

ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

SPRING CONVOCATION 2024



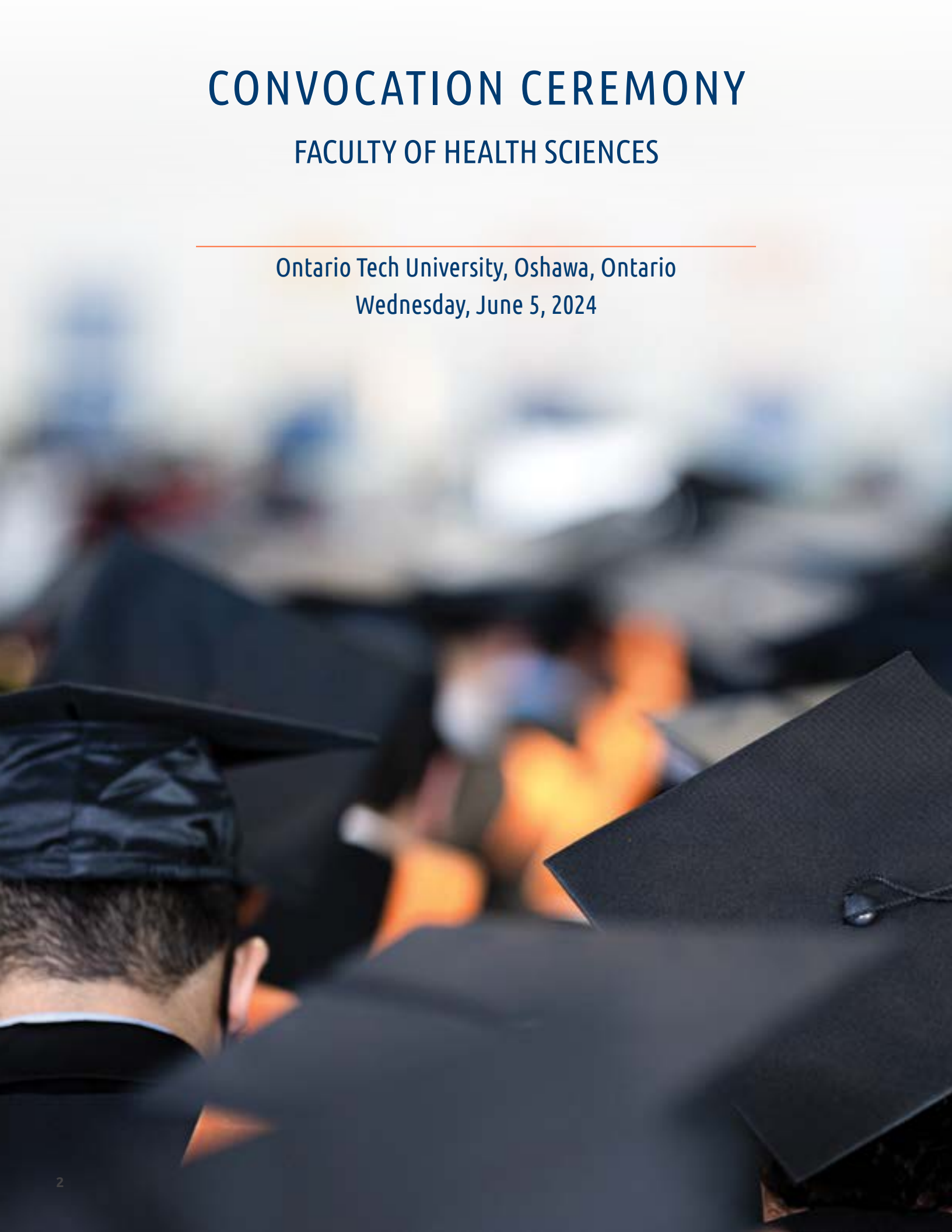
FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES



CONVOCAATION CEREMONY

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, Ontario
Wednesday, June 5, 2024







**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 2024!

After years of hard work and dedication, you have reached this proud moment in your lives. It brings me great joy to see you on this special day, surrounded by your classmates, family and friends who have supported you throughout your journey.



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

During your time at Ontario Tech, you've acquired knowledge and honed skills that have prepared you to make a meaningful impact in your chosen field. The degree you receive today symbolizes your academic achievement, as well as your adaptability and readiness to face challenges in a world of rapid technological change.

This academic year, we commemorated a significant milestone in our university's history: acknowledging the first 20 years of our dedication to excellence in education, research, and community engagement. We've got a great story to tell, and I am honoured that you've been an integral part of it.

