

ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

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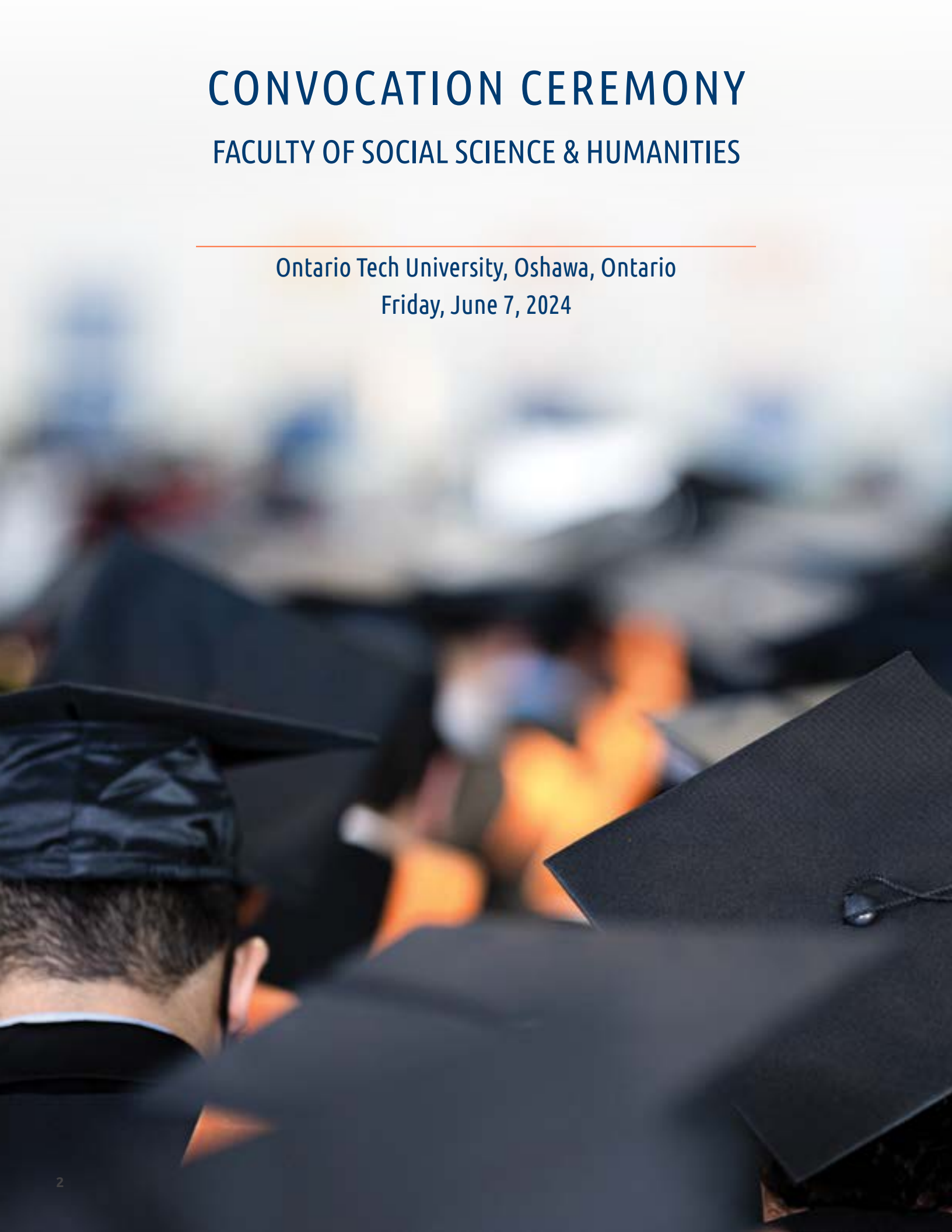
FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES



CONVOCATION CEREMONY

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES

Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, Ontario
Friday, June 7, 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

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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

The Honourable Julie Thorburn

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

The Honourable Julie Thorburn | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa



In recognition of her advocacy for improved access to justice and community service with underserved groups in Ontario, francophones and young women, her demonstration of the values

of integrity as a member of the justice system, and her promotion of equity, intellectual resilience and innovation in her career trajectory, the university proudly confers upon The Honourable Julie Thorburn the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Justice Thorburn was appointed to the Court of Appeal for Ontario in 2019 following a distinguished 12-year judicial career on the province's Superior Court. Among her many career highlights, she has served as Team Lead of the Divisional Court, member of the long trials criminal team, and on the commercial list. She has been a Deputy Judge of the Northwest Territories since 2009.

