

ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

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FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



CONVOCATION CEREMONY

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Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, Ontario
Friday, June 6, 2025





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.



MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Class of 2025, what a moment! Congratulations on this significant achievement. After all your hard work, determination and growth, you've made it, and I couldn't be more thrilled for you. It's truly special to be surrounded at Convocation by the people who've cheered you on: your classmates, family and friends.



AS YOU MOVE INTO THE NEXT STAGE OF YOUR LIFE, KEEP AIMING HIGH. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO REMEMBER WHAT DRIVES YOU, STAY TRUE TO YOUR GOALS, AND CONTINUE STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE.

During your time at Ontario Tech, you've taken on challenges, embraced new ideas and gained valuable knowledge and skills that will carry you far. Earning your degree is a major milestone that reflects your readiness to make a meaningful impact in a rapidly changing world.

As you move into the next stage of your life, keep aiming high. I encourage you to remember what drives you, stay true to your goals, and continue striving for excellence. There's a wide world of opportunity waiting for you, and you have everything it takes to rise to the challenge.

No matter where life takes you, remember that your Ontario Tech family will always be here to support you.

Congratulations again and best of luck as you embark on your next adventure!

Sincerely,
Mitch Frazer
Chancellor

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

Congratulations, class of 2025! Today marks the culmination of years of ambition, resilience and dedication. You haven't just earned a degree: you've shaped your future through every challenge faced and every lesson learned. We're incredibly proud of each of you for reaching this milestone!



**AS YOU LOOK AHEAD, LET YOUR PASSIONS
DRIVE YOU, YOUR PEERS INSPIRE YOU, AND
YOUR VALUES AND PURPOSE GUIDE YOU.**

Your time at Ontario Tech University has been a journey of exploration and development, marked by academic achievement, personal transformation and lifelong connections. As you look ahead, let your passions drive you, your peers inspire you, and your values and purpose guide you. The knowledge and experiences you've gained will continue to open

doors and shape your successful path forward. We celebrate all you've accomplished, and all that's still to come. You are now part of a global community of Ontario Tech alumni who exemplify the ideals of innovation, integrity and a deep sense of social responsibility that lie at the heart of our university.

As you step boldly into the world, remember: your potential is limitless, your ideas have power, and your journey is only beginning. Embrace what's ahead with confidence and curiosity. The world needs your leadership, creativity, and steadfast commitment to making a difference.

Sincerely,
Dr. Steven Murphy
President and Vice-Chancellor





MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

Today is a day to celebrate all that you've accomplished! On behalf of our dedicated faculty and staff, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to each of you. This milestone represents more than just academic success; it reflects your determination, bold ideas and pursuit of excellence.

Your path to get here has been defined by hard work, big dreams and an unwavering commitment to being the best you can be. You've challenged yourselves in the classroom and the lab, worked on groundbreaking research and projects, and brought fresh energy and passion to our community. These experiences have prepared you for your next steps and for a lifetime of impactful achievements.

As you join our alumni family, I hope you will stay connected with us and carry forward the spirit of Ontario Tech; be collaborative, inquisitive and driven to improve the world around us. Know that we'll always be here to support you, cheer you on and welcome you back to campus.

Once again, congratulations on this incredible accomplishment.



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JUST ACADEMIC SUCCESS; IT REFLECTS
YOUR DETERMINATION, BOLD IDEAS AND
PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE.**

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

Sincerely,
Dr. Lori A. Livingston
Provost and Vice-President, Academic



OUR MOTTO

COGITANDO ET AGENDO DUCEMUS

By thinking and doing,
we shall lead.

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Processional

Indigenous Honour Song

National Anthem

Opening of Convocation

Dr. Lori A. Livingston,
Provost and Vice-President, Academic

Chancellor's Address

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

President's Address

Dr. Steven Murphy, President and
Vice-Chancellor

Conferral of the Honorary Degree

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

Honorary Doctorate Address

Mr. Stephen Poloz

Conferral of Degrees

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

Closing of Convocation

Dr. Lori A. Livingston,
Provost and Vice-President, Academic

Recessional

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) on Polonsky Commons.

A lost and found station is located in Shawenjigewining Hall.



HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mr. Stephen Poloz | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa



For his exemplary record of leadership and commitment to Canada's economic prosperity, and qualities of strength and accountability that align with Ontario Tech's values of integrity, respect, and honesty, the

university proudly confers upon Mr. Stephen Poloz the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Born in Oshawa, Mr. Poloz is a distinguished economist with nearly 40 years of experience in financial markets, economic forecasting, and policy. He served as the ninth Governor of the Bank of Canada from 2013 to 2020, where he also chaired the Bank's Board. Additionally, he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements and the Consultative Council for the Americas.