As you venture forth with new challenges, I encourage you to stay true to your purpose and continue to strive for excellence. An exciting future filled with limitless possibilities awaits, and your university family looks forward to continuing to support you.

On behalf of the Ontario Tech community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as you enter this next phase.

Sincerely,
Mitch Frazer
Chancellor

2023-2024 Members of the Board of Governors

Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

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Dwight Thompson

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Emily Whetung



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

Class of 2024, today we celebrate the culmination of your years of dedication, perseverance, and hard work. As you stand on the threshold of a new beginning, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each one of you.



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

Your journey at Ontario Tech University has been marked by moments of triumph, growth, and discovery. You have acquired knowledge and skills, and formed lifelong friendships and memories. Remember that the experiences and lessons learned here will serve as your compass, guiding you through the challenges and successes that lie ahead.

As members of the Ontario Tech alumni community, you hold degrees that represent the values of innovation, integrity and social responsibility that define our university. Whether you choose to pursue further studies, embark on a professional career, or engage in meaningful volunteer work, I have every confidence you will continue to make us proud.

On behalf of the Ontario Tech community, congratulations on reaching this significant milestone in your academic journey. May you continue to soar to new heights and be recognized as the change-makers you are.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steven Murphy
President and Vice-Chancellor





MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

As we gather on your special graduation day to celebrate your remarkable achievements, I'm filled with immense pride for each of you. Together with our faculty and staff, I extend my heartfelt congratulations.

Dedication, vision and tenacity have marked your journey up to this moment. From the countless hours studying and spent in classrooms and labs, to the collaborative efforts you've put into your innovative projects and research, your commitment to your studies has been truly inspiring. You've also contributed to the vibrant and inclusive spirit of our campus community. Be assured that all aspects of your university experience will set you apart and serve you well throughout your career.

In this next chapter of your lives as Ontario Tech alumni, remember you will always be a Ridgeback! We'd love for you to keep in touch with us. Your wins, big or small, are inspiring for future students. Always remember that we'll be here to support you whenever needed.

Congratulations once again on reaching this milestone. Best wishes for a bright and successful future!



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

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. Alan Shepard

Conferral of Degrees

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

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 using this QR code.

If you need first-aid assistance, please visit the Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT).

A lost and found station is located at the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre Registration Desk.



HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Dr. Alan Shepard | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa



In recognition of his legacy of leadership and promotion of transformational change and innovation within higher education, and for his passionate advocacy of diversity, inclusion and belonging, the university

proudly confers upon Dr. Alan Shepard the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Dr. Shepard is the 11th President and Vice-Chancellor of Western University—a post he has held since July 2019—where he has led with a focus on entrepreneurship, research impact, global engagement, sustainability and partnership for global good. Through the guiding principles of Truth and Reconciliation, he rapidly established Western’s Office of Indigenous Initiatives. He also drove creation of the university’s Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, while investing to support the recruitment of Black and Indigenous faculty, and the funding of 75 new scholarships for Black and Indigenous students.

He is the President Emeritus of Concordia University in Montreal, and was Provost and Vice-President, Academic at Toronto Metropolitan University where he led the development of the Digital Media Zone, an entrepreneurial-focused business incubator. He has also held senior academic leadership roles at the University of Guelph, Texas Christian University, and the University of Virginia. He is currently the Chair of the Council of Ontario Universities.

Dr. Shepard is a champion of university-industry partnerships, and believes universities are pillars of important social discourse as well as training grounds for the next generation, where young leaders access the tools to succeed in a changing world. Inspired by his own experience as a first-generation student, he prioritizes new models of education, transformational skills, and experiential learning.

His research is focused on relationships, national security, history and rhetoric in early modern Europe; on the emergence of a culture of scientific discourse in early modern literature; and on the challenges facing universities today.

Dr. Shepard has held fellowships in the humanities at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington D.C., and University of Toronto. He studied at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom as a visiting student; received a bachelor’s degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, where he was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Society; and holds a doctorate from the University of Virginia.

He is past Chair of the Canadian Knowledge Resource Network and past Vice-Chair of the U15 Group of Canadian Research Universities. He is currently a board member with Stratford Festival, the Greater London International Airport Authority, and the Cardiovascular Network of Canada.

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.





