



A special message to our SERS Grads....



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To the 2020 graduating class:



You've made a wonderful contribution to this world already; even in the darkest of times now, your light and dedication will remake the world into a better place.

Steve Murphy

Congratulations SERS UGs in the Class of 2020!



This is a very interesting time, but YOU have a lot to celebrate! Please accept my heartfelt best wishes for your future, and please be sure to drop me a line telling me how things are unfolding for you! I am ready for the success stories! Happy trails!

Patti Bester

Congrats Graduating Class of 2020!



If it wasn't obvious already that the world needs you, it sure became obvious when the pandemic sent us all home in March 2020. Remember Margaret Mead's wise words: *Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.* That's you now. Good luck and thank you!

Simon Courtenay

Congratulations SERS 2020 Grads!



You're certainly graduating into a different world than the one you were expecting when you started the program! But it's a world that needs what you have to offer more than ever. We need people who can take the long view, who know how social and ecological systems connect, who can work across different fields and ways of knowing, and who can adapt. That's you!

I wish you all the best in the next phases of your lives!
Rob de Loë

Congratulations, Class of 2020!



It has been an honour to teach you! Thank you for all of the energy and effort you have brought to SERS and the University of Waterloo community. Things are tough, but know that you have the knowledge, skills and passion to make real and lasting change in this world. When faced with difficult problems, I always feel better knowing that there are SERS students in the world to solve them!
Andrea Collins

Congratulations, Class of 2020!

Trust me. They will let you out eventually. And when they do, and you find yourself on the DIY electric moped that we call 'life', make sure you pull a wheelie and kick ass (oh yes - and make the world a better place☺)
Steve Quilley



Congratulations class of 2020!



As Greta Thunberg stated “Our house is on fire”. However, know that as you head into this fire, you do so with the knowledge, skills, creativity and drive to make a difference. Myself and all of SERS believe in you and we look forward to following your successes. Stay in touch – you are forever part of the SERS family.

Christy Barbeau

Congratulations on your successful graduation from ERS!



You surely entered our program hoping to resolve other sorts of problems, yet COVID-19 is a sobering reminder that humans are interdependent with the natural world -- with the other species with whom we have evolved (or haven't!). In these challenging times for humanity, your understanding of entwined socio-ecological systems will provide such important contributions. As Robert Friend put it in his poem, *My Cup*: "They tell me I am going to die. Why don't I seem to care? My cup is full. Let it spill." With warm best wishes,
Brendon Larson

Congrats SERS Class of 2020!!

You have worked so hard these past years and it has paid off. Many congratulations on your accomplishments and all the best to you as you venture out into this vastly changed world. Your expertise will be in high demand as we collectively figure out how to build a more sustainable and equitable world as we emerge from this crisis. I know you are up for this challenge and we all look forward to your contributions in the effort!
Jennifer Clapp

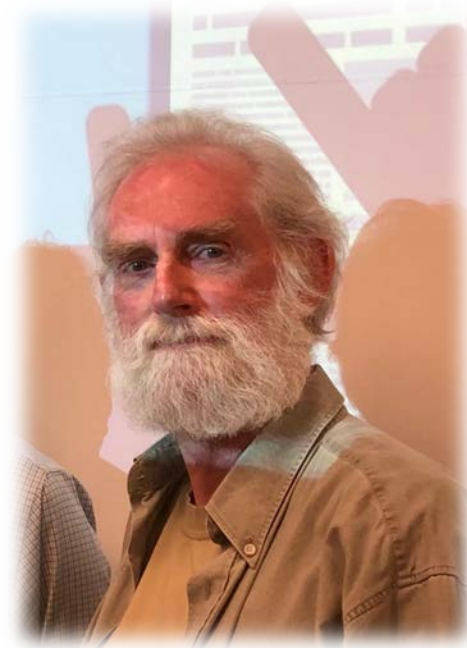


Congrats SERS Class of 2020!!

Okay, grads. In class learning is now suspended. Especially for you. It's time to get out there and have some adventures.

Shake things up a bit. Have some fun. Expand your circle of friends, neighbours and people who grasp your unique sense of humour.

And while you are at it, change the world in a few small and positive ways that hardly anyone notices before it's too late and we all get stuck on a better path.
Bob Gibson



Congratulations SERS undergrad class of 2020



You have all come a long way since you first walked the halls of SERS. Thank you for your contribution to SERS. The world is open to you for lots of opportunities. Go and seek them and continue to add to the difference you have already made at UW.

Congratulations to you all and best wishes for all your endeavors. No doubt they will be fruitful.

Remember that working toward your goals inspires others around you to do the same!

Maren Oelbermann

Congratulations SERS undergrad class of 2020



I am so proud of each and every one of you! While I am sad to see you leave, I am thrilled to hear about the wonderful things you will do and the HUGE impact you will have on the world. Please stop by for a visit whenever you are back.

All the best!!

Andrew Trant

Congratulations ERS Grads!

