

ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

SPRING CONVOCATION 2023



FACULTY OF EDUCATION



CONVOCAATION CEREMONY

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Ontario Tech University, Polonsky Commons, Oshawa, Ontario
Wednesday, June 7, 2023







**CONGRATULATIONS
GRADUATES!**



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

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

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...

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

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...**

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.

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

Dr. Mike DeGagné

Conferral of Degrees

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

Alumni Association Address

Tyra Gordon, Class of 2020

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 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.

2023 HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

- The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson and Mr. John Ralston Saul
- Dr. Mike DeGagné
- Ms. Christine Elliott
- Mr. Sheldon Levy
- Dr. Samir Sinha
- Ms. Christina Sorbara and Mr. Edward Sorbara



HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Dr. Mike DeGagné | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa



In recognition of his lifetime of work in advancing Indigenous health and education, his national efforts to promote Indigenous reconciliation and healing, and his

leadership legacy across Canada's post-secondary sector, the university proudly confers upon Dr. Mike DeGagné the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

An Ojibway from the Animakee Wa Zhing 37 First Nation in northwestern Ontario, Dr. DeGagné is President and CEO of Indspire, an Indigenous national charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples for their long-term individual benefit, the benefit of their families and communities, and of Canada.

Dr. DeGagné was appointed President and Vice-Chancellor of Nipissing University in 2013, becoming one of the first Indigenous presidents of a Canadian public university. At Nipissing, he dedicated much of his work to Indigenous issues and ensured the university took a leading role in the Indigenization of the post-secondary education sector.

He later served as the first President of Yukon University, a new hybrid post-secondary institution, managing the institution's transition to a university.

His career includes working with the federal government in the management of Indigenous programs and as a negotiator of comprehensive land claims. He was Founding Executive Director of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, a national organization dedicated to addressing the legacy of Canada's Indian Residential School System. He is the Chair of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Dr. DeGagné holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto, a Master of Education degree from Central Michigan University, Master of Law degree from York University's Osgoode Hall, a Master of Philosophy degree in Public Ethics from Saint Paul University in Ottawa, and a PhD from Michigan State University. He also holds an honorary degree from Dalhousie University.



IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LIFETIME OF WORK IN ADVANCING INDIGENOUS HEALTH AND EDUCATION...

He has given numerous presentations nationally and internationally on issues related to Indigenous health, residential schools, law, reconciliation and governance. He has co-edited and co-authored a number of publications in Canada and Australia on reconciliation and healing.

A recipient of the Order of Canada, the Order of Ontario and Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, he has served on numerous boards of directors in the health and university sectors, including Chair of Ottawa's Queensway Carleton Hospital and Chair of the Child Welfare League of Canada. He received an Indspire Award for Public Service and is an inductee of the Nipissing District Human Rights Hall of Fame.

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DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA

Michael D DeGagné

MASTER OF ARTS, EDUCATION

Tess Marie Butler-Ulrich

Andrew James de Koning

Laura Dobos

Christopher Hinbest

Katelin Marie Hynes

Nkechi Euphrasia Ibeh

Margaret Samantha Lam

Michael Vincent Marchione

Michelle Elizabeth Reiterer

Michelle Strutzenberger

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Zakaria Aghja

Sumbul Kamal Akhtar

Cory James Allen

Rachel Katharine Allen

Rula A. Amer

Madison Ann Andrews

Marianne Martha Boyd

Kimberly Rose Bradley

Garielle Ricae Chen

Derek Eshwardatt Deonandan

Gillian Natalie Elango

Grant David Lawrence Esler

Alexandra Feder

Anitha Francis

Selvia Gad-Malak

Tammy Lynn Gerard

Mushtari Ghafari

Steady Dawn Gibson

Samantha Lynn Gifford

Rosemarie Maxime Gillespie

Shawn Andrew Gilmer

Dexroy Haughton

Kate Lauren Higginbotham

Emily Huynh

Evelynn Jacob

Armineh Jadidi

Morgan Andrew Jones

Kevin John Kampian

Fazale Ali Khan

Saman Khan

Kali Ann Ledgerwood

Melanie Erica Lee

Allison Kathlene Lennox

Stephen Lizak

Christian Lucier

Johnny Luong

Aytan Mammadova

Martha June Marchewka

Mariam Moutaoukil

Sunny Mutti

Sung Hee Park

Patricia Patel

Diane Pedrupillai

Clifford Blair Pike

Natasha Recoskie

Dorina Victoria Reiz

Dennis Richards

Beverley Dawn Rodrigues

Rohit Singh

Sinéad Ann Smith

Praveena Soundararajan

Jeremy Matthew Stellato

Dominic Michael Tohill

Jibran Vahidy

Jeff Thomas Walker

Lauren Webster

Jesslyn Diana Wilkinson

GRADUATE DIPLOMA, EDUCATION AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Urooj Alam

