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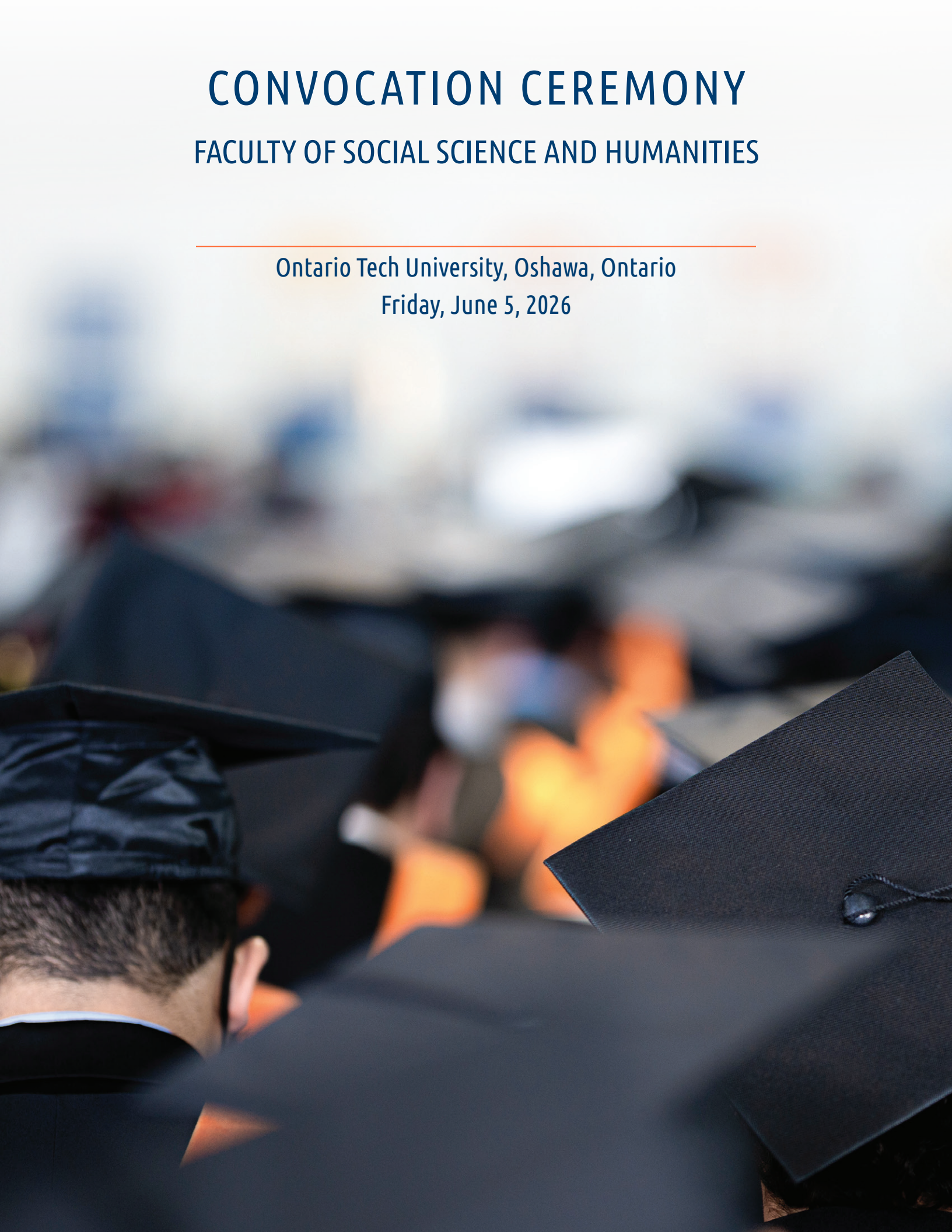
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CONVOCATION CEREMONY

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES

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.

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

Honorary Doctorate Address

Mr. Nick Eaves

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. Nick Eaves | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa



In recognition of his strategic leadership, innovative thinking and commitment to enhancing community engagement through sport, the university proudly confers upon Mr. Nick Eaves, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Mr. Eaves is a highly respected sports executive and visionary leader in the Canadian entertainment and professional sports industries. He is the Chief Operating Officer at Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE), overseeing operations, revenue, capital projects and development; he also leads MLSE's LIVE division, which delivers hundreds of world-class music and entertainment events each year.



A CHAMPION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, MR. EAVES HAS LED AND SUPPORTED INVESTMENTS IN PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE YOUTH SPORT PARTICIPATION, DIVERSITY IN ATHLETICS, AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RECREATION.

