



ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THIRD CONVOCATION

CONVOCATION

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2021

FACULTY OF HEALTH
Convocation Ceremony

CONVOCATION

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.

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Message from the Chancellor

Welcome graduands, family members, and friends to this most special occasion.

It is my honour to preside over the rite of Convocation as the eleventh chancellor of the University of Waterloo. I would also like to extend a welcome to President and Vice-Chancellor Vivek Goel on his first Waterloo convocation. Graduands, the entire University community shares in your excitement and commends your hard work and dedication as we celebrate this significant milestone.

Convocation honours your accomplishments, but it also marks the growth of the University of Waterloo family. Our University is recognized around the globe as a world-class institution, and that is thanks to the fearless spirit of innovation of our past generations of alumni and those who are graduating today. This spirit has equipped you to go beyond the borders of our campus and make the most of the potential that has been fostered within you.

The world is in a state of profound disruption – economically, politically, socially. You, our new graduates, will face a number of unique challenges. You can rely on the perseverance and the experience you gained during your time at the University of Waterloo, especially given what you have experienced and gone through during the pandemic. The exceptional knowledge and creativity this graduating class has honed at this institution has prepared all of you to be the leaders the world needs.

Convocation is a time to reflect and celebrate, but also to look forward to the future. You are that future. Your hard work and talents have made your successes possible, and your success was bolstered by the unconditional support of your family and friends, and the entire University community, who have been there to help propel you along the way.

You now bear the privilege and responsibility of bringing the spirit and values of this distinguished institution with you, wherever your life may lead, and of shaping a better, more equitable world through your careers and community involvement.

Congratulations, and thank you for continuing the Waterloo tradition of excellence.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dominic Barton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DOMINIC BARTON
Chancellor

“THE EXCEPTIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND CREATIVITY THIS GRADUATING CLASS HAS HONED AT THIS INSTITUTION HAS PREPARED ALL OF YOU TO BE THE LEADERS THE WORLD NEEDS.”

Message from the President and Vice-Chancellor

Congratulations to our distinguished graduating class, and welcome to the family and friends who are joining us for this momentous occasion. I am honoured to celebrate this special day with you at my first convocation ceremonies as president and vice-chancellor.

The degree you have earned is more than a piece of paper. It is a symbol of your hard work. It is recognition of the challenges you took on, the skills you developed, and the relationships you built along your journey to today.

As I continue to get to know the University of Waterloo community, I have been inspired by learning about the institution's history. Our founders set out to create a world-class university that was unconventional. Being unconventional has meant being curious, taking risks and being prepared to fail and try again. I see that spirit lives on today through our impactful research, our exceptionally talented students, and soon-to-be alumni. You push us forward with your passion for learning, new ideas, and relentless focus on making a difference in the world.

While graduation marks the close of one chapter of your life, it also brings about exciting new beginnings. As we start to come out the other side of this pandemic, our country and the global

community are looking to build back in a post-pandemic world. You have an opportunity to be part of this collective new beginning. Our world needs your unmatched curiosity and drive now more than ever. You are the problem-solvers and the innovators who go beyond expectations. I encourage you to take what you have learned here to help shape our world's future for the better.

As graduates, you will also be a part of the continuing legacy of our institution and our future as you take what you have learned here and make your contribution to the world.

You are joining a global community of Waterloo alumni, and I hope you will continue to stay connected.

On behalf of the University of Waterloo, best wishes to you as you embark on the next journey ahead.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vivek Goel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

VIVEK GOEL, CM
President and Vice-Chancellor

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Message from the Alumni Council President

Congratulations Class of 2021!

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 UWaterloo has prepared you well. You have the expertise, creativity and resourcefulness to tackle whatever problem you choose. Although this is an especially uncertain time to graduate, it is also a very exciting one. Longstanding practices are changing and there is opportunity for new ideas to breakthrough.

Welcome to a network of more than 227,000 alumni, connected by their experiences at Waterloo.

Throughout your career, I encourage you to stay connected to your alumni community. There are more than 227,000 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. When convocation ceremonies resume, I hope you will come back and cross the stage to mark your achievement. You have much to be proud of and a very bright future ahead of you!

