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## Messages to the Graduands

## From the Chancellor

#### Congratulations Graduands!

It's been a privilege to serve as your Chancellor and to celebrate with you as you graduate and move forward toward your chosen career.

Convocation is an important time to come together as fellow scholars, community members, family, and friends to recognize and celebrate your success. You've learned new ways of looking at the world and gained the knowledge and skills required to become leaders.

During your time at The University of Winnipeg, you accomplished many great things and demonstrated a drive and passion that will fuel your path forward in life. You don't have to look far to find University of Winnipeg graduates leading initiatives, volunteering their time, and championing change that makes an impact locally, nationally, and globally. This tight-knit community is rooting for you as you launch your career or take the next steps in your post-secondary journey.

We are so proud and I know only great things are ahead for you!

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Barb Gamey Chancellor The University of Winnipeg

## **From the President**

#### Congratulations Graduands!

Convocation is a special time for our University community and an important opportunity to celebrate your academic success. On behalf of the Board of Regents, our faculty, and staff, I extend our sincere congratulations.

During your time at The University of Winnipeg, you have developed critical-thinking skills, experienced the value of a diversity of views, and ignited your curiosity and determination to contribute to a better society.

Whether you are continuing your studies or pursuing your career, I know you will all become leaders in your communities. Your voices are important to the future of our province, country, and world. On behalf of The University of Winnipeg, your professors, instructors, and the staff who supported you throughout your academic journey, please accept our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Todd A. Mondor, BA (Honours), MA, PhD President and Vice-Chancellor The University of Winnipeg Today you cross the path from students to alumni.

## From the Alumni Association

#### Congratulations Class of 2022!

As President of The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association, I am pleased to offer my congratulations on behalf of our Association to the graduating Class of 2022. Your hard work and dedication have culminated in this very special day and I am so happy to share in your excitement and proud to acknowledge your success.

I remember with fondness my personal excitement standing on the front lawn of Wesley Hall in the spring of 1971 taking graduation photos with my proud family. No cell phones back then. Just an ordinary camera. However, the feelings remain the same. And 51 years later, I am still proud to remain an integral part of this university community.

After today, you will cross the path from being a student to an alumnus. You will join our alumni family of over 50,000 individuals who have shared a common turning point in their educational lives, the invaluable experiences of being an important part of this unique urban campus.

By becoming an active member of the Alumni Association, you can remain connected to and supportive of The University of Winnipeg and its students. Going forward, we hope that, through the Alumni Association, you will maintain and enhance your professional and community affiliations.

One of the more exciting initiatives that our Alumni Council has been working on with our university partners is how to achieve and enhance alumni engagement. Nothing is more important to us than reaching out, getting to know and working with our alumni.

We are delighted to be here today to greet you personally and hand you your Alumni Association pin. Please wear it proudly.

Though you are leaving us today, this is not goodbye. Please stay connected with us. Keep up to date with alumni activities on our social media sites, and feel free to contact your Alumni Office with the latest updates on where your life has taken you, or how we can do more for you. You are one of us now! Welcome!

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Judith Neumann, BAH '71
President

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association



## Order of Proceedings

#### One Hundred and Twenty-First Convocation Friday, October 14, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Arts, Business and Economics, Education, Graduate Studies, Kinesiology and Applied Health, and Science

> Todd A. Mondor, BA (Honours), MA, PhD President and Vice-Chancellor, presiding

Welcome Colin Russell, BA (Hons), BEd, MA | Registrar

#### Entrance of the Academic Procession

The audience is requested to rise for the procession.

Alina Havrylyuk, piano Spirit Sands Singers

#### National Anthem

Colin Russell, BA (Hons), BEd, MA | Registrar

#### Welcome Song

Elder Alison Cox

**Chancellor Greeting and Presidential Installation** Chancellor Barb Gamey

Opening of Ceremony and President's Address Todd A. Mondor, BA (Hons), MA, PhD | President and Vice-Chancellor

#### **Conferring of Honourary Degree**

Chancellor Barb Gamey

#### **Honourary Doctor of Laws**

Martin Brokenleg, BA, MDiv, EdD, DD Presented by Marc Kuly, BA, BEd, MEd, PhD

#### Address to the Graduands

Martin Brokenleg, BA, MDiv, EdD, DD

#### **Professor Emeritus**

Sante A. Viselli, BA (Hons), MA, PhD Presented by Samantha Cook, BA, MA, PhD

#### **Additional Awards**

Presented by Jan Stewart, BEd, PBDE, MEd, PhD Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic

