

# ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

SPRING CONVOCATION 2023



FACULTY OF BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

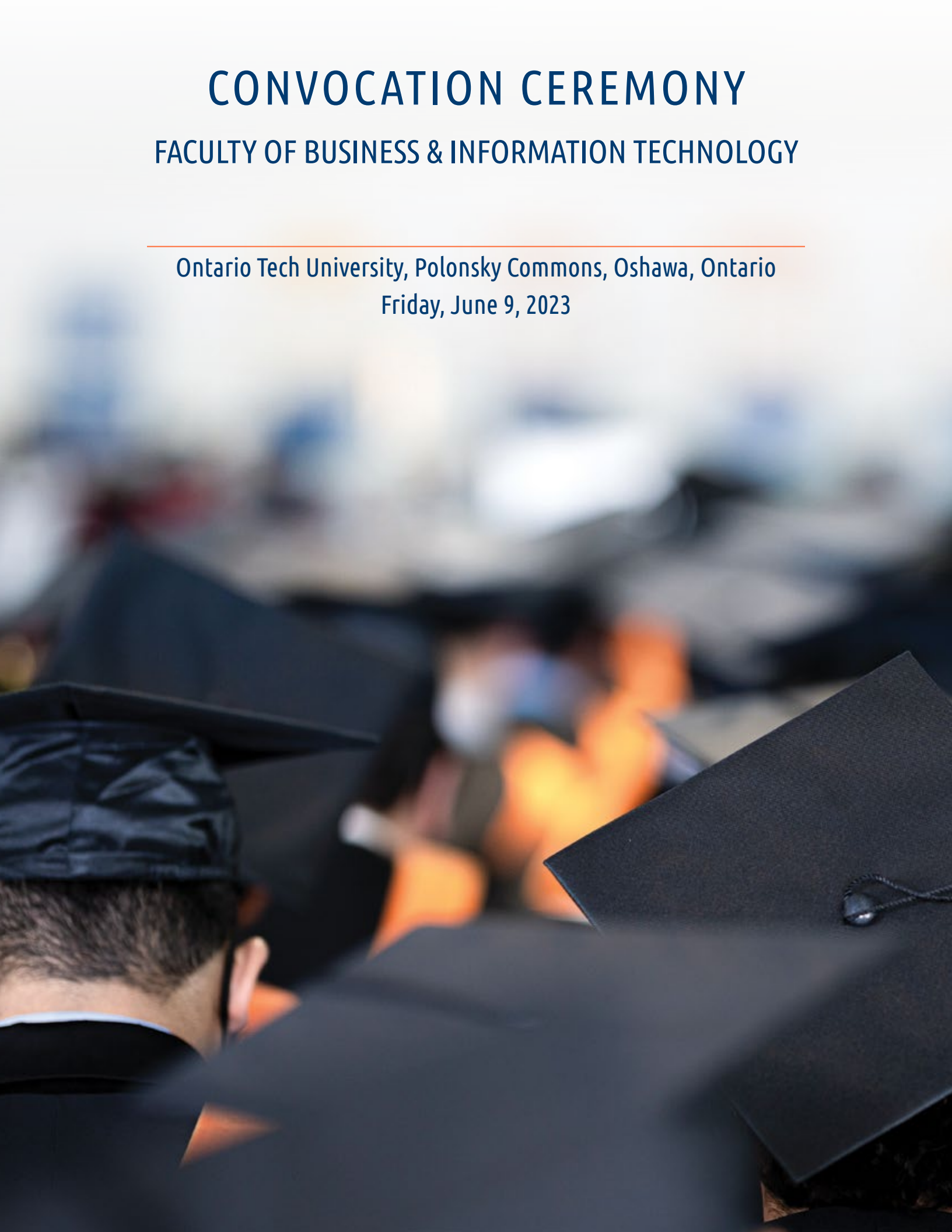


# CONVOCAATION CEREMONY

FACULTY OF BUSINESS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Ontario Tech University, Polonsky Commons, Oshawa, Ontario  
Friday, June 9, 2023









**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 the future.

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



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Congratulations Class of 2023! The entire Ontario Tech community shares immense pride in your success. Your years of hard work and dedication crystallize on this single day as a rewarding and symbolic life moment to share with classmates, family and friends.