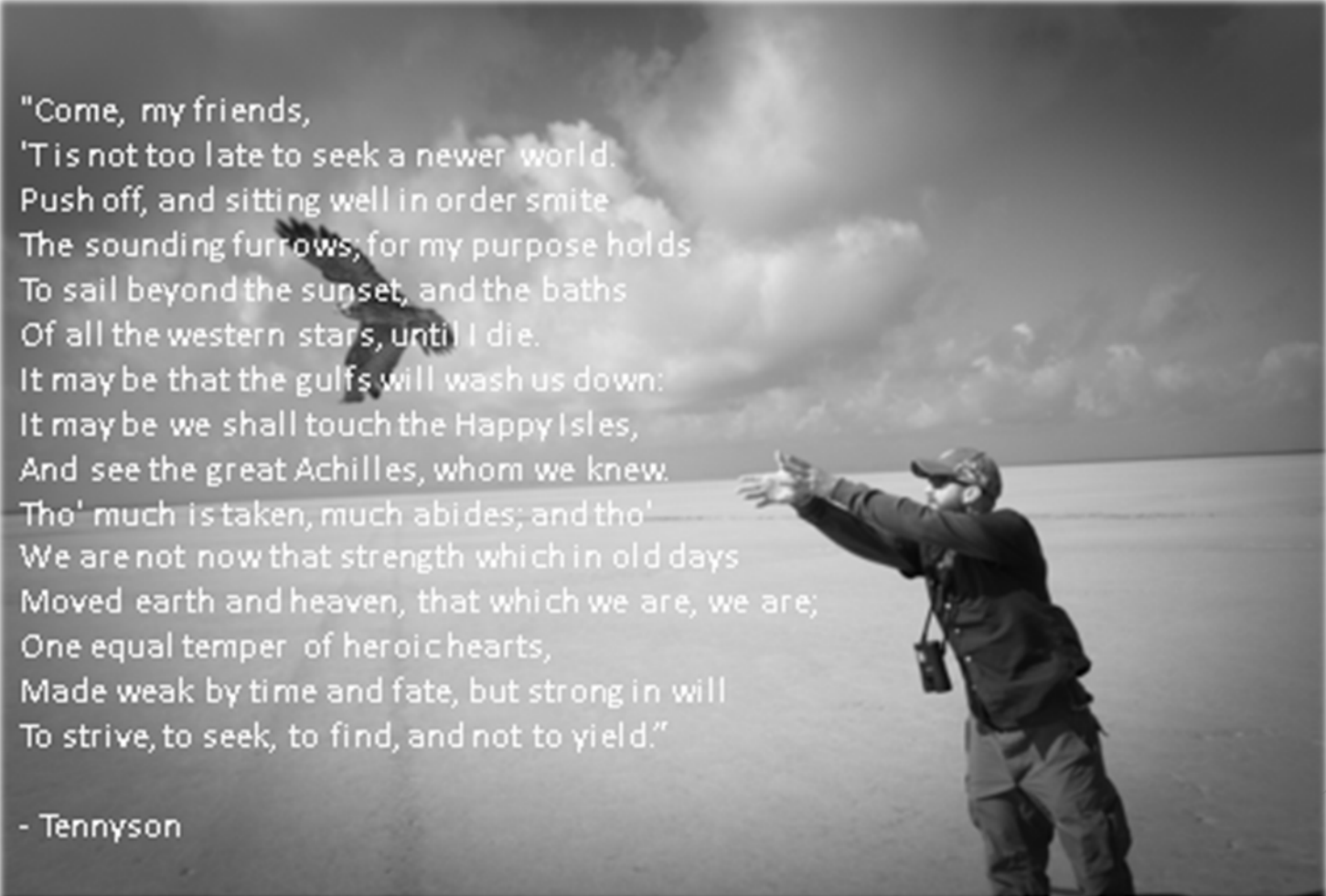


“Take pride in how far you’ve come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don’t forget to enjoy the journey!” – Michael Josephson. Wishing you all the best in the next steps of your journey!

Jennifer Nicholson

Congratulations ERS 2020 Grads

Brad Fedy



"Come, my friends,
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.
Push off, and sitting well in order smite
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths
Of all the western stars, until I die.
It may be that the gulfs will wash us down:
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.
Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'
We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

- Tennyson

Congratulations SERS Grads:



"You cannot teach anyone anything. You can only help them to discover." ~Galileo Galilei

Dear 2020 SERS Grads,
Congratulations on your hard work and achievements. Best wishes for all of your future adventures.
Sarah Wolfe

Class of 2020: The future is yours!



It's been such a pleasure to engage with ERS students who, above all else, strive to make our world a better place. Thank you for using these precious years to question deeper and envision boldly.

Although the future is as uncertain as ever; your skill set and knowledge have never been more important for our generation...and the next.

Please stay in touch!
James Nugent

Congratulations Class of 2020!



You should be proud of everything you have accomplished, and I hope that you are able to have a nice celebration! Best wishes for what the future holds.

If you are keen on continuing your education into Graduate School, I'd be happy to talk with you.

Good luck!
Amanda Campbell



Congratulations to everyone in the 2020 graduating class! And wishing everyone all the best! The poet Mary Oliver reminds us not to "...end up simply having visited this world". That's a call to action and a reminder to take nothing for granted. Keep reimagining our world for what it can be, and use the tools and creativity you have to try and get us there. It's a path you'll never regret. Derek Armitage