On this day, as the University of Waterloo awards degrees and celebrates the achievements of a new generation of graduates, the members of the University and its guests share in a 900-year-old ritual called convocation.
Welcome graduands, family members and friends, faculty, staff and alumni to the Spring 2024 Convocation.

As Chancellor of the University of Waterloo, it is my honour to preside over this ceremony.

This is a bittersweet convocation for me as it is my last as Chancellor. Though I formally leave this role, I, like you, will forever have a connection to this extraordinary institution.

Over the past six years, I have been constantly inspired by the ingenuity, passion and drive of the University of Waterloo’s community. During the pandemic, their resiliency, dedication and enthusiasm were well on display. Each individual is so dedicated to making the world a better place for others. The people at Waterloo are principled, honest and hard-working. They have the skillsets and the network to effectively navigate an uncertain future.

The University of Waterloo was founded in extraordinary times, and as a result generates extraordinary leaders. Today, Waterloo brings together a unique combination of the “practical” (largely through co-op and experiential learning) and the “pure” (in terms of fundamental research). Waterloo grads are leaders who are capable and driven to address whatever lies in their path.

Convocation recognizes the achievements of our graduates and their shift to our alumni family. Since the institution’s inception in 1957, we have conferred nearly 250,000 degrees and certificates. Our alumni community extends to more than 150 countries and offers a network regardless of where the future takes our graduates.

Waterloo is a community of innovative leaders who seek out ways to solve the big problems of our time. These solutions are needed more than ever as we face profound disruptions and transformations across health, the economy, technology, sustainability, and society. While the challenges may seem dire, they also lend themselves to opportunities like we’ve never seen before. The world needs Waterloo graduates to harness all their experiences to lead and shape the future. The knowledge and creativity they have developed at the University of Waterloo has prepared them to be the leaders the world needs.

As our graduates cross the stage, they will bear the privilege and responsibility of bringing the spirit and values of this distinguished institution with them, wherever their lives may lead. They now have an opportunity to shape a better, more equitable world through their careers and community involvement.

Congratulations to all of our graduates and thank you for continuing the Waterloo tradition of excellence.

DOMINIC BARTON
Chancellor

“THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO WAS FOUNDED IN EXTRAORDINARY TIMES, AND AS A RESULT GENERATES EXTRAORDINARY LEADERS.”
Message from the President and Vice-Chancellor

Congratulations to the Class of 2024.
We are so pleased to welcome our graduates and their family, friends and supporters to recognize their accomplishments.

Today’s ceremony celebrates the hard work and dedication of our students during their time at the University of Waterloo. A Waterloo degree is a culmination of lessons, relationships and experiences. Whether students choose co-op, undertake an entrepreneurial venture or explore courses or opportunities outside their disciplines, Waterloo provides an environment for them to explore their passions and be unconventionally bold.

The success of our students is shared by those in their support networks. To everyone who has supported our students, thank you for being there during the highs and lows of their academic journey.

I also wish to recognize Dominic Barton, who is completing his second and final term as the 11th Chancellor of the University of Waterloo. Dominic has been a consistent champion of the University, its students and alumni. We are grateful for his contributions.

Our institution’s rich history, and the success of our alumni, is rooted in community. As graduates transition from student to alumni, I hope each will become an active member of our global Waterloo alumni community.

At Waterloo, we pride ourselves on identifying and solving big, complex challenges facing our world. This happens not only on our campuses, but across the globe through our network of alumni. While there are multiple compounding crises facing our world, there are amazing opportunities to implement innovative solutions to them. Each new graduate is among the future leaders and changemakers who can help address these challenges and build a better future for humanity and our planet.

I look forward to watching them make an impact on their communities and the world.

We all have an opportunity, and a responsibility, to positively impact those around us. Let’s all work together to help shape the world for the better.

On behalf of the University of Waterloo, I wish our graduates all the best in the journey ahead.

Vivek Goel
President and Vice-Chancellor

“OUR INSTITUTION’S RICH HISTORY, AND THE SUCCESS OF OUR ALUMNI, IS ROOTED IN COMMUNITY.”
Message from the Alumni Council Chair

Congratulations Class of 2024!

On behalf of the University of Waterloo’s Alumni Council and your fellow alumni, congratulations on the successful completion of your degree. You demonstrated hard work, dedication and resilience. We are proud of you and delighted to welcome you as the newest members of our community.

Graduation is a significant milestone for you both personally and professionally. I encourage you to celebrate your achievement and take time to appreciate the people in your life that helped you along the way – your family, friends, classmates and teachers.

As you look ahead to the next phase of your life, I’m confident that your time at Waterloo has prepared you well. You have the expertise, creativity, and resourcefulness to tackle whatever problem you choose. The future is a bright and exciting one, longstanding practices are changing and there is opportunity for new ideas to break through. You are ready for whatever comes your way.

Welcome to a network of what will be over 250,000 alumni, connected by their experiences at Waterloo.

Throughout your career, I encourage you to stay connected to your alumni community. There are more than 246,000 of us and we are here to support you as you work towards your goals. You can contact Waterloo alumni from anywhere in the world – through our Global Ambassadors, Alumni Chapters, and online groups.

I also hope you will join me in sharing your time, knowledge and passion with the University. It is rewarding to volunteer with other talented alumni and your unique perspective can benefit future graduates more than you know.

Congratulations once again on your graduation. You have much to be proud of and a very bright future ahead of you!

I wish you all the best.

DIANA VANGELISTI
BES ’84 MA ’89
Chair, University of Waterloo Alumni Council

“THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 250,000 OF US AND WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU AS YOU WORK TOWARDS YOUR GOALS.”
Our tradition of convocation

The ritual of convocation is a tradition that honours the roots of the university, and is, at the same time, a beginning for students who now enter a new stage in their lives. We welcome guests on this celebratory occasion and thank you for being present to share in it.

Both the symbols and the ceremony of convocation look back far beyond the beginning of the University of Waterloo, back to the centuries of university life in Western civilization which Waterloo joined six decades ago. The founders of this University were eager from the beginning to make it part of that long tradition, although they proudly asserted that they were building a new and innovative university, with close ties to industry and an emphasis on practical knowledge for building the future.

On this day, as ancient customs mix with the use of up-to-date technology and exuberance of a new generation, convocation connects a forward-looking university with the traditions that universities have observed as long as they have existed.

The University of Waterloo grew out of an older institution, Waterloo College. A still older one, the University of St. Jerome's College, soon became federated with it, and the College of Optometry of Ontario joined the family in 1967. Although all these institutions were newcomers compared with Oxford and Harvard and the Jagiellonian, the connection to the traditional role and style of a university remains clear.

Tradition underlies the proceedings of today's convocation, the continuity of this University with centuries of academic experience. Passion brings the proceedings to life, along with the enthusiasm with which the University recognizes new achievements and new ideas.

A CALLING TOGETHER

Students graduate at the end of a program of study, leading to a degree with a traditional name: Bachelor, Master, or Doctor. On this day, their families and friends celebrate their success and their transition from one status in life to another. Convocation has been, for the past nine hundred years, a meeting of the whole university community at which symbols are displayed, participants wear special attire to emphasize their official roles, and speakers share their wisdom and the values that the university seeks to teach. Convocation (the name comes from Latin, which was once the chief language of higher education) is a calling together of new graduates to receive the symbols of their accomplishments, and a calling together of the older members of the university to witness and join in the celebration.