**...YOUR UNIVERSITY FAMILY WILL CONTINUE TO BE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU IN THE YEARS AHEAD AS YOU ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS.**

The degree you receive today embodies your innovative skills and your flexibility to take on unique challenges and signifies to the world your ability to adapt to technological change.

What's more, you've earned your degree while navigating through various challenges and adjustments to daily routines over the last few years. You've been unwavering in your resilience and have dug deep to maintain your determination and sharpen your creativity.

Without question, all of these experiences will forever speak volumes about your personal depth and character. As you embark along new paths and search for new rewards, keep your purpose in mind, along with the nuggets of wisdom you take from your time at Ontario Tech. And remember, your university family will continue to be here to support you in the years ahead as you achieve great things.

On behalf of the entire Ontario Tech community, I again salute you on all your accomplishments.

Sincerely,  
Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

## 2022-2023 Members of the Board of Governors

Mitch Frazer, <i>Chancellor</i>	Ahmad Barari	Matthew Mackenzie	Dwight Thompson
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Eric Agius	Thorsten Koseck	Trevin Stratton	



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

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Class of 2023, congratulations on achieving this special milestone today! We are honoured to celebrate with you as you join our Ontario Tech alumni community and prepare for the next chapters of your journey.

The skills and knowledge you have acquired at Ontario Tech will serve you well in the future, whether in your professional life, your continued academic studies, or in the volunteer activities you engage in that make a positive impact on your community.



**WE ARE HONOURED TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU AS YOU JOIN OUR ONTARIO TECH ALUMNI COMMUNITY...**

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Savour the moment as you cross the Convocation stage. The degree you now hold recognizes and serves as a reward for all of your hard work, discipline, and commitment to your studies. Your degree also signals that you are prepared to lead and solve pressing problems through your proven capacity to develop and activate brilliant and creative ideas.

One of the things I'm most excited about, and that I believe truly makes Ontario Tech a top destination for students, is our focus on the ethical application of technology to build better communities and protect our planet. As a university we've made it our priority to ensure 'tech with a conscience' is woven into our teaching and learning practices, granting our students opportunities to participate in exciting projects, many of which are firsts of their kind.

Whether it's getting involved in the development of Canada's first electric vehicle, participating in hackathons to tackle nationwide challenges such as food insecurity, or incorporating virtual reality technology into surgical simulation and training, Ontario Tech students stand out among the rest for their academic knowledge, the hands-on experiences they've gained, and the accessible, impactful solutions they develop to make our world a better place. Having been immersed in Ontario Tech's culture of entrepreneurship and social innovation throughout their academic journey, our graduates emerge from the university ready to achieve great things.

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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As we celebrate you on your special graduation day, I'd like to offer my sincere congratulations and share how proud the university's entire Academic Team—the deans, professors, lecturers, lab technicians, teaching assistants, advisors, and academic support units—are of you today.

We are honoured to stand alongside you on this joyous occasion and reflect on your dedication, vision and tenacity, all of which have helped you succeed in your academic journey and personal growth. You've inspired us with your hard work on innovative projects and research collaborations, and with your efforts to connect with one another and build a caring community. Cherish these memories, knowing that your university experiences will set you apart and serve you well throughout your career.

Now that you are part of our Ontario Tech alumni community, we hope you stay connected and share with us the exciting things that come next for you. We will always be here to support you, and we look forward to learning about your future personal and professional achievements.



**WE ARE HONOURED TO STAND ALONGSIDE  
YOU ON THIS JOYOUS OCCASION AND  
REFLECT ON YOUR DEDICATION, VISION  
AND TENACITY...**

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Once again, congratulations on reaching this milestone, and best wishes for your future!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Livingston".

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 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

### Honorary Doctorate Address

Ms. Christina Sorbara and  
Mr. Edward Sorbara

### Conferral of Degrees

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

### Alumni Association Address

Kaitlynn Gambier, Class of 2013

### 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.](#)

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



# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Ms. Christina Sorbara | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa



For her renowned leadership in the real estate development industry, community volunteerism, philanthropic endeavours that have contributed greatly to the growth of Durham Region and beyond,

and her success as a national team athlete, the university proudly confers upon Ms. Christina Sorbara the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Ms. Sorbara is a highly regarded business executive, strategic coach, author, speaker and athlete. Within the family-owned real estate development company, the Sorbara Group of Companies (Sorbara Group), she serves as Vice-President of Corporate Knowledge, part of the Strategic Planning Oversight Group, and as Head of Human Resources and Corporate Responsibility for the entire group of companies.

