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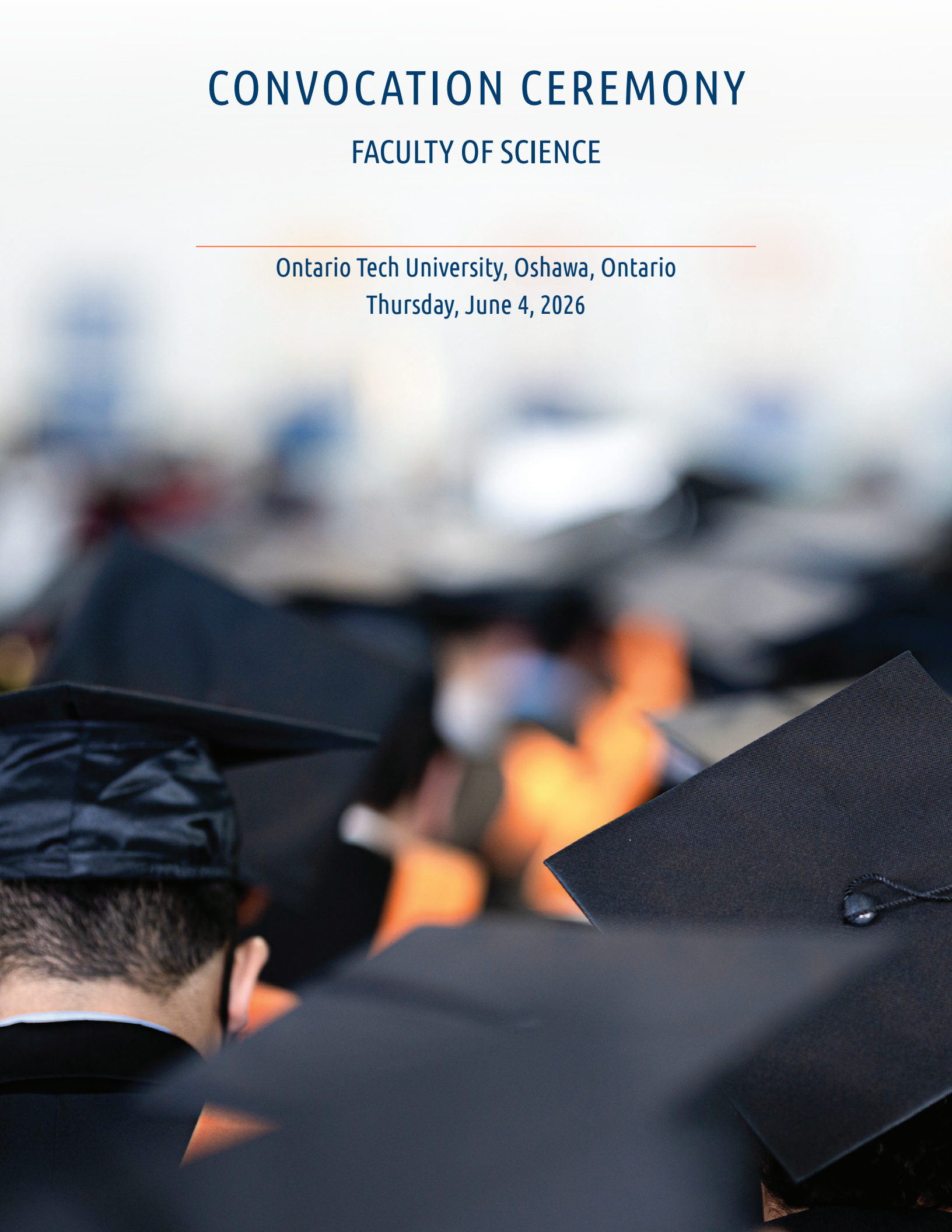
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CONVOCAATION CEREMONY

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Ontario Tech University, Oshawa, Ontario
Thursday, June 4, 2026





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 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

Faculty Speaker

Dr. Theresa Stotesbury,
Associate Professor

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.