I wish you all the best.



Meaghan Kimball

MEAGHAN KIMBALL

BMATH '06

President, University of Waterloo Alumni Council

“THERE ARE MORE THAN 227,000 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 family and friends who join us virtually 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 more than several 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 the 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. Even though graduands are celebrated virtually today, passion brings the proceedings to life, along with the enthusiasm with which the University recognizes new achievements and new ideas.



1960s
CONVOCATION
AT WATERLOO

Convocation is a ceremonial meeting of the whole University of Waterloo community. The Waterloo community includes more than 36,600 undergraduate students, 6,260+ graduate students, 1,355 full-time faculty, 2,627 staff and alumni in 151 countries around the world. At 2021 Fall Convocation, more than 227,000 alumni will have convocated.

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 900 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 prominent language of higher education) is a calling together of new graduates to receive the symbols of their accomplishment, and a calling together of the older members of the University to be witnesses 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. “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.”

As ceremonial head of the University of Waterloo, the chancellor participates every June and October, watching as degrees, diplomas, certificates and special honours are awarded.

THE MACE

The mace is the traditional symbol of the University’s authority. This 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 strives 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 staff, the mace grows in unity and strength until it differentiates by a four-fold separation into diverse elements.





FACULTY OF HEALTH

Degrees and diplomas from:

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO
FACULTY OF HEALTH

Gerontology	Public Health and Health Systems
Health Evaluation	Recreation and Leisure Studies
Health Informatics	Recreation and Sport Business
Health Studies	Social Work
Health Studies and Gerontology	Therapeutic Recreation
Kinesiology	Tourism Development
Public Health	

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INDIGENOUS WELCOME

John Somosi, Indigenous Hand Drummer

Jean Becker, Associate Vice-President,
Indigenous Relations

PROCESSION

MACE BEARER

Brian Laird, Associate Professor;
Associate Dean, Graduate Studies

Platform party will enter

REMARKS AND GREETINGS

Vivek Goel, President and Vice-Chancellor,
provides opening remarks

His Excellency, Dominic Barton, Ambassador
of Canada to the People's Republic of China,
Chancellor, addresses convocation

Lili Liu, Dean of Health, provides congratulations
on behalf of the faculty and introduces the
alumni achievement recipients

CONFERMENT OF AWARDS

Catherine Newell Kelly, Registrar, presents
special awards and honours and introduces
the class valedictorian

Krista McKerracher ('84 BSc), Alumni Council
representative, announces Alumni Gold Medal winner

Rithvika Ramesh, Faculty of Health valedictorian,
addresses convocation

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

James Rush, Vice-President Academic and Provost,
presents the Faculty of Health graduating class

CONFERMENT OF DEGREES

James Rush, Vice-President, Academic and Provost,
delivers the official conferral:

*Mr. President and Vice-Chancellor, I present to you those scholars
who have fulfilled the statutory requirements laid down by the
Senate of the University, that they may be admitted to their various
and several degrees.*

Vivek Goel, President and Vice-Chancellor will reply:

*By virtue of the authority vested in me, and in the University,
I hereby admit you to your various and several degrees, with all
the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereto appertaining.*

FINAL REMARKS

Vivek Goel, President and Vice-Chancellor,
provides closing remarks

Presentation of graduate photos, as ceremony adjourns

Undergraduate Degrees

BACHELOR OF ARTS

HONOURS PROGRAM

Andiel, Carmen Ursula (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

Burke, Julia Kathleen (Therapeutic Recreation – Legal Studies Minor – Co-operative Program)

Camacho, Jessica Nunes (Therapeutic Recreation) *

Cardillo, Jacob John (Recreation and Sport Business) †

Copeland, Jason (Therapeutic Recreation) *

Del Bel Belluz, Serina (Recreation and Sport Business)

Givlin, Darren Scott (Recreation and Sport Business)

Halak, Abdulrahman Fahd (Recreation and Sport Business)