Prior to joining MLSE in 2016, Mr. Eaves served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Woodbine Entertainment Group for five years, after holding numerous other senior positions for the last 15 years. He led the transformation of the organization's business model to drive operational performance across all business lines—commercial, live events, broadcasting, technology, hospitality and retail operations. His expertise in sport management, venue

operations and fan experience has influenced industry standards, and advanced Canada's reputation in global sports business.

A champion of community development, Mr. Eaves has led and supported investments in programs that promote youth sport participation, diversity in athletics, and equitable access to recreation. He advances initiatives that bridge professional sport and grassroots development, ensuring that sport remains a force for positive social change. He promotes inclusive hiring practices, embraces multicultural representation in sport and supports initiatives that ensure all Canadians have pathways to participate in athletics, and live events. His strong ties to Durham Region and the surrounding areas have strengthened local economic and cultural life, and his influence in Canadian sport extends nationwide, contributing to our country's standing as a host nation for major sporting events and leagues.

Mr. Eaves serves on the boards of Live Nation Ontario Concerts LP, Maple Leaf Square Holdings and Lakeshore Arena Corporation. He is also a Director of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto, Co-chair of the Scarborough Health Network Campaign Cabinet, and a member of the United Way Inclusive Local Economic Opportunity Leadership Table. As an active and engaged community leader, he has volunteered with the Out of the Cold program, Ernestine's Women's Shelter and Youth Without Shelter.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree from Western University.



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

Nick Eaves

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Karli Manai Hamilton

Thesis Title: Canadian Women and No-Crime Wrongful Convictions: An Investigation into Whether (and Why) Women are More Frequently Wrongfully Convicted in No-Crime Cases Against Children

MASTER OF ARTS, SOCIAL PRACTICE & INNOVATION

Karam Mahmoud Halabi

Kristen Jo-Ellen McKinnon

Nurudeen Seebaway

Talia Lee Silverman

MASTER OF SCIENCE, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Mariya Khadija Nasim

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

Sofia Zahid Abbasi

Ukela Bliss Allen

Chidera Nnenna Arimah

Setie Assefa ☆

Gabriel Bernier ☆

Caleigh Gwen Elizabeth Blake ☆

Victoria Alexia Byrne ☆

Ann Colleran ☆☆☆

Jared David

Corrado Distefano

Sean Hubert Emerson ☆☆☆

Odein Soala Fubara

Ajay Brian Zion John

Mitchell Jung

Arkyn Kristen Kornell ☆☆☆

Christopher Kar Hung Leung

Elizabeth Grace Lucyk ☆

Matthew Maciejewski ☆

Samantha Jo Malm ☆☆☆

Victoria Anne Marcelle

Shamar Christopher Martin

Matthew Edward McCarroll ☆☆☆

Ugochi Tyana Ndukwe ☆☆☆

Jasmine Ambay
Persaud-Maharaj

Safat Rahman

Andre Calvin Spence ☆

Megan Elisabeth Storey

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Esteban Alejandro Agudelo

Samra Syed Ali

Majd Alzaidi ☆

Neha Anna Thomas ☆☆☆

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Ruyn James Zhide Barker

Marc Ivan Tabula Bisarra

Shanmukh Bokkasam

Jordan Boudreau

Ashley Megan Carter ☆☆☆

Sathuya Chelvendrarajah

Nerses Nick Chochian

Rachel Lynn Coe

Stacy Amenda Correa

Summer-Rose Mackenzie Cox

Logan Daniel Crosgrey

Andrade Asad Cummings

Ethan Flores

Jade Francois-Charles

Nia-Angeleena Green

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Jolie Judith Bonnie Jankowski

Brianna Angelina
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Shaan Singh Khara ☆