CONNECTING WITH TRADITION

At Waterloo's first convocation in June 1960, the guest speaker was James J. Talman of the University of Western Ontario, who told the audience a little about the history of Waterloo County and its industry. “The greatest resource we still have is the minds of the people” Talman said, “And this resource still remains to be developed to its full potential. The people of the Grand Valley clearly appreciate this fact. As we see the success with which they developed the physical resources in the past we can only conclude that they will be just as successful in developing the intellectual resources of the future. The University of Waterloo can look forward to a brilliant and successful future.”
THE PROCESSION

The most impressive part of the ceremony may be the procession that begins it. The graduating students will come in first, and as they fill up the main body of the hall, they will give the impression that today’s ceremony really is, as convocation used to be, a ceremonial meeting of the whole University community.

After the graduating students have come in, the academic procession will begin. First to enter is the ceremonial Eagle Staff, a symbolic representation of the continuous presence of Indigenous peoples of these lands, carried in by an Eagle Staff carrier. Next, a selected faculty member will carry the mace, a traditional symbol of the University’s authority. Then faculty members enter, walking two by two, dressed in their academic finery.

The final party to arrive is the Chancellor’s party. The Chancellor is the ceremonial head of the University of Waterloo. The Chancellor presides over convocation ceremonies every June and October and awards all degrees, diplomas and certificates, including honorary degrees. The Chancellor offers an inspirational message for the graduands at these ceremonies.

THE MACE

The solid silver and ebony wand was given to the University in 1965 by the family of the late Stanley F. Leavine and was designed by Toronto artist Eric Aldwinckle and crafted by silversmith Harold Stacey to symbolize the University as it was at that time. It displays lions, chevrons, and the shield of the province of Ontario, from which the University holds its charter to grant degrees.

The symbolic theme of the mace is unity amid diversity, and tension in the creative intellectual process that strive to bring forth a new individual. The design of the mace interprets this theme in the idiom of the life process: from the seeds at the base of the stave the mace grows in unity and strength until it differentiates by a four-fold separation into diverse elements.
The four-fold diversity is significant because of the four faculties existing at the time the mace was presented to the University, as well of the four church-related colleges federated and affiliated with the University. These diverse elements together form a crown, and the point of the crown, while tending toward a union, do not quite touch. They remain as individuals suspended in tension and yet engaged in deep harmony. This creative process is focused not on the traditional spherical orb of static perfection but rather on an elliptical silver ovum – the egg-shaped symbol of creativity – the marvelous potential of a new individual life.

**THE COAT OF ARMS AND MOTTO**

The lions and chevrons also appear on the shield that is the University’s coat of arms and that is imprinted on the graduates’ diplomas. Derived from traditional heraldry, it has been used since 1961 and was registered with the Court of the Lord Lyon in 1987. The shield uses the official colours of gold, black and white, and its symbols refer to the University’s base in the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo. The unusual double chevrons were borrowed from the coat of arms of Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, and the red lions are like those on the coat of arms of the Duke of Wellington, victor at the 1815 Battle of Waterloo. The lions also reflect the tough and innovative spirit of the University’s founders and builders, and the black and white in the chevron are the colours of Prussia, reflecting the Germanic background of many Waterloo County settlers. Beneath the shield appears the University’s motto: Concordia cum veritate, “In harmony with truth.”

**DEGREES AND HONORARY DEGREES**

Presentations of earned and honorary degrees, and the speeches associated with them, take up most of the time at convocation. Undergraduate and graduate degrees are awarded in each of our six faculties: Arts, Engineering, Environment, Health, Mathematics and Science. Also included are students who attended our colleges, Conrad Grebel University College, Renison University College, St. Jerome’s University and United College.

In addition to “earned” degrees awarded to students who have met the requirements through years of effort, the University of Waterloo confers “honorary” degrees to individuals who have been designated by the Senate, the University’s academic governing body, as deserving special honour. They, too, receive hoods, lined with the colour of the faculty that nominated them or with specially designated colours for other kinds of achievement.

By tradition, public service is recognized with a Doctor of Laws degree even in a university that does not regularly teach law. The individuals receiving honorary degrees are introduced during the ceremony, and a brief citation is read to explain their various accomplishments deserving of recognition by a university. One of the honorands will address convocation after the degree has been given.
EAGLE STAFF

On September 22, 2022, the University of Waterloo held a Commitment Ceremony pledging action toward decolonization, Indigenization and reconciliation. Weaving in the knowledge, ways of knowing, and understandings of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples equips the Waterloo community, especially Waterloo graduates, with the tools and knowledge they need to create a better future for all. The commitment was formalized through a Pipe Ceremony, after which President and Vice-Chancellor, Vivek Goel, was given the name “Ogima” (meaning leader) and presented with gifts of an eagle feather and two Wampum belts. Our recommitment is formally acknowledged in a special ceremony each fall.

Building on the desire and responsibility to incorporate Indigenous perspectives, the University of Waterloo community came together for a ceremony on March 27, 2023, to welcome an Eagle Staff to the University.

An Eagle Staff is an important element of the Indigenous relationship to Earth and those that have protected it. It reflects the wisdom, strength and honour of those who carry it, representing different nations across Turtle Island. By welcoming the Eagle Staff, the University acknowledges the responsibility to recognize, accept and incorporate Indigenous perspectives in how we teach, govern and behave as an institution. The Eagle Staff is present at all ceremonies, celebrations and convocations.

The University of Waterloo honours and welcomes the Eagle Staff, a symbol of Indigenous strength, spirit and care. This signifies Waterloo’s commitment to incorporating First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives into the University’s governance, structure, and mission. It serves as a beacon of reconciliation on our shared path forward.

“The Eagle Staff serves as an important symbol and reminder of the commitment we made to reconciliation and serves as inspiration for our university community today and for future generations.”

Vivek Goel
President and Vice-Chancellor
Honorary Doctorates

An honorary degree (honoris causa) is the highest honour conferred by the University. Through the conferring of honorary degrees, the University of Waterloo seeks to recognize outstanding achievement, whether academic or through service to society.

**SHERYL KENNEDY**  
BES, MPA  
Doctor of Environmental Studies, *honoris causa*  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11 / MORNING CEREMONY

Sheryl Kennedy exemplifies leadership for societal impact. Working first as an urban and regional planner, then in the federal public service, she was appointed deputy governor of the Bank of Canada in 1994. A Women in Capital Markets Leadership Award winner, Kennedy was also honoured as a trailblazer and trendsetter, one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women. In 2009, as CEO, she established the Canadian affiliate of the global consulting firm, Promontory Financial Group. Kennedy has served on several boards, including the University of Waterloo Board of Governors, where she was the driving force behind enhancing investment fund portfolios and policies and chaired the Responsible Investing Advisory Group. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree from Waterloo, a master’s in public administration from Harvard, and studied financial markets at the London School of Economics.

**RICK HANSEN**  
CC, OBC  
Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Rick Hansen graduated from the University of British Columbia; he was the first person with a physical disability to graduate with a degree in physical education. He is best known as the “Man In Motion” for undertaking an epic 26-month, 40,000 km journey around the world in his wheelchair. Hanson is also a three-time world champion, nine-time Pan Am gold medalist, and six-time Paralympic medalist. He is the founder of the Rick Hansen Foundation, an organization committed to creating an inclusive world where people with disabilities are living to their full potential. The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) is the only program that rates, certifies and showcases accessible building based on their level of meaningful access for persons with mobility, vision and hearing disabilities. To date, more than 1,350 sites across Canada have been rated through the program.