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DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA

Alan Shepard

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Samira Amadu

Artur Arutiunian

Dania Buttu

Benjamin Richard Csiernik

Rachit Desai

Kristen Ruth Doucette

Bruno Nogueira Gino

Sharveena Karunakaran

Rachel Marjorie Hollingbery
McTier

Andrew David Putman

Samyah Siraj

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Sarah Sanna Jackman

Katy Mol

BACHELOR OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES (HONOURS)

Denese A. Benjamin

Kyle Bonnyman ★

Amanda Liah Burridge

Yu-Tung Cheng ★★

Zainab Iqbal Chowdhry

Adrian Comack ★★

David Correia

Brianna Rose Dondero

Cynthia Marie Jones

Katelyn Margaret Knot ★

Cheryl Ann Kowalewski ★

Brooke Elizabeth Marie
Morrison

Keira Dawn O'Connor ★★

Kelsey Marie Peck-Lee ★

Logan Ann Adele Prescott

Catherine Mari Roe

Katelyn Ivy Audrey Wren
Ruffolo ★

Alexandra Marie Smith

Joanna Chantress Smith

Travis Javon Spencer ★

Darryl Tom ★★

Carly Wallace ★

Merissa Louise Wells-Gater

Charmaine Alyssa
Whitman ★

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES (HONOURS)

