

ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

SPRING CONVOCATION 2024



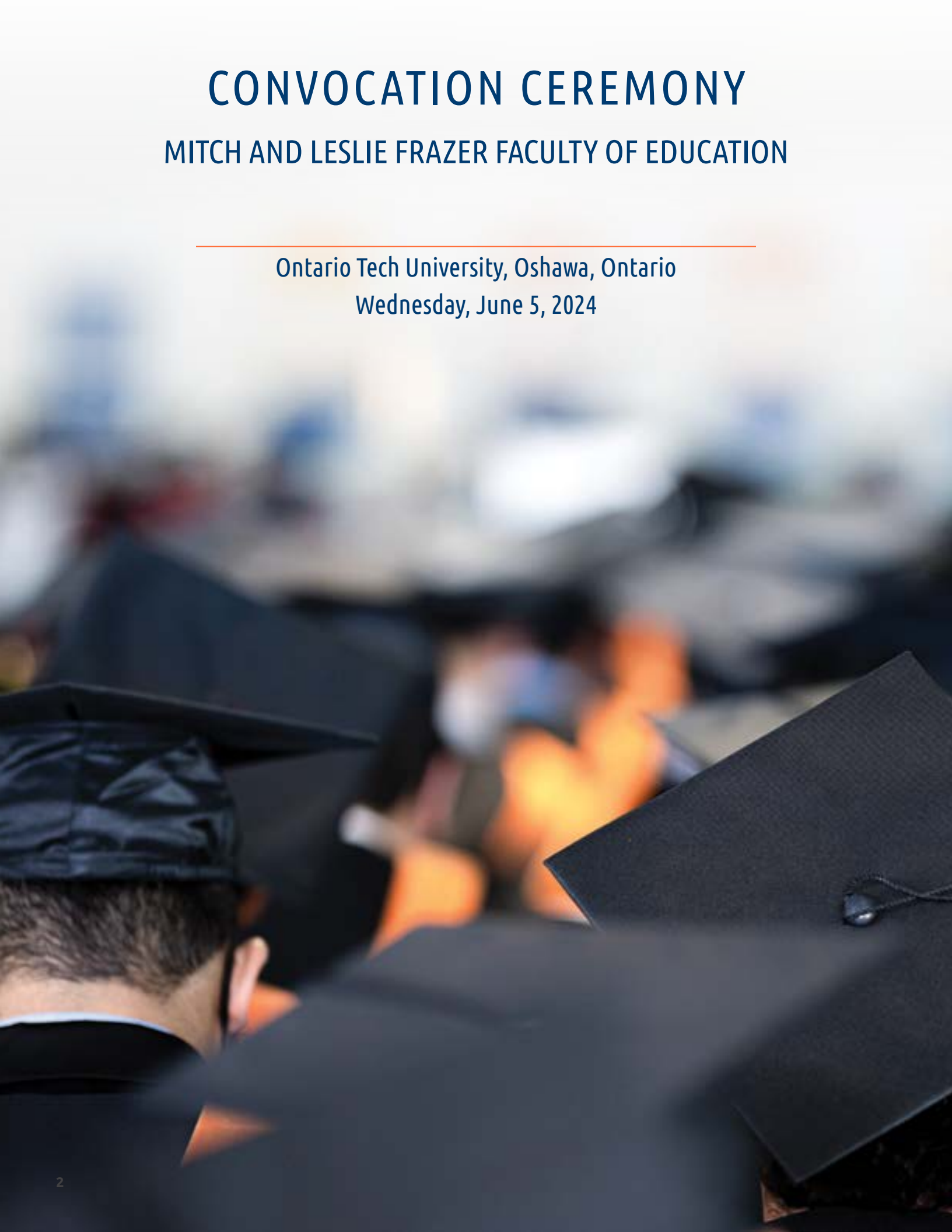
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CONVOCAATION CEREMONY

MITCH AND LESLIE FRAZER FACULTY OF EDUCATION

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

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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

Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan

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. Jacqueline Gahagan | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa



In recognition of their distinguished contributions in health-equity research and advocacy, informing public policy for equitable health care, activism in support of equity-deserving populations with rights-

based grassroots organizations, and dedication to HIV prevention, care, treatment and support in Canada and globally, the university proudly confers upon Dr. Jacqueline Gahagan the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Dr. Gahagan is the Associate Vice-President of Research at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Throughout a more than 30-year career, the medical sociologist by training has been at the forefront of research on sexual health promotion and HIV prevention, shedding light on the unique challenges faced by 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, ranging from social stigma and discrimination to health-care access barriers.