Jason Lawrence

Sarah Ramandi Logan

Daniel Owusu Obeng

Michael Rossit

Radha Sandy Sukul

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Oluwatoyin O. Afolabi

Erica Emily Alexander-Allard ★

Blaire Amanda Allison ★★

Graciela Faustina Andaya ★

Kostantina Anemos ★

Mahvish Arif ★

Elizabeth Emma Arlette ★

Courtney Elizabeth
Armstrong ★★

Jaspreet Kour Attwal ★

Abdelrahman Salah Badr ★

Kinza Bakhtiar ★★

Kiranbir Kaur Barm ★

Helaina Nicole Bartello ★★

Patrick Stephen Bayne ★★

Nirmal Benny ★

Deanna Bernardi ★

Mariam Beshay ★

Nicole Jessica Boivin ★★

Tara Ann Booth ★★

Alexandra Lee Bouchard ★

Eleni Aikaterini

Bouyoukos ★★

Elias Power Bowen ★

Aneesa Bridglal ★

Krysta Alexandra Broutzas ★

Victoria Maria Bryski ★★

Sydney Rose Burlie ★

Christopher David Burn ★

Thomas William Butler ★

Danny Houston

Callaghan ★★

Antonio Cardinale ★

Grace Sophia Rita Carelli ★★

Kitchran Candace Castello ★

Abigail Ruth Chaddah ★

Brittany Nicole Chapman ★

Sophie Annie Charette ★

Bianca Angelina Cirone ★★

Sara Rose Clarke ★

Georgia Graves Cobbold ★

Erica June Cogo ★★

Devon Elizabeth Cooper ★★

Gareth Copeland

Lindsay Cozlowsky

Emma Charlotte Creary ★★

Cheyenne Creighton ★

Richard Fernando Cuello ★★

Tatyana Blanche Dalcourt ★

Sarah Amy Davenport ★★

Olivia Margarida Daza ★

Brandon Erick Delin

Kayley Rebecca

Denstedt ★★

Himani Dhanot ★★

Amy Lynn Di Cristofaro ★

Bria Ophelia Albertina

Dopson ★

Prashastha Rani Duppati ★

Erin Tanya Dyce ★★

Emily Nicole Grace

Dymont ★★

Nattily Edward

Kristen Leigh Elford-Pagé ★

Misty Dawn Eves ★

Maia Farrow ★

Kevin Anthony Figueiredo ★

Diana Filice ★

Taryn Amber Gilchrist ★★

Ashley Nicole Gilliam ★

Kieran Glover ★

John Spencer Goffart ★

Fei Gong ★★

Connor Brian Gonsalves ★

Peter Anthony Gordon ★

James Edward Con

Gough ★★

Kennedy Alexis Grams ★★

Michelle Juliet Grant ★

Stefania Greco ★★

Adam Gribble ★★
Liangjun Guo ★
Brenda A. Gutierrez Rivera ★★
Victoria May Harvie ★
Amanda Michaela Henderson ★
Marcus Ashley Hudson ★
Chelsey Stephanie Hutson ★
Ronathan Chifung Ip
Sharmin Islam ★
Nawa May Deghwar Jaff ★★
Malicsa Jaggernauth ★
Mana Javadikian ★★
Saba Khurram
Graydon Ross Nelson King ★
Cheryl Koo-Leung ★★
Kristen Grace Kostuch ★★
Sarah Megan Landry ★★
Faculty Medal
Amanda Man-Yee Lau ★★
Nicole K. Leach ★★
Jae Suong Lee ★
Celia Adina Lewin ★
Brendan John Lewis ★★
HyunJin Lim ★★
Antonio Domenico Lollino ★★
Sofia Rose Lugton ★
Tharany Luxmavasan ★★
Elena Luzikov ★★
Alison Lyn ★
Sarah Kelly Lyon ★★
Sarah Kathryn Macnab ★
Marjan Mahmoudian ★
Kaliyah Mahala Malcolm ★★
Elek Gage Quentin Malcolm Madill ★
SarahFatema Manek ★
Suhrina Manhas ★
Cassandra Rose Martinheira ★
Rachael Elizabeth Mason ★★
Matthew McClymont ★★
Victoria Rose McDonald ★
Bethany Lynn McFadyen ★★
Kaleigh McGrath ★