Nasreen Miftah Abamecha

Haboon Abdilahi

Semhal Abraha ★★

Mariyah Ahmed

Muhammad-Ali Karim
Al-Lami ★★

Hannah Creedence Araujo ★

Mohammad Saad Ashiq

Sabrina Augustine

Salma Ahmed Bafagih ★★

CJ Birrell-McLean ★

Daniel Thomas Borges

Rajvi Chandarana

Cynthia Cheng

Khushi Mehul Dave

Jasmin Denise Dindial

Morgan Honor Dixon

Ranim Diyab ★★

Julia Faith Doner ★★

Emmanuel Ayomide Durotoye

Maria Andrea Ysobelle Villa
Estrellado

Anoush Fatima ★

Benedicta Towobola Gbadebo

Ping Debbie Guan

Mobashir Hussain

Jade Uyioghosa Iyawo

Rishana Jeyanesan

Hunter Blake Johnson ★

Daman Kaur Kaler

Amutha Kesavarajah ★★

John Cezar Fontijon Maravilla

Victoria Hope Matheou ★★

Sophie Elizabeth Melville ★★

Aiman Batool Mian

Sonia Mirza ★★

Sophia Mirzad ★

Esraa Nakhuda

Mona Ngang

Zaynab Nuweiser ★★

Roy Osayemwenre Odia ★

Emily O'Hara

Aliyat Adebukola Opeyemi
Olatinwo ★★

Onielia Virginia Osbourne

Grace Pano Jarjis

Riya Hasmukhbhai Patel ★

Shivani Piyushkumar
Patel ★★

Nirmini Ravichandran

Shurruthiy Ravichandran ★★

Zainab Raza

Jaimee Leigh Robbins

Annika Schoeman ★

Mary Cae Julliene Serote

Sabaah Sheikh

Ridha Ali Syeda ★

Myah Alexandra Tabinga

Amanda Gabrielle Thomas

Anna Trofimov ★★

Tina Teresa Tsarvenkov ★

Beverly Anne Wirkkunen ★

Madisen Avery Wood ★

Zammarah Zammarah

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES (HONOURS), KINESIOLOGY

Wasim Abdi

Samuel Jesuseun Adedigba

Carter James Aitchison ★

Mark Nwanweze Ajoku

Aaliyah Ali

Marc Kristian Aloe

Farah Anwari ★

Sawyer Elizabeth

Arkwright ★★

James Auston ★

Joshua Philip Balk ★★

Jacob Tanner Begley ★

Amna Kanwal Bhatti

Aaron Matthew Black ★★

Brandon Christian Boehm ★

Anetra Byfield

Michael Byrne

Jaclyn Maria Campanaro ★★

Alicia Nicole Chisholm

Seth Andrew Christoffersen

Wei Chih Chu

Georgia May Clark-Allread

Cezar Joseph Racoya
Corbillon

Joseph Alexander
Darwiche ★

Kate Marie Davies

Emily Blythe Davis-Tope ★

Emily Skye Deabreu

Sarah Anne Doherty

Anna Isabel Evans

Matthew Jijolo Fajardo ★★

Nolan Andrew Hunt Ford ★

Shane Christopher Kenneth
Fredericks ★★

Dominique Karrah
Gibson ★★

Bryanna Lynne Greig ★

Natalie Georgina Hale ★★
Jennifer Renee Harvey ★
Nicole Ibarrientos
Hemadiviam Indragawan
Eric Alexavier
Insuaste-Villanueva ★★
Ali Jafari
Jennifer Evelyn Ann
Jealouse ★★
David Dishan Jebanesan
Michael Richard Jules
Mikaela Adelaide Elizabeth
Kauffeldt ★★
Zarena Acacia Labi
Zafir Alkarim Ladha ★
Alyssa Dorene Gisele Lajoie
Cassandra Rose Lojko ★★
Sheri Belinda MacKinnon
Ivan Makkar ★★
Jacob Anthony Manafo ★★
Meghan Elizabeth McCann ★
William David Thomas
Mitton ★
Shaghayegh Modirian ★
Khayliah Morgan
Michael Alexander Novielli ★
Manshi Bipinkumar Patel ★
Megan Rose Patterson ★★
Tatum Alyssa Faith Pearce
Dianne Megan Pereira
Aaron Dylan Pinto ★
Tavon Christopher Powell
Sowmiya Puspanathan
Samantha Elizabeth Rae ★★
Omeed Rafiqui
Adrienne Louise Maureen
Reilly
Brendn Dante Reyes
Kaulen Benjamin Robertson
Rebecca Leigh Robinson ★★
Katrina Marie Sainovski ★★
Lekha Sankar
Rebecca Amelia Santos
Yasmeen Dawud Sarhan
Sarah Rose Schatz ★★
Eden Joy Denise Siblock ★

Owen Alexander Silcock
Tyrese Silcott
Darius Alexander Skinner
Gillian Elizabeth Slade ★★
Sean Stephen James
Spence ★★
Miranda Aurora Stever ★★
Arvin Ettimadi Greattrup
Tadjbakhsh ★
Ashvinn Thayaparan
Nicholas Grant Udell ★★
Kevin Vu
Akilah Amadi Wallace
Magdalena Christina
Wheeler ★★
Victoria Wyatt ★
Timothy Carlos Yen
Si Yong Zhou ★

**BACHELOR OF HEALTH
SCIENCES (HONOURS),
MEDICAL LABORATORY
SCIENCE**

Radwa Abd El-Salam ★
Amela Ahmad Zeia
Vivien Ji Feng Allen
Khaleen Tyra-Ann
Bartholomew ★
Priti Ajay Chauhan
Xin Min Chen ★★
Jordan Alexander Chin
Cheong ★★
Antonina Konstantinovna
Dizhevskaja ★★
Sharon Viola Fray
Alyssa Dawn Gregoire
Carolina Nicole Jurczyk
Rita Khnano
Yong-Jae Kim ★★
Hetharaka Kugaharan ★★
Serena Elizabeth Lakhan ★
Chantal Lydia Lamb
Hannah Haeun Lee ★★
Leah Jill Jean McDonald ★★
Trang Thi Van Nguyen
Johanna Yobel Guerrero
Odina

Ayodeji John Oluwaseun
Olukoya ★★
Faculty Medal
Lawrenda Osei-Hwiree
Siham Saleh Osman ★
Alyssa Indira Pain
Matthias Alexandre
Perrin ★★
Joshua James Rupert ★★
Sephora Yaa-Konadou
Sarpong
Bushra Siddiqui ★
Aram Singh ★★
Amanda Nicole Stessel ★★
Sharon Sneha Sukanth ★
Karzai Kate Valmores ★★
Jenna Leeza Zuccarini ★

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
NURSING (HONOURS)**

Annie Achas ★★
Olufisayo Oluwadamilola
Adebisi
Iyinoluwa Oluwayemisi Adebisi
Idowu Adewale Adeloye
Emma Louise Afante ★
Mariam Alakozay
Hadia Alyas
Brianna Stephanie
Anderson ★
Tania Sofia Angeira
Belinda Appiagyei
Myles Edwin Arsenault
Jamad Artan
Fathima Lubna Ashraff
Toni Mae Astilla ★
Gracia Atienza ★★
Alicia Amrita Balgobin
Linda Patricia Ballantyne ★★
Shenelle Angel-Ann Gariel
Baptiste ★
Rebecca Danielle Barr
Shari-dee Tassina Blake ★★
Parveen Amar Bola
Michael Nicholas
Brancaccio ★★
Keilly Elizabeth Brown
Harmonee Madeline Browne
Alexandra Bubenko
Rosalee B. Budai
Leena Buttu
Jessa Mansos Carell ★
Olivia Carswell ★★
Alexa Paige Cecilio
Stephanie Marie Chapman
Ashley Danielle Chicoine
Mercy Amarachi Chinaka ★
Madhiha Dilber Choudhry ★
Nikki Choy
Alessia Nicole Ciccarella
Danielle Marie Clancy ★
Madeline Emilie Helen Cluroe
Alaine Jeysper Co Chiong ★
Racquel Cole-Greenwood ★
Jessica Cos ★★
Alyssa Crisostomo
Serena Elizabeth Cross
Melissa Da Costa
Jenna Leigh Daniels
Genique Dawkins
Adrienne Louise De Castris ★
Cathy De Sousa-Gomes ★
Sheryll Dela Fuente ★★
Christina Janet Delgado
Emily Rebecca Deneault
Grace Angelia DeSantis
Drew Rosalie Doiron
Ary Alejandro Dominguez
Montoya
Ursula Joy Helena Doucette
Ainsley Duplessis ★
Utibe-Abasi Samuel Ekong ★
Abir Mohamad El-Bakri ★★
Alexandra Jessie Ellis
Michelle Anne I. Fariñas
Inara Murad Fazli
Jiaoyang Flora Feng ★
Jaymi-Leigh Fillier ★
Sophia Grace Fischer ★★
Nasira Fuseini ★
Adrianna Margaret Lynn
Gallagher-Metauro
Jessica Mary Gaspar

