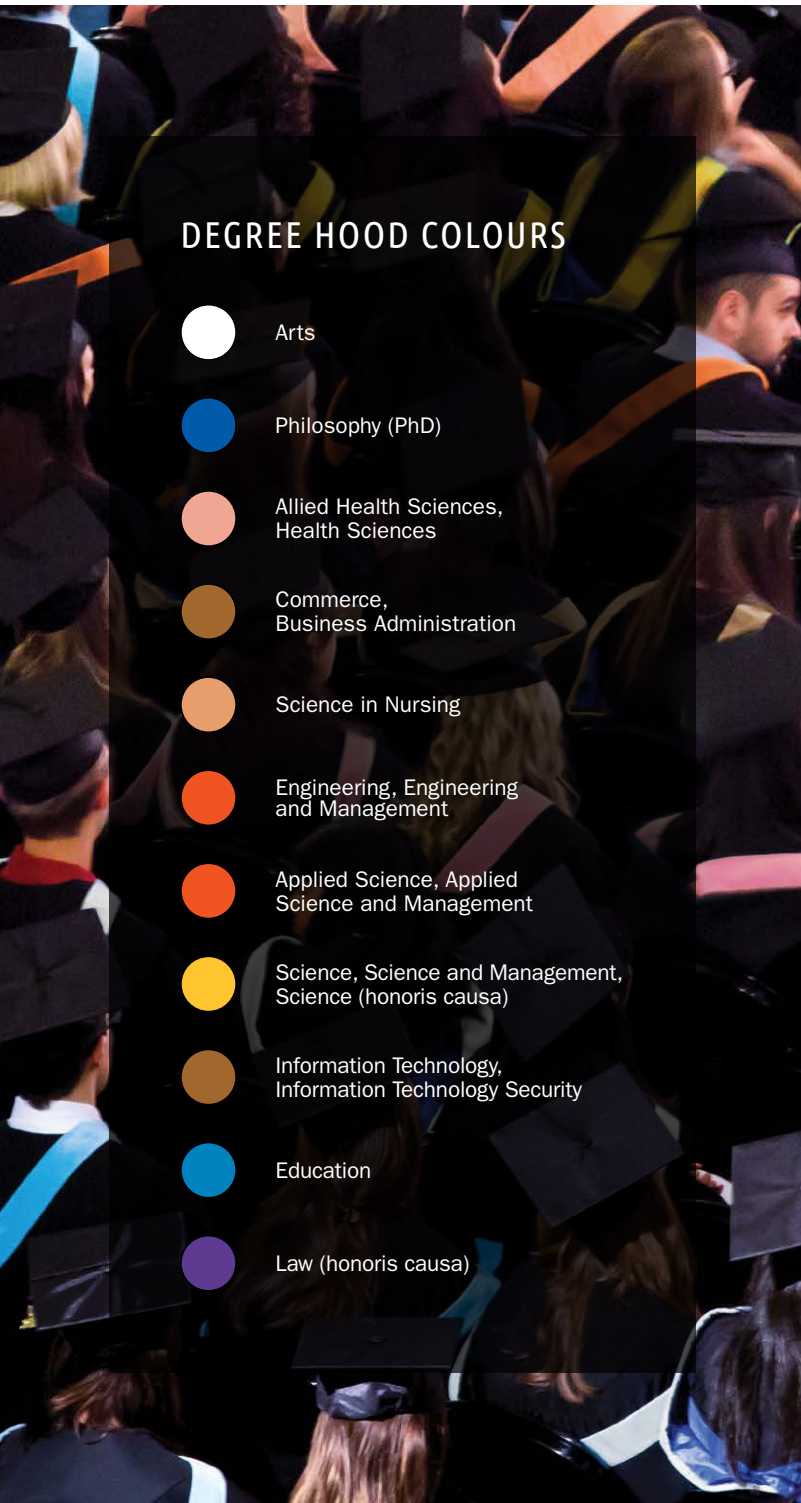


Faculty of Science



Faculty of Social Science and Humanities





## DEGREE HOOD COLOURS

- Arts
- Philosophy (PhD)
- Allied Health Sciences, Health Sciences
- Commerce, Business Administration
- Science in Nursing
- Engineering, Engineering and Management
- Applied Science, Applied Science and Management
- Science, Science and Management, Science (honoris causa)
- Information Technology, Information Technology Security
- Education
- Law (honoris causa)

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The colourful academic dress worn in the Convocation ceremony was introduced more than 600 years ago. At the university, all graduates wear a gown, with a cap and hood. The gowns of bachelor's and master's graduates are black. The gowns of doctoral graduates are dark blue and trimmed in light blue. Mortarboards are worn by bachelor's and master's graduates, and velvet bonnets are worn by doctoral graduates. The hoods of bachelor's and master's graduates are black and the hoods of the doctoral graduates are dark blue. All degree hoods have an inside lining of royal blue as the colour of the university. The colour of the velvet trim on the hoods is distinctive of the degree that has been earned by the graduate. Graduate diploma recipients wear a black bachelor's gown.

The Chancellor and President and Vice-Chancellor wear gowns that are distinctive of the positions they hold in the university community. University governors who participate in the Convocation ceremony wear a gown and sash distinctive of the Board of Governors. University officers, faculty and staff who participate in the Convocation ceremony wear the academic dress distinctive of the institution from which they graduated and the degree they received. If the institution's colours are not available, participants will wear a black gown.

# MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations, class of 2022! You've persevered through lectures, labs, deadlines and even a global pandemic, and today, we celebrate all of your achievements. On behalf of the Alumni Association, welcome to our alumni family! Having endured unprecedented circumstances to complete your education, we cannot wait to see how you shape the future and become leaders of tomorrow!

Convocation isn't the end of your relationship with the university; it's only the beginning. We're committed to helping you succeed throughout your life, whether it's through alumni benefits or career development opportunities. I encourage you to visit our Alumni website ([alumni.ontariotechu.ca](http://alumni.ontariotechu.ca)) and social media channels to learn about everything available to you in your new role as #OTALumni. From a wide variety of in-person and virtual programs to events and other services, the Alumni Association Council and Alumni Office are here to help.



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Alumni are the university's greatest ambassadors. You join our network of more than 25,000 graduates across our country and around the world. I hope you will join me in staying connected with our university and fellow alumni by sharing your experiences and accomplishments and by participating in alumni events. We are extremely proud of you and cannot wait to hear about everything you accomplish on your journey.

Congratulations, you did it!



**Muhammad Mahad**

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, 2016

Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science, Class of 2020

Chair,  
Alumni Association Council



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