#### Erica and Arnold Rogers Award for Excellence in Research

Nora Casson, BSc (Hons), GradDipEd, MSc, PhD Presented by Doug Goltz, BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD

#### Distinguished Alumni Award

Meeka Walsh, CM, BA Presented by Jennifer Gibson, BA (Hons)

#### Admission to Degrees in Arts, Business and Economics, Education, Graduate Studies, Kinesiology and Applied Health, and Science

Conferred by Chancellor Barb Gamey

Master of Science Master of Arts Master of Arts (Joint program with University of Manitoba) Master of Public Administration (Joint program with University of Manitoba) Master in Management Master's in Development Practice Master of Marriage and Family Therapy Bachelor of Science (Honours) Bachelor of Science (4-Year) **Bachelor** of Science Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Education Bachelor of Education Bachelor of Arts (3-Year) in Developmental Studies\* Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Bachelor of Arts (4-Year) Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Business Administration (4-Year) Bachelor of Business Administration Bachelor of Arts (4-Year) in Economics / Economics and Finance\* Bachelor of Arts in Economics\* Bachelor of Science (4-Year) in Kinesiology\* Bachelor of Kinesiology (4-Year) Bachelor of Physical and Health Education

\*Graduands also listed within respective degrees elsewhere in the program.

#### Valedictory Address

Tracey Gergulich, BA, BEd

#### **Closing Annotations**

Todd A. Mondor, BA (Hons), MA, PhD | President and Vice-Chancellor

#### **Retirement of the Procession**

St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg Pipe Band

The audience is requested to remain in place until the academic procession has retired.

An informal reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in Riddell Hall.



#### **Master of Science**

Negin Ashrafi Thi Thanh Thao Nguyen Jennifer Emma Pawluk Colleen Marie Robertson Matthew Alexander Russell Krunal Thummar Emma Mary Traynor

#### **Master of Arts**

Salam Al Sayed Katryna Barske Shaneela Anjanie Boodoo Grace Victoria Braniff Vaishali Dhingra Patricia Leah Dyck Samantha Irene Ariel Hanson Amanda Nicole Gertrude Elizabeth Laverdure Sofia Belen Martignoni Amanda Dale McLeod Raymond Wai-Man Poon Miklós Somorjai Jennifer Marie Weger

#### Master of Arts (Joint program with UManitoba)

Hammoud Abdurrahman Jumaa Bénédicte Jordana LeMaître Luke Alexander Miguez Eleanor Glenne Thompson

#### Master of Public Administration (Joint program with UManitoba)

Nicholas Andrew Cherlet Timothy Dymond Derek Lee Hart Daniel Rippin Sisler Larissa Angela Zacharuk

#### Master in Management

Peace Caleb Onwah Keylyn Morgan Filewich Asitha Jeewan Gajaweera Yan Ting Hau Afeez Olayiwola Ismail Jason Johannesson Mohamed Khalifa Mahnoor Arshad Khan Sagi Levi Alain Douglas MacNair Venkatesh Mahadevan Garnet Masenda Kerry Van Mccormack Rotimi Adeniran Owoade Robert Pike Rayna Singh Elaine Rose Tamargo Ekaba Ekaba Tawo Martin Trudeau

#### Master's in Development Practice

Andrea Grace Dsouza Emeka Mark Ezeh Tara Faye Myran Clement Babatunde Ogunje Janelle Rae Poiron

#### Master of Marriage and Family Therapy

- Karla Andrich Fathima Fazla Ashraff Amanda Rae Katherine Freiheit Devigne Kelly Ferguson Lisa Lynn Johnson Julie MacNeil
- Linda Carol Ann Markham Anissa Charlaine Penner Natasha Ross Abigail Faith Sones Alyx Nicole Tabas Jennifer Wherry

#### **Bachelor of Science (Honours)**

Aaron Christian Del Mundo Michelle Mary Algoma Guimond Ashley King Thenage Savani Senevirathne Naomi Wills

#### **Bachelor of Science (4 Year)**

Abdulmenan Yusuf Abdu Liam Joshua Anderson Deepinder Singh Bedi Thomas Robert Howell Braeden Peter Kaminski Muskan Kandhari Akashdeep Kaur Hailey Marie Labelle Isaac Albert Manness Meagan Mary Masterton Kassidy Nauboris Braedyn Ambrelyn Olafson Jordan Skyler Pillay Angeline Ramos Michael Thomas Stamler Jordyn Adele Syrenne Daniel William Taylor Deepkanwal Thind Nolan Reid Valgardso