Maya Gavan-Vasiliou
 Sheida Ghanbari ★★
 Kfir Glikson ★★
 Nebyne Shaumiga
 Gnanakavalan ★
 Visaliny Gnanamoorthy ★
 Anjimoh Enitan Goredema ★
 Nichole Rosita Gugliuzzi ★
 Elka Guilbert
 Lin Guo ★★
 Tenpa Gurmey
 Marilyn Hamilton ★★
 Julia Hartwick
 Safiya Hatia ★★
 Nicole Herd-Williams
 Samantha Grace Elizabeth Horvat
 Erica Anne-Sophie Hughes
 Zohreh Jabbarzare ★
 Jenna Danielle Jardiolin Jabonete
 Leah Natalie Jennings
 Amanda Jones
 Adria Sandra Kaleekkal ★
 Nikita Loretta Kassee ★★
 Navneet Kaur ★
 Maddison Erin Kearns
 Shumaila Khan
 Jasmine Kim
 Maryann M. Kimani ★★
 Justyna Marta Kolasa ★★
 Yewande Beiola Kuteyi
 Tania La Fleur
 Brendan Nguyen Lam ★
 Colin Nguyen Lam ★
 Kori Alexandra Lam
 Priscilla Lawrence
 Jae In Lee ★
 Samantha Kaye Leone
 Shan Shan Li
 Bernice Shi Lun Lin
 Abineah Logeswaran
 Leigha Mackenzie
 Nicole Elizabeth Madeira
 Erin Mackenna Mako ★★
 Miranda Rose Marania

Eden Lee Marie Martin ★★
 Mackenzie Martin ★
 Andrew Marysyuk ★
 Sarah Elizabeth Maxim
 Natalia Maximenko
 Heather Lynne McDougall
 Tiffany Leigh McDougall
 Kristen Emily McKeigue
 Maleika McKenzie
 Chloe Margaret Grace McKone
 Bronwyn Katherine McLean
 Elizabeth Cheryl McPherson ★
 Crystal Melanson
 Natasha Lindy Mepstead
 Yara Metwalli
 Gabrielle Mickovski ★★
 Abbi Lynn Mihalick
 Sarah Catherine Milford
 Nana Mohamed Mohamud ★
 Laura Jeanne Mordak ★★
 Kayla Moreira
 Se-Gayle Ananda Morris
 Alexander Dominick Moslehi
 Sarah Christina Mossing
 Yumna Najeeb
 Gabrielle Anna Northam ★★
 Celine Aimee Ntienga Yimtchi
 Annette Tabi Nyenty ★
 Maria Raquel Obando ★
 Kathleen O'Brien
 Toni Olanike Ogundare
 Olaide Oladejo
 Olubukola Florence Olawuwo ★★
 Oluwatobi Aderinsola Victoria Olusunmade
 Hannah Louise Osborne
 Bismark Kofi Osei ★
 Christiana Osei
 Remi Osunde
 Amandeep Kaur Pannu
 Jaden Monet Parchment ★
 Ashleen Kaur Parmar
 Pravleen Kaur Parmar ★

