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and Twenty-Sixth

# Convocation Celebration

JUNE 12 & 13, 2025



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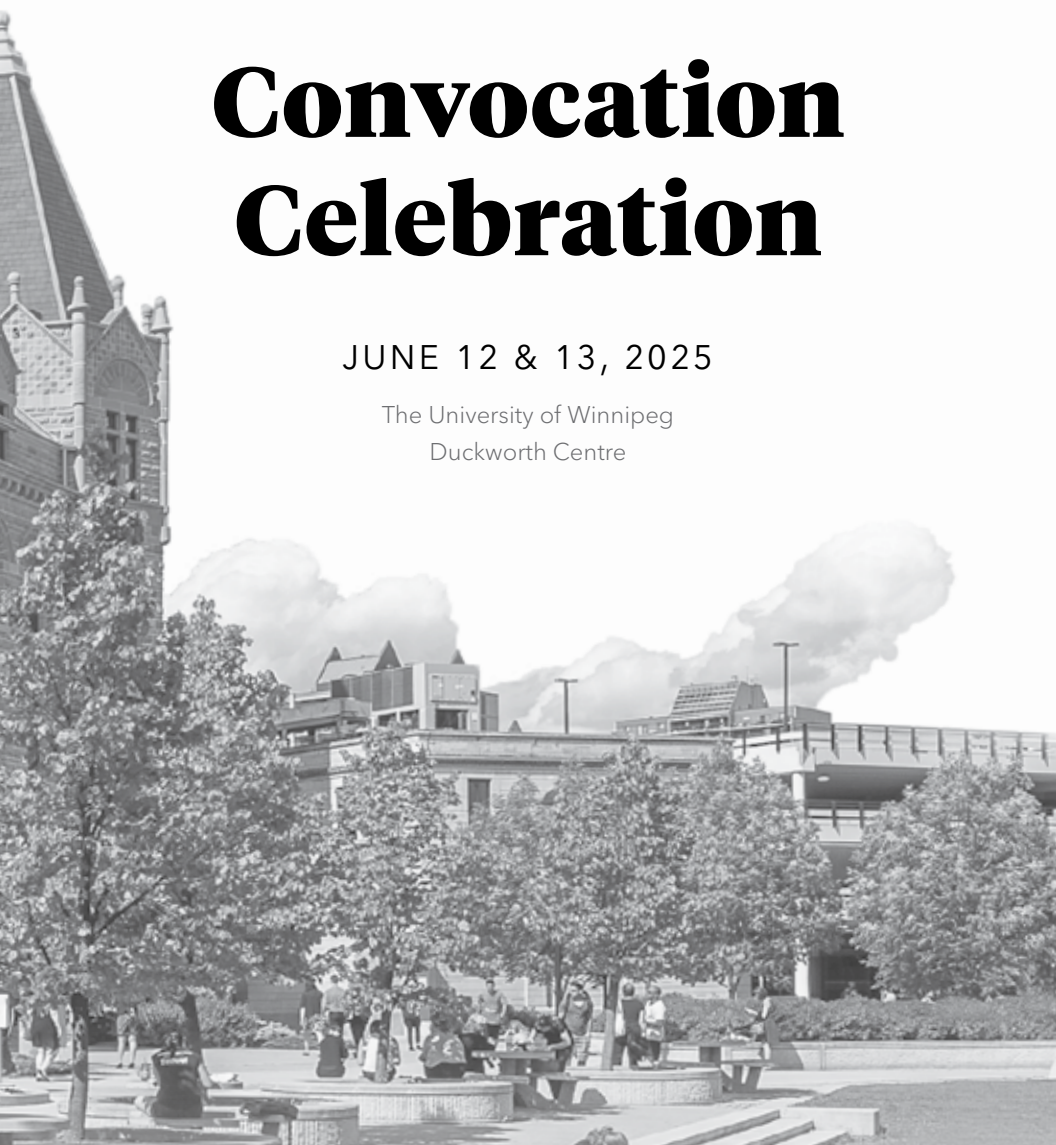


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**Messages  
to the  
Graduands**

## 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 UWinnipeg, 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barb Gamey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barb" being more prominent and the last name "Gamey" written in a more compact, connected style.

**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.

During your time at The University of Winnipeg, you have developed critical-thinking skills, experienced the value of diverse viewpoints, and gained knowledge and skills to help you contribute to a better society.

Whether you are continuing your studies or pursuing your career, I know you will become leaders in your communities. Your voices are important to the future of our province, country, and world.

On behalf of the Board of Regents and our entire University of Winnipeg community, I extend our sincere congratulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T A Mondor', with a stylized, flowing script.

**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**

Today is no ordinary day. It's a milestone—a turning point. For some of you, it's been years of hard work, late nights, and maybe even a few moments when you wondered if you'd make it. But here you are. You did it.

I graduated in 2022 with an Honours degree in Psychology and have the pleasure of serving as the President of the University of Winnipeg Alumni Association (UWAA).

On behalf of the University of Winnipeg Alumni Council, and more than 50,000 graduates across the world, I'm thrilled to say: Welcome to the family.