Hall, Kallie Janaye (Therapeutic Recreation) *

Henderson, Justin Christopher Joseph (Recreation and Sport Business) *

Ho, Abbie (Tourism Development) †

Inpakeetham, Ostiga (Therapeutic Recreation & Joint Honours Psychology)

Key, John Gregory Allan (Recreation and Sport Business – Co-operative Program)

Lau, Christopher Wai Ming (Therapeutic Recreation) *

Lee, Sum Yuet Kristle (Recreation and Sport Business – Human Resources Management Minor) †

Li, Zitong (Recreation and Leisure Studies – Political Science Minor)

Lo, Koon Hang (Recreation and Sport Business)

McKelvie, Catherine Ann Helen (Therapeutic Recreation)

Nguyen, Vincent Hai (Therapeutic Recreation)

Phillips, Dylan Clayton (Recreation and Sport Business)

Recchia, Julia Domenica (Therapeutic Recreation)

Rushforth, Sara Catherine (Recreation and Leisure Studies – Human Resources Management Minor) †

Shokoff, Stephanie (Therapeutic Recreation) †

Siertsema, Taryn Rose Marie (Therapeutic Recreation – Social Development Studies Minor – Co-operative Program) *

Spence-Coleman, Brynne Lea (Therapeutic Recreation) *

Sutherland, Noah Martin (Recreation and Sport Business – Co-operative Program)

Wang, Yu Jia (Tourism Development – Co-operative Program) †

BACHELOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

HONOURS PROGRAM

Al-Omari, Moayyad Omer (Co-operative Program) *

Hassan, Itman Muse *

Kamoordeen, Fathima Marfath (Aging Studies Option – Social Development Studies Minor) *

Lai, Cassie (Gerontology Minor – Co-operative Program) *

Zai Tu, Rin Mawi (Aging Studies Option)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

GENERAL KINESIOLOGY PROGRAM – FOUR YEAR

Chadde, Navreet Kaur (General Kinesiology)

Srikannathasan, Srivarshan (General Kinesiology)

HONOURS PROGRAM

Afsarimamaghani, Sepideh (Kinesiology) *

Bethel, Amber Danielle (Health Studies)

Creary, James Robert (Kinesiology – Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization)

Dave, Hinal (Kinesiology)

Dhillon, Gaganpreet Singh (Kinesiology & Joint Honours Economics – Human Resources Management Minor) *

Gingerich, Mackenzie Aaron (Kinesiology – Co-operative Program) †

Harrison, Allison Theresa (Health Studies)

Hoang, Kelen (Kinesiology)

Hol, Keely (Health Studies)

Huang, Johnny Chui Wen (Health Studies) *

Jamal, Aisha Irfan (Health Studies – Co-operative Program)

Kaminski, Connor James (Kinesiology) †

Kaur, Kiranpreet (Health Studies – Pre-Clinical Specialization)

Kinsinger, Kimberly Margaret Ruth (Health Studies & Joint Honours Psychology)

Koo, Nathan Hao Jin (Health Studies – Entrepreneurship Minor – Co-operative Program) *

Larsh, Avery Michelle Pearl (Kinesiology – Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization) *

Lasota, Malgorzata (Kinesiology)

Lyncook, Yana Mateel (Kinesiology)

Matyszczyk, Amy Jennifer (Kinesiology)

Mogic, Lana (Health Studies – Pre-Clinical Specialization) †

Murray, Elyssa Mary Anne (Kinesiology – Human Nutrition Minor)

Mynampati, Abhinav Chandra (Health Studies) †

Nguyen, Xuan Ngoc Thanh (Health Studies – Co-operative Program)

Nimal, Dharani (Kinesiology – Co-operative Program) *

Noori, Shaista (Health Studies) *

Pallotto, Gabriel James (Kinesiology)

Russell-Bertucci, Kayla L (Kinesiology – Ergonomics and Injury Prevention Minor)

Sanelli, Cristina Alyssa (Kinesiology)

Shanmuganathan, Ashvaty (Kinesiology – Co-operative Program)

Shukla, Anisha (Kinesiology – Legal Studies Minor)

