

# ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

SPRING CONVOCATION 2026



FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

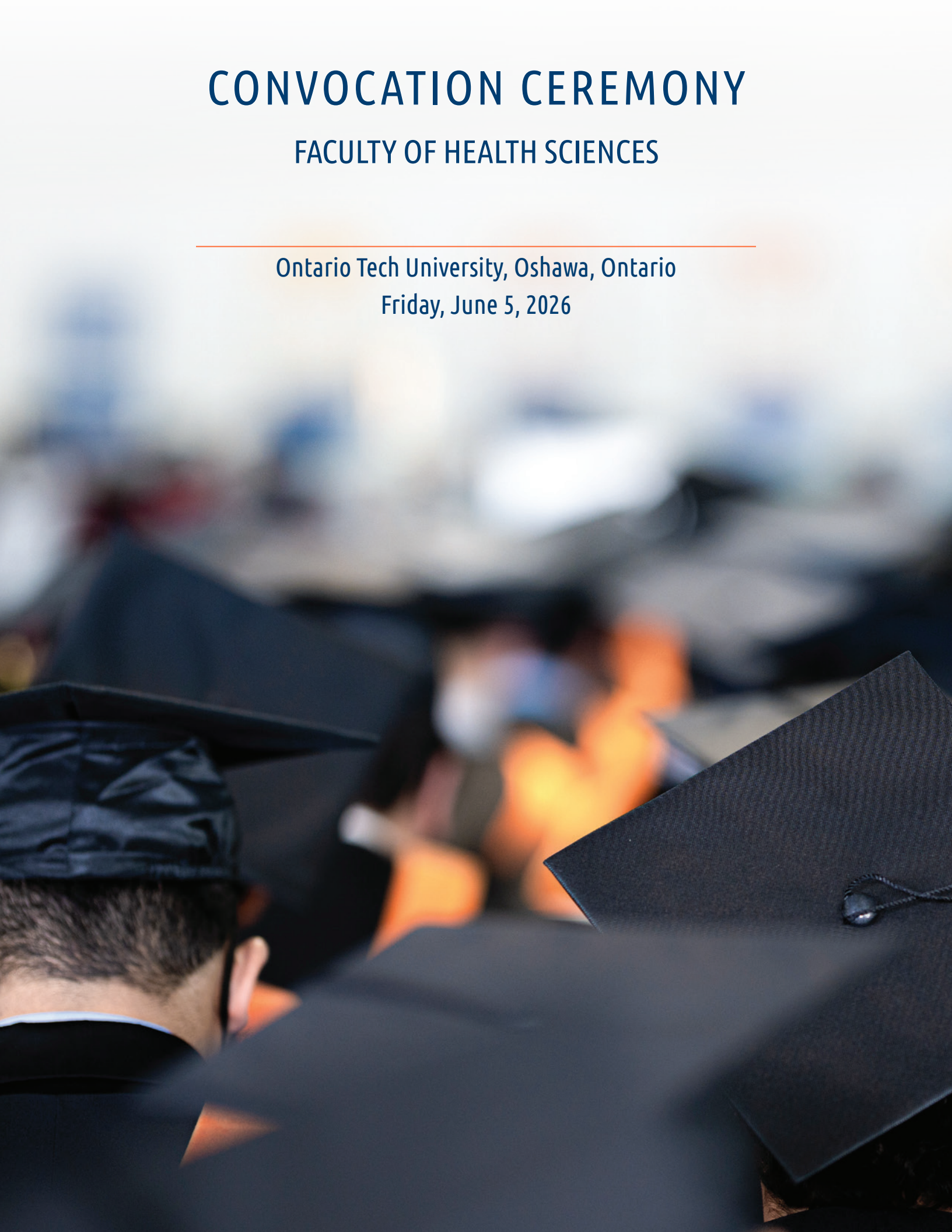


# CONVOCATION CEREMONY

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

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Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, Ontario  
Friday, June 5, 2026





# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!





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

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**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

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Class of 2026... You did it! Congratulations on reaching this milestone.

Today reflects the hard work, determination and growth that brought you here. Earning your degree is an achievement to be proud of, and one that speaks to your resilience, curiosity and your commitment to reaching your goals.