**VINTON CERF**  
PhD  
Doctor of Mathematics, *honoris causa*  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 / MORNING CEREMONY

Dr. Vinton Cerf is widely credited as one of the “fathers of the internet”, having co-developed the original suite of TCP/IP protocols and the architecture of the internet. He also contributes to global policy development and currently works as chief internet evangelist at Google. Cerf has received numerous awards, including the Turing Award, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honour of the United States. He has also received numerous honorary degrees from universities including ETH Zürich and Yale University, and fellowships of learned societies in his field. Cerf received his bachelor’s degree from Stanford University, and his master’s and PhD degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles.
IAN STEWART  
MA, PhD  
Doctor of Mathematics, honoris causa  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 / EVENING CEREMONY

Dr. Ian Stewart received his PhD from the University of Warwick, where he is currently an Emeritus Professor in Mathematics. He divides his time equally between research into nonlinear dynamics and furthering public awareness of mathematics. In 1995, he received the Michael Faraday Medal for excellence in communicating science to U.K. audiences and in 1997 he gave the Royal Institution Christmas Lecture on The Magical Maze. He was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of London in 2001, and was the first recipient of the Christopher Zeeman Medal, awarded for his work on promoting mathematics.

SCOTT TREMAINE  
BSc, MA, PhD, DSc  
Doctor of Science, honoris causa  
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Dr. Scott Tremaine is an acclaimed Canadian astrophysicist, known for establishing the theory that supermassive black holes are at the core of galaxies. A graduate of McMaster University and Princeton University, he has held pivotal roles, including founding director of the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics and Chair of Astrophysics at Princeton University. Tremaine’s seminal textbook, Galactic Dynamics, is a cornerstone in astrophysics. His honours include fellowships in the Royal Society of Canada, the Royal Society of London, and the American Astronomical Society, reflecting his profound influence on the field.

BRADLEY J. REGEHR  
BA, LLB, KC  
Doctor of Letters, honoris causa  
THURSDAY, JUNE 13 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Bradley J. Regehr is a member of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. He earned his Honours BA in History from the University of Waterloo in 1993, and his LLB from the University of Manitoba in 1996. He was called to the Bar in 1997 and is presently a partner at Maurice Law, and King’s Counsel in the Province of Manitoba. Regehr has served as president of the Manitoba Bar Association, and president of the Canadian Bar Association, the first Indigenous lawyer to hold these offices. His work includes educating all Canadians about Indigenous issues and building cultural competency to address trauma.

CLAUDETTE MCGOWAN  
BA, MBA  
Doctor of Laws, honoris causa  
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 / MORNING CEREMONY

Claudette McGowan is a global IT leader, excelling in digital transformations, service enhancements and cyber security. She has driven innovation at Deloitte, the Metropolitan Police, BMO and TD Bank. At TD, she was the global executive officer for cyber security. She is now CEO of Protexxa and co-founder of The Firehood network for women in tech. McGowan holds a BA from Lakehead University and an MBA from Athabasca University. She has been named as one of the Top 50 Most Influential Torontonians by Toronto Life magazine and was featured in the Women’s Executive Network’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada.
DAVID CORNFIELD
BASc

and

LINDA ARCHER CORNFIELD
BS, MS
Doctor of Laws, honoris causa
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

David and Linda Archer Cornfield are passionate advocates for education who believe in supporting initiatives focused on finding solutions for global challenges. David, hailing from Toronto, holds a BASc in Systems Design Engineering from the University of Waterloo. Linda, a Cincinnati native, earned her BS in Applied Science from Miami University and an MS in Management from MIT Sloan School of Management. Following successful careers at Microsoft, they chose to pursue their shared interests of sailing, curling, travel, philanthropy and technology ventures. Dedicated environmentalists, the Cornfield’s work aims to find pragmatic, sustainable approaches to better stewardship of the earth.

BRUCE KUWABARA
BArch
Doctor of Laws, honoris causa
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 / EVENING CEREMONY

Bruce Kuwabara is one of Canada’s most outstanding architects, recipient of the RAIC Gold Medal and the OAA Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2012, he became an Officer of the Order of Canada. Born in Hamilton, he graduated from the University of Toronto. He is chair of the Board of Trustees for the Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal. A founding partner of KPMB Architects, he is the designer of Canada’s National Ballet School, the Canadian Museum of Nature, the TIFF Bell Lightbox, and many others across Canada and the United States. His influence is felt locally as the designer of Kitchener City Hall, the Balsilie School of International Affairs and the Grand Valley Institution for Women. He has taught at the Waterloo School of Architecture and has been generous in his support of its initiatives.
Distinguished Professors Emeriti

The Distinguished Professor Emeritus designation is made to faculty members who have had a distinguished record of service in teaching and research in the University. The honorary award is granted upon, or shortly after, retirement.

RHONA HANING
PhD, FDC, FCNS-SCN
Faculty of Health
TUESDAY, JUNE 11 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Dr. Rhona Hanning retired at the rank of professor from the School of Public Health Sciences. She is recognised for her significant impact on community-based participatory food and nutrition research with Indigenous communities, food and nutrition policy and program evaluation, and dietary assessment including development, application and evaluation of novel technologies. Hanning was appointed a Fellow of Dietitians of Canada, one of the highest honours of the profession. While at Waterloo, she served in governance roles including associate dean of the Faculty of Health. Her exemplary student mentorship was recognised with the University of Waterloo Award of Excellence in Graduate Supervision.

IAN MUNRO
BA, MSc, PhD
Faculty of Mathematics
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 / MORNING CEREMONY

Dr. Ian Munro is a world research leader in data structures and algorithms, most notably in highly space efficient data structures. He served as a faculty member in computer science at Waterloo for almost 52 years, including 21 years as Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Algorithm Design, and supervised 26 PhD students and more than 70 master’s students. Munro has authored over 250 research papers and has been recognized as Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Association for Computing Machinery. He is a recipient of the Canadian Association for Computer Science Lifetime Achievement Award and Pioneer of Computing in Canada and was given the designation University Professor by the University of Waterloo.

RON MCCARVILLE
BSc, Bed, MRec, PhD
Faculty of Health
TUESDAY, JUNE 11 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Dr. Ron McCarville earned his BSc, Bed and MRec from Acadia University, and a PhD from Texas A&M University. He joined the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies at the University of Waterloo in 1989 and was promoted to full professor in 2001. McCarville’s contributions are celebrated globally for his groundbreaking work in leisure marketing and service pricing. His expertise in strategic pricing and service quality garnered him international acclaim, culminating in his election to the Academy of Leisure Sciences. McCarville’s exceptional teaching earned him the Distinguished Teacher Award in 2003.

COLIN MACLEOD
BA, PhD, RSOC
Faculty of Arts
THURSDAY, JUNE 13 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Dr. Colin MacLeod retired in 2022 from the Department of Psychology after 19 years of service preceded by 25 years of service at the University of Toronto. MacLeod is recognized as one of the foremost experts in the world on the subject of attention, learning, and memory. His excellence in scholarship has been recognized in numerous ways including being an elected fellow of the Association for Psychological Science, the American Psychological Association, the Psychonomic Society, the Canadian Psychological Association, and the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science. In 2016, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.
Dr. Patricia O’Brien is one of the most highly regarded accounting scholars in Canada. Named Ernst & Young Professor of Accounting in 2004, she retired from the School of Accounting and Finance after 20 years of service. O’Brien is known worldwide for her research related to financial analysts as information intermediaries, a field she pioneered in the 1980s. Her notable publishing contributions include the co-authored textbook, *Financial Accounting Theory*, used internationally, and her role as editor-in-chief of *Contemporary Accounting Research*, a premier accounting journal. O’Brien was the first woman recipient of the prestigious Haim Falk Award for Distinguished Contribution to Accounting Thought by the Canadian Academic Accounting Association.