As you walk across this stage today, you don't leave this university behind—you carry it with you.

You are now part of a living, breathing legacy—of thinkers, leaders, builders, and changemakers whose journeys began right where you're sitting now.

The Alumni Council is here for you—to connect, support, and celebrate you, not just today, but in every chapter to come.

### **Ann Evangelista**

President

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association



# Order of Proceedings

One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Convocation  
Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

Arts

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## Entrance of Student Graduands

Sons of the Drum

## Entrance of the Academic Procession

Alina Havrylyuk

Pianist

## National Anthem

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

## Welcome Song

Tyson and Nina Henry

## Opening of Ceremony and President's Address

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

## Chancellor's Greeting and Conferring of Honorary Degree

Barb Gamey | Chancellor

## Honorary Doctorate of Letters

Odette Heyn, C.M.

Presented by Tracy Whalen, BA (Hons), MA, PhD

## Address to the Graduands

Odette Heyn, C.M.

## Additional Awards

Presented by Pavlina Radia, BA, MA, PhD | Provost and Vice-President Academic

## Campus Sustainability Award

Thiago Nunes, B.P. Eng.

## **Admission to Degrees in Arts**

Conferred by Chancellor Barb Gamey

Master of Arts

Master of Arts (Joint University of Manitoba)

Master of Public Administration (Joint University of Manitoba)

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Bachelor of Arts (4 Year)

Bachelor of Arts

## **Valedictory Address**

Em Penner, BA

## **Alumni Council Message**

Ann Evangelista, BA | Alumni Council President

## **Closing Annotations**

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## **Retirement of the Procession**

St. Andrew's Pipe Band

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# Degrees

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## Master of Arts

Hassan Ali Abdulkadir\*  
Marissa Elizabeth Anne Chernoff  
Bhaumik Chhabra  
Akhey Dey  
Nelson Prince Doh\*  
Natassia D'Sena\*  
Mfongeh Noel Etinzock\*  
Rukayat Olawumi Ilesanmi

Noah Sotiri Kapsales\*  
Olivia Noelle Carter Kehler  
Claire Marie Normandeau  
Mawulom Afi Nyavowoyi\*  
Andrea Ochoa  
Bertram Obuerike Okonkwo  
Okemamaka Olouma Ukasoanya

## Master of Arts (Joint University of Manitoba)

Gift Asamoah  
Kimberly Anne Cork  
Emma Dux  
Jerome Nealon Falk  
Michaela Anne Hiebert  
Sharon Elizabeth Humphrey\*  
Eva Janssen\*  
Maren Anise King

Camilla Rose Leader Kinnear  
Alexandra Julianne Moreau\*  
Blake Troy Mueller  
Ngozi Virginia Okose\*  
Christian William Robb Peters  
Ankurita Saikia\*  
Tiana Di Martino Thomson\*  
David Anthony Valeri

## Master of Public Administration (Joint University of Manitoba)

Maryam Abdullah  
Joselito Edelllano Barrera  
Tabitha Nicole Santos Clavecillas  
Delaney Cristina Trites Coelho  
Roman Michael Ellis  
Alina Hart  
Keeley Christina Johnson

Kafui Mawussé Kounhunde  
Beth Lena Ladyka  
Celina Lara Oster  
Kirandeep Kaur Pandher  
Sandra Tombo  
Alexa Wallin  
Inge Zeldenrust

## Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Jhamela Lorraine Abainza\*  
Jhoanna Pulmano Altasin  
Ashlynn Elizabeth Argo  
Ridwan Abdi Bashir  
Carly Bell\*  
Samuel Frederick Edouard Benson

Avery Charles Bernardin  
Naomie Bérubé  
Daniel Boda  
Kenna Shae Borland  
Mackenzie Jean Bourbonnais  
Kyle Chemerika

## Degrees

Georgina Elizabeth Costantino  
Caitlin Melissa Damm  
Julie Lyn Drzymala  
Tyra Lynne Star Dunits  
Liam Edward Dutiaume\*  
Vitaliy Dyachyshyn\*  
Ryan Mallory Fleming  
Allana Joyce Foster  
Adrianna Saikha Friesen  
McKenzie Skye Gaborieau  
Ethan Ryan Gapusan  
Isabella Carol Gershman  
Jo-Lyn Don Marie Gregoire  
Gabrielle Mackenzie Reyn Hebert  
Emily Dawn Kapell  
Stephanie Michelle Kennedy  
Callie Faith Kjarsgaard  
Breanna Lee Klimchuk  
Sierra Lee Knockaert  
Martha Krawczuk  
Isabella Rae Stella Lischka  
Olivia Erin Block Loewen  
Emmanuel Lopez\*  
Lea Darlyn Lopez Martin  
Fredrich Patrick Cuchulain Mccracken\*