#### **Bachelor of Science**

Abdulgafar Damilare Aleshinloye Ayush Prakash Amin Brendin Armenti Sumandeep Kaur Bath Taylor Jane Boughton Navleen Kaur Brar Artiom Carty Risco Anmoldeep Singh Chahal Mohammed Irfan Chowdhury Dale Stephanie Bayani De Guzman Tanpreet Singh Deol Ravneet Kaur Dev Saman Fathnazarian Sanmeet Kaur Gill Alondra Guadalupe Griffiths Emily Rose Gwen Harris Youngeun Im Aditya Jiya Lal Su Ji Jung Manvir Singh Kaler Manvi Kapoor Bavleen Kaur Dilpreet Kaur Navjot Kaur Ramandeep Kaur Sukhman Kaur Navroop Khehra

Asjad Sajidbhai Mansuri Sehaj Singh Mundi Nnaemeka Chidera Ndaguba Umme Kulsum Nishu Mesreen Elizabeth Njaliyath Saju Kamsiyonna Obi Caleb Idemudia Ikechukwu Ojukwu Gabriel Benchar Ople **Ravneet Pandher** Karanpal Singh Pannu Pushti Manish Parikh Neel Manishbhai Patel Valeria Pobirohin Joseph Rousset Reznichek Mikaela Grace Robinson Gurparteek Singh Sandhu Harsh Saraf Naman Sharma Anchal Sharma **Bipanieet Singh** Nigel Linus Silversides Roshalie Tamrakar Matthew David Tiede Thomas Raffaele Torchia Adaelia Hannah Wiebe Lindsay Dionne Thi-Minh Wieler

#### Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Education

- Ofelia Leticia Aguilar Castelan Tristan Dominique Allain Carla Falsarella Antonio Alyssa Babynchuk Solomon Osakpamwan Bello Camila Amaral Souza Blanco Amandeep Brar Beth Burrows
- Jacob Carson Christina Marie Cavell Mary Elizabeth Chalmers Kevin Chau Kiran Cheema Abbey Elizabeth Cluett Mirela Coelho Vieira Maria Rochelle Lozon Cordova

Michael Robert Adam Corrigan Colleen Shirley-May Dawson Alanna Christine De Luca Luiza Dillenburg De Siqueira Katharine Anne Doerr Mikaela Domish Melissa Grace Dumaran Matthew David Durant Kelsey Deanne Dyck Evan Kurtis Ellison Mark Fahim Andre Joseph Louis Fiola Melissa Pauline Francis Zoé Fraser Halie Marina Friesen Cheryl Lynne Gabriel Monica Gadsby Naomi Elizabeth Garrett Michael Giffen Mason Grusko Kate Elise Hallett Danielle Hamilton Kelly Hawes Drew Jonathon Hawranik Lindsay Dawn Hergesheimer Leslie Anne Howard Lori Alison Hunter Brittney Jean Huska Jordan William Hutsal Amv Sarah Janzen Jatinder Pal Singh Jaura Jaylene Johnson Kelsey Liane Joss Monika Kacperkiewicz Daria Kaegi Prabhdeep Kahlon Larisa Lynn Marie Kaiser Laryssa Marie Kawaler Amanjeet Kaur Kooner

Katherine Louise Kurbis Michelle Louise Land Jared Ross Lehotsky Teresa Ellen Johnson Lillie Sean Kelly Tyler Lindsay Kaitlin Rena Link Corinne Elise Lothian Kevin Lvle Evan Maltman Carolina Salema Margues Marly Nicole Masiowski Kristen Ashley McAulay Jenna Victoria McCasin Devyn Jaclyn McFadyen Aaron Joseph Millar-Usiskin Rachael Van Neal Shania Margaret Neyron Ashleigh Robin Norberg Carolyn Helen Paukovic Ligia Di Froscia Pereira Victoria Peter-Salawu Chloé Amber Rose Plamondon Maria Heidi Presingular **Kirstine Dale Reyes** Carly Alexandra Richards Courtney Nicole Savary Claire Elizabeth Semchuk Gulshan Sharma Cindy Marie Melo Shields Kavlene Mae Shumsky Ian Robert Siemens Reena Singh Jenna Elizabeth Skoglund Brittanie-Anne Jessica Haworth St-Hilaire Breanne Amber Syvret Joy Taylor Nicole Elizabeth Taylor Lauren Mary Telencoe Elizabeth Rosebjorg Turcotte

#### Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Education (continued)

Michaela Dawn Tymchyshyn Ikjot Kaur Uppal Mylene Mauricio Villafranca Kayla May Warkentin Michelle Wesley Hugh William James Wichenko Sonja Wiens Nancy Estela Zarrillo Courtney Melissa Zawadowski Kayleen Nichole Zimmerman Andrea Vieira Miranda Zinni

#### **Bachelor of Education**

Deanna Marie Drabchuk	William Allen Henry
Megan Teresa Lyn Fines	Justin Cole Willems
Tracey Ann Gergulich	Jaime Jo-Yee Wong
Emily Hamm	

#### Bachelor of Arts in Developmental Studies \*

Lauren Baldwin Sarah Mwepa Ilunga Charry Midriela Mangaya Jeannette Alleda Slate Mikayla Rose Nicole Woodward

#### **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**

Alyssa DeBlaere Amiel Tyrone Toledo Esmen Ryan Lee Samuel Fox Allen Heerema Joanna Kraemer Mikaela Paige Marcalinas Simran Sidhu Erin Marie Sinclair Marcos Adilson Sobral Hailey Leanna Stephanie Suttorp Dorin Patricia Valkyrie

#### Bachelor of Arts (4 Year)

Junery Ephraim Padilla Abrajano Jr. Gabriella Sophia Marie Almeida Alec Daniel Dela Cruz Balagtas Kaitlin Nicole Banks Bailey Parker Bernard Taylor Nicole Boucher Brent Carta Cheyenne Dawn Davis Keren Happuch Esguerra Dayao Griffin Patrick Dennehy Doell Ezra Wesley Enns Justin David Christian Fry Kristen Marie Gall Danica Hilde Geddert

Chloe Eve Gerrard Dana Marie Giesbrecht Youngeun Im Cassidy Marie King Carly Elizabeth Kublick Troy Letkeman Megan Cara Lupky Matthew Adam MacNeil Meagan Madeline Malcolm Sydney Grace Wirth Mann

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

- Anmol Ivy May Adamus Oluwafeyisade Stephanie Adewakun Boluwatife Oluwafeyisayo Akinduro Aliaa Al-Saadi Frank Uche Anyanwu Sarvgun Raj Aul Lauren Baldwin Abigail Cheska Leonor Bantog Hadija Bayubahe Marcus Leroy Blakey Gennevieve Rachelle Bourdeau Hernoor Kaur Brar Serign Alieu Masamba Ceesay Marissa Fatima Corrine Colomy Jasmine Melissa Coutu Jenel Guia Cuya Laura Cyre Sierra Delaney Da Silva Zackary Widmer Laurence Dahlin Jayne Carman Dickens Richie Mordecai Diggs Sabrina Lynn Doherty Sara Lee Marie Domok Deanna Marie Drabchuk
- Deandrea Alexia Miller Alina Marie Moore Miina Nakano Lillian Stacy O'Donnell Julia Rose Pound Dylan Thomson Gabriel Winestock Amy Leanne Wood Chen Yang

Rory Macfarlane Ellis Megan Teresa Lyn Fines Ainsley Ruth Fontaine Seth Fudyk Rebeca Christine Garcia-Derwin Ingrid Amelia Gatin Jasmine Gauthier Tracey Ann Gergulich Sydney Lyn Gesell Catia Alexandra Gomes Shreya Cicilia Gomes Taylor Gravito Jenna Michele Haripersad Andee Keanna Mae Hart Ellen Marlowe Hatley William Allen Henry Brenden Kolby Hoffmann Jerica Pearl Hogarth Jacquie Kathleen Humphreys Sarah Mwepa Ilunga Temiloluwa Ogheneruona Iyanda Judah Ivunade Ivan Mykola Kinasevych Bailee Valorie Krahn Lakshmi Krishna