Dr. Alan Webb retired from the School of Accounting and Finance after 23 years of service. He is one of the most prolific and widely acknowledged scholars on motivating, assessing and rewarding employee performance through the management control system of an organization. His primary research examines behavioural consequences of system control elements such as targets, incentive schemes and the motivational effects of non-cash rewards. Webb has received the Lifetime Contribution to Management Accounting Award from the American Accounting Association’s Management Accounting Section, the L.S. Rosen Outstanding Educator Award from the Canadian Academic Accounting Association, and Waterloo’s Outstanding Performance Award in 2013 and 2011, along with numerous other research awards.

Dr. Christine Wiedman is a highly regarded and widely published accounting scholar and an expert in understanding how capital markets rely on accounting information. Wiedman has provided input and oversight into the activities of standard setters by serving on the Academic Advisory Council to the Accounting Standards Board from 2005 to 2017 and the Accounting Standards Oversight Council since 2017. In her 28-year career, she has received the distinction of Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ontario, the University of Waterloo’s Outstanding Performance Award in Teaching and Scholarship, and numerous other best-paper and teaching awards. In 2020, Wiedman was recognized with the L.S. Rosen Outstanding Educator Award.

Dr. Neil Thomson, professor of civil and environmental engineering at the University of Waterloo, has made important contributions to a diverse range of fields throughout his career. Formerly chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Dr. Thomson has expertise spanning more than 30 years in subsurface contaminant fate and remediation. As leader of the Soil and Groundwater Remediation Engineering Group, his work covers emerging technologies such as chemical oxidants and functional nanoparticles. Thomson has earned recognition including multiple outstanding performance awards and the Sir Sanford Fleming Teaching Excellence Award for commitment to the development and enrichment of engineering education at Waterloo.
Honorary Members of the University

The Honorary Member of the University designation is the highest honour a staff member can obtain at the University of Waterloo and is granted upon retirement. It recognizes the individual for outstanding service to the University as a whole, not limited to one department or faculty. For faculty members, it recognizes distinctive administrative service to the University.

JEAN ANDREY
BA, MSc, PhD
Faculty of Environment
TUESDAY, JUNE 11 / MORNING CEREMONY

Dr. Jean Andrey, professor emeritus and former dean of the Faculty of Environment, left an indelible mark on Waterloo and beyond, as a scholar, administrator and champion for sustainability. Following completion of her PhD, Andrey joined the Department of Geography and Environmental Management as an assistant professor, rising through the ranks to full professor in 2009. A dedicated educator, scholar and colleague, Andrey had an excellent record of teaching, supervision, publication and service both at Waterloo and to her discipline. During her tenure as dean, Andrey was integral to launching and advancing Waterloo’s sustainability strategy and policy and establishing SDSN Canada to co-ordinate the post-secondary sector’s implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

TINA ROBERTS
BSc
Faculty of Health
TUESDAY, JUNE 11 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Tina graduated in 1980 from Health Studies at Waterloo and began her career as a liaison officer and academic advisor in the Faculty of Health (Applied Health Sciences at that time). With the encouragement of her dean, she was one of the first on campus to learn about marketing post-secondary institutions. She attended industry conferences to learn the principles of marketing higher education from experts who had acquired experience at institutions in the United States. Tina worked in the Faculty, overseeing liaison, marketing, recruitment and communications until 1997 when she became the inaugural director of Marketing and Undergraduate Recruitment centrally for the University.

MARGARET BURNETT
MSc
Faculty of Health
TUESDAY, JUNE 11 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Margaret Burnett has a BSc and MSc in Kinesiology from the University of Waterloo. Her career at Waterloo began in 1981 as a research assistant in Dr. Howie Green’s muscle physiology laboratory. In 1982, she became the biochemistry lab manager before being hired by the Department of Kinesiology to be the lab and admin co-ordinator in 1999. Burnett then became the first administrative officer for the Department of Kinesiology and Health Sciences, a position she held until her retirement in 2023, marking an impressive 40-year career at the University of Waterloo.
Lawrence Folland joined the University of Waterloo’s nascent Computer Science Computing Facility (CSCF) in 2003, after previously working as a technology specialist in the software industry. He oversaw the formation and evolution of CSCF’s outstanding research computing support group which he led until his retirement in 2022. He also served as the president of the University of Waterloo Staff Association from 2019 to 2020, and ensured operational continuity during the lockdowns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Folland also distinguished himself as a tireless Waterloo community volunteer. He co-founded the University of Waterloo Computer Museum and remains committed to this initiative, which will serve as a focal point for community outreach and public relations.

Murray Zink recently retired after more than 15 years of service as an instructional support co-ordinator at the University of Waterloo. He earned his BASc and MASc in Mechanical Engineering at Waterloo before going on to complete a BEd at Brock University. From collaborating with campus initiatives to diverting thousands of pounds of waste, Zink has cultivated a campus-wide ethos of repair and resourcefulness. He is the driving force behind 4RepairKW, a grassroots movement fostering repair culture in Kitchener-Waterloo. Zink’s passion for repairing comes from early experiences fixing machinery on his family’s farm.

Donna Sutherland joined the University of Waterloo in 1982 serving in the Distance Education Office. Over the next 38 years she also served in the Registrar’s Office as well as the faculties of Health and Arts. Sutherland’s career culminated with close to 20 years as the administrative officer for the School of Accounting and Finance. She served admirably during a period of significant growth in programs, staff and faculty, and her impact continues as staff she mentored serve across campus. Delaying her retirement to help navigate the pandemic, Sutherland retired in 2020 after multiple decades of exemplary service to the University.

David Kibble has played a central role in the evolution of information technology at the University of Waterloo. After earning his BASc in Chemical Engineering in 1983 from Waterloo, he joined the university as a programmer and analyst. Through various roles, including director of information systems and later strategic consultant, Kibble spearheaded transformative initiatives, including the University’s Data as a Strategic Resource program. His leadership helped usher in pioneering systems like Quest and WatIAM. His dedication extended to mentoring, committee service, and sharing expertise across disciplines.
YVONNE STEVENS
BSc, MSc
Faculty of Science
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 / MORNING CEREMONY

Yvonne Stevens graduated from the University of Waterloo with a BSc in 1995 and an MSc in 1998 and attributes her graduate research in molecular plant biology for sparking her passion for molecular methods in manipulating DNA, and the wealth of possibilities such research could unleash. Stevens went on to research HIV treatments at the University of Washington’s Primate Research Centre before joining InBios International, specializing in FDA-approved diagnostic kits for infectious diseases like West Nile and Dengue Fever. After 10 years, she transitioned to quality control at Juno Therapeutics (later acquired by Bristol-Myer Squibb) and played a key role in immunotherapy advancements. Currently, Stevens is the director of quality control at Lyell Immunopharma in Seattle, a clinical-stage T-cell reprogramming company advancing cell therapies for patients with solid tumors.
Valedictorians

Emma Schuster
Faculty of Environment
TUESDAY, JUNE 11 / MORNING CEREMONY

Kathleen Szajbely
Faculty of Health
TUESDAY, JUNE 11 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Hanwen (Wendy) Zhang
Faculty of Mathematics
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 / MORNING CEREMONY

Akam Pabla
Faculty of Mathematics
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Ahmed Ehab Khalil
Faculty of Arts
THURSDAY, JUNE 13 / MORNING CEREMONY