Delaney Katherine Meek  
Sydney Paige Murchison  
Nicole Murdock  
Elysse Marie Paterson  
Crystal Laura Petkau  
Jordan Rayna Pimentel  
Asia Caldoza Reyes  
Abby Betty Riskin  
Erica Marie Roberts  
Sarah Elizabeth Rossen  
Ashwinder Kaur Saran  
Carolyn Ingrid Schroeder  
Grace Evien Scott  
Taryn Rachel Selch  
Emma Frances Scott Spencler  
Camryn Adrianna Spyksma  
Rhyann Cassidy St. Louis  
Donald John Nicholls Stewart  
Madelyn Annabelle Elizabeth Timmins  
Alice Michelle Uwamaliya  
Alyssa Faith Wargha  
Nicholas Markovich Wasyliv  
Katherine Helena Welham  
Genevieve Sarah White  
Mackenzie Anna Eileen Zacharias

## Bachelor of Arts (4-Year)

Nina Alyssa Marie San Jose Adawag  
Osayanefe Favour Aghayere  
Tinuola Victoria Aribisala\*  
Ayomide Emmanuel Ayoola  
Mamadou Yacine Bah  
Miranda Sara Bernstein Baran  
Alysa Dee April Baraniuk  
Kelli Leigh Beatty  
Janelle Victoria Bedford  
Kalkidan Anteneh Begashaw  
Olivia Hope Bishop

Zena Desjardins Bjarnason  
Shandy Marsha Mary Blackbird  
Danielle June Bourbonnais\*  
Spencer Aidan Bubis  
Jane Madison Burton  
Alice Eloise Charles  
Ares Barbopoulos Clark  
Oceanna Shay Clarke  
Emerson Isabella Cole  
Emily Elizabeth Creary\*  
Taina Lynne Da Silva

# Degrees

Raina Corinne DeGroot  
 Claire Minna Wolf DePasquale  
 Tess Shannon Derksen  
 Christiane Neema Dunia  
 Trung Tuan Duong  
 Mary Jane Durotoye  
 Faith Elisabeth English  
 Lilja Grace Fileccia\*  
 Jazmin Rayne Foster  
 JadyN Amy Friesen\*  
 Dawson-Lee Charlotte Gard  
 Beniyamin Ghiyasi\*  
 Joselle Anne B. Gonzales  
 Christian Angelo Gutierrez\*  
 Kelsey Capri Guyot  
 Marjan Hakimi  
 Ayla Maira Hamilton\*  
 Emma Elizabeth Hauer  
 Benesi Sala Tecumseh Henderson  
 Keilan Mahrie Hisco Henry  
 Luke Schellenberg Hiebert\*  
 Lindsay Renae Hunt  
 Jasmine Marie Irwin  
 Haley Dawn Kamp  
 Zoe Lola Klassen  
 Christina Andrea Klysh  
 Aleksandra Kulachenko\*  
 Kaydon Nanuraq Laurin  
 Dyana Lynn Lavallee  
 Karter Craig LeBlanc  
 Sarah Elizabeth Leo Piché  
 Joshua Mark Liba  
 Dea Dorothy Santos Linag  
 Kylie Lynn Rayne Mann  
 Alexandra Clementine Marks  
 Kelsey Gail Nickole Martens  
 Kelsey Lynn Martens  
 Elesia Mary McMullin\*

Felipe Bittencourt Coelho C Mendes  
 Reeanne Frances Nemeth  
 Annalise Noelle Neufeld\*  
 Connor James Neufeld  
 Nathan Philip Neufeld  
 Victor Ugochukwu Nwankwo\*  
 Emily Liezl Pablo  
 Mackenzie Victoria Paquette  
 Jocelyn Joy Parotina  
 Renee Jacqueline Partyka \*  
 Em Penner  
 Halle Margaret Penner  
 Jairett David Peters  
 Christine Abantika Quiah  
 Raynard De Leon Ramos  
 Vanesa Reyes Navarro  
 Jenna Leigh Rintoul  
 Brooke Diane Russell  
 Shyla Sachdeva\*  
 Kearra Esther Santos  
 Karrisa Albie Schneider  
 Shubham Sharma  
 Racheal Elizabeth Sherred\*  
 Brittney Anne-Victoria Shimaro\*  
 Kiera Marie Shindak-Regelous  
 Magalie Safari Sibomana  
 Micah Smith  
 Nicole Jordan Smith  
 Adilson Tiago Ferreira Sousa  
 Skylar Stregger  
 Samara Kaitlyn Tardiff  
 Heather Grace Taylor  
 Robyn Leigh Tays  
 Emmanuel Felix Thomas  
 Dudley Matthew Thompson  
 Justine Aira Valenzuela  
 Chelsea Lee Walker  
 Sydney Victoria Wallace



# Degrees

Jillian Sarah Watts  
Jessica Dayna Whyte  
Lauren Elizabeth Wilton  
Delilah Pietje Woudstra