Stanbridge, Lauren Elisabeth (Health Studies – Pre-Clinical Specialization) *

Strongman-Borg, Sydney Diana (Kinesiology – Psychology Minor) *

* – Distinction

† – Dean's Honours

Tran, Christopher (Kinesiology)

Trujillo, Maria Camila (Kinesiology –
Medical Physiology Minor)

Yung, Toby (Kinesiology –
Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization)

Zhang, Joey Qiaoyi (Kinesiology)

DIPLOMA IN SPANISH LANGUAGE II

Hol, Keely

DIPLOMA IN SUSTAINABILITY

Matyszczyk, Amy Jennifer

CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

Nguyen, Xuan Ngoc Thanh

CERTIFICATE IN EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Inpakeetham, Ostiga

Noori, Shaista

* – Distinction

† – Dean's Honours

Graduate Degrees

MASTER OF ARTS

Abramson, Madison Clara

(Recreation and Leisure Studies)

Ballantyne, Olivia Diane (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

Johnson, Meghan Annie (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

Pirruccio, Michela Marie (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

Smith, Benjamin Jay (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

Vo, Amy (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

Yang, Xiaochun (Recreation and Leisure Studies)

MASTER OF HEALTH EVALUATION

Baerg, Lauren

Dumont, Katrina Lynn

Emery, Theresa

Lind, Karen

Polotto-Janes, Yara Viana

MASTER OF HEALTH INFORMATICS

Karageorgos, Efthimia Effie

Zhang, Xiaofei

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Adu-Dwomoh, Akosua Simone

Akinwumi, Olamide

Arya, Meheria

Atwy, Hanan

Barton, Madelyn Tatiana

Butt, Sulha Haris

Chan, Genevieve Chung Yan

Fernando, Shenali

Hemens, Sara

Hodgson, Julie Elizabeth

Homsy, Haya

Hyder, Satwat

Iacobelli, Milan Michelle

Kangeswaren, Mario

Khan, Amira Mushtaq

Leonard, Robyn Nicole

Leroy, Angela Erin

Lopez, Rachel Caroline

Macdonald, Evan Luke Jiro

Massicotte, Montana Karis

Morris, Tracy Catherine

Mushtaq, Hira

Nurogho, Khushbu

Obiyomi, Abiodun Oluremi

Pinto Aguila, Jahaira Lizneth

Pollington, April

Pryer, Jayme Lynne

Ram, Emily Jane

Rana, Zoha

Samithamby, Erika Serrano

Schubert, Kerry Anne

Shiferaw, Frehiwot

Shugart, Patricia

Siu, Sidney

Starnino, Skye Reanna

Thich, Joanna

Thomson, Brittany

Uddin, Sarah Shaheen

Vahidi Williams, Nassim Erin

Vettivelu, Sudharsun

Walters, Joanna Ruth

Widaatalla, Nahid

Zaheer, Rabia

Zimbalatti, Carol Ann

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Asim, Syeda Mishal (Kinesiology)

Beliveau, Peter James Howse (Kinesiology)

Benjamin, Kayla Alexandra (Public Health and Health Systems)

Berry, Camryn Kennedy Walker (Public Health and Health Systems)

Bhalla, Manvi (Public Health and Health Systems)

Carraretto, Nicholas Paolo (Kinesiology)

Cazzola, Sonia Gabriella (Kinesiology)

Devlin, Kristina (Kinesiology)

DiPaolo, Michael Tyler (Kinesiology)

Gnjatic, Angela (Kinesiology)

Harrigan, Heather Rose (Kinesiology)

Hopwood, Pamela Jean (Public Health and Health Systems)

Hung, Chia Chun Joy (Kinesiology)

Hussein, Ayah Tarek Saad (Kinesiology)

Judge, Connor Menzies (Public Health and Health Systems)

Liu, Shulin (Kinesiology)

McDonald, Erica Joanne (Public Health and Health Systems)

McLaughlin, Emily Claire (Kinesiology)

Minnick, Carolyn Ellen (Public Health and Health Systems)

Moore, Christopher (Kinesiology)

Nguyen, Hoang Lam Nhu (Kinesiology)

Parker, Amanda Maureen (Public Health and Health Systems)