Lowenna Olowo Barungi
Faculty of Arts
THURSDAY, JUNE 13 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Natasha J. Chen
Faculty of Arts
THURSDAY, JUNE 13 / EVENING CEREMONY

Justen Wilmot
Faculty of Science
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 / MORNING CEREMONY

Olla Mohamad Ahmed Obied
Faculty of Science
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Shahed Saleh
Faculty of Engineering
FRIDAY, JUNE 14 / EVENING CEREMONY

Karim Al-Atrash
Faculty of Engineering
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 / MORNING CEREMONY

Matthew Kee
Faculty of Engineering
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 / AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Dominic Nguyen
Faculty of Engineering
SATURDAY, JUNE 15 / EVENING CEREMONY
Graduate Degrees

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Alexander, R.** (Recreation and Leisure Studies)
"Unbearable Fruits"

**Carlan, Nicolette** (Health Studies and Gerontology – Work and Health)
"Occupational Health Research in Workplaces Transitioning from Modernity to Post-Modernity"

**Chambers, Paige Jilleia** (Kinesiology)
"The Role of Sarcolipin in Muscle Adaptation with Aging"

**Egbujie, Bonaventure Amandi** (Health Studies and Gerontology – Aging, Health and Well-Being)
"Understanding Longitudinal Changes in the Performance of Activities of Daily Living in Long-Term Care Settings: Trajectories, Transition Patterns, Predictors and Associated Health Outcomes"

**Fearon, Daniellie Olivia** (Public Health Sciences)
"Examining the Connection: Traumatic Life Events, Substance Use, and Service Utilization Among Persons Admitted to Inpatient Psychiatry in Ontario"

**Hashemi, Ashkan** (Kinesiology)
"Characterizing a Novel Enzyme Involved in Cardiolipin Remodelling"

**Herrera Valeria, Maria Cristina** (Kinesiology)
"Multifaceted Approaches to Enhancing Shoulder Health in Breast Cancer Patients Undergoing Radiation Therapy: Quantification of Treatment Effects and Rib Fracture Prediction Assessment"

**Hurst, Christine Elizabeth** (Recreation and Leisure Studies)
"Becoming- With More- Than- Human Protected Areas"

**Juracic, Emma Sara** (Kinesiology)
"Characterizing the Roles of Myoregulin and Dwarf Open Reading Frame in Regulating Calcium Homeostasis in Muscle"

**Khajeei, Dahlia** (Public Health and Health Systems)
"The Maternal Health Literacy of South Asian Newcomer Mothers and Canadian- Born Mothers"

**Luther, Alexander William Michael** (Public Health Sciences)
"Identifying Patterns of Delinquency and Victimization and Their Associations With Mental Disorders: A Population-Based Investigation Among Ontario Children"

**Norman, Kathleen Jane** (Public Health Sciences)
"Widening the View: A Standardized Approach to Capturing Family Members’ Perspectives on Quality of Life in Long-Term Care"

**Richards, Nicole Karen** (Public Health and Health Systems)
"University Students’ Gynecology Care Experiences in the US and Canada: Implications for Equitable Access to Person-Centered Care"

**Saqqib, Kiran** (Public Health Sciences)
"COVID-19, Mental Health, and Chronic Illnesses: A Syndemic Perspective"

**Stinson, Michela Janelle** (Recreation and Leisure Studies)
"The Ordinary Niagara Falls"

**Tsao, Shu-Feng** (Public Health Sciences)
"So Me I L: A Social Media Infodemic Listening for Public Health Behaviours Conceptual Framework"

**MASTER OF ARTS**

**Afable, Mary Anne** (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

**Gatchene, Michael Cavell** (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

**Tewari, Aradhana** (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

**MASTER OF HEALTH EVALUATION**

**Bakker, Jiselle**

**Bhela, Gurneet Kaur**

**Bolesa, Karen**

**Cameron, Gabrielle Shahar Mottola**

**DeBenedet, Connie Sue**

**English, Kristen**

**Ghirmay, Raheal**

**Liao, Min**

**Morgan, Gillian Rose**

**Prodan, Andreea**

**Reitzel, Kelly Anne**

**Tung, Judy**

**Wu, Manqing**

**Yilmaz, Shirin**

**Abdalia, Mohamed**

**Antony, Amandah Marini**

**Arrotta, Nicholas Peter**

**Babiardz, Brandon Kwan**

**Ben- Yakov, Maxim**

**Bhalla, Akila**

**Chan, Selig**

**Duffett, Stephen Alexander Leslie**

**Gruener, Maxine Marie**

**Hernandez Celia, Paulina**

**Huang, Chen Wei**

**Kharab, Seema**

**Kim, Daniel Hwan**

**Maniuk, Tetyana**

**McRae – Pharo, Adrienne**

**Mensah, Angela**

**Milton, Raymond**

**Nannu, Jason**

**Nash, Dallas Lee**

**Nguyen, Annie-Kim**

**Parameswaran, Majury**

**Pillainayagam, Patrick**

**Raufdeen, Fasna Rinow**

**Sandhu, Muneeet**

**Sharma, Sarvesh**

**Shivakumar, Anjali**

**Tajirian, Tania**

**Williams, Anita**

**Xiang, Yin Shuang**

**Yip, Erica**

**Andrews, Douglas William** (Public Health Sciences)

**Bosse-Olivier, Carley** (Kinesiology)

**Brahmbhatt, Aditya Nirav** (Kinesiology)

**Chang, Jou Chung** (Kinesiology)

**Chen, Melvin Chih-Shing** (Public Health Sciences)

**Delamere, Megan Louise** (Public Health Sciences)

**Dolman, Kayla Emily** (Kinesiology)

**El-Abbar, Nada Jalal** (Public Health Sciences)

**Fok, Donna Jane** (Kinesiology)

**France, Charlene** (Public Health Sciences)

**Gibson, Sandra Christine** (Public Health Sciences)

**Goar, Megan Holly** (Kinesiology)

**Kurt, Jacklyn Pauline Stephanie** (Kinesiology)
Lo, Megan Madeleine (Kinesiology)
Lundenberg, Lucie Rosalee (Public Health Sciences)
Peckett, Kimberly Helene (Kinesiology)
Shade, Mikail Kristopher (Kinesiology)
Shibayama, Takuya (Public Health Sciences)
Simpson, Ashlyn Kayley (Public Health Sciences)
Stevens, Kailey Arden (Kinesiology)
Subbiah, Krithika (Public Health Sciences)
Surdi, Julian Christian (Kinesiology)

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
Crandall, Meghan Alicia
Montebello, Tanya
North, Rebekah Corinne

GRADUATE DIPLOMA
Andrews, Douglas William (Cognitive Science)

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
Ariai, Sarah (University Teaching)
Hock, Karen Rose (University Teaching)
Hutchinson, Joy Miranda (University Teaching)
Tsao, Shu-Feng (University Teaching)
## Undergraduate Degrees