Lindsay Anne McKinney ★★
Madeline Olivia McMaster ★
Carissa Mary Isobel McPhee ★★
Peter Daniel Melino ★★
Jordan Cameron Melo ★
Beena Ketan Mistry ★
Fatimah Mojtahedy ★★
Caitlin Jayne Morgan ★★
Alexandra Nicole Morrione ★
Taylor Grace Morrison ★★
Ashley Renee Mundle ★
Marissa Anne Murphy
Breanna Poi Yee Ng ★★
Timothy Nguyen ★
Francis Matthew Nigro ★
Paige Lauren Hurd Nock ★★
Emily O'Brien ★★
Omolara O. Odejimi ★★
Fatima Osman ★★
Kusuma Grace Pakirappa ★
Liana Alexandra Piccione ★
Veronica Pietsch ★
Andrew Stephen Polley ★★
Jose Manuel Prato ★
Hafiz Muhammad Abdur Raheem ★
Darshan Rajshankar ★★
Reanna Ramkissoon ★
Deanna Theresa Ratzki ★★
Poonam Ravesh ★
Humza Syed Raza
Kiera Kathleen Reid ★★
Emma Alicia Reilly ★
Rachel Monique Rivoire ★
Alessandro Romeo ★
Annie Runza Ronsky ★
Isabella Raina Ross ★★
Julie Russell ★
Merna Sadek ★★
Pirouz Salari ★
Jessica Marie Ann Saldanha ★★
Nickiesha O'Shaun Scott ★★
Lauren Segal ★★
Aberame Selliah ★★

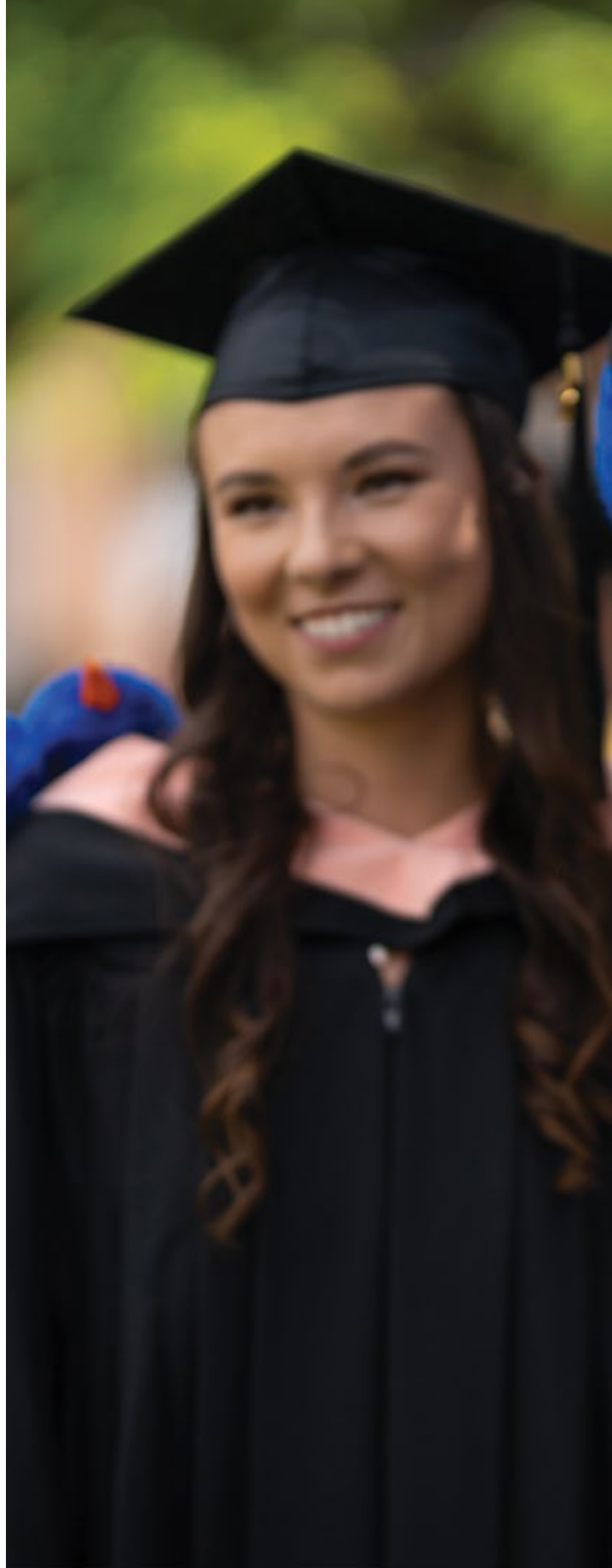
Kayla Settembrini-Arviv ★★
Ammar Shaikh
Victoria Sheinerman ★
Lubie Siu ★★
Uthayatharshi Sivathason ★★
Jade Smith ★★
Julia Snow ★★
Shahnee Seecelia Sookram ★
Loryn Dais Stevens ★
Anita Sumita Subendran ★
Dilan M. Subramaniam ★
Liam Allibone Sullivan ★★
Sugidiiny Sutheswaran ★
Luke Stephen Szent-Ivany ★★
Stephanie Alexis Nicole Tannis ★
Laura Ann Taylor ★★
Arjunan Theiventhiran ★
Kaitlin Melanie Thornber ★★
Mithuna Thuraiarah ★
Olivia Michelle Tierney ★★
Tina Immaculate Bangera ★
Pinar Tosun ★
Johnson Tram ★★
Diana Truong ★★
Kendra Dianne Vaisanen ★★
Maxim Van Brunner ★
Jacqueline Viernes ★
Tasha Nesam Vinoraj ★★
Stephanie Vurro ★
Nuru Ahmed Warsame ★★
Abigail Anne Waterhouse ★
Andrew Stephen Weatherbee ★★
Rebecca Mary-Catherina Webster ★
Matthew William Whatman ★
Christopher Charles Wilson ★
Ilwaad Abdikarim Yusuf ★★
Hao Qing Zhao ★★
Faith Zwarych ★