Miah Gail Patawe Pascual
 Maria Patrick-Layne ★★
 Taiwo Oluwabukola Pedro ★
 Rebecca Nicole Persaud
 Julia Alexandra Sylvia Phillips
 Mia Quigley
 Monesha Ragavan
 Lisa M. Reed ★
 Victoria Reuben ★
 Mamura Riaz
 Alyssa Dawn Rivers ★
 Youssef Saafan
 Marjan Saif-Ali
 Satbir Kaur Saini
 Faranak Salehi ★
 Erika-Joy Villanueva Santillan ★★
 Aishwarya Satchi
 Maria-Carla Sgambati ★★
 Sana Bibi Shah
 Meena Shams
 Elaheh Sharifiasadi
 Candace Alyssa Sheriffe ★★
 Terrisha Shanique Shortt ★
 Jasemeen Kaur Sidhu ★
 Kayla Marie Siegfried
 Namrata Singh
 Aarabi Sivamohan
 Suzanne Elizabeth Sledziewski
 Janelle Alexa Smith
 Isabella Spataro
 Jennifer Lee Spears ★
 Alicia Antoinette Stephenson ★
 Miryana Stevanovski
 Darian McKay Stevens
 Carlie Maryellen Stewart
 Kopisha Valavan Subramaniam
 Daniella Alicia Suongas
 Areej Syed
 Sakeenah Syed ★
 Asia Syial
 Joyce Nimitein Synger ★★
 Jealyn Eunice Tagorda

Zainab Idrish Takolia ★
 Maria Tariq
 Niousha Tavakoli ★
 Erica Darby Taylor
 Amarech Diriba Tesema
 Mya Sophia Thompson
 Justine E. Torres
 Ella Patricia Tough
 Hanna Turino Hernandez
 Sherydan Urbanek
 Surithiga Uthayakumar ★★
 Oghenefegor Betty Uwejeya
 Monica Cristina Van Es
 Stephanie van Hanegem ★
 Gesina Ashley Vannetten ★
 Elizha Kielly Villanueva
 Christine Mae Ferrer Vinluan
 Faith Marie Waldrum ★★
 Jun Lan Wang ★★
 Brittany Shirley Ann Weiland ★★
 Maya Hope Wilkinson
 Sarah Emily Williams
 Carleigh Elizabeth Winder ★
 Logan Arica Woodside
 Ashley Wright ★
 Jin Yu Wu ★
 Dorcas Yeboah ★
 Keshini Yogarajah
 Raabiah Zaidi





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

Alexander Maxwell Keith

Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours),
Networking and Information Technology Security

MITCH AND LESLIE FRAZER FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Nicole Marie Grozdanis

Bachelor of Education

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Daanyaal Khan Tahir

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

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Ayodeji John Oluwaseun Olukoya

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours),
Medical Laboratory Science

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Japnit Kaur Ahuja

Bachelor of Science (Honours),
Computer Science

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

Ramesah Mahmood Syed

Bachelor of Arts (Honours),
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.

2024 OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS AWARD RECIPIENT

Jennifer Susan Nichols

Thesis Title: The identification of novel cys-loop receptor genes in *Dirofilaria immitis*

Master of Science in Applied Bioscience

2024 OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL THESIS AWARD RECIPIENT

Lin Saleem

Thesis Title: Effects of dietary fiber components and gut microbiota products on the immune system: a focus on grape pomace as a novel source of fermentable substrates and bioactives

Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Bioscience

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.

2024 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT

Ahmed Sheir

Doctor of Philosophy,
Electrical and Computer Engineering

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.

2024 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SILVER MEDAL RECIPIENT

Japnit Kaur Ahuja

Bachelor of Science (Honours),
Computer Science

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

Thomas McMorrow, PhD

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

EARLY CAREER TEACHING AWARD

Emilia King, PhD

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

LEARNING RE-IMAGINED AWARD

Brenda Jacobs, PhD

Mitch and Leslie Frazer Faculty of Education

OPENNESS IN EDUCATION AWARD

Ana Duff, PhD

Faculty of Business and Information Technology

TEACHING ASSISTANT EXCELLENCE AWARD

Hailey Tabbert,

Faculty of Health Sciences

TIM MCTIERNAN STUDENT MENTORSHIP AWARD

Lindsay Malloy, PhD

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

Nelson Amaral, PhD

Faculty of Business and Information Technology

Atef Mohany, PhD

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Brenda Jacobs, PhD

Mitch and Leslie Frazer Faculty of Education

Syed Qadri, MD, PhD

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ABOUT ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY: CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Modern and forward-thinking, Ontario Tech University advances the discovery and application of knowledge to accelerate economic growth, regional development and social innovation. Since first opening our doors on September 4, 2003 to a class of 947 students, our vibrant campus is now home to more than 11,000 students and 29,000 alumni who are making 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-centered 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 by the Williams Treaties. We are situated on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas, a branch of the greater Anishinaabeg Nation, including Algonquin, Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi.