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Martin

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Zenebia Sy'Rai Montague ☆☆☆

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N. Akashan Nallathamby

Alexis Noël Normoyle-Michea

Jennifer Chioma Nwosu

Jade Anne-Marie O'Donnell

Madison Lynne Olan ☆

Oluwatofunmii Esther
Olofinlade

Kristen Victoria O'Reilly

Rachel Lillian Parks

Alexcia Kathleen
Pateropoulos ☆

Alicia Nicole Pettifer

Payton Jamie Pothiers ☆

Omar Rafaideen

Shagana Ranganathan

Bravinth Raveendran ☆☆☆

Victoria Laureana Rebelo

Conner Jacob Reid ☆☆☆

Alexis Mary Rose
Remekie ☆☆☆

Jalen Christopher Reyes

Matthew Charles Rice

Celena Saade ☆☆☆

Nazanin Sadozai ☆

Jasmine Kaur Sahota

Arun Sellathurai

Ashmie Shankar ☆

Akram Shefa

Matanky Sithampara

Archanaa Suthakaran

Lohitaakshee Taukoordass

Kennedy Rose Thar ☆☆☆

Sinhuja Theiventhiram

Megha Ann Thomas

Jaipaul Rajesh Udaipaul

Bradley David George
Vail ☆☆☆

Alizah Zaidi

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Finley Aboagye ☆

Samuel Amaral

Aiza Arif

Husnaa Ariff

Alexa Jane Armstrong

Grace Ileana Azar Ramirez

Anoopa Raichal Babu ☆☆☆

Haya Waleed Mohamed
Hussien Aly Baddary

Raechel Anne Bandurchin ☆☆☆

Kyra Michaela Black
Tessa Abigail Britton ☆☆
Mallory Brown
Mikayla Anne-Marie Burden
Nicole Joy Cameron ☆☆
Bailee Madison Conforti
Hailey Brianne Crete
Arya Harin Dani ☆
Terrani Deshong
William Jacob Desmarais
Allyson Katharina Grace Drever
Merill Blessy Esmilla ☆
Akayla Jade Laura Fiwchuk ☆☆
Julia Alana Flintoff
Alexandra Fosse
Terézia G. Fuller
Midun Joy Ganeshalingam
Jordyn Alexandra Gougeon ☆
Alyssa Jasmin Greenidge ☆☆
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Grace Ann Moore Gualtieri
Gopa Gupta ☆☆
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Dezarae Jean Harris ☆
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Ishita Kadambari ☆
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Imran Ali Khan
Rahma Redoblado Khan ☆☆
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Kathryn Bell Lang
Connor David Larkin ☆☆
Sierra Lucier
Jherene Hannah Edisane Magdua
Khandker Abrar Mahmood
Brooklyn Inga Main ☆
Ellie Liona Mallet Matthew
Alexis Marie Kathaleen Marges ☆
Daniel Luke Mason ☆☆
Ethan Stephen Maynard ☆
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Lauren Rachel McGill
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Madison Grace Pagniello
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Fatimah Patel
Uzma Mudassar Patel
Krista-Lee Kathleen Perry
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Emily Phillips
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Sylvie Quevillon ☆☆
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Navkiran Salan
Kali Victoria Aurelia Sharpe ☆☆
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Rowan Isobel Smith ☆☆
Savanna Riley Jean Smith
Lauryn Ashley Talabis
Rylea Marisa Tardio
Jade V. Thibault ☆☆
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Jamie Leigh Ann Van Doorselaer ☆☆
Valeria Velasquez Urrego ☆
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Kayley Susan Brookfield ☆
Karen Rosemarie Byfield
Taylor Kendra Evans
Jordan Fernandes ☆☆

Cherisse Gutierrez
Georgia Gail Walker Hogan
Ethan Singh Mandair
Zarya Aman Maqbool ☆
Jana Masrieh
Samuel Alexander McAnally
Ruqayya Unnisa Mohammad
Maham Naveed
Bhavini Patel
Jasmeet Ranu
Alexandros Nicholas Samuel
Faza Shabbir
Deshante Chanmatee Singh
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Khalid Stephen Duncan
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Yimena Paola Millan Ardila ☆
Shanell Kesara Moonesinghe
Michael John Nanou
Anusha Rajayogi
Zoha Hajrah Rasheed ☆
Abdul Manaf Shafiqi
Aishah Tabassum
Owen Patrick Wilson ☆
Branice Yeung
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Siar Aziz Aliyar
Daniella Marie Andrade

Melisa Maria Ardanaz
Yalda Baghaei
Chrisoula Irene Bozios
Rory James Bullock ☆☆
Kimberleigh Dawn Cormier ☆☆
Hoang Ngoc Khanh Doan
Joshua Edgar
Liana Faria
Cheryl Elizabeth George
Tagreed Hatoum
Ireland Lirret Horrigan
Monica Mounir Khalil
Mika Trinity Jolie Lavictoire
Myra Lee Haven LeBlanc ☆☆
Sahar Lutfi
Chelsey Sierra Lyons ☆
Swarupta Nandini Maharaj
Sharuya Mathavan ☆☆
Alyssa Riley Moulaison
Areej Mubashar ☆☆
Freshta Nahil ☆
Alanna Marie Northcott ☆☆
Rebecca Margaret Olesky ☆☆
Mia Caprice Patel
Estella Nadine Rosebush ☆
Rishika Rupadas
Angelica Ocean Sheppard ☆☆
Krystal Voradeth ☆
Lia Wright
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Daniela Druzgala ☆☆
Hilana Hany Gerges ☆☆
Peter Hans Klose
Snekha Kumaran
Joey Xin Yi Lin
Muhammad Taha Madni ☆
Nirthikka Muraleetharan ☆☆
Fizza Riaz ☆☆
Victoria Tiziana Sipis