The Chancellor and Academic Council of the University have conferred the degree upon

**Congratulations,
#OntarioTechGrad**

OntarioTech
UNIVERSITY

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, APPLIED BIOSCIENCE

Tomás Carreiro Medeiros de Melo

Thesis Title: Investigating the dynamics and drivers of human viral pathogens using wastewater-based epidemiology

Alana Tyner

Thesis Title: Long-term spatiotemporal water quality and phytoplankton dynamics in Severn Sound, Ontario: a delisted Great Lakes Area of Concern

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, COMPUTER SCIENCE

Fateme Mazloomi

Thesis Topic: Multi-Server Federated Learning in Vehicular Edge Computing

Sara Taghavi Motlagh

Thesis Title: Network Disaster Recovery via Dynamic Service-Aware Risk Management

MASTER OF SCIENCE, APPLIED BIOSCIENCE


Shajjieni Kannan

MASTER OF SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE

Samuel John Mario Canonaco

Carlos Alberto Carrasco Garcia

Zikun Fu

Hector Fabian Gualdron Hernandez 

Outstanding Master's Thesis Award

Dylan Vivek Rapanan

Emon Roy

Mosarrat Rumman

Jackson William Sears


MASTER OF SCIENCE, MODELLING AND COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE

Cora Rachel Laurie

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), APPLIED AND INDUSTRIAL MATHEMATICS

Alexander Diamantidis

Isabelle Mikhalil

Anchal Sihag 

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

Luis Armando Aldaz

Shatha Omar Almajdalawi

Daneah Al-Manaei

Danna Isabel Arenales Rodríguez

Himangi Arya

Jesse Jeremy Ashton

Adam Barbary 

Navia Maria Gabrielle Bartley

Sharmin Shabbir Ahmad Bhaiyat

Maham Ather Butt 

Mikayla Campbell

Risha Chaudhary

Morgan Lillian Clements

Eva Cyril 

Sara Khalid Elgazzar 

Victoria Gwen Gignac

Anna Gomeniuk

Mathura Gowrirajah


Bibi Malina Hamid

Daniel Nomaan Hanif

Syed Jafer Hasan 

Sadie Marie Hatt

Hamza Hussain

Aiman Imtiaz 

Ezra Emmanuel Jallim 

Ali Jammoul

Radwa Kamal

Mohammad Reza Kazemi

Tuirani Kerfelec

Zainab Binte Khalid 

Nicholas Rajesh Krishnasing

Darren Lin

Natalie Sonali Mascarenhas

Charelle Biesse Milandu

Emma Marie Moldrzyk 

Polly Khanh Linh Nguyen 

Saher Niazi 

Trinity Elise Podrats

Syeda Rida Fatima Rizvi 

Nicole Rodil Maragoto

Rileigh Allison Rodych 

Maria Sethi

Shagufta Jalil Ahmed Shaikh

Tyler James Sharkey

Maha Siddiqi 

Gawsiya Sivakumar 

Angel Su 

Somwattie Surajpal

Ayaan Surti 

Jemma Pui-Man Tam 

Jonathan Douglas Tapping 

Michelle Rocchina Visconti

Amanda Voss

Jamie Marie Webb

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE, CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Abishaya Kumanan

Skyler Genora Sahadath

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), CHEMISTRY

Sagar Anand

Kayla Emily Arsenault 

Faraan Butt

Stefany Krystel Guerra Otero

Janice Victoria Medrano Perez

Nikita Khushbo Mohan 

Sunay Rachh

Afwan Mohammed Shabbir

Yevheniia Shvets 

Louis Tsakiris

Jorge Ariel Velásquez

Usman Viqar

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), CHEMISTRY, CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Rachel Amie Ryan