#### Bachelor of Arts (continued)

Nasieda Hyland Lakay Amy Katherine Mary Lange Hayden LaRiviere Harison Levitt-Pinsky Patrick Lowe Vestin Lugumire David Michael MacDougall Matthew Oliver Macfarlane Katrina Mae Mallari Charry Midriela Mangaya Cassidy Rayne McKenzie Sydney Nicole Meek Samantha Jantje Thora Meijer Isla Shea Moyer Mehak Nanda Jord Christian Almazan Nicanor Courtney Ximena Nowell Mackenzie Morgan Oliver David Joseph Palz Dan Jr Valencia Patriarca Carlos Joaquin Pau Mohit Kumar Paul Gabriele Xavier Pawlyshyn Issis Odessa Pineda Lopez Kennedy Wendy Ann Pitre Nahid Priya Krizia Mae Ramilo Richard Christopher Reid Fiona Rebecca Joyce Rettie

Jared Charles Robinson Karn Sangha Kyle Lloyd Martin Savary Lisa Michelle Segal Alyssa Lee Bernice Selk Yash Jatinkumar Shah Daniel Shayan Erin Morgan Shreiber Paramvir Singh Jeannette Alleda Slate Colton Albert Joseph Smith Kaitlin Halley Smith Jackson Sean Steele Talia Taras Desta Marie Tataryn Darien Micheal Kenneth Tayler Priscila Teramoto Infanti Robin Tecleab Tewolde Payton Simone Thiessen Arianna Janet Marilyn Torossi Jenna Victoria Louise Valiquette Bryce Allen Yema Vendicacion Ryan Jeffery Wach Brianna Kaylan Walker Tannis Elaine Whitford Declan Theodore John Windjack Mikayla Rose Nicole Woodward Jennifer Ashley Zeke

#### **Bachelor of Business Administration (4 Year)**

Destiny Abali Olajumoke Favour Ayoola Tristan Baranoski Jolene Laurie Bayne Harinder Singh Benipal Richard Cure Sarah Elizabeth Dreweatt Davey Paul Brendan Debreuil Muktar Gule Rita-Helen Osadebamen Irabor-Esezobor

Adam Joshua Kelly Candace Leanne Kunkel Zachary William Mann-Beauregard Madison Leslie Ann McIntosh Maria Angelisa Pasco Miranda Alexandre Mondor Tetyana Moroz Mario Louis Petit Alexey Shatokhin Yingkun Zhou

#### **Bachelor of Business Administration**

Oziegbe Aghedo Anmol Arora Yuvraj Batta Ali Bayati Rad Sahib Singh Chandhok Rupin Chawla Arpan Garg Peter Cameron Goldstone-Joubert Breanna Louise Hanslit Shannon Krista Hebert Sameer Maheshbhai Kachhadiya Sumanpreet Kaur Asma Khalfani Kristina Isabel Nordquist Princess Ezinne Onuoha David Joseph Palz Abhishek Rattan Justin Eric Cornelis Riet Shaikh Abdul Saboor Humail Safdar Jema Gaitero Salac Dhananjay Sharma Neema Sherpa Hardev Singh Sukhanpreet Singh Manikjeev Singh Hoang Phuong Anh Vu Adeeb Alim Zaman Hayden Joseph Zammit

#### Bachelor of Arts (4 Year) in Economics\*

Bailey Parker Bernard

Carter Patrick Mckibbin

#### Bachelor of Arts (3 Year) in Economics\*

Yash Jatinkumar Shah

#### Bachelor of Science (4 Year) in Kinesiology\*

Liam Joshua Anderson Thomas Robert Howell Braeden Peter Kaminski Kassidy Nauboris Jordan Skyler Pillay

#### Bachelor of Kinesiology (4 Year)

Sage Hana Braun Kiersten Isobel Lotti Hilland Bara'a Abdul Basit Hussain Al Mansi Nahom Kebere Andrew Miroslav Kliment Minh Thuy Lu Maria Nessiem Tyler Matthew Fraser Prince Darryl Benjamin Thiessen Ethan Brian Walpol

#### **Bachelor of Physical and Health Education**

Riley Sean Francey Jenikka Rea Lumbera Kyle Allister Mills Emilio Alonso Vergara Jaclyn Wiebe

\*Also listed within respective degrees previously in the program.







## Dr. Martin Brokenleg

BA, MDiv, EdD, DD

#### **Honorary Doctor of Laws**

Dr. Martin Brokenleg, a member of Rosebud Sioux Tribe and an adopted member of the Kyanuuslii Raven House of the Haida First Nation, is an educator, psychologist, and author who's dedicated his life to opening up a space for Indigenous knowledge and practice in the classroom.