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), EDUCATIONAL STUDIES
Megan Elizabeth Allen

Ashley Chuson ★
Haley Jane Garcia ★★
Krista Marie Scroccaro-Fry ★★
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), EDUCATIONAL STUDIES AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
Sana Afzal
Abubakr Abdulrahman Ahmed
Sophia Erakpoweri Akponah ★
Julia Maria Amaral ★
Jacqueline Emily Marie Anderson ★★
Scott David Baker ★★
Ingrid Marjorie Baldovino
Shani Begum
Jessica Lena Blanchette
Paa Agyenim Boateng ★
Melissa Reta Marie Burke ★★
Helen Victoria Camacho ★★
Kailey Hilja Curtis ★★
Sandra De Fatima Cordeiro Da Ponte ★★
Christopher Dean ★
Sophia Del Medico ★★
Steven Dimauro ★
Rebecca Yiran Ding ★★
Ashleigh Rae Dodunski ★★
Bruwa Fidelia D'Souza ★
Khadija Fawad
Lisa Foisy ★★
Janelle Eve Francis ★★
Stephanie Frantellizzi ★★
Emily Rosalie Gagne ★
Nicole Gilkes
Ingi Hong ★★
Larry Neil Hopkins ★
Diane Hunte ★
Iryna Ivaniv ★★
Anojah Jackson
Ieva Jean ★★
Umber Khalid
Nicole Audrey Khublal ★★
Shaneika Teneica Knight

Abarna Krishnakumar
Sharlene S.
Lawrence-Bryce ★★
Warnakulasuriya Marie
Nishla Lowe
Hafsa Amer Majeed
Jennifer Lynn McCullum
Claire Elizabeth McNamee ★
Sara Moretto
Syeda Mehdia Zehra Naqvi
Nora Noureddine ★★
Christine Nicole O'Brien ★★
Raagavi Parathan
Samanta Persaud
John Philpott ★★
Atiya Sohail ★★
Marie Antoinette Spence ★
Kendra Jane Sandra
Thompson ★
Amy Tenille Tigani ★★
Sarah Maria Tolentino ★
Marie Natalie Michele
Tremblay McDonnell ★★
Nicole Marie Ventullo ★
Emily Hope Ventura ★
Raine Elizabeth Whitehead
Yothika Yogathasan

**UNDERGRADUATE
DIPLOMA, DESIGNING
ADULT LEARNING FOR THE
DIGITAL AGE**
Patricia Wiseman ★★







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

Philip Elijah Anisimov

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours),
Mechanical Engineering, Co-operative Education

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Claire Elizabeth Knowles

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours),
Medical Laboratory Science

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

David Allen Powers

Bachelor of Science (Honours),
Computer Science

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.