### Bachelor of Arts

#### Honours Recreation and Leisure Studies

- **Boak, Sayward Dawn** (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program)
  - [†]
- **Brent, Joshua Cyril** (Management Studies Minor – Co-operative Program)
  - [†]
- **Deacon, Rachel Diane** (Event Management Minor) [⁎]
- **Diebold, Sophia Elizabeth Kopp** (Event Management Minor, Theatre and Performance Minor – Co-operative Program)
  - [†]
- **Dmitrovic, Aleksandar** (Event Management Minor) [⁎]
- **Enriquez, Adeline Isabel** (Event Management Minor) [†]
- **Giannone, Sophia N.a** (Event Management Minor) [⁎]
- **Giannone, Sophia N.a** (Event Management Minor) [⁎]
- **Gohl, Dayne Edwin Robert** (Tourism Minor, Geography and Environmental Management Minor) [†]
- **Hinck, Brieana Kadee** (Tourism Minor, Leisure Studies & Joint Honours)
  - [†]
- **Howlett, Kayla Elizabeth** (Event Management Minor)
  - [†]
- **Illes, Jackson Richard** (Event Management Minor)
- **Jeyanth, Vinny Vinod** (Event Management Minor)
- **Kean, Tyler James** (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program)
- **Maguire, Devon James** (Event Management Minor)
- **Mark, Zachary David** (Event Management Minor)
- **Marto, Justin Riley** (Human Resources Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [⁎]
- **McNeill, Ryan David** (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [⁎]
- **McVicar, Darcy Jean** (Human Resources Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [⁎]
- **Mehjhee, Musabbiha** (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [†]
- **Nimji, Khaiiliaq**
- **Oriowo, Akinolubajo Olanrewaju Zian** (Event Management Minor)
- **Oisinga, Chase Alexander** (Event Management Minor) [⁎]
- **Roque, Mateo** (Event Management Minor)
- **Sahota, Gurkarn** (Human Resources Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [⁎]
- **Sargeson, Justin James** (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [⁎]
- **Schwartz, Steven** (Event Management Minor)
- **Sharma, Megha** (Event Management Minor)
- **Skolud, Robert John** (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [†]
- **Soo, Anson** (Co-operative Program)
- **Sukhu, Marianna** (Legal Studies Minor – Co-operative Program)
- **Symons, Bryan Alexander** (Event Management Minor) [†]
- **Tipping, Miles Alexander**
- **Tipping, Hannah Eileen** (Event Management Minor)

#### Honours Recreation and Sport Business

- **Andrew, Ethan** (Event Management Minor, Communication Studies Minor) [†]
- **Armes, Jack William**
- **Baseggio, Alexander Duncan**
- **Battaglia, Benjamin Joseph** [⁎]
- **Belmore, Tyler Jon Clifford**
- **Boctor, Nathan Steven** (Event Management Minor) [†]
- **Bone, Dallas Owen**
- **Brown, Dylan Allan Forbes** (Recreation and Sport Business & Honours Tourism Development)
- **Burke, Benjamin Scott** (Tourism Minor, Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [†]
- **Burnard, Mitchell Charles** (Event Management Minor) [†]
- **Calipa, Fiorella Maria** (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [†]
- **Campbell, Chase Jack** (Event Management Minor, Communication Studies Minor) [†]
- **Cheng, Alva Ho Yin** [⁎]
- **Chung, Paul Hyung-Uk** (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program) [†]
- **Cortes, Angela China** (Recreation and Sport Business & Honours Tourism Development)
- **Diebold, Sophia Elizabeth Kopp** (Event Management Minor, Theatre and Performance Minor – Co-operative Program) [†]
- **Dmitrovic, Aleksandar** (Event Management Minor) [⁎]
- **Enriquez, Adeline Isabel** (Event Management Minor) [†]
- **Giannone, Sophia N.a** (Event Management Minor)
- **Howlett, Kayla Elizabeth** (Co-operative Program)

### Additional Information

- [⁎] – Distinction
- [†] – Dean’s Honours
Todorovic, Jovan (Event Management Minor)
Toews, Nathan Douglas (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program)
Tse, Dominic (Human Resources Management Minor – Co-operative Program)
Ulman, Paulina Claudia (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program)
Wilson, Alaiyah Derica (Event Management Minor)
Wilson, Erin Dorothy (Psychology Minor)

† – Dean's Honours
* – Distinction

HONOURS TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
Cheung, Jenny
Kozack, Hannah Lynn (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program)
McIachlan, Emma Ann (Co-operative Program)
Toro Reyes, Gabriela Alejandra (Co-operative Program)
Xu, Jiayu (Event Management Minor)

BACHELOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HONOURS PROGRAM
Abdalla, Rowda Abdul rash (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Ali, Sahar (Psychology Minor)
Allen, Grace Lindsay (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program)
Azhar, Arshman Binte (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program)
Bala, Arthi (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program)
Butt, Maria Karim (Co-operative Program)
Cao, Xi Ge (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Chang, Ju-Yu (Human Resources Management Minor)
Chau, Kathy (Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program)
Chen, Le Tong (Health Research Specialization – Legal Studies Minor – Co-operative Program)
Choonilall, Rachel Divya (Psychology Minor)
Coady, Isabella Ruth
Collard, Melissa (Aging Studies Option – Biology Minor)
Cummings, Evan David (Health Research Specialization/Aging Studies Option)
De Silva, Desiree Imara (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program)
Ellis, Aisley Joy Michener (Aging Studies Option – Human Resources Management Minor – Co-operative Program)
Esmaeizadeh Melli, Natasha Farhana, Farhana
Fateh, Melika (Aging Studies Option)

Fletcher, Kalysta Celeste
Fin dall, Leila Katherine (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program)
Gao, Annie (Health Informatics Option – Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Giuggio, Christina Sarah
Hung, Chung Kei (Co-operative Program)
Jackson, Drew Adrian (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor)
Janagan, Sneca (Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program)
Kaliff-Duschenes, Magda Anna (Aging Studies Option – Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program)
Kandola, Harman Kaur
Kim, Juliana Michelle (Health Informatics Option – Co-operative Program)
Kovacs, Andrea (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Lam, Estephanie Joy
Lo, Tiffany (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program)
McPhail, Jenna Elizabeth (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Moody, Sienna Bronwyn (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor)
Mulira, Dasha Kooga
Mwakijeje, Grace Jonathan (Sociology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Nairen, Chaylan Zhanee (Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program)
Neustaedter, Kaitlyn Anna (Aging Studies Option – Psychology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Noel, Nahomi (Aging Studies Option – Human Resources Management Minor – Co-operative Program)
Nona, Niva (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor)
Parks, Reese Gervais (Health Research Specialization – Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor)
Pulendran, Vibisha (Aging Studies Option)
Quiamboo, Janine Cassandra (Co-operative Program)
Radovini, Sierra Marissa (Health Research Specialization – Biology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Rampal, Anya (Aging Studies Option – International Studies Minor) †
Ravi, Akshaya (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Sabetli, Chiara Faith *
Shati, Barii
Shakeel, Muhammed Nauman (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Co-operative Program) †
Sinnott, Mikayla Rachel Ao-Xue (Legai Studies Minor) †
Sivakumar, Guhan †
Sivakumar, Vaishnavi †
Surahyo, Maham (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Tawa, Noora Mohammed Ali *
Tewelde, Tihut (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Thiessen, Claire Danielle Adema (Co-operative Program) †
Thomson, Sophie Nuala (Co-operative Program)
Todorovic, Jovana †
Trikha, Esha (Co-operative Program) *
Tuzinde, Cecilia (Human Resources Management Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Vassel, Marniesa Monet (Health Research Specialization – Geography and Environmental Management Minor) *
Vaughan, Eryn Kelly

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**GENERAL KINESIOLOGY PROGRAM – FOUR YEAR**
Grewal, Ramandeep Kaur
Jouk, Zoriana Ivanna
Sidhu, Roopneet