Loghan Emily Woycheshen  
Kaylee Ann Youngdahl  
Damhat Zagros

## Bachelor of Arts

Symon Franz Abellera  
Oluwatofunmi Opemipo Abiola-Ayorinde\*  
Anjolaoluwa Priscilla Adelaja\*  
Brooke Lindsay Adelberg  
Mirella Marie Aiello\*  
Matteo Ercole Alfredo Albo\*  
Dane Briscia Adajar Alforte  
Aisha Yusuf Ali  
Zain-Albdeen Marwan Alkharouf  
Justine Melanie Allard  
Rhea Taylor Alves  
Jordyn Michelle Anderson  
Taylor Sarah Anderson  
Johnpaul Chibueze Arinze  
Avery Armishaw  
Chelsea Nicole Arnaud  
Diana Oluwarogbayimika Ayodele  
Jerique Bantados Balagtas  
Kerri Angelic Ballantyne  
Cinna Isaac Baran  
Alexander Lazar Adam Baran  
Kelsey Barr  
Jordanna Barron  
Aditya Batta\*  
Alyssa Mae Bautista  
Cuba Aurore Bazimya  
Jenna Breann Beal  
Kristopher John Richard Beatty  
Ethan Eric Bisset  
Owen Michael Blanchfield  
Anna Wendy Lawrence Bourgeois  
Tarnveer Kaur Brar

Jennifer Belle Brass  
Matthew Breiland  
Emily Elizabeth Brenda\*  
Bronwyn Jacqueline Linda Brosch  
Gabrielle Lucie Burnell  
Katelyn Nicole Burns  
Cassidy Emmaline Buss  
Alyssa Anne Buternowsky  
Claire Elizabeth Campbell  
Matthew Owen Micheal Cardinal  
Haley Megan Carr  
Katryna Carolina Carvalho\*  
Jazmyn Alexandra Castro  
Miguela Yabut Castro  
Memory Margaret Lynn Catagas  
Elaine Chau\*  
Ahmad Kefah Chebeeb  
Abhijot Kaur Chohan  
Meagan Cynthia Chrest  
Edward Alexander Chugunov  
Ashlyn Hope Chwartacki  
Riviera Nevada Cianflone  
Ronald Eric Clarke  
Alyssa Faith Coates  
Mikaila Marie Collins  
Tatianna Shaeliegh Connor  
Iris Selene Conrado  
Shaelynn Rachelle Cooke\*  
Leah Felicity Corne\*  
Dail Lesroy Crawford Jr\*  
Richel Angelo Creer  
Gillian Anne Crognali

# Degrees

Maggy Rose Cruickshank  
Paige Jackson Rudkin Curell  
Christina Diane Custodio  
Lara Inae Da Mata  
Wafic El Dalaty\*  
Soren James Danielson  
Jennifer Davidson  
Kayleigh Peyton deJong\*  
Darlene Perdito Dela Cruz  
Navdeep Kaur Dhaliwal\*  
Jessica Sarah Diato  
Sydney Brynn Diduck  
Colin Robert John Dixon  
Dominique Camille Marie Dobson  
Alyssa Meaghan Doerksen  
Melissa Rae Doucette  
Megan Joy Drialich  
Korlyn Rose Dube  
Eric Braden Dupras  
Kalee Rebecca Dyck  
Olivia Joy Early  
Muyi Eboigbe  
Hatem El Samad  
Jan Margareth Eleno  
Micah James Elias  
Isaiah Nicolai Enns  
Emeka Christian Ezenduka  
Elizabeth Suzann Falk  
Ava Brooke Lynn Fearn  
Brooke Fehr-Wuckert  
Avalon Marie Fenwick  
Kiana Fernandez  
Amaia Alcine Floreal  
Fatim Fofana  
Pascale Ngounou Rici Fomo  
Madison Elizabeth Fordyce  
Keira Kathleen Foster  
Matteo Franceschetti

Kaitlin Ann Francis  
Rachel Julia Francis  
Kathryn Margaret Friend  
Isabelle Hope Tanya Friesen  
Morgan Alexa Danielle Friesen  
Taylor Alexis Friesen  
Brodie Alexander Friesen  
Sherelle Nicole Frith  
Noah Christian Scott Froese  
Serena Ariana Garcea  
Eliza Gabrielle Garcia  
Ana Paula Garcia Monsalve\*  
Alvina Marian Gegwetch  
Joshua David Ginter  
Lino Constantine Gomic  
Paige Marie Gordon  
Lisa Jennifer Grabowski\*  
Giuseppe Bannon Grande  
D'Arci Bryn Gregg  
Cassidy Lynn Grace Groening  
Ben Joshua Felicia Guina\*  
Nicole Maylem Gutierrez Munoz\*  
Aamir Kumar Haji-Hamzeh  
Aimee Dorothy Louise Halldorsson  
Trinity Utica Handel\*  
Jessica George Hanna  
Rabia Harb  
Emily Lauren Hares  
Taylor Harrap  
Violette Loire Harrison  
Bennett James Harrison  
Chloe Rose Heidinger  
Lilia Adriana Hernandez-Elmhurst  
Christine Amber Heyward  
Dana Therese Pascua Hidalgo  
Christian Daniel Highway  
Brent Hipolito\*  
Lauren Nicole Hislop