Dr. Brokenleg is co-author of the book Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Our Hope for the Future and co-developer of the Circle of Courage model of positive youth development.

The model integrates Indigenous philosophies of child-rearing, the heritage of early innovators in education and youth work, and contemporary resilience research. *The Circle of Courage* is based on four universal growth needs of all children: belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity.

Dr. Marc Kuly, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education, says Dr. Brokenleg's book "lays out a pathway for integrating Indigenous approaches to individual and social development that infuse challenging classrooms with hope and possibility."

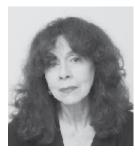
The sustained relevance of Dr. Brokenleg's work comes from his unique ability to

transcend divisions between theory and practice. His work helps teachers understand the theoretical implications of their practice without ever losing touch with the fundamental reality of the classroom - the relationship fostered between students and teachers.

Most recently, Dr. Brokenleg was the Director of Native Ministries and Professor of First Nations Theology at the Vancouver School of Theology. Previous to that, he was a Professor of Native American Studies at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota for 30 years. Dr. Brokenleg holds a doctorate in psychology and is a graduate of the Anglican Divinity School.

He was also the director of The Neighborhood Youth Corps, chaplain in a correctional setting, and he has extensive experience as an alcohol counsellor. Dr. Brokenleg has consulted and led training programs throughout North America, New Zealand, Europe, Australia, and South Africa.

For his commitment to empowering Indigenous youth, The University of Winnipeg is proud to bestow an Honorary Doctor of Laws on Dr. Martin Brokenleg.



## Meeka Walsh

CM, BA

#### Distinguished Alumni Award

Throughout her illustrious career as a writer, editor, art critic, and curator, Meeka Walsh has been a champion of Winnipeg's local art scene.

In her nearly three decades as editor of the quarterly cultural magazine *Border Crossings*, Walsh has put Winnipeg art on the map in a way that no other individual has in the city's rich cultural history.

A graduate of The University of Winnipeg in 1984, Walsh's involvement with *Border Crossings*, then known as *ArtsManitoba*, began in 1982 amid a period of uncertainty for the publication. A little more than a decade later, Walsh rose to the position of editor and has been the catalyst for the magazine's recognition in the local, national, and international arts communities.

Her regular essays on language, art, ideas, books, places, and much more have long been a fixture of the magazine, as have in-depth interviews with national and international artists such as Yoko Ono, Michael Snow, and fellow UWinnipeg alum Guy Maddin. In 2003, the Western Magazine Awards honoured Walsh with a Lifetime Achievement Award. She was also awarded a Gold Medal by the Royal Canadian Academy in 2007 for her contribution to the arts in Canada.

In addition to Walsh's guidance of Border Crossings, she is a celebrated author whose short fiction has been published in anthologies such as Oxford Book of Stories by Canadian Women in English. Among her works are the short story collection The Garden of Earthly Intimacies, published in 1996, and the essay collection Malleable Forms, released in 2022.

In 2017, Walsh was named a Member of the Order of Canada for her "enhancement of Canada's cultural community as a supporter of emerging artists and as a generous donor."

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association is proud to recognize Meeka Walsh as the recipient of its highest honour – the Distinguished Alumni Award.



## Nora Casson

BSc (Hons), GradDipEd, MSc, PhD

#### The Erica and Arnold Rogers Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship

Dr. Nora Casson is a scholar, teacher, and mentor whose innovative research helps us understand the ways in which human activities impact lakes, streams, and wetlands.

As an internationally renowned environmental and climate scientist, Dr. Casson holds the Tier II Canada Research Chair in Environmental Influences on Water Quality. Since arriving to the Department of Geography at The University of Winnipeg in 2014, she has attracted more than \$2 million in research funding and published more than 30 peer-reviewed papers.

Her research program is collaborative and interdisciplinary, with some of her most notable work investigating the impacts of winter climate change on ecosystems and communities. She has also published extensively on carbon and greenhouse gas dynamics in boreal ecosystems. Dr. Casson is a dedicated mentor and has trained more than 50 undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctoral trainees in her lab at UWinnipeg. She also co-launched the Master in Environmental and Social Change, which is an interdisciplinary graduate program that equips students with the knowledge to address the grand environmental challenges facing our world.

Dr. Casson's strong commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion has earned her a reputation as a leader across our institution. She co-directs the Pathways to Graduate Studies program, which introduces Indigenous students to research opportunities in the natural sciences and engineering.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to present Dr. Nora Casson with the Erica and Arnold Rogers Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship.