Ms. Sorbara and the Sorbara team currently oversee numerous projects in various stages of development in and around the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including past and present builds in Durham Region.

She is also a Director of the Advisory Board, Chair of the Human Resources Committee and the Chair of The Sam Sorbara Charitable Foundation (celebrating 40 years); the main vehicle for the family's and company's community engagement and philanthropy.

Ms. Sorbara holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics and International Relations from Brown University in Rhode Island. She is also a trained strategic coach through Adler International Learning and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.

Among her other pursuits, she sits on the SickKids Foundation Board, its Campaign Cabinet, and the SickKids Innovator Advisory Council; she is a Director of the Board with Bannockburn Montessori School, Co-chairs its Facilities Committee, and is past Director of the Board with The Toronto Santa Claus Parade.

She is an active volunteer for Brown University with the university's Annual Fund Class Committee, its Sports Foundation Women's Hockey Committee, and its Admissions Alumni Interviewing Program. She is former captain of the Brown Women's Ice Hockey Team, and member of the Brown Women's Rugby Team. She is the former captain of Canada's National Women's Inline Hockey Team and has competed in eight world championships.

She regularly speaks on various topics including: women in leadership, leadership, philanthropy, family business dynamics and real estate development.

## 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.

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mr. Edward Sorbara | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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For his outstanding accomplishments in business, his commitment to building a culture of philanthropy and a lifetime of charitable and volunteer service, attributes that align with Ontario Tech's

key values of integrity, inclusion, intellectual resilience and innovation, the university proudly confers upon Mr. Edward Sorbara the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

The son of a first-generation Canadian, Mr. Sorbara has been Principal of the Sorbara Group of Companies (Sorbara Group) for nearly 56 years. The Sorbara Group has been an innovative force shaping Ontario's real estate sector for more than 80 years; an integrated real estate, planning, development, construction, investment and management firm, operating commercial, industrial, office and retail properties, managing residential rentals and building high-rise and low-rise communities. Mr. Sorbara is involved in all phases of the real estate industry, including residential, industrial and commercial land development, industrial construction, and residential construction and property management.

Mr. Sorbara joined the family business in 1967 after completing a bachelor's degree in Commerce at the University of Toronto and a master's degree in Business Administration at the University of Chicago.

Learning the values of hard work and philanthropy from his parents, his business acumen is guided by two principles: his company 'should care about quality because the family's name goes on everything', and with whatever they build, they should 'make sure it works'. Mr. Sorbara has always led by example. To encourage a spirit of philanthropy in his children, he and his wife Marisa brought them to volunteer with Meals on Wheels, SickKids and Villa Colombo Homes for the Aged, and to attend various charity events.

He has received many accolades, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012, honouring his significant contributions and achievements in the community and Canada. As a member of one of 20 Italian-Canadian families who supported the creation of Galleria Italia at the

Art Gallery of Ontario, in 2015 he was appointed a Commander of the Order of the Star of Italy. In 2016, he also received a Real Estate Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award from the Greater Toronto Chapter of the National Association for Industrial and Office Parks for his outstanding leadership, achievements and contributions. In 2018, he received The Senate 150th Anniversary Medal for his generosity, dedication and volunteerism.



**THE SORBARA GROUP HAS BEEN AN INNOVATIVE FORCE SHAPING ONTARIO'S REAL ESTATE SECTOR FOR MORE THAN 80 YEARS...**

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He is well-regarded in the building and land-development industry, and by business associations across the country. His achievements reflect a commitment to the development industry and to serving all Canadians. In 2019, he received the Building Industry and Land Development Association's (BILD) Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing his legacy in the building and land-development sectors. He has served as:

- President of the Urban Development Institute of Ontario and of Canada.
- Member of the founding Steering Committee of the Toronto City Summit Alliance, where he Co-Chaired the Affordable Housing Coalition.
- Long-standing member of the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors and the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks.