Pathmarajan, Rishiga (Kinesiology)

Puersten, Katrina Louise (Kinesiology)

Rajkumar, Keith Vernon (Kinesiology)

Reed, Madeline Anne (Public Health and Health Systems)

Sabbatini, Sean Daniel (Kinesiology)

Singh, Aviraj (Kinesiology)

Sousa, Rowan Amelia (Kinesiology)

Sun, Yue (Kinesiology)

Sze, Hoe Fung Brendon (Kinesiology)

Thoms, James Patrick (Kinesiology)

Tibert, Nicholas Jayson (Kinesiology)

Tran, Jonathan Hoang (Kinesiology)

Trumble, Lisa (Kinesiology)

Wang, Hanyang (Kinesiology)

Wang, Ziyidan (Kinesiology)

Yoo, Sanghee (Public Health and Health Systems)

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Adoma-Karikari, Loretta

Anderson, Kassia

Ashmeade, Stacy-Lee Elissa

Asongalem, Raissa

Bains, Jasmin

Benoit, Cynthia Elizabeth

Bohnke, Shauna Lee

Bracken, Catherine Anne

Bromley, Kathleen Anne

Brown, Emily

Cameron, Brett Julia

Clark, Marsha Mae

Clowe Card, Jessica Maria

Crockford, Paula

Delahaye, Ashley

Dewar, Jennifer Lynn

Dixon, Sherri Ann

Ekuere, Eno Ufot

Fagin, Lindsay Joy
Ferguson, Jacqueline Cindy
Fink, Joshua T
Ford, Michelle Jillian
Furlott, Stephanie
Gazel, Elissa Anne
Girma, Mariamawit
Girma, Mekdelawit
Goguen, Melanie Ursule
Goll, Marlo Whitney
Griffith, Devin Patrick
Guzik, Catherine Michelle
Hiebert, Breyanna
Hinkson, Nadine Christina
Holley, Dayna Lynne
Hubbard, Stephanie Marie
Hudson-Standrick, Charity Jolie
Hylands, Janine
Inness, Stephanie Marie
Jackson, Lance James
Jacobs, Toni Lynne
James, Clarissa Rose
Job, Kinnon Eugene
Kamal, Md Mostafa
Kelly, Amy Christina
Kerr, Caroline Grace
Kitchen, Whitney Lea
Konior, Jodie Nicole
Koopmans, Janelle Dorothy
Kumar, Katyayani
Lapier, Sarah Anne
Lavigne, Candice
Lehmann, Jennifer
Lemieux, Sarah Debbie
Lougheed, Amanda Amaryllis
Lung, Yui Yi
MacQuarrie, Cailin Elysa
Malcolm, Alicia Margaret Anne
McCallum, Magnolia
McClay, Brittany Alexandra
McInnis, Allison Jane
McIsaac, Brett Peter
Mehan, Kartika
Milroy, Robin Lyn
Morris, Malisa
Mtegha, Yapoka
NGWEYIN, HERVEGE
Njuitchou Ngounou, Viviane L'or
Oladosu, Anne-Marie Omobolanle
O'Reilly, Samantha
Orloff, Kirsten Eva
Padula, Karen
Payne, Tara Lee
Pirrie, Laurel Ann Grace
Pocklington, Sarah
Powell, Keeley Katheleen
Rabby Dowling, Alana Marie Evelyn
Rattansi, Nabiha
Ritchie, Shelley Dalcyce
Rutkowski, Sara Adela
Samson, Shayna Lynn
Sanders, Bethany Leighanne
Saunders, Amy Crystal

Saunders, Stephanie-Anne
Seta, Taahirah
Shaw, Rebecca
Sivapatham, Vijanalathy
Smith, Stephanie Nicole
St. Croix, Brandon William
St. Jean, Kathryn
Stubbe, Heidi Louise
Takerer, Jeremy William
Tecson, Rosanna Gimenez
Thomas, Jennifer Dori
Timbalian, Rachel Electra
Tuck, Karen
Uppal, Sunmeet
Vanstone, Brianna Jeanne
Waywanko, Kayla
Whitlock, Kara Dulcine
Wiley, Gerrah Cynthia Jane
Young, Erin Amanda