She served as President of the Canadian Chapter of the International Association of Women Judges, an association of more than 800 judges, and served on the International Board as one of two North American directors.

Until her appointment to the Court of Appeal, she was a Board Director of the Ontario Superior Court Judges' Association. She is now a member of Council for the Canadian Superior Court Judges' Association.

She co-authored a 2015 report to improve access to justice for French-speaking litigants, prepared at the request of the Attorney General of Ontario, and has worked with young people as part of the Ontario Justice Education Network Board of Directors, planning and executing programs with youth to help them better understand our justice system.

Justice Thorburn holds a Bacalauréat en interprétation chant from l'Université de Montréal, and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Queen's University. She also has a Certificat en droit international privé from the Hague Academy of International Law. Following her graduation from law school, she was a clerk with the Supreme Court of Ontario. She then joined the law firm Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP where she was head of the Information Communications and Entertainment law group and a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

She was a sessional lecturer at Osgoode Hall Law School from 1993 to 1997. She co-authored *The Law of Confidential Business Information*, and *Canada Law Book*; and is a contributing author of *Digital Democracy, Policy and Politics in the Wired World*; *Ontario Courtroom Procedure* (fourth edition); and the *Canada Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*.

She has lived in Canada, France and Italy. Justice Thorburn is also an accomplished musician and has an Associate Diploma in Performance Piano and the Silver Medal in Voice from the Royal Conservatory of Music.

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

The Honourable
Julie Thorburn

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Natalie Azzi-Mofrad

Thesis title: Breaking the Silence: An intersectional approach to sexual violence and harm narratives of women living in Lebanon

Sarah Woods

Thesis title: Youth Justice Policy Implementation - Community Organizations' Perspective