**HONOURS HEALTH SCIENCES**
Ahmad, Faiz (Health Research Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program)
Ahmed, Raabia (Co-operative Program) †
Ahmed, Radwan Guled *
Alwayn, Julia Miriam Catharina †
Alzoubi, Tala (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Co-operative Program) *
Athwa, Hammad (Pre-Clinical Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Biology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Bell, Lauren Elizabeth (Psychology Minor) *
Butt, Abdullah Zafar (Co-operative Program) †
Caron, Emily Noelle (Psychology Minor)
Carr, Hannah Rosemary (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Medical Physiology Minor) †
Charles-Obazee, Ona (Co-operative Program) †
Dao, Sandy (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
David, Keziah (Gerontology Minor) *
Deng, Wenjia †
Diploma, Hanna Gorembalem (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Doad, Nina (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Medical Physiology Minor) †
Dua, Kaavya Manish (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Co-operative Program) *
Dusanj, Prabneet Kaur
Dyck, Megan Amanda (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Biology Minor) *
Edwards, Thianna Falth (Health Research Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †
Fernandes, Ashley Francis (Health Research Specialization – Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Gill, Shikha Kaur (Medical Physiology Minor) *
Greene, Ciandra Ilena (Health Research Specialization/Aging Studies Option) *
Gupta, Raghav †
Haidar, Dana (Co-operative Program) *
Hui, Vanessa Ka Yin †
Hussain, Aisha (Co-operative Program) †
Ilic, Anja (Medical Physiology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Labib, Jonya Medhat (Pre-Clinical Specialization) †
Lalchandani, Lakshya (Co-operative Program) †
Lin, Joey (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Co-operative Program) †
Liu, Anna Jin Feng (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Gerontology Minor, Legal Studies Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Lu, Brandon (Co-operative Program) †
Mac, Christina Truc Thao (Health Research Specialization – Co-operative Program) †
Mahmood, Maghfoor Ahmad (Pre-Clinical Specialization) †
Malik, Krishna Mohnish (Health Research Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †
Malik, Maya
Mark, Melanie Ching Fun (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Masood, Abbera (Pre-Clinical Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †
Maskoor, Shataq (Pre-Clinical Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †
Masud, Arub (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
McCalla, Kayla Amanda (Health Research Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Mckinnon, Megan Jane †
Milošević, Nataša *
Muneer, Zainab Saqib *
Mylvaganam, Harishanth (Health Sciences & Joint Honours Psychology – Research Intensive Specialization & Pre-Clinical Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †
Noel, Karyll Arton Alterado (Co-operative Program) *
Oshan, Sukhmeet Kaur (Co-operative Program) *
Parthipan, Meera Sai (Health Research Specialization) *
Patel, Kajal (Co-operative Program) †
Petcott, Paige Elizabeth (Psychology Minor) †
Rabel, Kavini Nuthara (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Co-operative Program) †
Raheemi, Ziba *
Riaz, Samar (Health Research Specialization – Co-operative Program) †
Ronald, Swetha Bernadette *
Rutledge, Emily Anne (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Sanfilippo, Daniella *
Shabbir, Humd (Aging Studies Option – Pre-Clinical Specialization) †
Shaffi, Barii
Sabetti, Chiara Faith *
Shahid, Sarah (Health Sciences & Joint Honours Psychology) †
Sharma, Sushant †
Shen, Claire (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Psychology Minor, Biology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Singh, Sukriti (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor, Psychology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Smith, Taylor Léane Vianney (Co-operative Program) †
Soleymani, Seydeh Anahita (Pre-Clinical Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †
Sperling, Kaitlyn Rose (Human Nutrition Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Szajbely, Kathleen Amanda (Pre-Clinical Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Tao, Nicholas (Pre-Clinical Specialization) †
Tsang, Anthony
Turner, Julia Sky *
Walia, Gurnoor Kaur (Health Research Specialization – Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Wang, Elizabeth Liu (Gerontology Minor) †
Xie, Chen (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Yang, Jiangyu (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Yousef, Lojane †
Zaheer, Aida (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Co-operative Program) †
Zeng, Shaoyang (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Zhou, Ming Xian *

HONOURS HEALTH STUDIES
Abeywickrama, Kavishka Dakshini (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) *
Ahad, Abdul †
Ahmed, Danial Ansar †
Arlit, Maryam (Aging Studies Option – Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Assigbev, Emelia Kafui (Event Management Minor – Co-operative Program) *
Bains, Kranpreet Singh
Banjo, Oluwasemilore Joel
Beamish, Abigailie Catherine (Chemistry Minor) †
Berisha, Zana †
Bista, Gaganpreet Kaur (Aging Studies Option) †
Butt, Abu Bakar (Health Research Specialization) †
Chopra, Garima
DeSouza, Rochelle Naomi (Co-operative Program) †
Dinh, Francine Tram
Ebrahimzadeh, Cyrus (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor) *
El-Awour, Dana Suead (Gerontology Minor, French Minor) *
Folz, Elora Rose (Co-operative Program) †
Ganem-Mohamed, Sara (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Grant, Trinity Joyce Brock (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Biology Minor) †
Grewal, Angadpreet Singh †
Hall, Paige Ila May (Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †
Halley, Olivia Ellen (Psychology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Heaney, Emma Claire (Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †
Ishfaq, Muhammad Haris †
Jalili, Alin (Gerontology Minor, Psychology Minor)
Jedrusik, Natalia Maria *
Karpik, Philip Oliver (Co-operative Program) *
Kennedy, Samantha Katherine Fox (Co-operative Program) †
Khanal, Luna (Classical Studies Minor) *
Kulkarni, Rugved (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) *
Lazaga, Janine Kyla (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Lebowitz, Danielle Golda (Co-operative Program) †
Lee, Brigitte Wing Yi (Health Research Specialization/Health Informatics Option & Aging Studies Option – Computing Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Lee, Un Gamsa (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Marsh, Jayme Lynn *
Martin, Anna Lillian (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Mateo, Angela Flor Adriano (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Melo-Da Silva, Siena Rose (Psychology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Minhas, Rohit Singh (Aging Studies Option)
Mohamed, Ayan Yusuf (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) *
Morton Ninomiya, Maya (Co-operative Program) †
Motala, Uzma (Aging Studies Option) *
Muze, Kaitlin Joy (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Nakatsu, Gwendolyn Ann
Nijjer, Simran (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor – Co-operative Program)
Noweir, Mahmoud (Co-operative Program)
Oyinloye, Testimony Temiloluwa (Pre-Clinical Specialization/Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †
Perera, Kodikara Arachchige Anne Shehara (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Pollinzi, Ava (Pre-Clinical Specialization – Biology Minor – Co-operative Program) *
Rajeswaran, Kobisha (Addictions, Mental Health and Policy Minor, Human Resources Management Minor – Co-operative Program) †
Rakesh, Nethra (Co-operative Program) *
Reid, Jovan Samuel
Romano, Vanessa Andrea (Co-operative Program) *
Sahota, Avreen (Gerontology Minor)
Sargun, Sargun (Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) *
Schnarr, Mikayla Grace (Aging Studies Option – Psychology Minor) †
Seebaransingh, Rajiv Varma (Co-operative Program)
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Patel, Jheeil Chirag (Co-operative Program)
Peters, Daniele †
Phillips, Benjamin Gordon (Co-operative Program) *
Pham, Wendy Yen Nhi (Medical Physiology Minor – Co-operative Program) *
Pimpao, Mariah Vittoria †
Qazi, Muhammad Bilal (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization – Co-operative Program)
Qureshi, Jibran
Rajeswaran, Bhiraamy (Co-operative Program)
Ratac, Jasmine (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization – Co-operative Program) *
Reari, Brianna (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization – Medical Physiology Minor) *
Reynolds, Dwight Bruce (Co-operative Program)
Roberts, Jake Kevin Clee (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization – Co-operative Program) *
Ryan, Chloe Elizabeth (Medical Physiology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Serwatka, Christopher *
Shen, Leann Fangling (Co-operative Program) †
Sheth, Yashica Jitesh (Co-operative Program) †
Siddiqui, Junaid Tariq (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization – Co-operative Program) *
Smart, Jalyn Taylor (Biology Minor) †
So, Ava Sue-Ying (Co-operative Program)
Sole, Rebecca Tiana †
Stam, Kevin Liam (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization)
Sullivan, Riley Sordet (Co-operative Program) †
Tam, Pui Ying (Co-operative Program) †
Thayalan, Takshayini (Co-operative Program)
Thayani, Aalim Aslam (Medical Physiology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Thompson, Claire Suzanne *
To, Olympia Siu Mun (Co-operative Program) *
Travis, Paul Jordan (Co-operative Program)
Tsang, Josiah †
Uy, Jenelle Arianne Agoncillo (Aging Studies Option – Co-operative Program) †