THE UNIVERSITY COAT OF ARMS



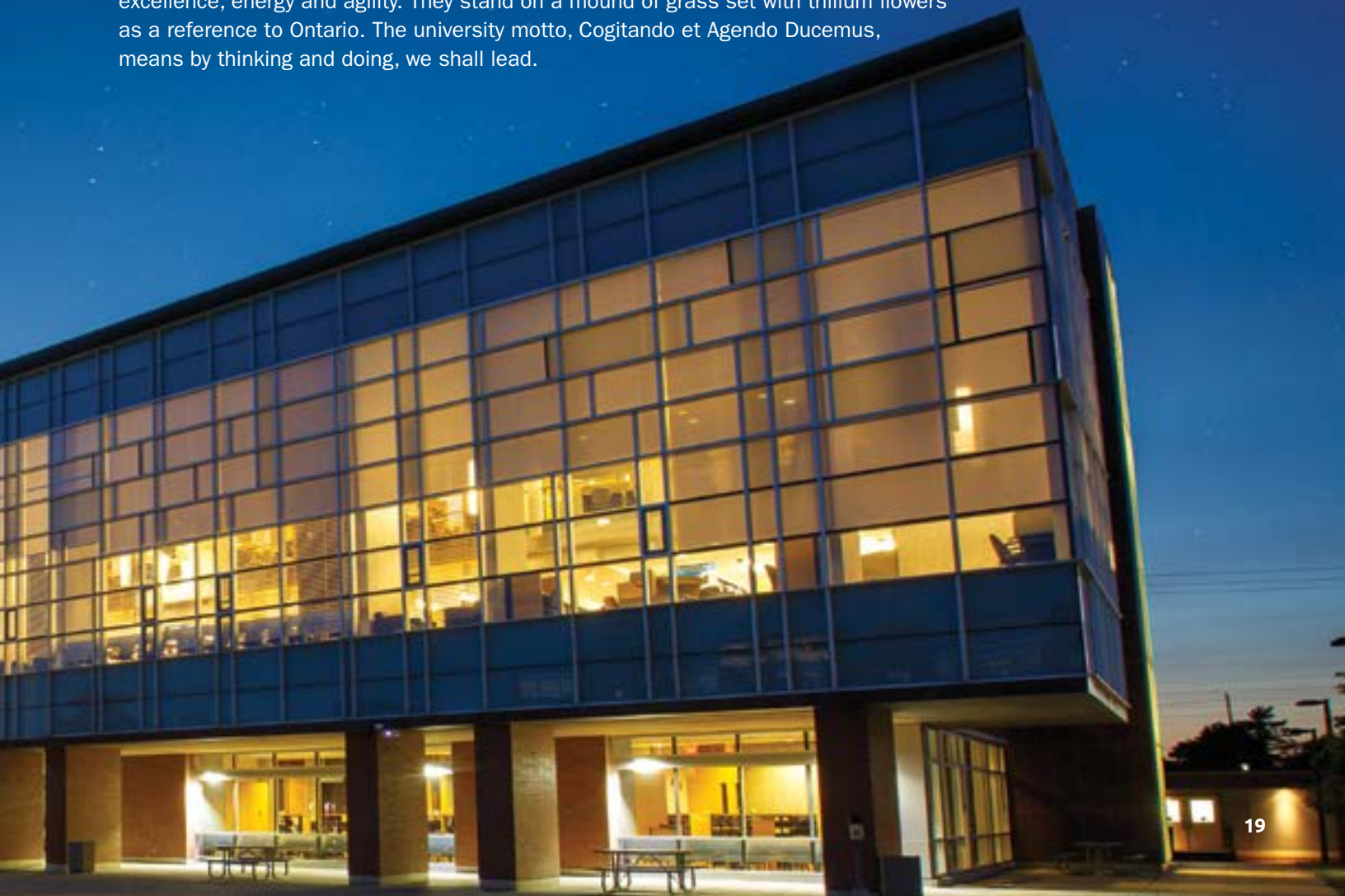
The Coat of Arms was granted to the university on July 15, 2009 by Claire Boudreau, Chief Herald of Canada under the authority of the Governor General of Canada. The Coat of Arms offers a graphic representation of important facets of the university, as well as its history, values and achievements.

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.