## Sante A. Viselli

BA (Hons), MA, PhD

#### **Professor Emeritus**

Sante A. Viselli is a well-respected scholar, academic, and teacher who has made remarkable contributions to the promotion of French language, literature, and culture.

Since his arrival to UWinnipeg in 1986, Viselli has left an indelible mark on the University. He is an outstanding researcher in the field of 18th century fiction, respected by colleagues in Canada and around the world, and is also a poet who writes mainly in French.

Throughout his career, Viselli has published more than 60 reviewed academic articles. He has authored and co-authored several books on French literature in the 17th and 18th centuries, and his work on Pascal, Montesquieu, and Sénac de Meilhan is internationally praised.

In addition, he has also studied the relationship between the French philosophers and Italy in the classical period, and the Italian-Canadian writers who write in French. His recent publications on Alexandre L. Amprimoz have been well received. In 2021, Sante Viselli was made an honorary member of the Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, which is the highest recognition in Canada in this field. In addition, he was also named a Knight in the Order of Academic Palms of the Republic of France, an honour given to academics for distinguished service to education and science.

Viselli is active within the Société d'analyse de la topique romanesque/Society for the Analysis of Narrative Topics (SATOR). In 1992, he organized SATOR's sixth International Symposium, which took place at UWinnipeg. Viselli has since continued to play an important role in the works of SATOR, of which he remains a member today.

The University of Winnipeg is honored to bestow Professor Emeritus to Sante A. Viselli for his remarkable commitment to education and exceptional literary scholarship.



## **Tracey Gergulich**

BA, BEd

#### Valedictorian

Tracey Gergulich has always had a passion for education.

She ran a home daycare for seven years before becoming an educational assistant at Strathcona School. It was there she learned about The University of Winnipeg's Community-Based Aboriginal Teacher Education Program (CATEP) from a co-worker.

Now, after six years of attending classes part time in the fall and winter and full time in the spring and summer, she's graduating from UWinnipeg.

Gergulich says her experience in CATEP has been lifechanging.

"If I could go back and give myself advice on university, it would be that I should have started sooner," she said. "Now that I have graduated, I have secured a teaching position in the Winnipeg School Division at Machray Elementary School teaching Grades 1 and 2. I love it."

"The impact I want to have on students is that I want them to love school and to see the value in learning."

Amidst the many ups and downs she experienced throughout her studies, Gergulich clearly recalls the specific moment she knew she was going down the right path and setting herself up to achieve her dreams. "My most memorable moment was making the Dean's List the first time, because it validated that I was on the right path," she recalled. "It kept me motivated to apply myself and was recognition of all the hard work and sacrifice I had put into my studies."

She also credits the incredible faculty members who've inspired her during her academic journey, including Paul Depasquale, who encouraged her to do a deep dive into her family's Indigenous history.

As she looks ahead to life after university, Gergulich's advice for the Class of 2022 is simple: never stop learning.

"Even if you're not in university anymore and you've found your dream job, always pursue a deeper knowledge of what it is you're doing," she said. "It will make you more credible, capable, and confident."



## **Board of Regents**

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# Convocation Tradition

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### **Academic Dress**

Academic dress originated in medieval times to provide warmth in the damp halls of learning. In its present form, it includes a gown, hood (worn over the shoulders) and, a cap or mortarboard. All universities have distinctive dress for each degree offered, which explains the variety seen in the academic procession.

The University of Winnipeg academic dress conforms to the North American Intercollegiate Code. All graduates wear a black gown, which varies according to the degree conferred. The bachelor's gown is worn closed in front and is distinguished by its pointed sleeves. The master's gown is designed to be worn either open or closed in front and has closed sleeves with an opening to free the hands. The front portion of the sleeve below the opening has a long semicircular cut-out. Doctorate gowns also may be worn open or closed. They are faced with velvet.

The edging colour on the hood indicates the faculty in which a degree is conferred: Graduate Studies – red; Science – gold; Education – blue; Arts – white; Business and Economics – brown; Kinesiology and Applied Health – green.

The width of edging is determined by the degree: three inches for doctors; two for masters and bachelors. Hoods are lined in red with a white chevron.