He first joined the Bank of Canada in 1981, where he held various senior roles over 14 years, ultimately becoming Chief of the Research Department. In 1995, he transitioned to BCA Research, before joining Export Development Canada, where he advanced to Senior Vice-President of Financing, and eventually served as President and CEO.

After retiring in 2020, Mr. Poloz joined the boards of Enbridge and CGI Inc. and became special adviser at the Toronto-based law firm Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt. He is an Honorary Certified International Trade Professional and completed the Senior Executive Program at Columbia University. Additionally, he has served as a visiting scholar at the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C., and at the Economic Planning Agency in Tokyo, Japan.

Mr. Poloz holds a PhD and master's degree in economics from Western University, a bachelor's degree in economics from Queen's University, and two honorary degrees. He has taught economics at Western, Concordia and Queen's.

Currently, Mr. Poloz is Chair of the Lawrence National Centre for Policy and Management, and is a former President of the Ottawa Economics Association. In recognition of his contributions, he was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2024. He and his wife Valerie are longstanding philanthropic supporters of United Way Ottawa, demonstrating their commitment to community development and social impact.

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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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

Jeremy James Hannah

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

FRAZER FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Fleur Grace D'Sylva

Bachelor of Arts (Honours),
Educational Studies

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

Isabel Julianna Smith

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

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Hannah Jayne Lywood

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours),
Kinesiology

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Olivia Veronica Ziarno

Bachelor of Science (Honours),
Biological Science

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

Beverly Faye Gary

Bachelor of Arts (Honours),
Communication and Digital Media Studies

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

The Outstanding Thesis Award was established in 2016 to recognize students graduating from both thesis-based master's programs and thesis-based doctoral programs. The award winners are determined by a University Selection Committee, chaired by the Associate Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and consisting of a membership of graduate faculty members who represent diverse research disciplines.

To be considered, students must meet the following criteria:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher.
- Received an outcome of Acceptable without Required Revisions or Acceptable with Minor Revisions at their thesis defense.
- No academic offenses on their record.

Master's Thesis

This award recognizes graduating master's students who have written an outstanding thesis that has made or is expected to make a significant contribution to their field of study.

2025 OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS AWARD RECIPIENTS

Refka Albayati

Master of Health Sciences

Abraham Amini

Master of Science in Modelling
and Computational Science

Jakob Ethan Anderson

Master of Science in Computer Science

Andrew Emmanuel Bondoc

Master of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering

Sarah Mirella Marguerite Kirkpatrick

Master of Science in Forensic Psychology

Doctoral Thesis

This award recognizes a graduating doctoral student who has written an outstanding doctoral thesis that represents a remarkably impactful contribution to their field of research.

2025 OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL THESIS AWARD RECIPIENT

Akash Samanta

Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical
and Computer Engineering

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.

2025 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT

Akash Samanta

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.

2025 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SILVER MEDAL RECIPIENT

Hannah Jayne Lywood

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours),
Kinesiology

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.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Tanner Mirrlees, PhD