## Degrees

Megan Hnatiuk	Ania Teresa Kolodziej
Danica Nicole Hoiu*	Rebecca-Mae Helen Kolt
Morgan Hopko	Vanessa Jayne Kolthof
Haley Elizabeth Anne Humphreys	Paxton Jack Koop*
Bailey Leah Hurtig*	Noah Henry Kornelsen
Hajati Issa	Emersyn Raine Korzeniowski*
Francess Uyinor Itobore	Jeanette Gabriela Krahn*
Taylor Vivian Izon	Wesley Garrett Kropelin*
Alanna James	Sydney Thompson Kurbis
Candice Jo-Ann Janz	Levi Erwin Kwade *
Alexandria Jaworski	Joseph Michael Ladyka
Amy Alice Rose Johnson	Brady Chaz Lamothe
Kylie Faith Jonasson*	Talia Drew Landgraff
Megan Joyal	Ryan Louis Langlois
Mansha Kainth	McKenna Kelsie Ann Lapointe-Joyce
Kamaljiyot Singh Kalkat	Lissa Doreen Lorette Larocque
Daljit Singh Kambo*	Courtney Amber Larsen
Wahpikwanees Mary Kappo	Erin Kelly Latour*
Chance Katotoka	Joanna Lawrence
Maya Kaufman	Rochelle Rae Ledoux Molgat
Andrew Shea Kaul	Drake Roland Wayne Lee*
Harmanjot Kaur	Roman Legkii*
Gunnpreet Kaur*	Kevin Robert Linklater
Harpinder Kaur*	Jessica Annabelle Lodge
Jasmeen Kaur	Theo James Loewen
Manvir Kaur	Jake Terence Lotocki*
Samreet Kaur*	Gabriel Maxime Louër
Brendan William Jack Keane*	Sadie Elyse Lowenthal
Owen Sean Kemball*	Rowan Kathleen Lundy
Rahila Raxie Khokhar*	Jonathan Thomas Magistad*
Sohrab Khoshkebari	Bailey Justina Magnusson
Shyinnia Rae Kipling-Appleyard	Kara Lyn Magnusson*
Brooklyn Kathleen Kirsch	Bailey Alexandra Magnus-Walker
Alysa Renae Klippenstein	Danielle Natalie Caroline Majury
Ivan Paul-Pierre Klymkiw*	Efa Manesia*
Rebecca Karen Knapp	Mansirat Mangat
Alan Carter Knight	Olivia Lois Lesia Martin
Victoria Kohut	Masooma

## Degrees

Calvin Ross Mayer\*  
Keanna Marie McCutcheon\*  
Branson Reeve Mckay \*  
Leah Dawn McPhail  
Givan Kishore Mehra  
Samantha Rae Melsted  
Dominique Ann Alinea Mendoza  
Jaquayne Alexander Mighty  
Julia Zofia Mikolajczyk\*  
Grace Catherine Minsky  
Emanuelle Jan Azada Moises  
Nick Moldez  
Tessa Faith Molnar  
Borden Daniel John Moneyas  
Lindsey Costa Moniz  
Elizabeth Morissette  
Christopher Donald Morrison  
Lenae Jade Moslenko  
Fatima Zahra Moustarzak  
Paige Nadine Mueller  
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Noradin Mohammed Musse  
Bryanne Elizabeth Mysak  
Bradley Christopher Neudorf  
Paul Kirk Newsom  
Jacklynn Diana Kelly Nichols  
Sydney Grace Nickel  
Gloria Nikolic  
Sabrina Marie Notarianni  
Jessica Nwaneri  
Natasha Anita Oberoi  
Guzoronna Chibuotam Obi  
Micayla Victoria Oliveira-Sousa  
Jewel Jerao Ortilla  
Ryan Brady Ostermann  
Cristiano Roland Otto  
Mofoluke Josiah Owwoye\*  
Kamryn Oxelgren

Kristine Mae Paguio  
Larissa Kylie Pahl  
Vedha Sanjeev Panicker  
Jasmine Ashley Parisian\*  
Devlin Scott Pathammavong  
Bailey Glenn Pavcek  
Lauryn Anne Pedrick\*  
Deanna Helen Colleen Leslie Pelletier  
Jakob Thomas Penberthy  
Katherine Jean Perkins  
Grace Lynn Jade Perreault  
Mackenzie Beth Perrin\*  
Crystal Lynn Peterson  
Stephanie Marie Petrachek  
Daria Kirstin Pokrant  
Alana Karlyn Porritt  
Mateo Jay Presingular  
Victoria Quang  
Goran Thomas Radusin  
Kristy Dawn Ranson  
Mackenzie Layne Ratcliffe  
Brett Riley Rebeck  
Katelyn Joy Cape Rebeto  
Hitesh Ravan Reddy  
Alex Reichert  
Yatatu Kenneth Reimer  
Kamryn Brenda Lisa Reitmeier  
Cheyenne Emma Remillard  
Jocelyne Aimee Remillard  
Kathryn Ann Roberts  
Lindsay Megan Robertson  
Xander Gabriel Robinson\*  
Isabella Judanne Romani  
Yelena Oksana Jo-Ann Romaniuk  
Peyton Sunshine Sabiston  
Christine Samyn  
Teresa Lynn Sanderson\*  
Mickayla Aprileen Santos