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Carisa Collins

Thesis title: Understanding Minor Attracted Persons

MASTER OF ARTS, CRIMINOLOGY

Sabrina Arabzadah

Jonah Andrew Savage

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

Morssal Azimian

Micheal Allen Bemma

Jamie Elizabeth Bidon

Jillian Marie Bourne ★★

Nicholas Cirone

Jocelyn Alexis Colwell-Jones ★

Marcus Durocher

Andrea Rose Eymann ★

Cameron Graham

Suheil Salahaddin Said Saleh Hamada

Benie Leslie Ishimwe

Mikaela Angie Julien

Guangli Li

Yuanpeng Li

Kathy Luu

Kiarah Alexandra McDonald-Stewart

Uwais Beg Mirza ★

Nicole Dian Nanou ★

Levi Ogbonna

Ibukunoluwa Damilola Ogunleye

Riley Anthony Oliver

Asmita Paudel

Alexandra Jaden Phillips

Abeisek Raveendran ★

Rachael Leah Rosenberg ★★

Jordan Rashaun Sanicharan

Richard Daniel Shivdarsan

Stefka V. Singh

Tyler William Sukovski

Jingze Wang

Mengheng Wang

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE

Ayman Fonsi Abdillahi

Katelyn Urshila Algu ★

Samiya Ali

Thilaxy Arulanantham

Muhammad Waleed Atif

Aathif Azeez

Aathmashanth Baskaran ★★

Bavinna Baskaran

Sherida Chantal Shirley Bell-Williams

Michael John Bertolini

Maéva Gilberte Josette Besnard-Riès ★★

Ethan David Joseph Blatman

Matthew David Bray

Klaudia Natalia Brzyski ★

Carter Anne Buchanan

Lara Boldorini Buso

Faheela Sajid Butt

Ivynne Castro

Amy Iolanda Channer

Junior Wisdom Chikezie

Lindsay Cleophat

Emilie Renee Comeau ★★

Evan Lee Conroy

Tina Cotoc ★★

Povelea Aaliyah Crosswell

John Da Silva

Joel Christopher Daige

Kirsten Amelia Danter ★★

Kiara Ysabelle Montemayor Dasig

Baldip Dhesi

Loralei Judy Tiaga D'Mello ★★

Rhomar Jake Tauro Edralin

Elishah Brandon Exina

Simon Ezra

Ahmed Muhammad Farooq

Alexa Amy Findlay ★★

Aaron Christopher Flannery

Jake Chas Garner

Sajina Gnaneswaran

Syed Abdul Hai

Karam Mahmoud Halabi ★

Soumayya Hassan ★★

Dallas Xavier Haywood-Anthony

Alexandra Elizabeth Heaney ★

Malcolm Alexander Henry

Jennifer Zing Zing Huang ★

Samra Iqbal ★

Akhil Jeeva

Tharmisha Kabilan

Shefali Shashikant Kachra ★★

Juliana Kalliny

Nisha Karunaratne ★

Beyza Nur Kocagoz ★

Kurtis Paul Kraupa

Ponrajah Krishnananthan

Jeannelle Lee ★★

Mika Samuel Leppala

Crystal-lyn Marris Ann Libert

Daniel Walter-Lewis Lovell

William Francis Maletic

Rubina Manku

Vysnika Manmatharajah ★

Pavithran Manoharadas

Emily Clare Martins-Torres ★

Alexandra Lorraine Matorcevic ★

Mudra Mehta

Valerie Mensah

Sarah Skye Mottley

Branden Robert Paul Muller

Sophia Mumtaz

Nirththana Muralitharan

Shaumika Naguleswaran

Vansh Anand Narula

Amber Newth

Shayne Alexander Obaidi

Andrew Luca Oprea

Savannah Palmer

Shevani Patel ★★

Madison Belle Pellerin

Hayden Edmund Perrigo

Churamanie Ashley Persaud

Nicole Christine Plouffe
Andrew Nikolas Principato
Caroline Rajcan
Sean Michael Ramprasad
Braneshwan Ravichandran
Danniel Refran
Kristen Lee Ringwood ★★
Benjamin Rocheleau
Tyler Rynard
Sarah Khaled Hassan Saafan
Samantha Lauren Salter ★
Chirag Umesh Shetty ★
Joshua Jose Siciliano
Amarjot Singh
Marlene Siwula ★
David Sowa
Rachel Sproul ★★
Sara Kathleen St. Croix
Andrew Tan
Sherlyne Ashley Tesoy Andres
Karunja Tharmarathan
Harsika Thayaparan ★
Kayla Rachael Thorne ★
Danny Steve Todorovski ★★
Deanna Elizabeth Tucker ★★
Nilani Umakandan
Vasikaran Varatharasa
Sharmina Vigkneswaran ★
Shribavan Viththiyathan
Peter Petrov Vretenarov
Abbey Lynn Whaley ★
Emma Lauren Wilson ★
Alyssa Marie Wingrove
Jacob Michael Jason Witt
Aaron Christopher Wood ★★

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

Hassan Ali Abdallah
Rashed Abusaifan
Jovi-Ann Travina Wyneé
Alexander
Alisha Banker
Omika Shivani Bharat ★★
Ayden Sloan Briggs

Brienna Marjorie Cooper
Brown ★
Megan Elizabeth Ann Cassidy
Chrismene Ceant
Taryn Clarisse Cummins ★★
Brooklyn Sophia Duff ★
D'on Nyles Duncan
Eryn Edel ★★
Roberto Carlos Ronaldo Edic
Lucas Joseph Farinha
Makenna Emily Paige
Fitzpatrick ★
Ashley Margaret Friesen
Madison Jane Marie Fuller
Arline Gomes
Emma Griffin ★
Kayley Lyn Horne
Jordyn Kennedy Johns ★★
Carah Margaret Jones
Genevieve Nicole Kaba ★★
Gagandip Kang ★
Amanda Joy Lamb ★★
Madisyn Taylor Lamoure
Isaiah Carlton Washington
Landells-Ellis
Athena Layne LaRush
Alicia Lee Leclerc
Ecaterina Litvin ★
Hannah Sue Lee Loyst
Kaya Jade Marks
Tom Mathai
Natasha McCormack
Caitlin Maryann Murray
Winsome Benn Okine
Hannah Marie Ouellette ★★
Katerina Maria Partheniou ★
Thrisha Paskaran
Georgia Patatoukou ★
Rebecca Lynne Nancy Petch
Julianna Nicola Phillips ★
Jenna Margaret Pultz
Sahana Pushparajah
Jordan Charles Ramji ★★
Kaiija Daisy Reid ★
Jenna Nicole Rodriguez
Rodney Alexander Rojas