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

EARLY CAREER TEACHING AWARD

Laura Banks, PhD

Faculty of Health Sciences

LEARNING RE-IMAGINED AWARD

Amir Rastpour, PhD

Faculty of Business and Information Technology

OPEN EDUCATION AWARD

Sarah Stokes, EdD

Frazer Faculty of Education

TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD

Alannis Davis

Faculty of Business and Information Technology

TIM MCTIERNAN STUDENT MENTORSHIP AWARD

Keisha Deoraj, PhD candidate

Faculty of Science

STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

Sanaa Alwidian, PhD

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Christian Elia, PhD

Frazer Faculty of Education

Logan Ewanation, PhD

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

Mikael Khan, MHS

Faculty of Health Sciences

Sara Taghavi Motlagh, PhD candidate

Faculty of Business and Information Technology



ABOUT ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

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 31,000 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 seven gonfalons displayed at the university's Convocation ceremonies represent the university and its six 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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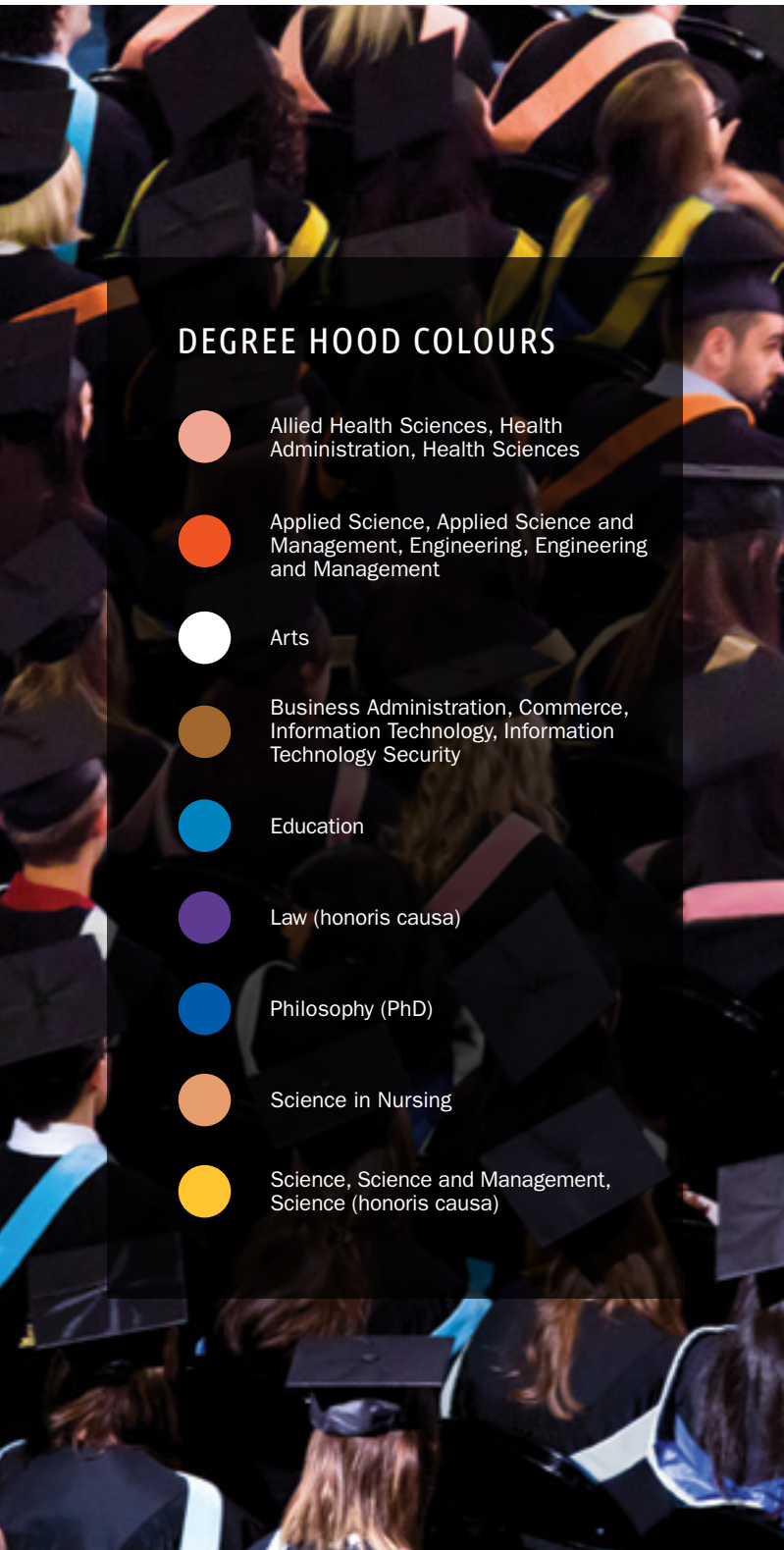


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DEGREE HOOD COLOURS

-  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, graduates!

Today, you officially become part of our alumni family, which is more than 31,000 strong. You've worked hard, grown tremendously and shown incredible dedication. We're so proud of all you've accomplished.

Your connection with Ontario Tech doesn't end here, in fact, it's just beginning. As you start this next chapter, know that we're with you every step of the way. Whether you're looking to grow your career, expand your network or stay connected to your Ontario Tech roots, we're here to support you.

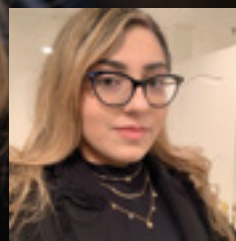
Stay in touch and take advantage of everything available to you as an alum, including career services, exclusive perks and benefits, professional development, and invitations to events that bring our community together. Follow Ontario Tech Alumni on social media and keep an eye on your email for updates.



AS YOU START THIS NEXT CHAPTER, KNOW THAT WE'RE WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

I look forward to seeing you at future alumni events and cheering you on as you shape the future. Please join us for Homecoming 2025 on Saturday, September 20! Watch for more details soon.

Congratulations again!



Patil Mksyartinian
Faculty of Health Sciences,
Class of 2020

Chair,
Alumni Association Council



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