**AS YOU EMBARK ON THE NEXT CHAPTER OF YOUR LIFE, STAY CONNECTED TO WHAT DRIVES YOU. CONTINUE TO SET AMBITIOUS GOALS, REMAIN OPEN TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND LEAD WITH PURPOSE IN ALL THAT YOU DO.**

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Convocation is made even more meaningful by the people around you: Your classmates, family and friends, who have supported and celebrated with you every step of the way. Take a moment to appreciate just how far you've come, together.

During your time at Ontario Tech, you've taken on challenges, explored new perspectives, and built the knowledge and skills that will carry you far in this ever-evolving world. Earning your degree not only reflects what you've learned, it demonstrates your readiness to make a real and lasting impact.

As you embark on the next chapter of your life, stay connected to what drives you. Continue to set ambitious goals, remain open to new opportunities and lead with purpose in all that you do. The path ahead is full of opportunity, and you are well prepared to rise to the challenge and make a difference.

No matter where life takes you, remember that your Ontario Tech family will always be here, proud and cheering you on.

Congratulations and all the best as you begin your next adventure!

Sincerely,  
Mitch Frazer  
Chancellor

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

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Congratulations, class of 2026!

Today marks an important achievement – not only for the credentials you have earned, but for the perseverance, discipline and ambition that brought you to this moment. Your success reflects years of hard work, determination and a willingness to challenge yourselves in pursuit of something greater.



**WHEREVER YOUR PATH LEADS NEXT, I ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPROACH IT WITH PURPOSE. CONTINUE ASKING IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, SEEKING NEW IDEAS AND USING YOUR TALENTS TO CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE.**

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During your time at Ontario Tech University, you have developed the knowledge, skills and perspective needed to contribute in meaningful ways to your professions, your communities and the world around you. You graduate at a time of rapid change and unprecedented opportunity, where leadership will require adaptability, integrity and the confidence to think differently. These are qualities I know you possess.

Wherever your path leads next, I encourage you to approach it with purpose. Continue asking important questions, seeking new ideas and using your talents to create positive change. The future will be shaped by individuals who are prepared to collaborate, innovate and lead with compassion – and I have every confidence that you will help shape it for the better.

As members of Ontario Tech’s growing alumni community, you carry forward a shared commitment to excellence, innovation and impact. Your connection to this university does not end today; it becomes part of a lifelong relationship with a community that will continue to celebrate your achievements and support your success.

On behalf of the entire Ontario Tech community, congratulations on all you have accomplished. We are proud of you and excited to see the difference you will make in the years ahead.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Steven Murphy  
President and Vice-Chancellor





## MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

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Today is your day! A day to celebrate all you have accomplished!

On behalf of our dedicated faculty and staff, I extend sincere congratulations to each of you. This milestone represents far more than academic success; it reflects your determination, bold thinking and your commitment to excellence in a rapidly evolving world.



**YOUR JOURNEY TO THIS MOMENT HAS  
BEEN SHAPED BY HARD WORK, AMBITION  
AND A STEADFAST DRIVE TO REACH YOUR  
FULL POTENTIAL.**

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Your journey to this moment has been shaped by hard work, ambition and a steadfast drive to reach your full potential. Through your studies, research and engagement with the community, you've challenged ideas, expanded your perspectives and contributed meaningfully to the life of our university. These experiences have equipped you to not only adapt, but lead with absolute purpose.

As you join our alumni family, I hope you will stay connected with us and carry forward the spirit of Ontario Tech; be collaborative, stay curious and remain committed to improving the world around you. Know that you will always have a place here, with a community ready to support you, celebrate you and welcome you back to campus.

Once again, congratulations on this remarkable achievement. We're so proud of you all.

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. Nitin Jain

### 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 Emergency Response Team on Polonsky Commons.

A lost and found station is located in Shawenjigewining Hall.



# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mr. Nitin Jain | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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In recognition of his leadership and contributions to Canada's health and senior living sectors, enhancing the lives of thousands through a philosophy rooted in

humility and compassion, the university proudly confers upon Mr. Nitin Jain the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Mr. Jain is the President and CEO of Sienna Senior Living, one of Canada's leading senior living providers. He has led the organization's focus on fostering purpose and belonging for seniors, while supporting the well-being and growth of team members. Guided by his belief that caring for seniors is both a privilege and an immense responsibility, Sienna serves more than 13,000 seniors, and employs approximately 15,500 staff across 105+ communities in Ontario and Western Canada. Recognized by TIME Magazine as one of Canada's best companies, Sienna is a trusted partner to governments, health-care organizations and investors nationwide.

Appointed CEO in June 2020 during a critical period for both Sienna and the health-care sector, Mr. Jain led a transformative renewal of the company, reshaping how care and services are delivered. He established a purpose-driven culture centred on happiness, quality and safety in residents' daily lives. Through the Sienna Ownership and Rewards (SOAR) program, an industry first, team members share in the company's success. By prioritizing people, he made resident experience and team-member engagement core measures of impact, helping guide Sienna from near collapse to a top-performing company.

Mr. Jain was raised in a multigenerational household in India, deeply influenced by witnessing his father care for his grandfather—an experience that shaped his commitment to serving seniors. His global career across hospitality, finance, and corporate leadership reflects a strong belief that purpose and performance, together, drive sustainable success.

Established in 2021, the Sienna for Seniors Foundation supports impactful, community-driven programs in arts, education and social connections. Under his leadership and support of Ontario Tech University, Sienna has advanced nursing education, championed innovation and supported applied research on healthy aging, enhancing quality of life for seniors, caregivers and team members in senior living communities.



**MR. JAIN IS THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF SIENNA SENIOR LIVING, ONE OF CANADA'S LEADING SENIOR LIVING PROVIDERS. HE HAS LED THE ORGANIZATION'S FOCUS ON FOSTERING PURPOSE AND BELONGING FOR SENIORS, WHILE SUPPORTING THE WELL-BEING AND GROWTH OF TEAM MEMBERS.**

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Mr. Jain holds an MBA from the University of Notre Dame and a degree in Hospitality Management from Widener University, with additional studies at the Indian Institute of Hotel Management. He is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CMA) and an ICD.D designee, earned through the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. Mr. Jain also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for SickKids Hospital.

Throughout his professional and academic journey, his path has not been linear. It has been shaped by determination and support from his wife, Meghna, and their two sons.



## 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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### HONORARY DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA

Nitin Jain

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, HEALTH SCIENCES

Astrid Bianca DeSouza 

Thesis Title: Exploring the Prevalence and Factors Associated with Pain-Related Disabilities Among Indigenous Peoples in Canada: A Scoping Review and Cross-Sectional Study of the 2017 Aboriginal Peoples Survey

Outstanding Doctoral Thesis Award

Bryan McLaughlin

Thesis Title: "Why fit in when you're born to stand out?": Exploring Athlete-Environment Fit using an Implementation Science Approach

### MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Zohreh Hosseini

Maryam Rana

Donna Shirley Rousell

Taylor Alyssa Victoria Ruzgys

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Shahnila Alibhai

Andrea Lenore Cope

Christa George

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Grace Mildred Acheampong 

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Kwende Registe Ambrose 

William Babatunde

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Theresa Alexis Chavez 

Jake Matthew Coady 

Crystal Cull 

Alexandra Catherine Dougherty 

Greater Egborghan 

Jeremiah Eboselumen Esechie 

Samuellynn Shawna Fletcher 

Iris Wing Woon Fong 

Princess Franken

Marcus Victor Furtado 

Eurich Corpuz Gabas 

Frances Ester Rose Ginete 

India Lynn Guest-Cohen 

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Natnael Yared Kassa 

Benjamin Brian Kerry 

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Auddery Kollie 

Maria Kostakis 

Hilary Krull 

Shahana Kunaratnam 

Sandra Lynn Ladd 

Joshua Phillip Libby

Alexandra Dominique Marie Marceau

Maci Leigh Martin 

Alannah Nichole McKenzie 


Kate Jozina Joyce Monaghan 


Laura Munoz 

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Kenneth North 

Sophia Nyakeri

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Philomina Opoku Dankwaa

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Sabrina Hashimi 


Kristen Faith Holden

Tabiha Hussain

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Nabila Khalili 

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Zarina Suleimanov  
Amina Sultani  
Suveni Sureskumar  
Juness Lasha Talon ☆☆  
Hugo Tam  
Luzviminda Taylor  
Denise Tecson  
Sydney Telfer  
Neya Thaker ☆  
Huynh Mai Truong ☆☆  
Ashley Tamara Nicole Turpin  
Janneke Pearl Van Staveren  
Nitharsha Vasanthakumar  
Dakshika Veerakumar ☆  
Abishnaa Velrajan  
Geerthana Vigeneswaran  
Hannah Rebecca Watchorn ☆☆  
Sherry Habida Williams ☆  
Candace Lynn Wonfor-Hopkins  
Jeremy Daniel Wong  
Joann Wong ☆☆  
Haley Amilia Wright  
Caroline Christine Wrobel ☆☆  
Alexis Zhang ☆☆  
Caixia Zhang ☆☆  
Xitong Zhang ☆



## 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**

**Purvam Vipulkumar Patel**

Bachelor of Information Technology Security,  
Networking and Information Technology Security

### **FRAZER FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

**Julia Anne Disomma**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours),  
Educational Studies

### **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE**

**Ethan Thomas Bradshaw**

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours),  
Software Engineering

### **FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Safwaan Rana**

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours)

**Habiba Shafey**

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours),  
Kinesiology

### **FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

**Shian Li Chen**

Bachelor of Science (Honours),  
Computer Science, Co-operative Education

### **FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES**

**Anoopa Raichal Babu**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours),  
Forensic Psychology

## DISTINCTIONS

### **With Highest Distinction:**

Undergraduate students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.8 or higher for the courses required for their degree.

**With Distinction:** Undergraduate students who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.79 for the courses required for their degree.

## OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARDS

Outstanding Thesis awards recognize students graduating from thesis-based master's programs and thesis-based doctoral programs. The award winners are determined by a selection committee, chaired by the Associate Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies and consisting 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.

### **2026 OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**Adriana Christina Avraam**

Master of Arts in Criminology

**Graziella DeMichino**

Master of Health Sciences

**Hector Fabian Gualdron Hernandez**

Master of Science in Computer Science

**Long Li**

Master of Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering

### **Doctoral Thesis**

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

### **2026 OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL THESIS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**Astrid Bianca DeSouza**

Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences

**Philip Cameron Jovanovic**

Doctor of Education

**Phillip Frank Vilar Welter**

Doctor of Philosophy in Nuclear 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.

## **2026 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT**

**Phillip Frank Vilar Welter**

Doctor of Philosophy,  
Nuclear 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.

## **2026 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SILVER MEDAL RECIPIENT**

**Habiba Shafey**

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**

**Paula Di Cato**

Faculty of Science

## **EARLY CAREER TEACHING AWARD**

**Laura Morrison, EdD**

Frazer Faculty of Education

## **LEARNING RE-IMAGINED AWARD**

**Eric Rapos, PhD**

Faculty of Science

## **OPEN EDUCATION AWARD**

**Brandon Carson, EdD Candidate**

Frazer Faculty of Education

## **TEACHING ASSISTANT AWARD**

**Natalie Rajack**

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

## **TIM MCTIERNAN STUDENT MENTORSHIP AWARD**

**Shannon Vettor, PhD**

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

# 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 14,000 students and 33,000 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 badminton, basketball, curling, field lacrosse, golf, hockey, rowing and soccer.

In addition to excellence in teaching, we offer our students experiential learning opportunities through internships, co-ops, practicums, research projects and more. Our industry-ready programs ensure career connections, 90 per cent of our graduates are employed within six months of graduation, and 80 per cent of graduates are employed within their field.

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.