Honorary doctors' gowns are red in colour and are faced with white velvet. They are worn with red Tudor bonnets. The hood colour signifies the honorary degree: white for Laws; golden yellow for Science; admiralty blue for Letters; purple for Divinity. Hoods are lined in red and white – The University of Winnipeg colours. Fellows wear a gown of blue with neither hat nor hood. Members of the University's senior administration wear gowns of varying colours. They do not wear hoods.

### **Indigenous Graduation Stoles**

Destiny Seymour is an Anishinaabe interior designer who is creating her own textiles that are reviving local Indigenous pottery and bone tool patterns from Manitoba. These ancient patterns have been dated from 400 to over 3,000 years old. Indigo Arrows is a company founded by Destiny that turns these textiles into modern home goods.

Destiny was approached to design custom graduation stoles for the Indigenous graduating students of The University of Winnipeg.

Each linen stole is handmade and block printed in Winnipeg. The pattern design is inspired by the repeated and delicate pattern stamping found on local Indigenous pottery, with colours reflecting The University of Winnipeg.



### The University of Winnipeg Coat of Arms

The Coat of Arms of The University of Winnipeg was officially adopted by the governing bodies of The University during the academic session of 1972-73. The elements found within the Coat of Arms have been associated over the years with both Manitoba and Wesley Colleges, the ancestors of United College. The bunch of grapes in the lower portion of the inner shield derives from the Coat of Arms of Manitoba College. The grape symbol has its origin in the College seal adopted in the charter of 1871. The cross, the lamp, and the open book derive from the Coat of Arms of Wesley College, designed in 1897 by Dr. J.H. Riddell. The cross – the symbol of sacrificial service in the interest of humanity – was the basis for his design and upon it he placed a shield - the symbol of protection. The lamp – the symbol of light – also represents learning, to which the Colleges have been devoted for over a century in the Province of Manitoba. The open book – representing instruction in the way of life and the bringing of understanding to the student - symbolizes knowledge in a general sense, although it may carry overtones of the Holy Scriptures in a more limited interpretation.

The motto, placed upon a scroll below, is the United College motto, here retained: Lux et Veritas Floreant (Let Light and Truth Flourish). The words catch the central import of the lamp (light) and the open book (truth), and express the hope that both may flourish (as the grape) in our country (the cross).



### Teaching of the Star Blanket

Across many Indigenous Nations, the foundational understanding is that we are all related. This understanding includes our relationship to all beings everywhere – and to all things, from the earth to the sky and beyond. In this understanding, we are beings that come from the stars and our relationship extends to this dimension. The teachings and gifts of the Star Blanket extend from this understanding.

The teaching of the Star Blanket is different across nations. Though the purpose remains the same, it is a healing modality.

From the Ojibwe comes the story of a young baby that had an incurable illness. Her family took her to a medicine woman, who after four days was given the teaching to make a Star Blanket and wrap the little one in it. It was the star people that would do the healing. After four days of ceremony, the little girl was unwrapped.

From the Dakota comes the teaching that the blanket represents the star that we come from, and to be wrapped in the blanket reconnects to our original home and a place of safety.

From the Cree comes a similar teaching, though the points of the star are different.

Today, the Star Blanket is often used as a gift of honour and recognition of relationships. How honourable it is indeed to be given a gift that reconnects the recipient to the spirit of all things.



# A World of Diversity

Our campus is a place of inclusion and the diversity of our student population is a tremendous strength. While some of our students grew up around the corner, others come from First Nations and Treaty areas across Manitoba, from provinces across Canada, and from communities around the globe. They have come here to learn and grow – and we are proud to help them prepare for a bright future and get ready to make their mark on the world.

### The University of Winnipeg's 121<sup>st</sup> Convocation includes graduates from:

### Manitoba

Beausejour	Marquette	Ste. Anne
Brandon	Niverville	Steinbach
Cartwright	Norway House	Stonewall
Darlingford	Oakbank	The Pas
Dauphin	Pine Falls	Thompson
East Saint Paul	Portage la Prairie	Treherne
Elie	Roblin	Vita
Gimli	Sagkeeng First Nation	West St Paul
Gladstone	Saint-Laurent	Winkler
Lockport	Selkirk	
Long Plain First Nation	St. Andrews	
Alberta		
Calgary	Edmonton	Red Deer
British Columbia		
Richmond	Vancouver	
Ontario		
Brampton	North York	Sault Ste. Marie
Gull Bay First Nation	Red Lake	
International		
Bahamas	Congo	Philippines
Bangladesh Brazil	India	Vietnam





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# Congratulations Graduates!



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