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Valentin, Scott David
Van Der Spek, Kayla Tia (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization)
Varghese, Austin (Co-operative Program)
Vaughn, Violet Maurya (Co-operative Program)
Vautour, Astrid Alana
Veroude, Matthew Gregory (Co-operative Program)
Vi, Tyler (Co-operative Program)
Vuong, Vinye (Co-operative Program)
Wassell, Kayla Judith (Co-operative Program)
Will, Boston David Wayne (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization – Co-operative Program)
Wissmach, Kaiym Steven (Psychology Minor – Co-operative Program)
Wong, Chak Hong Anson (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization)
Yoo, Minhyeok (Co-operative Program)
Zaki, Youssef (Co-operative Program)
Zhang, Cheryl Holly (Co-operative Program)
Zhang, William (Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization – Co-operative Program)

DIPLOMA IN CREATIVE WRITING
Charles-Obazei, Orna

DIPLOMA IN FRENCH LANGUAGE I
Atcha, Hammad

DIPLOMA IN FRENCH LANGUAGE II
Kim, Juliana Michelle
Mateo, Angela Flor Adriano

DIPLOMA IN GERONTOLOGY
DeSouza, Rochelle Naomi
Dua, Kaavya Manish
Fletcher, Kalysta Celeste
Lebowitz, Danielle Golda
Mac, Christina Truc Thao
Nijjer, Simran
Vaughan, Eryn Kelly

DIPLOMA IN KOREAN LANGUAGE I
Tsang, Anthony

DIPLOMA IN SUSTAINABILITY
Phibbs, Jack

CERTIFICATE IN CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION IN RESEARCH
Butt, Abdullah Zafar
Edwards, Thianna Faith
Martin, Anna Lillian
Rutledge, Emily Anne
Zaheer, Aida

CERTIFICATE IN EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
Muneer, Zainab Sajid
Petcoff, Paige Elizabeth
Raheemi, Ziba
Ronald, Swetha Bernadette

CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL EXPERIENCE
Morrison, Chloe Louise
Rampal, Anya
Uy, Jenelle Arianne Agoncillo

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Outstanding Achievements

MEDALS AND AWARDS

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC GOLD MEDAL
Highest standing in a Doctoral program
Emma Sara Juracic

UNIVERSITY FINALIST FOR THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S GOLD MEDAL
Master's
Chloe Eve McLeod (Fall 2023)

THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Highest standing in an undergraduate degree program
Claudia Rose Baxter Heeney

THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO ALUMNI GOLD MEDAL
Outstanding academic achievement
Simon Weber Friesen

DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS
Distinguished academic achievement
Kinesiology and Health Sciences – Claudia Rose Baxter Heeney
Recreation and Leisure Studies – Nathan Steven Boctor
School of Public Health and Health Systems – Kaitlin Joy Muzio
Waterloo brings home the gold

Alumni Gold Medal recipients share in the pursuit of discovery, so we created a lasting symbol to honour their achievements.

Since 1970, Alumni Gold Medals have graced the convocation gowns of our top undergraduate and graduate students. The Royal Canadian Mint produced these medals in the past – but in the true spirit of Waterloo, we’ve decided to make them ourselves.

Carefully crafted on campus in state-of-the-art labs, each medal is created out of nickel superalloy using a 3D printer. The surface is finished by hand to produce a brilliant shine. Through the process of electroplating, the medal is then coated in 24-carat gold. The result is a tribute to Waterloo’s most accomplished graduates, made for each proud recipient by members of the University community.

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YOU HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE, AND EVEN MORE TO ANTICIPATE IN YOUR FUTURE AS UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO ALUMNI.
Our tradition of regalia

THE GOWN

At the University of Waterloo, as at most universities, academic robes are worn only on these special occasions. In the Middle Ages, robes were everyday clothing, and some students were so poor they had nothing else to wear. The black wrapper now called a “gown” served them as jacket, coat and sometimes bedclothes. Stone college buildings of the Middle Ages were unheated and the colourful “hood” could be pulled up to help keep out the cold wind. Today, the officers of the University, faculty members and graduating students all wear garments that are symbolic, not functional.

The scholars and students in long-ago universities were generally monks and other members of church orders. Over time, their vestments came to identify their universities. There are many variations, and the exact hood, gown or hat worn by an individual are determined by the university where they qualified. The array of colours and styles demonstrates the worldwide range of universities from which Waterloo’s faculty have come.

THE HOOD

Hoods are unique in design and colour to each degree and each university. The academic dress chosen for Waterloo is patterned after that of Oxford, the world’s oldest English-speaking university. The chief officers on the convocation platform – the Chancellor (the ceremonial head of the University) and the President (who is also Vice-Chancellor) – wear gowns of the Oxford cut and trim, each with its own distinctive colour. The gowns worn by recipients of honorary degrees have the same design, as do the black gowns worn by candidates for regular degrees, and the red-and-green gowns which are Waterloo’s regalia for Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

The ritual at convocation reflects the old custom that anyone in a university could wear a gown, but a hood was the symbol for a degree.
Academic Dress

**BACHELOR’S**
- Bachelor of Accounting and Financial Management
- Bachelor of Applied Science
- Bachelor of Architectural Studies
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Computer Science
- Bachelor of Computing and Financial Management
- Bachelor of Environmental Studies
- Bachelor of Global Business and Digital Arts
- Bachelor of Knowledge Integration
- Bachelor of Mathematics
- Bachelor of Public Health
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Software Engineering

**PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE**
- Doctor of Optometry
- Doctor of Pharmacy

**MASTER’S**
- Master of Accounting
- Master of Actuarial Science
- Master of Applied Science
- Master of Architecture
- Master of Arts
- Master of Business, Entrepreneurship, and Technology
- Master of Catholic Thought
- Master of Climate Change
- Master of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
- Master of Development Practice
- Master of Digital Experience Innovation
- Master of Economic Development and Innovation
- Master of Engineering
- Master of Environment and Business
- Master of Environmental Studies
- Master of Fine Arts
- Master of Health Evaluation
- Master of Health Informatics
- Master of Kinesiology
- Master of Management Sciences
- Master of Mathematics
- Master of Mathematics for Teachers
- Master of Peace and Conflict Studies
- Master of Planning
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Public Service
- Master of Quantitative Finance
- Master of Science
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Taxation
- Master of Theological Studies

**DOCTORAL**
- Doctor of Philosophy
- Doctor of Divinity
- Doctor of Engineering
- Doctor of Environmental Studies
- Doctor of Laws
- Doctor of Letters
- Doctor of Mathematics
- Doctor of Science

**HONORARY DOCTORATE**