University of Ontario Institute of Technology



Faculty of Business and Information Technology



Frazer Faculty of Education



Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science



Faculty of Health Sciences

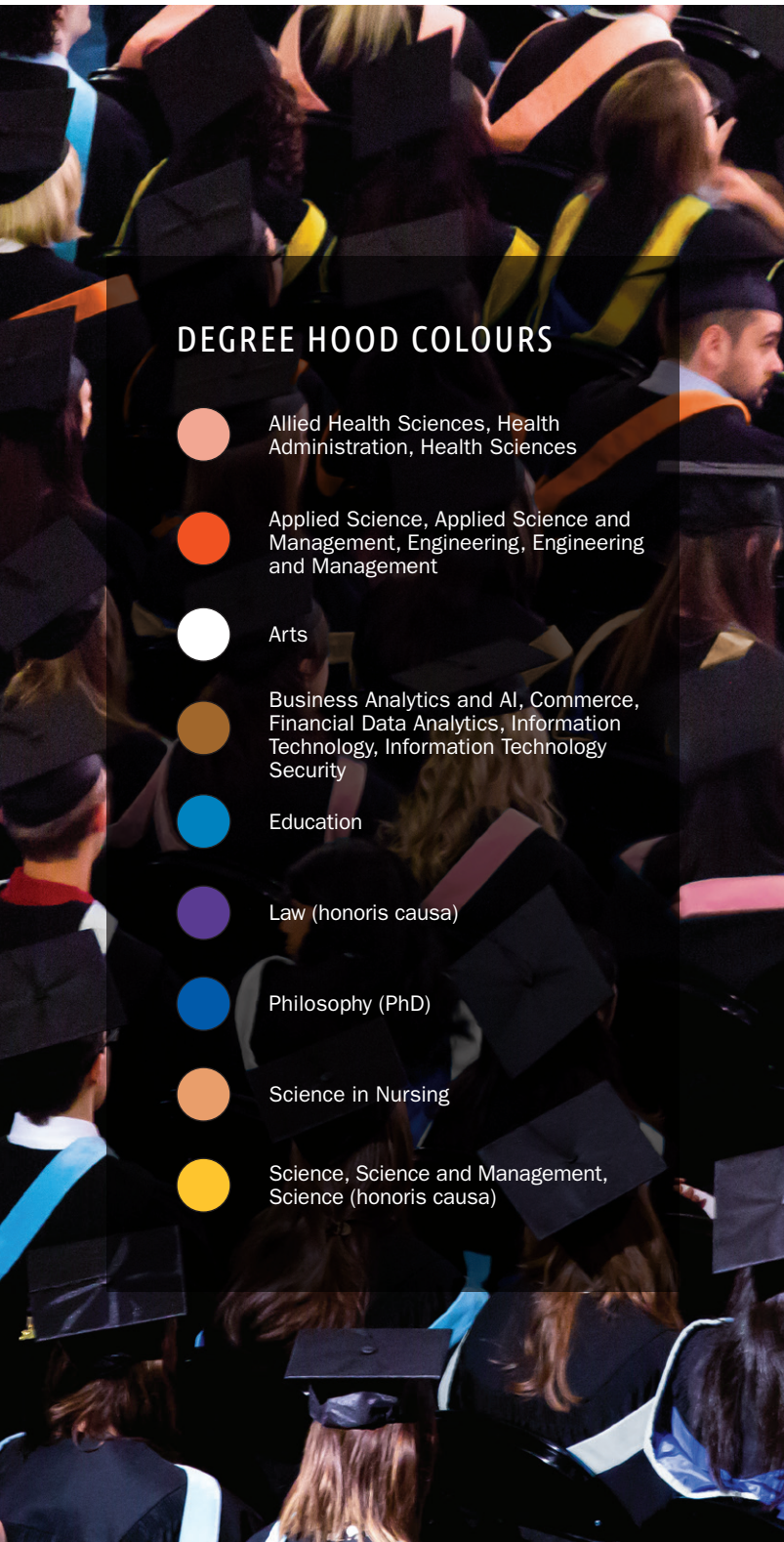


Faculty of Science












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 Analytics and AI, Commerce, Financial Data Analytics, 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 COUNCIL CHAIR

Congratulations, Alumni!

Today, you officially become part of our alumni family, which is more than 33,900 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 (@ot\_alumni on Instagram and Ontario Tech Alumni on LinkedIn) and keep an eye on your email for updates.



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I look forward to seeing you at future alumni events and cheering you on as you shape the future. Congratulations again!

P.S. Make sure to update your contact information so you don't miss a thing!



**Angelique Dack**  
Faculty of Social Science  
and Humanities,  
Class of 2024

Chair,  
Alumni Association Council



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