Justin Sadafal
Malaika Saif
Hanadi Shanab ★★
Rawan Shanab ★
Robyn Flohr Siebelts ★★
Caitlyn Duvani Singh
Sututhi Sivakame
Nesageerth Sivanesan
Alapjeet Kaur Sivia
Yalini Subramaniam
Zeyi Sun
Ashley Laura Louise
Walton ★
Mackenzie Taylor Warren
Kendra Ellen Waugh ★★
Sarah Willie ★★
Elizabeth Amber Lyn
Wilson-Thorne
Shannon Ayanna
Youkhana ★★

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

Marwa Ahad
Emily Aimy Ali ★
Lakesha Lineah Bambury ★
Anita-Nageen Basir
Amber-Marie Gracey Beaven
Brady Bendall ★★
Tyannah Alisa Brown ★★
Sohaib Ali Chaudhry
Kayla-Rose Stephanie
Christian
John-Kennedy Savio
Fernandes
Khadija Ahmed Gure
Vanessa Elizabeth Hart
Nasriyah Yakub Ibrahim
Michelle Karim
Hassenna Sehar Lutfi ★★
Madison Danielle Marie
McCormack
Iman Malik
Ravi Matondo Mbouala
Erin Colleen McCafferty
Kristen Jo-Ellen McKinnon ★
Megan Victoria McLellan

Ahsamullah Obaidi
Nkiru Nancy Okocha
Vera Lucia Oliveira ★
Oluwatooni Oluwatosin
Olofinlade
Meghan Sarah Palmer
Adam Recalde
Cassandra Brianna Rosario
Mohammad Sohrab
Samandari
Shelby Emerald Schafrank
Shamala Sevugan ★
Aroosha Ahmad Sheikh
Samira Sultani ★
Tharsika Sundararajan
Rida Syed
Andrew Michael Arezes
Synowicki
Daniel Jay Tagorda
Christopher Kenneth
Toms ★★
Emma Ann Van Uden
Bethanie Leah Viera
Wilson ★★
Li Xiao ★
Nishat Fatima Zaidi ★
Tayma Zaman Chowdhury

**BACHELOR OF ARTS
(HONOURS), LIBERAL
STUDIES**

Leah G. Godfrey
Eman Khan
Justin William Marcus
Ahrane Nagenthiran
Nkechi Katherine Onunkwo
Blake Earl James Strong

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

Nuredin Amitofski
Michael J. Callwood
Angelique Maria Dack
Noah David Giroto
Cole Noah Jeffery
Nolan Joseph McLaughlin ★
Katie Alexandria McNichol ★
Sylvia Magoma Nyangau

Pacificah Moraa Omayo
Darcy Charlie Piercey-Andrews
Thomas George Rivard ★
Agishan Tharumaputhiran

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

Susan Caroline Alvarado-Perez
Theodora Bahna
Shakira Katrina Baksh
Victoria Elizabeth Bustinski
Angelica Rose Colosimo
Nyla Reese Di Ilio ★★
Hayley Kathleen Hewitt ★★
Emily Juliet Jones ★
Cristina Kuchurean ★
Kiandra Gloria Faith
Landells-Mclaughlin
Mikayla Anna McFadden
Amanda Florence Elizabeth
Mitchell
Alexies John Pandela ★
Amanda Persaud ★★
Chander Francis Seth ★★
Muhammad Osama Siddiqui
Asvin Suthakaran
Ramesah Mahmood
Syed ★★
Faculty Medal
Sierra Noel Elizabeth
Tilling ★★
Abigail Marie Weber
Zoe Faith Whitaker ★★
Sydney Grace Wisniewski ★
Minoolegha Yazdani ★

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
(HONOURS), PSYCHOLOGY**

Paisley Gloria Wyn Chatten
Emma Grace Di Natale ★
Nataliya Fatima Juddi ★
Reabetswe Tadala Kazima
Laknima Dilshani Malawiya
Arachchige ★
Alyssa Maria Robertazzi
Catherine Elizabeth Vinkovic