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Konrad Paul Schaepe  
Amanda Nicole Schmidt  
Colin David Schmidt  
Janine Renee Seel\*  
Victoria Elizabeth Shankaruk  
Saria Eva Marie Shannacappo  
Emily Samantha Damika Shemluk  
Leah Evelyn Shore  
Kailey Samantha Shwaluke  
Zoe Mya Silver  
Kim Simard  
Ashlynn Danielle Sinclair  
Gurjot Singh  
Mantej Singh\*  
Satvinder Singh\*  
Diana Marie Smith\*  
Dorian Marco Soares  
Jessica Robyn Sokoloff  
Shannon Michelle Tamara Somers  
Jessica Taylor Spurgeon  
Megan Alix St. Godard\*  
Jewel Emma Starr  
Eric William Stevenson  
Har Ansh Suman  
Riley Callum Sveistrup  
Renée Swanepoel  
Helen Leera Tamana  
Benjamin Barie Tamana  
Mackenzie Paige Marie Taylor  
Norman Taylor\*  
Damon Scott Henry Thiessen  
Madison Olivia Tirschmann  
Marta Tkaczyk  
Tansy Anna-Jean Tober  
Oluwatimilehin Tolorunse  
Kalennah Hope Tonner\*

Arshdeep Kaur Toor\*  
Dang Thai Uyen Tran  
Nguyen Thao Vy Tran  
Jenna Teagan Trapp  
Victoria Grace Truderung  
Elisabeth Tshaikovski\*  
Avery Laurey Unger\*  
Grace Melody Urbanski  
Rina Julia Barcelo Urquiola  
Michael Andre Usunier  
Ava Alexia Elle Van de Mosselaer  
Kirsten Paige Van Ry  
Sara Vandal  
Allen Clark Villarin\*  
Simranjot Viridi  
Sydney Jessica Wabick  
Brooklynn Mary Wagner  
Kalyn Serena Waldner  
Brandon Myles Walker  
Sean Charles Kieron Walsh  
Semhal Teklebrhan Weldearegay\*  
Kieran Edward David West  
Brianne Linda Whalen  
Katelyn Elizabeth Whiteside  
Faith Charity Whiteway\*  
Caitlyn Nicole Wiebe  
Katrina Rachel Deschauer Wiebe\*  
Natasha Jenna Wiebe Kasper  
Jason Williams  
Shaelyn Brianne Wilton  
Calvin Yearworth  
Imojen Trinity Yerex-Paculan  
Alia Faith Yorski\*  
Anthony Robert Zarow\*  
Samantha Shelby Rose Zechel\*  
Jue Zhang

\* February 2025 graduate

\*\* Also listed previously under respective degrees





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Jitender Sareen, BSc, MD, FRCPC

Presented by Jino Distasio, BA, MA, PhD

## Address to the Graduands

Jitender Sareen, BSc, MD, FRCPC

## Professor Emeritus

Alan Diduck, LLB, MNRM, PhD

Presented by Jino Distasio, BA, MA, PhD

## Additional Awards

Presented by Pavlina Radia, BA, MA, PhD | Provost and Vice-President Academic

## **Clifford J. Robson Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence**

Désirée Vanderwel, BSc, PhD

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

Andrew Frey, BSc, PhD

## **Stars of Spence Street**

Pam Delorme, BSc

## **Admission to Degrees in Science, Business and Economics**

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Master of Science

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Bachelor of Science (4 Year)

Bachelor of Science

Master of Arts in Economics\*\*

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\*\*

## **Valedictory Address**

Thomas Craig Robert Hepworth, BSc (Hons)

## **Alumni Council Message**

Ann Evangelista, BA | Alumni Council President

## **Closing Annotations**

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## Master of Science

Michelle Maglanque Beltran\*  
Madison Taylor Chisholm  
Shyamal Yogeshchandra Dharia\*  
Matin Emam  
Philipp Gregoryanz  
Renée Janelle Laing\*  
Jueqin Lu

Paryant Sunilbhai Sunilbhai Patel  
Yujie Ren  
Brynne Keely Riehl\*  
Ryan Lee Shirtliffe\*  
Sahejpal Sidhu\*  
Ruchini Kaushalya Sovis Willapfrankiskuge  
Jasmyne Angela Storm\*

## Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Nolan William Brennan  
Bronte Danielle Ewert Brenneman  
David Wesley Brinkman  
Justin Sage Angeles Briones  
John Alexander Buksowicz  
Russel Joseph Baro Caballero  
Rylen Jeffrey de Vries  
Zachary David Ferguson-Baird  
Leeza Sarah Goldberg  
Gracie Odessa Grift  
Melissa Rae Haak  
Thomas Craig Robert Hepworth  
Megan Rochelle Hiebert  
Melody Loralee Hutton  
Carlin Grace Robertson Johnston  
Rahul Kanwal

Modeste Katotoka  
Paramdeep Kaur  
Schaeelyce Jocelyne Kopp  
Alexa Rae Kozlowski  
Rylan Michael Kushka  
Cassidy Rayne Lamirande  
Lance Tyler Lecocq-Gareau  
Kierra Olivia Murphy\*  
Jadyn Angelle Piatt  
Igal Press  
Ma. Paula Gabrielle Sadaya  
Harjasleen Kaur Sarao  
Tanish Singaraj  
Vidhi Dipeshkum Suthar  
Jacee Lexis Turner