Mr. Sorbara continues to play an active role in supporting communities. He is a former United Way of Greater Toronto board member and currently sits on the Archdiocese of Toronto Finance Council and related Catholic Cemeteries' Board. He is also Treasurer of the Board of the Villa Charities Foundation, and founder of their annual Giro Cycling Fundraiser. Additional leadership roles include membership in the Literary Circle of the Toronto Public Library Foundation, and founding the Vaughan Breakfast for Prostate Cancer Canada.



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### DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA

Christina G. Sorbara  
Edward K. Sorbara

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Roquiya Begum Aleem Ulla  
Baig  
Ali Raamish Ali Raamish  
Hemanth Varma Alluri  
Resalat Amin  
Mohammad Karim Anwary  
Sandesh Madhukar Avhad  
Sri Devi Ayyalasomayajula  
Rifat Arefin Badhon  
Nirosh Kumar  
Balasubramanian  
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Naimesh Manoj Bhatt  
Bimal Bhattarai  
Sai Hemanth Bheemineni  
Renjitha Vaikathuparambil  
Chandran  
Sharmila Chinnabathini  
Israt Jahan Chowdhury  
Venkata Subbaraya Ramanuja  
Manoj Chunduru  
Himangshu Das  
Parijat Datta  
Subroto Debnath  
Keerthana Dinakar

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Gursimran Pal Singh Gill  
Jahnvi Dhirajlal Gorasiya  
Nikhil Gupta  
Temitayo Mawuena Hayes  
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Mariswamy  
Arooshay Imran  
Natalia Jankovska  
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Prajwal Kempegowda  
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Olawumi Elizabeth Olaseha  
Ahmad Shah Omary  
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Patel  
Yesha Vitthalbhai Patel  
Vijay Pathak  
Kalyan Reddy Pedalanka  
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Pooja Pucha  
Kajeewan Rajanayagam  
Hirenkumar Dhirubhai Ramani  
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Sai Pranavi SannapuReddy  
Thusiyanthan Sannithinathan  
Divyesh Lallubhai Savani  
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Sanjana Shashibhushan  
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Ame Gilham ★★  
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Taylor June Horsman  
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Ethan Vaughn Kowalchuk  
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Log-Hei Jonathan Leung ★  
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Seshawn Suresh  
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## 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**

**Isabella Victoria Smith**

Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours),  
Technology Management

### **FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

**Sarah Megan Landry**

Bachelor of Education

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

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Bachelor of Engineering (Honours),  
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### **FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

**David Allen Powers**

Bachelor of Science (Honours),  
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### **FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES**

**Lindsay Collin-Rooney**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours),  
Forensic Psychology

## 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.

### **2023 OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS AWARD RECIPIENT**

**Cassandra Dion Lariviere**

Thesis Title: The Effects of Rapport Building on  
Information Disclosure in Virtual Interviews  
Master of Science in Forensic Psychology

### **2023 OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL THESIS AWARD RECIPIENT**

**Martin Magill**

Thesis Title: Opportunities for the Deep Neural  
Network Method of Solving Partial Differential  
Equations in the Computational Study of Biomolecules  
Driven Through Periodic Geometries  
Doctor of Philosophy in Modelling and  
Computational 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.