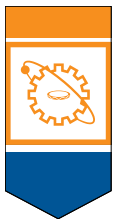
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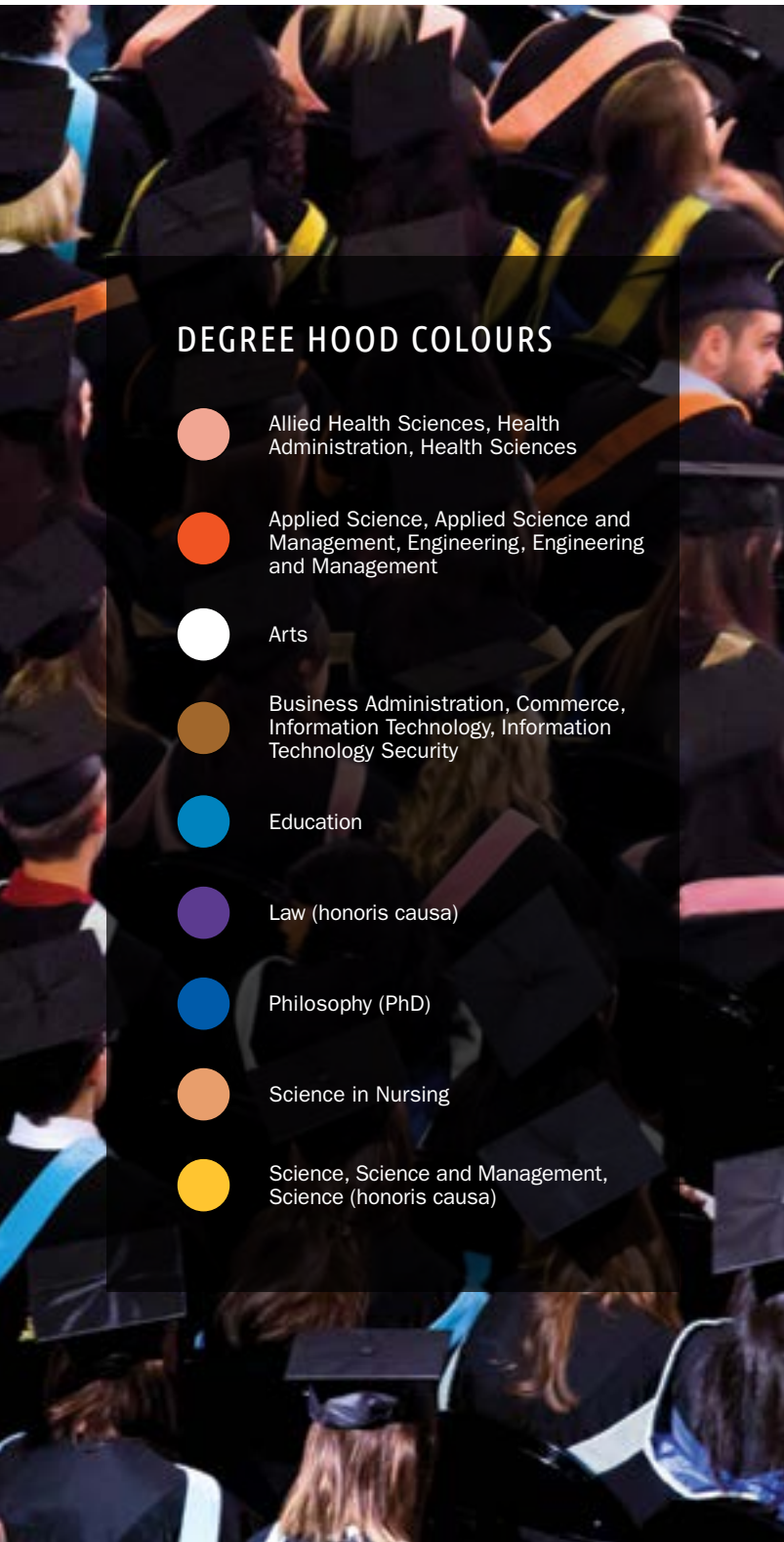


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Faculty of Social Science and Humanities





DEGREE HOOD COLOURS

-  Allied Health Sciences, Health Administration, Health Sciences
-  Applied Science, Applied Science and Management, Engineering, Engineering and Management
-  Arts
-  Business Administration, Commerce, Information Technology, Information Technology Security
-  Education
-  Law (honoris causa)
-  Philosophy (PhD)
-  Science in Nursing
-  Science, Science and Management, Science (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 2024! You've persevered through lectures, labs, tutorials, and deadlines, and today we celebrate all of your achievements. On behalf of the Alumni Association, welcome to our alumni community! As you embark on this next stage of your lives, we cannot wait to see how you shape the future and become the leaders of tomorrow!

Convocation isn't the end of your relationship with the university; it's only the beginning. We are committed to helping you succeed throughout your life, whether it's through alumni benefits, networking events 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 as an Ontario Tech alumni. From a wide variety of in-person and virtual programs to events and other services, the Alumni Association Council and the Alumni Office are here to help.



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Alumni are the university's greatest ambassadors. You join our network of more than 30,000 graduates across the country and around the world. I hope you will stay connected with our university and your 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 next adventure.

Congratulations!



Kaitlynn Gambier
Faculty of Business and
Information Technology,
Class of 2013
Chair,
Alumni Association Council



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