Beyond academia, they are deeply engaged in advocacy and community outreach, including community and government initiatives aimed at raising awareness, promoting dialogue, and advocating for policy changes.

They have held a variety of research associate positions, including with the European Union Centre of Excellence, the Dalhousie University Health Law

Institute, the Beatrice Hunter Cancer Research Institute, and the Healthy Populations Institute. Prior to their academic career, Dr. Gahagan worked as an evaluation specialist in public health within all levels of government, focusing on harm reduction, HIV and Hepatitis C prevention, and tobacco-use cessation.

Dr. Gahagan is a founding member and currently serves as the Co-Director of the Atlantic Interdisciplinary Research Network for Social and Behavioural Aspects of HIV and HCV. They have also contributed to a wide range of organizations including the Nova Scotia Advisory Commission on AIDS, the AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia, the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, the Canadian Interagency Coalition for AIDS and Development, and the Ministerial Advisory Council on the Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada.

An advocate for current and former youth-in-care, Dr. Gahagan leads several research studies to examine and evaluate the impacts of tuition-waiver programs on reducing barriers to post-secondary education. They remain dedicated to creating inclusive environments and a world where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of life circumstances.

Dr. Gahagan has received numerous recognitions, including the Order of Nova Scotia, the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal, and the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research's Leadership Award.

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**
Jacqueline Gahagan

**MASTER OF ARTS,
EDUCATION**

Heidi Marie Allum
Laura Banks
Jessie Anna Elizabeth Branch
Ashley Chrystal Hope
Sandra Kay Smith
Katlin Anne Marie Walsh

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Jaspreet Kour Attwal
Jill Frances Barker
Shawna Elizabeth Stinson
Sarah Naida Brathwaite
Tracy Elizabeth Byers Reid
Curtis Carmichael
Kathleen May Conway
Diane Elizabeth Cotterill
Emily Crombez
Chad Currier
Alisha Dasti-Hill
Deanna Lynn Di Vito
Gillian Dunn
Ziad Elbaghdadi
Randa Shehata Aziz Farag
Kirsten Figliuzzi
Aishwarya Ganesh
Lena Garabedian
Natisha Jillandre Gordon-Dove
Melanie Kathleen Hartshorn
Christopher Tee Wah Hwee
Tiffany Amanda Khadim
Shoshana Klein
Stephanie Rachel Lang

Jenna Alexandra Layng
Lesley Elizabeth Lessard
Scarlett Hoi Hei Leung
Tammy Lynne Mang
Gordon Hugh McGregor
Amy Carmel Nathan
Laura Vincenza Nigro
Ingrid Leanne Niwranski
Abu Sadat Mohammad Nurunnabi
Megan Jenna Pardy
Isabella Raina Ross
Megan Edna Walsh Skentelbery
Olivia Carol Smith
Westmore John Ashley Smith
Lara Spiers
Wejdan Sultan
Olivia Michelle Tierney
Grace Sze Ka Ting
Andrew Dallas Toong
Raluca Tunison
Miranda Gillian Varricchio
Shelly Lynn Windsor
Laura Nicole Wolbert
Michael Ziarno

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA,
EDUCATION AND DIGITAL
TECHNOLOGIES**

Mohamed Salah Hussein
Waffa Qurbani
Kyle Trivett

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Mostafa Alishvandi ★
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Sayyida Bazza Batool ★★
Jessica Leigh Black ★★
Jasmin Mari Blackman ★★
Miron Boski ★
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Claudia Broda ★
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Ashley Lauren Brown ★★
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Taluren Brylie Therese Brown ★★
Kirsten Judith Burns ★★
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Nicole Brianna Cannata ★
Sanya Maria Cardoza ★★
Amanda Patricia Carter ★
Lauren Lynne Cecchin ★
Logan Reese Challis ★★
Kristy Yin-Tung Chan ★★
Stanley Honki Chan ★★
Andrea Chand ★★
Nicole Chandoo ★
Mark Anthony Charanduk ★
Adam Chaudhary ★★
Vishwa Chawda ★★
Thomas Ian-Tse Chow ★
Yvonne Suzanna Christie
Sienna Donalessa Gladys Clayton ★
Tyler-Mae Coelho ★★
Natalie Jessica Comella ★★
Larissa Marie Cox ★★