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), COMPUTER SCIENCE

Mohammad Tasmim Abrar

Almas Alam

Ahmad Aljawish

Arad Hagop Ayntabli

Muneeb Bhatti

Sahil Eliyas Bilal 

Raphael Bomshakian


Megan Marie Brandreth

Michael Carinci

Rabia Chattha

Chris Kah Herng Chen 

William Rory Chisholm

Kevin Christopher Cheong Chua 

Owen Guong Tim Chung

Dante R. Cornelius

Seth Cumby

Victoria Leonard Doyle

Zara Farrukh 

Syeda Bisha Fatima 

Zachary Matthew Frank 

Ethan Austin Gonsalves

Tyson Ryan Grant ☆☆
Milan Bailey Hennessy
YueHao Hu ☆☆
Yuchen Huang
Andrew Mitchell Hunter ☆☆
Zareh Jamal-Sunderji
Ethan Christopher Janovitz ☆
David Joseph Jeanes ☆☆
Benjamin Feitelberg Jenkyn ☆
Smit Kalathia ☆
Mikhail Kamochkin
David Kelly
Ethan Kelly
Mujeebullah Khan ☆
Adam Slawek
Kolodziejczak ☆☆
Graeme Jameson Lamain ☆☆
Jacob Thomas Lamb
Justin Nicolas Lau
Daniyal Abbas Lilani ☆
Peter Wolfgang Linder
Ryan Chang Wing Liu
Olly Sean Love ☆
Alexander Lowe
Freza Manish Majithia
Fareeha Malik
Dennis Christopher Martin
Razeen Meera Ameer
Samuel Ronald Mitchell-Mcadoo
Runnelle Matthew Suyat Moredo
Syeda Muqadas
Eva Hanif Nathani
Jaden Vinh Ton Ngo
Russell Arthur Ngo
Chau Ba Khanh Nguyen
Marco Pasqua
Karankumar Hiteshkumar Patel
Om Patel
Yash Viren Patel
Xinyu Peng
Wahid Popal
Patrik Prenga
Beatriz Encabo Provido
Caleb Bruce Radbourne ☆☆
Taha Tariq Rana ☆
Shayan Ahmad Rashid

Rania Rejdal
Jacob Jeffrey Rempel ☆☆
May Isobel Robertson
Jerico Peter Robles
Vibhavan Saibuvis
Om Manoj Sathe
Alireza
Shahbazpourtazehkand
Arshiya
Shahbazpourtazehkand ☆☆
Ibrahim Sharar
Misha Sharma
Mridul Sharma
Saif Salman Siddiqui
Nathan Singer
Alyesha Singh ☆
Isabella Madison Smith
Muhammad Talha Ijaz Sultan
Zainulabuddin Syed
Saksham Tejpal ☆
Humaiyun Al-Halal Uddin ☆
Krishnan Rohaan
Uthayashangar
Jathushan Vishnukaran
Ben Charles Walsh
Michael Wang
Kevin Waran
Levi Shane Robert Willms ☆☆
Kara Evolet Woodworth
Jun Ye
Ayman Zahid
Omed Zerghune
Davis Zhao ☆
Alan Zheng ☆

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), COMPUTER SCIENCE, CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Sammak Ahmed ☆
Fardin Alam
Shian Li Chen ☆☆☆
Siddhant Das ☆☆
Saahir Shamsuddin Dhani
Ryan James Don ☆
Sheida Ebrahimi Siaghi ☆
David Garcia ☆☆
Hamza Yousuf Hassan
Jackie Bai Tian Jiang ☆
Royce Prashant Mathew ☆

Jahanvi Pareshkumar Mathukia ☆☆
Heather Margaret Leslie Meatherall ☆
Abdullah Khan Mohammed
Harsh Viral Panchal
Harsh Ugresh Patel
Pratham Patel ☆☆
Thanushan Satheeskumar ☆☆
Charon Takov
Gabriel Eubert Valletero
Ryan Zante ☆☆

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), FORENSIC SCIENCE

Raiden Amendra
Ayomide Deborah Amodu
Dunstan Jacob Balagtas ☆☆
Heather Fittante ☆
Merdiya Gheddai
Juliano Carmelo Gintoli
Andrea Erin Gomes
Meghana Reddy Gorrepati Augustin
Richard Alexander Gutierrez Cisneros
Hana Renae Haytaoglu ☆☆
Adrianna Kristine Kapanaike ☆☆
Maria-Anna Mavros
Natasha Deena McIntyre
Gina Aliscia Paige Mondesir
Milynna Krysta Phoenix Ng
Jesutunmise Oluwadara Ogunlusi
Jason Lee Papernov
Siya Pareshkumar Patel
Shamindri Shanaya Janine Perera
Charmaine Puruganan
Amelia Rappoccio
Madeline Christine Rauch
Dayna Heather Ripley ☆☆
Aiyana Rose Roberts
Celeste Saade
Devika Satheesh Nair
Theron Atticus Schweizer
Jinyoung Shim

Karany Sivakumaran ☆
John William Sunseth
Stephen Andre Rodriguez Tan ☆
Myrhiam Vittadello

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), INTEGRATIVE MATH AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Travis North Durrant ☆☆
Bohdan Synytskiy ☆☆
Timothy Radcliffe Weathers

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), INTEGRATIVE NEUROSCIENCE

Narmeen Abid
Mya Jade Emil
Eman Khan
Fernanda Lozada Aguilar
Tanya Chantal Marwan Najib ☆
Sthandiwe Masilela
Najmah Nawaz
Krishmigaa Premakanthan ☆
Brooke Sharon Randall ☆