## Bachelor of Science (4-Year)

Arthur Baider  
Devyn William Keith Ballance  
Daniela Maria Balmer  
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President and Vice-Chancellor, presiding*



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## Entrance of Student Graduands

Sons of the Drum

## Entrance of the Academic Procession

Alina Havrylyuk  
Pianist

## National Anthem

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

## Welcome Song

Tyson and Nina Henry

## Welcome and President's Address

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

## Chancellor Greeting and Conferring of Honorary Degree

Barb Gamey | Chancellor

## Honorary Doctorate of Letters

Rosanna Deerchild  
Presented by Chantal Fiola, BA (Hons), MA, PhD

## Address to the Graduands

Rosanna Deerchild

## Distinguished Alumni Award

Rev. Stefan Jonasson, BA, MDiv  
Presented by Pavlina Radia, BA, MA, PhD

## **Admission to Degrees in Education, Kinesiology, Theology, Physical and Health Education, Marriage and Family Therapy**

Conferred by Chancellor Barb Gamey

Master of Marriage and Family Therapy

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Education

Bachelor of Education

Bachelor of Arts (3 Year) in Developmental Studies\*\*

Bachelor of Kinesiology (Honours)

Bachelor of Kinesiology (4 Year)

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

Bachelor of Physical and Health Education

## **Valedictory Address**

Lisa Marie Maes, BEd

## **Alumni Council Message**

Ann Evangelista, BA | Alumni Council President

## **Closing of Ceremony**

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

## **Retirement of the Procession**

St. Andrew's 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 on Marsha Hanen Way (Riddell Hall in the event of rain).*

A large, faint watermark of the University of Winnipeg crest is visible in the background. The crest features a shield with a lamp of knowledge, an open book, a bunch of grapes, and a banner at the bottom with the word 'Lux' and a cross.

# Convocation Tradition



## 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 semi-circular 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

Indigenous graduates wear stoles designed by Leticia Spence, a two-spirit graphic designer and illustrator from Pimicikmak.

The vines are made of Czech seed beads and bugle beads, and the florals include a butterfly motif created from wild roses, a Dakota rose with a geometric influence, a cloudberry to bring in an Inuit element, and a thirteen-petaled flower to represent the thirteen moon cycles.

At the top of the stole, a rosebud floral symbolizes growth, tying into the journey of a student. The design is symmetrical, as balance and harmony are key elements in Indigenous artwork and beadwork.



## 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.





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Mackenzie Paige Marie Taylor  
Angela Rose Teichroew  
Joshua Daniel Tessmer  
Savana Lucy Theodore-Maraj  
Mersadie Jade Thiessen\*  
Damon Scott Henry Thiessen  
Jessica Marie Thompson

Marta Tkaczyk  
Tansy Anna-Jean Tober  
Naomi Gen Arrogancia Tolentino  
Nikki Therese Tomoniko  
Nguyen Thao Vy Tran  
Jenna Teagan Trapp  
Blake Robert Franz Treffner  
Erica Lynn Treichel  
Victoria Grace Truderung  
Ryan Scott Unrau  
Grace Melody Urbanski  
Ava Alexia Elle Van de Mosselaer  
Sara Vandal  
Julianna Maria Veloso  
Alexandra Maria Verras  
Joyce Waldner\*  
Kalyn Serena Waldner  
Scott Anthony Martin Warkentin  
Katelyn Elizabeth Whiteside  
Alyssa Leanne M. Wiebe  
Natasha Jenna Wiebe Kasper  
Lindsay Dionne Thi-Minh Wieler\*  
Douglas Raymond Williams  
Shannon Natalia Williams  
Shaelyn Brianne Wilton  
Danae Janine Wirth  
Kyle Wittmeier  
Kyana Alexis Wonnacott  
Sydney Joy Woods  
Imojen Trinity Yerex-Paculan  
Kaylee Ann Youngdahl  
Isaiah William Zacharias

# Degrees

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

Kerri Angelic Ballantyne  
Memory Margaret Lynn Catagas  
Jessica Sarah Diato  
Melissa Rae Doucette  
Kalee Rebecca Dyck  
Alvina Marian Gegwetch  
Alexandria Jaworski

Sohrab Khoshkebari  
Masooma  
Dominique Ann Alinea Mendoza  
Julia Zofia Mikolajczyk\*  
Elizabeth Morissette  
Mofoluke Josiah Owwoeye\*  
Diana Marie Smith\*

## Bachelor of Kinesiology (Honours)

Jill Officer Hinchey

## Bachelor of Kinesiology (4-Year)

Maisha Maliha Alam  
Hannah Nicole Alexander  
Zaid Fawaz Raik Alsayeh\*  
Sydney Makenna Butler  
Jan Raven Lagahit Cadiz  
Michelle Wei Mei Chen\*  
Justin William Dale Chutskoff  
Jeric Neil Fauni\*  
Thomas Freeman  
Kyle David Friesen\*  
Ripanjot Kaur Gill  
Ralph Christopher Ignacio  
Patricia Mae Ilagan  
Zoe Chelsea Antonia Johnson\*  
Bronson James Kelly