Scott Culver ★★
Trevor Glasby Dale ★★
Madison Ann Daniels ★★
Sourav Das
Shyla Anne Davenport ★
Joseph William Dejaegher ★
Megan Samantha Dias ★
Guy Dinary ★★
Kristen Joanne Ditta ★
Murtaza Ebrahim
George Koichiro Endo ★★
Ahilraj Eswaran ★★
Samantha Fabrizzi ★★
Peter James Farsalas ★★
Clerna Cleshanda Felicien ★★
Wassim Ferrag ★★
Nicholas Fraser-Greene ★
Madison Kathleen Friesen ★★
Mateusz Tomasz Gackowski ★
Matthew Lucas Galloro ★★
Emily Giang ★★
Kristin Gillis ★
Tobi Greene ★★
Nicole Marie Grozdanis ★★
Faculty Medal
Sayuri Lakshanie Guruge ★★
Stephanie Guthrie ★
Erica Elizabeth Hack ★
Mihan Han ★
Marlyn Alexandra Hannah ★★
Melika Heydarinasab ★
Candice May Hill ★★
Caitlin Valerie Anne Holly ★★
Meghan Marie Homeniuk ★★

Elyse Hazel Houlden ★★
Wai Kei Iris Hui ★★
Megan Carol Hutton ★★
Humaira Ingar ★★
Trinity Sarah Ann James ★★
Jennifa Jiffry ★★
Zachary Jones ★
Victoria Jouzkiv ★★
Nievana Tishmini Judisthir ★
Samreen Kamran ★★
Jenna Marie Kastanas ★★
Prableen Kaur ★
Chelsea Lynn Keenan ★
Hira Dildar Khara ★★
Amanda King ★★
Darryl Knight ★
Mitchell Davis Kraft ★★
Brent Michael Lace
Shelby Amanda Lashley ★
Jake Alec Michael Lavery ★★
Perrin Le ★
Shin Chee Li ★★
Tong Liu
Marielle Jolene Loro
Ryan Patrick Lurette ★★
Emma Therese Luymes ★★
Meghan Shirley MacIntyre ★★
Haley Elizabeth MacKinnon ★★
Tianna Christine Mamo ★★
Elaine Ann Manoj ★★
Ariadne Mirella Marangozis ★★
Alia Marlow ★
Omar Marzouk ★
Calogero Nicholas Matteliano
Karly Ann Matthews-McCart ★
Benjamin Allan Mattison ★★
Ryan James McAllister ★
Chantal Felina McKenzie ★★

Maria Elzena Gisele McQuade ★★
Jack Harris McRogers ★★
Namrata Arvind Menon ★★
Jodie Marie Metler ★★
Jordan Donald Meyer ★
Christopher James Milner ★★
Stephanie Mose ★
Sean David Muir ★★
Roshani Murugananthan ★★
Jessica Neznik ★
Kristaa Niranjana ★
Mariah Emily Noonan ★
Noori Nubira
Andrew Christopher Nutt
Monica Ochnik ★
Moriam Oluwaseun Ore ★
Perry Tristan Osler ★★
Nicole Elizabeth Pahl ★
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Melanie Uniana Palanithurai ★
Michael Valentin Palermo ★★
Brittany Lee Parker ★
Shivani Patel ★
Monique Kristal Payne ★★
Gianluca Paolo Perfetti ★
Isaac Khalil Petter ★★
Hannah Rose Polonsky ★★
Taylor Catherine Rash ★
Tara Deanna Reddish ★★
Rochelle Reece ★
Melanie Remislar ★
Melissa Dael Rivoire ★★
Caitlyn Sydney Rix ★★
Paola Bianca Rodrillo ★
Alessandra Romano ★★
Erin Doreen Ross ★★
Ashley Lynn Roth ★
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Roya Sarwar ★

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Veronica Ellen Scatton ★★
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Veronica Faith Slater ★
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Natasha Lisa-Marie Wijesinghe ★★
Adam Patrick Winchester ★★
David Andrew Wong ★
Nichola Xavier ★★
Ao Bo Xu ★
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Lauren Kaitlyn Young ★
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Renato Micheal Garofalo ★
Klair Guarini ★
Nicole E. Hay ★★
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Maxwell Tyesn James ★
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Adriane Marie Miller ★★
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Sadia Shafiq ★
Evan Robert Manly
Sheffield ★
Shawna Marie Sims ★★
Amira Skaf
Melissa Speed ★★
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Tremblay-Gagnon ★★
Vanessa Uggenti ★★
Aisha Usman ★
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Atshayanie Suntherarajah
Valandeena Thavagnanam ★
Stephanie Walsh-Lumley