Tiona Lupo, Graduate
REG-CCM 14070

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

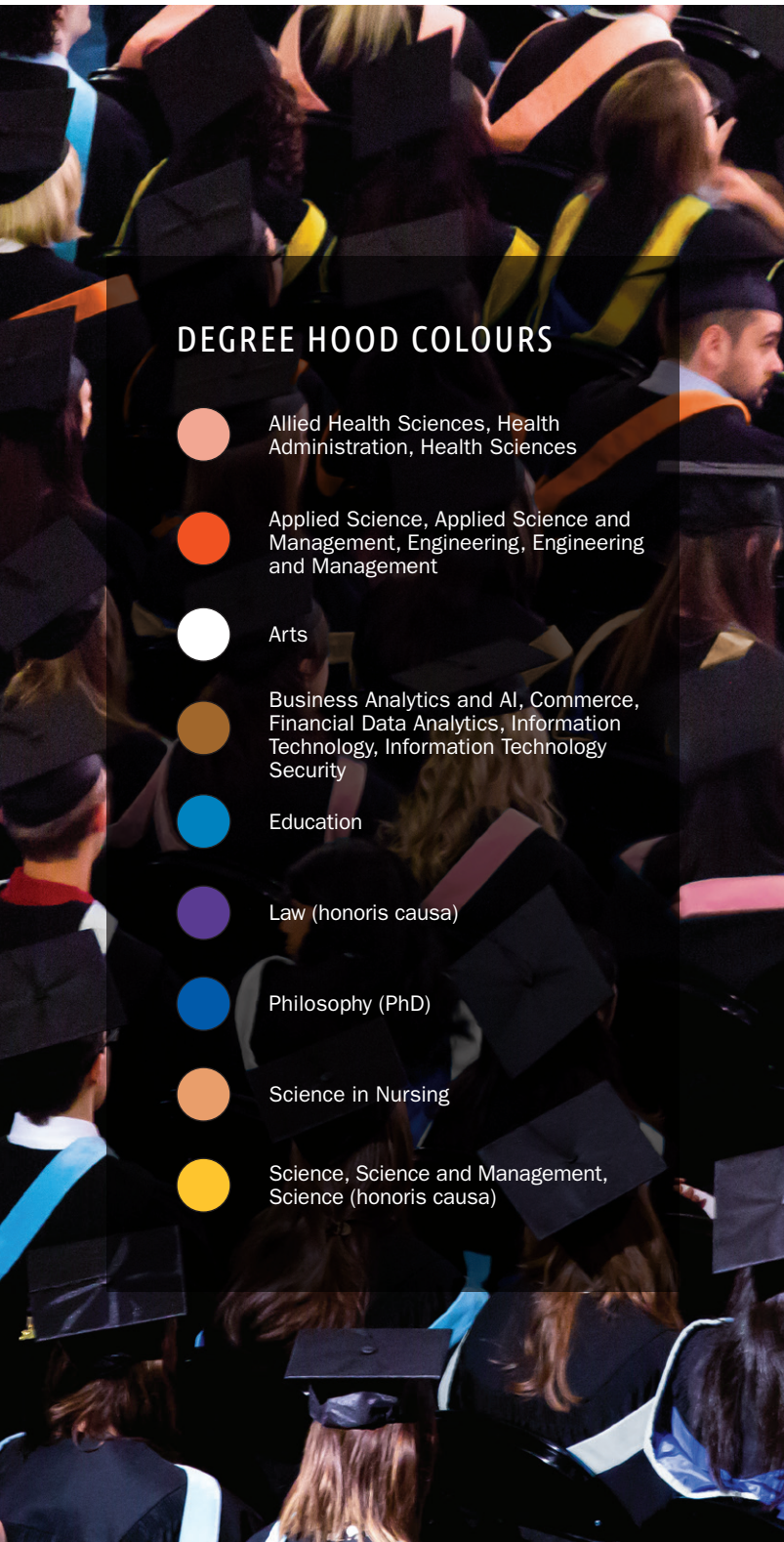


Faculty of Science



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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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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