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), NEUROSCIENCE

Faith Oyindamola Farayibi

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), PHYSICS

Patricia Lorena Albo De La Cruz
Anika Harsha Annigeri ☆☆
Harsimran Bansal
Nicholas Joseph Ferron ☆
Lola Garnet Horton ☆☆
Rommel Isaac Monroy
Henry Song ☆
Simon Alexander Theriault
Supesh Uthayarajah

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS), PHYSICS, CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

Kiri Rose Higgins





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

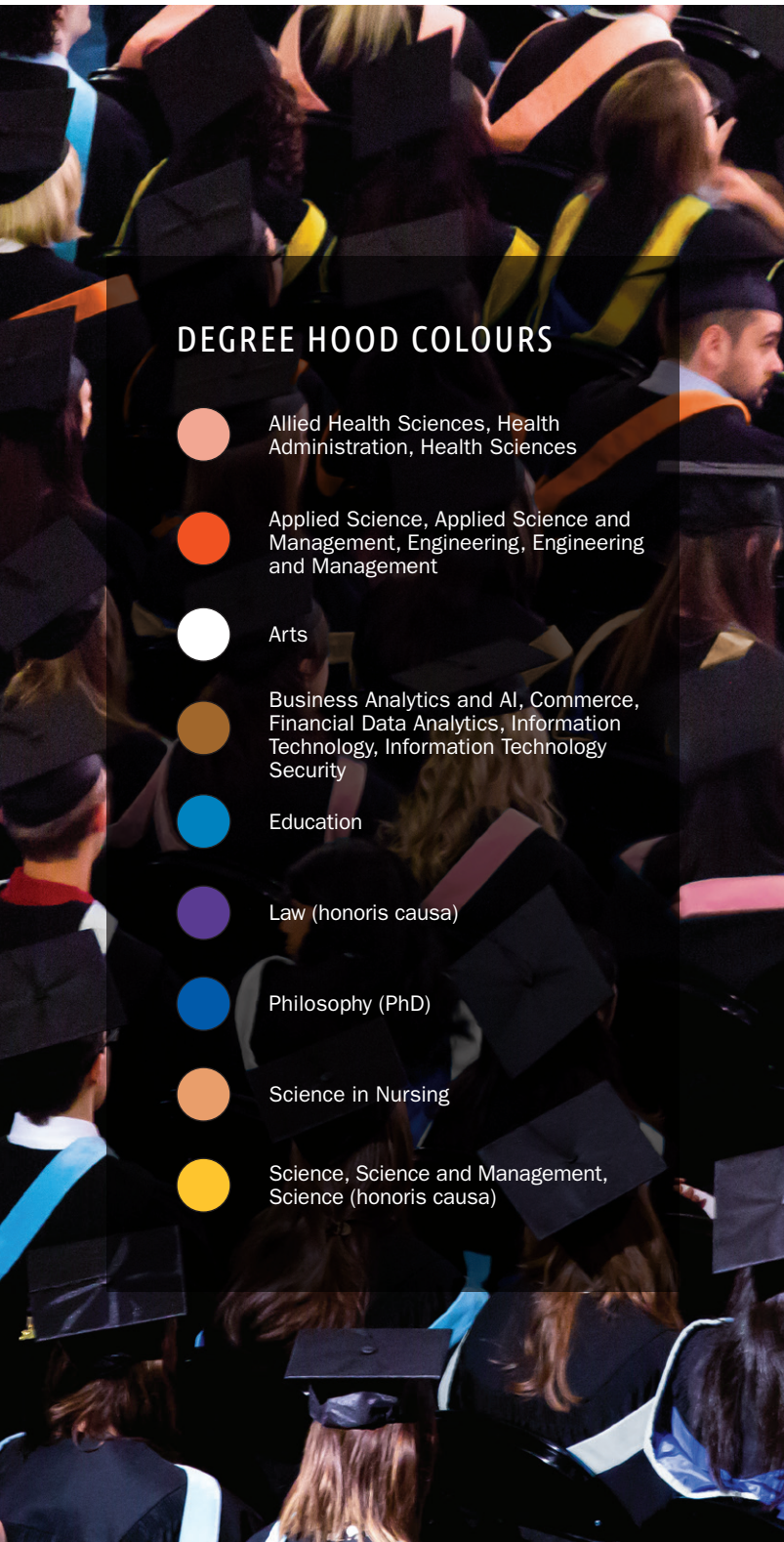


Faculty of Science



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.



**YOUR CONNECTION WITH ONTARIO TECH DOESN'T
END HERE; IN FACT, IT'S JUST BEGINNING.**

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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