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

Faculty of Health Sciences

Rupinder Brar, PhD

Faculty of Science

Logan Ewanation, PhD

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities



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



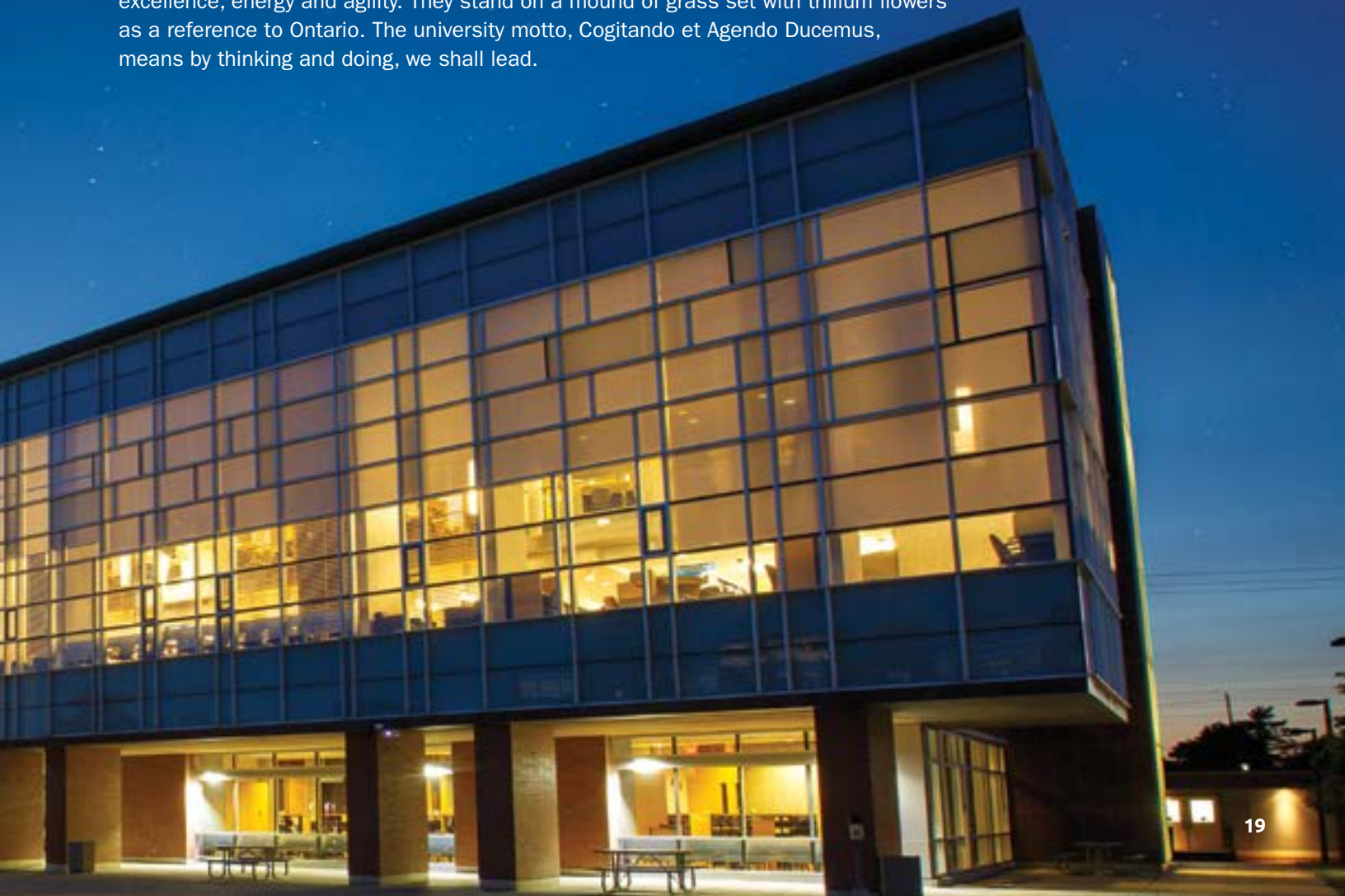
The Coat of Arms was granted to the university on July 15, 2009 by Claire Boudreau, Chief Herald of Canada under the authority of the Governor General of Canada. The Coat of Arms offers a graphic representation of important facets of the university, as well as its history, values and achievements.