## 2023 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT

**Cassandre Dion Lariviere**

Master of Science, Forensic Psychology

## 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.

## 2023 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SILVER MEDAL RECIPIENT

**Lindsay Collin-Rooney**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours),  
Forensic Psychology

# 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

**Wendy Barber, PhD,**

Faculty of Education

## EARLY CAREER TEACHING AWARD

**Amanda McEachern Gaudet, MBA,**

Faculty of Business and Information Technology

## LEARNING REIMAGINED AWARD

**Alison Mann, PhD,**

Faculty of Education

## OPENNESS IN EDUCATION AWARD

**Ami Mamolo, PhD,**

Faculty of Education

## TEACHING ASSISTANT EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Andrew Putman,**

Faculty of Health Sciences

## TIM MCTIERNAN STUDENT MENTORSHIP AWARD

**Robyn Ruttenburg-Rozen, PhD,**

Faculty of Education

## STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

**Gavin Ball,**

Faculty of Business and Information Technology

**Meaghan Charest-Finn, PhD,**

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

**Timothy Macneill, PhD,**

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

**Syed Qadri, MD, PhD,**

Faculty of Health Sciences

**Ana Vakiloroyaei, PhD,**

Faculty of Science





# 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 Ducemus*, 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.



University of Ontario Institute of Technology



Faculty of Education



Faculty of Business and Information Technology



Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science



Faculty of Health Sciences

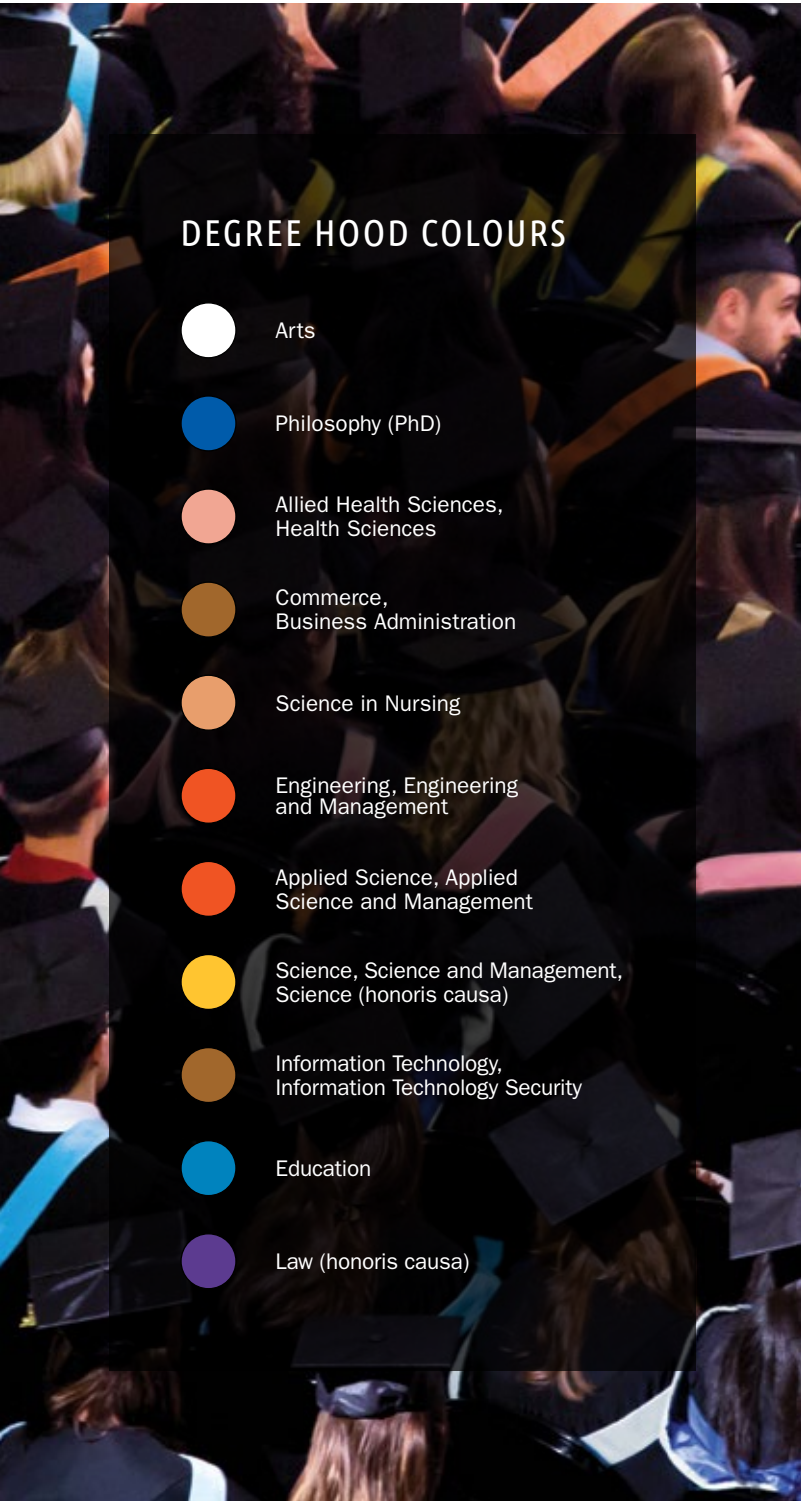


Faculty of Science



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 2023! 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 26,500 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, Class of 2016  
Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science, Class of 2020  
Chair,  
Alumni Association Council



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