The University of Waterloo acknowledges that much of our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our main campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.
Welcome

Our annual Retreat affords us the invaluable opportunity to come together, building off past Retreats, to focus on a key area of the University’s development important to our progress at this time.

This year, our focus is on revisiting the institution’s values and the broader work underway to evolve our organizational culture. The need to examine our values and shift our culture emerge from recent institutional assessments and the visioning exercise and consultations undertaken since early 2022, which led to the Waterloo at 100 vision endorsed by the Board in April. Various groups and individuals across the community are being engaged as we revisit our values. At the Retreat we are excited to share with the Board what has emerged and to receive members’ input and direction.

The University’s continued success and impact depends on an enabling environment rooted in good governance. The work we will undertake on values and culture at Waterloo also connects directly to our goals for growing our capacity and effectiveness in good governance. We trust you will benefit from the important interactions and discussions that arise over the course of the Retreat, including with our Senators who will be joining us for lunch and our afternoon workshop on values and culture.

As we continue to advance our commitment to Indigenization, the Office of Indigenous Relations will be hosting a breakfast for Governors in their new space on campus and we encourage all Governors to visit. Following the breakfast, Governors will be participating in an interactive KAIROS Blanket Exercise which delves into the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the land we now know as Canada.

We look forward to continuing this important and collective work together at the University of Waterloo.

Thank you for your attendance and active participation at this year’s Retreat. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Murray Gamble  
Chair, Board of Governors

Vivek Goel  
President and Vice-Chancellor
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#### Graduate Students

| Jack deGooyer | Neela Hassan |
Agenda

September 26th - Evening - St. Jerome’s University
5.30 pm - Fireplace Lounge - Hors d’oeuvres
6.00 pm - Sr Leon White Room - Dinner
Keynote speaker - Dr. j wallace skelton moderated by Dr. Christine McWebb

September 27th - Afternoon - Federation Hall
12pm - Lunch *
1pm - University of Waterloo Values and Culture*
   Welcome - Vivek Goel
   Building Culture in a Decentralized Environment - Linda Blair and Michael Dorr
   Institutional Values Exercise - Melanie Will
3.15pm - Wrap-up - Vivek Goel
* Governors will be joined by Senators and Executive Coucil Members

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Dr. Christine McWebb is professor of French Medieval Literature and Digital Humanities and currently serves as the founding Associate Vice-President, Faculty Planning and Policy. Prior to her current leadership role, she was the director of the University of Waterloo Stratford School of Interaction Design and Business and held various other administrative roles, such as interim Associate Vice-President, International Operations at the University of Waterloo. Before joining the Department of French Studies at the University of Waterloo in 2003, she worked as Assistant Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Cultural Studies at the University of Alberta.

Dr. skelton holds a Ph.D. and Master’s of Education from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from York University. j’s research interests include co-research with children, supporting the agency of children, strength-based research and creating climates where two-spirit, trans and nonbinary children and youth can thrive. j’s part of a national team researching the experiences of parents and caregivers who advocate for their trans and nonbinary youth so we can better support them supporting their children. In July, j’s teaching a graduate course on Creating Climates of Gender Justice.

Keynote
Linda Blair is the Chief Experience Officer of Deloitte Canada and a member of the firm’s Executive Leadership Team. In this role she has successfully navigated the firm through several high-profile strategic change initiatives, most recently leading the firm’s nation-wide pandemic response envisioning and spearheading the next evolution of the future of work. She is well versed in all aspects of large-scale program execution, with an established specialization within health services and life sciences.

Linda is a champion for community involvement, and cares deeply about giving back. She has spent time as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto and has enjoyed her time spent serving on several non-profit and hospital boards. Linda was recognized as one of Canada’s Top 100 Most Powerful Women in 2018, and one of the Top 50 Women Leaders in Consulting globally in 2022.

Michael Dorr is the AVP of Marketing & Brand Strategy at the University of Waterloo. With over 20 year’s of leadership experience in the field of Marketing, Analytics and Market Research, Michael has a passion for people, creativity and analytical thinking. Michael holds an MBA from the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, and is a proud alumnus of the University of Waterloo, Bachelor Mathematics (co-op).

Melanie Will is the Director of Organizational and Human Development here at the University of Waterloo. She brings over twenty years of experience in the post-secondary education sector and specializes in group process facilitation, leading learning and development programs and providing strategic guidance to leaders. Melanie is committed to positively contributing to the employee culture at the University of Waterloo through leading her team to advance and support the personal and professional growth of employees to reach their highest potential. Melanie holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Waterloo, a Bachelor of Education from the University of Ottawa and a Masters of Education from Memorial University.