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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Mitch and Leslie Frazer Faculty of Education



Faculty of Business and Information Technology



Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science



Faculty of Health Sciences

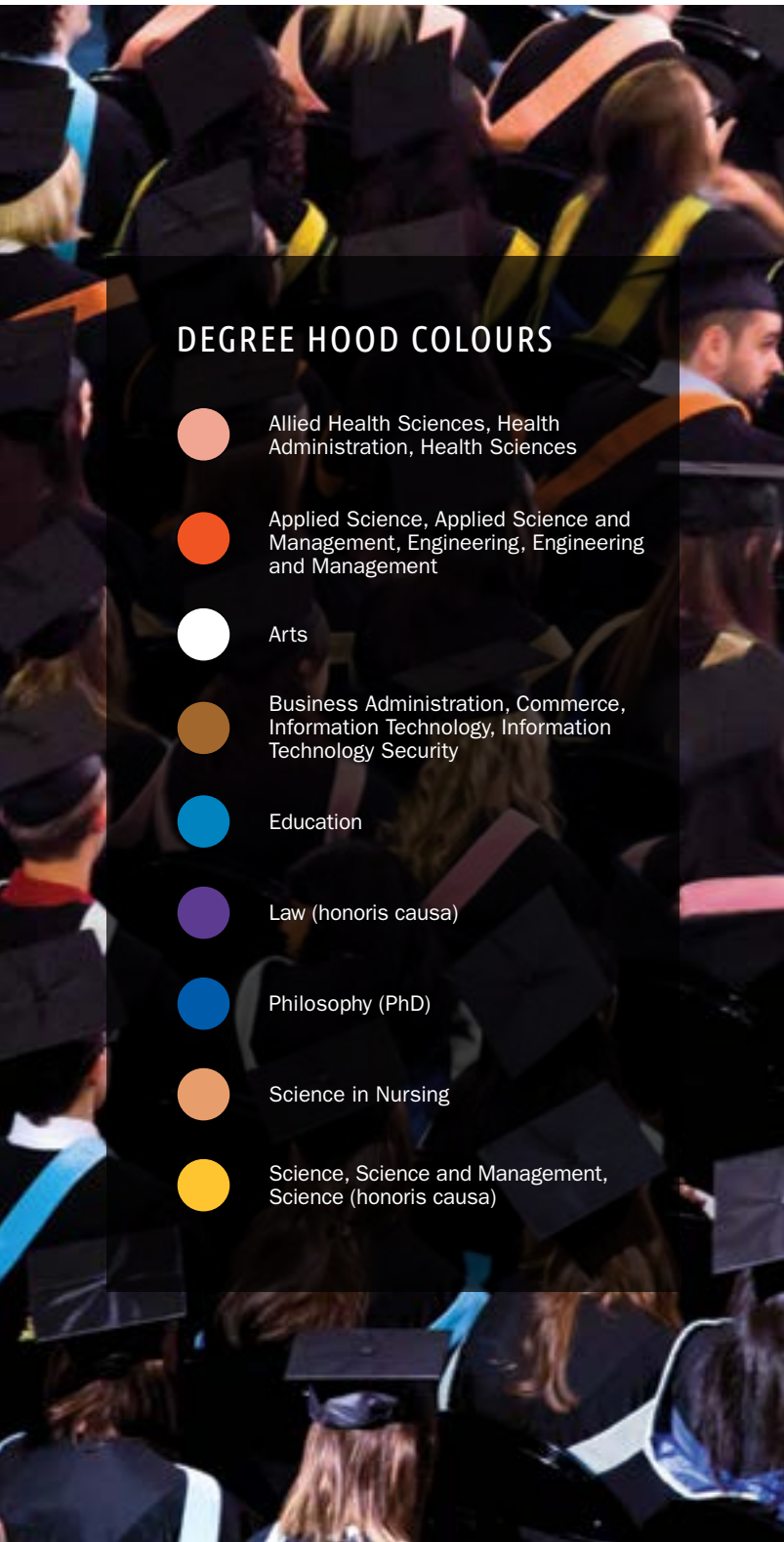


Faculty of Science



Faculty of Social Science and Humanities





DEGREE HOOD COLOURS

- 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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