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Faculty of Education



Faculty of Business and Information Technology



Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science



Faculty of Health Sciences

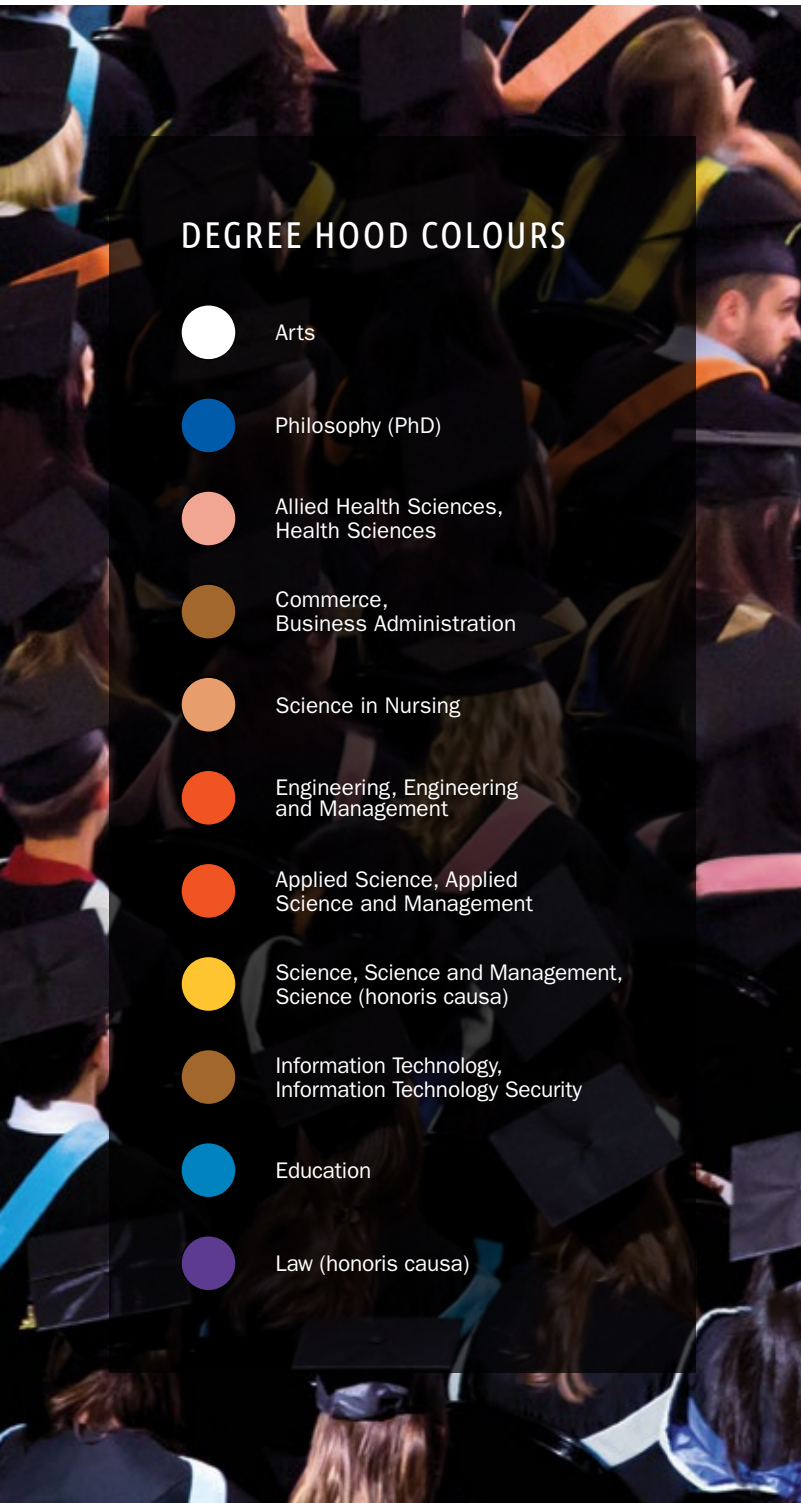


Faculty of Science



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) 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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