Tapper, Anthony (Kinesiology)
“Examining Behavioural and Electrophysiological Markers of Mental Workload in Individuals With and Without a History of Concussion”

Wadsworth, Elenore (Public Health and Health Systems)
“The Effect of Price and Retail Availability on the Use of Illegal and Legal Non-Medical Cannabis in Canada and the United States”

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Abdeahad, Narges (University Teaching)

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Aboueid, Stephanie (Public Health and Health Systems)
“The Use of Artificially Intelligent Self-Diagnosing Digital Platforms by University Students – An Exploratory Sequential Mixed Methods Study”

Burns, Kathleen Elizabeth (Public Health and Health Systems)
“Examining How Changes in School-Level Intramurals Impact Physical Activity Among Ontario Youth Over Time: A Natural Experiment Evaluation From the Compass Study”

Cheng, Clare Yuet Kan (Public Health and Health Systems)
“Predictors of Palliative Home Care Costs in Ontario, Canada”

Little, Jerrica (Public Health and Health Systems)
“Measuring and Responding to Mental Health Needs of Emerging Adults Receiving Care in Canadian Psychiatric Settings: Evidence for the Importance of Assessing Anxiety Symptoms”

Morrison, Kristen Amber (Recreation and Leisure Studies)
“Strategic Planning for Membership Growth in Nonprofit Community Sport”

Paris, Michael Tyler (Kinesiology)
“Characterizing Site-Specific Body Composition of Older Adults and Their Associations With Strength, Functional Capacity, and Metabolic Health”

Outstanding Achievements

MEDALS AND AWARDS

THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO ALUMNI GOLD MEDAL

**Outstanding academic achievement
in a Master's program**

Sara Leanne Wyngaarden
(Spring 2021)

UNIVERSITY FINALIST FOR THE ALUMNI GOLD MEDAL

Doctoral

Michael Tyler Paris

VALEDICTORIAN

Rithvika Ramesh (Spring 2021)

The Haldimand Tract: a land granted



The University of Waterloo is situated on lands that are deeply connected to a diverse population of Indigenous people, past and present. We live and work on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee First Nations. Many of our campuses, including our main campus, are on the Haldimand Tract, land granted to the Haudenosaunee of Six Nations through the Haldimand Treaty of 1784. We honour and acknowledge the traditional territory, including past and present use by Indigenous peoples, to build and strengthen pathways for dialogue, partnership and reconciliation.

THE HALDIMAND TREATY OF 1784

The Haudenosaunee lost much of their traditional homeland after the American Revolution (1775-83) when new land boundaries were established between Great Britain and the United States. After their alliance with the British during the war, Mohawk leader, Thayendanegea (Joseph Brant) and other representatives from the Six Nations petitioned the Crown for territory to replace what they had lost. On October 25, 1784, Sir Frederick Haldimand, the governor of Quebec, signed a treaty on behalf of the British Crown that granted a 950,000 acre tract of land in present-day southern Ontario to the Haudenosaunee. The tract extended ten kilometers on both sides of the Grand River, from its source in Dundalk Township to its mouth at Lake Erie.

DISPOSSESSION OF THE LAND

In the years following the treaty, several actions from the Crown resulted in the dispossession of Six Nations territory along the Haldimand Tract. In 1793, Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe reaffirmed the original treaty that promised the Six Nations the land six miles deep from the banks of the Grand River, but removed approximately 275,000 acres of land from the north. Forty years after the Haldimand Treaty was signed, the Six Nations were dispossessed of nearly 90 per cent of their original grant, often without their knowledge or consent. Today, approximately 46,500 acres remains Six Nations land, less than five per cent of the original grant.

Source: Six Miles Deep – sixnations.ca

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.



GO INSIDE THE LAB AT
uwaterloo.ca/impact-stories/new-gold-medals

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR’S ALUMNI GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENTS!
YOU HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE AND EVEN MORE TO ANTICIPATE
IN YOUR FUTURE AS UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO ALUMNI.**

CONVOGATION



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