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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Faculty of Business and Information Technology



Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science



Faculty of Health Sciences

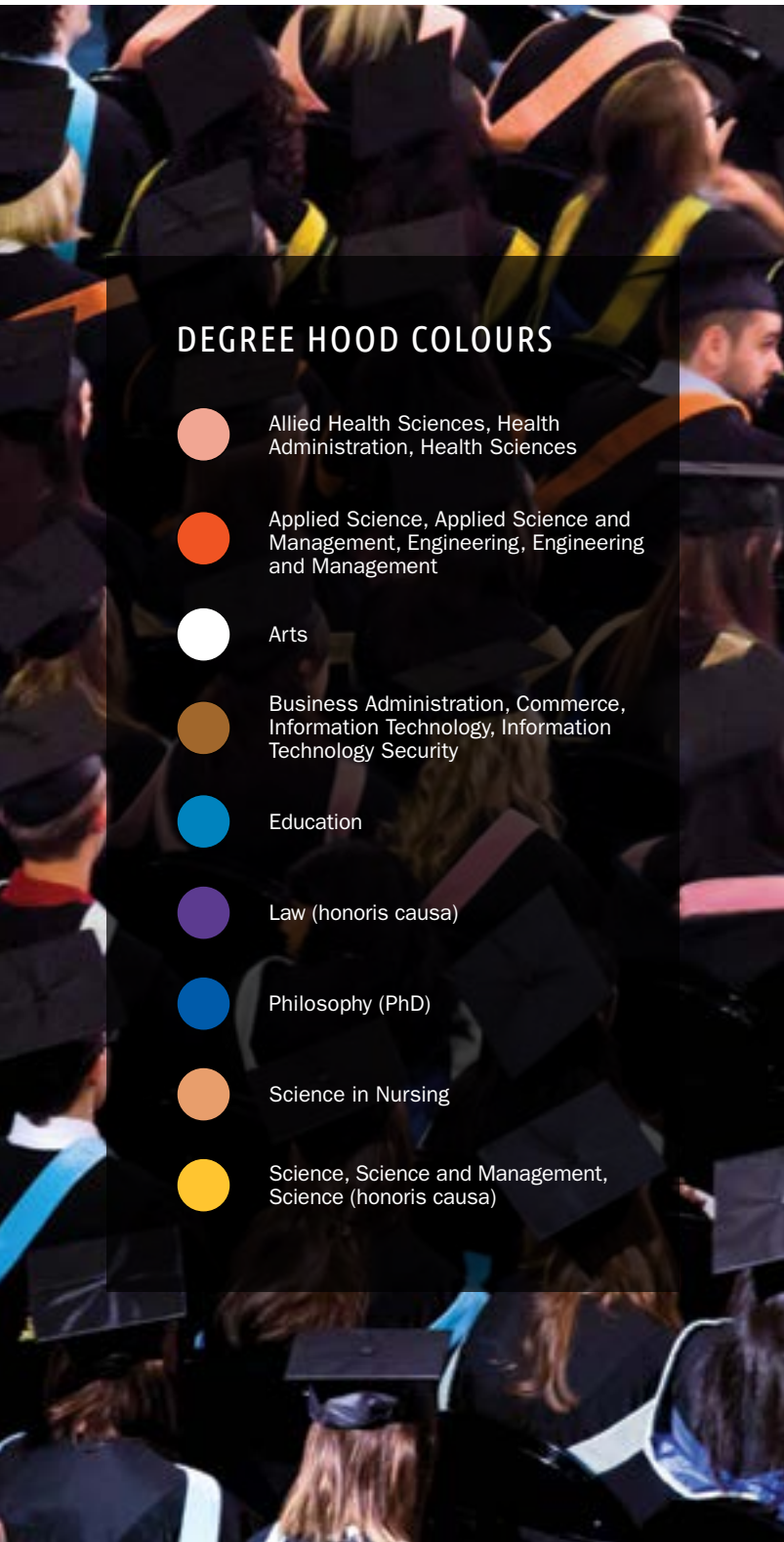


Faculty of Science



Faculty of Social Science and Humanities





DEGREE HOOD COLOURS

- 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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