Anna Gabrielle Swirsky Kernaghan  
Hyuntae Kim  
Liam Joseph Markesteyn\*  
Nadine Medina  
Floreine Aguinaldo Musni  
Fatemeh Nemat\*  
Kyla Mae Pablo  
Gurpreet Kaur Parmar  
Joel David Pineau\*  
Sara Kathe Remillard\*  
Jahaziel Ilas Reyes  
Danielle Marie Sa  
Eric Denis Joseph Savard  
McKaely Cameron Snider\*  
Brittani Lynn Swail

# Degrees

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

Raija Diane Belanger	Kim Leanders Gudmandson
Lena Dueck Bender*	Katelyn Paige Howie
Eric Siegfried Braun	Hallie Melissa Jamieson
Rachel Marlene Bridle	Kerry Leigh Saull
Debbie Novlette Buck	Delainey Toews

## Bachelor of Physical and Health Education

Dawson Roman Allan Anderson	Terrel Edwards Jordan
Gabriel Maurice Daniel Balcaen	Mason Bryan Juras
Marcus Manuel Delgado Cabral	Shaylene Kavitch
Todd James Campbell	Shawn Michael Maranan
Ainsley Camryn Chapellaz	Meghan Angela McDonald
Sydney Clark	William Contente Oliveira
Ryan Thomas Cumpsty*	Ann Grace Maog Ramos*
Parker Riley Davis	Jerzy Quinn Rigaux
Kamille Dela Cuesta*	Chloe Emma Stimpson*
Hannah Dreger	Samantha Brooke Taylor*
Mikayla Anne Funk*	Blake Robert Franz Treffner
Joshua Guzman	Mackenzie Dawn Turner*
Taylor Victoria Hahn	Ryan Scott Unrau
Hannah Layne Jackson	Russell Cameron Velasco
Carter Vince Johnson	Julianna Maria Veloso

\*February 2025 graduate

\*\*Also listed previously under respective degrees



# **Award Recipients**



## Award Recipients

### **Jhamela Abainza**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) History of Art

### **Cinna Baran**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Philosophy

### **Tarnveer Brar**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Sociology

### **Lauren Bravo**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Anthropology

### **Kyle Chemerika**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Rhetoric and  
Communications

### **Abhijot Chohan**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Human Rights

### **Madyson Cope**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Women's and  
Gender Studies

### **Tyra Dunits**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Sociology

### **Raphael Estillore**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Theatre and Film

### **Ava Fearn**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Political Science

### **Ryan Fleming**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Interdisciplinary  
Linguistics

### **Allana Foster**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) History

### **Jazmin Foster**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a  
Major (4-Year) Joint  
Communications

### **Claire Friesen**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Conflict Resolution  
Studies

### **Paige Gordon**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Classics

### **Nicole Gutierrez Munoz**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Environmental  
Studies and Sciences

### **Kelsey Guyot**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Human Rights

### **Lilia Hernandez-Elmhurst**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Spanish Studies

### **Megan Joyal**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) International  
Development Studies

### **Kelly Kolt Mackie**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Urban and Inner  
City Studies

### **Justin Laniuk**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Statistics

**Dyana Lavallee**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Anthropology

**Joshua Liba**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Criminal Justice

**Mansirat Mangat**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Psychology

**Kelsey Martens**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Arts (4-Year)

Gold Medal for

Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Psychology

**Calvin Mayer**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) German Studies

**Fredrich Mccracken**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Philosophy

**Mary-Kate McDonald**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Indigenous  
Languages

**Stephanie McLeod**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) East Asian  
Languages and Culture

**Nicole Murdock**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Criminal Justice

Gold Medal for

Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Indigenous  
Studies

**Annalise Neufeld**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) English

**Nathan Neufeld**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Political Science

**Thomas Oberlin**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Theatre  
and Film - Dance

**Renee Partyka**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) International  
Development Studies

**Elysse Paterson**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Classics

**Emily Penner**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Arts (4-Year)

Gold Medal for

Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Rhetoric and  
Communications

**Grace Perreault**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Theatre and  
Film - Dance

**Jordan Pimentel**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Arts (Honours)

Gold Medal for

Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Psychology

**Elise Pohorily**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Criminal Justice

**Heather Reeves**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Geography

## Award Recipients

**Jessica Richard**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) French Studies

**Yelena Romaniuk**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Rhetoric and  
Communications

**Ashwinder Saran**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) English

**Saria Shannacappo**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Anthropology

**Nicole Smith**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Conflict Resolution  
Studies

**Jewel Starr**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Indigenous Studies

**Heather Taylor**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Geography

**Chelsea Walker**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Sociology

**Alyssa Warga**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Arts (Honours)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Political Science

**Nicholas Wasyliw**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) English

**Katherine Welham**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Theatre and Film

**Loghan Woycheshen**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) History

**Kaylee Youngdahl**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Combined Major

**Mackenzie Zacharias**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Arts (Honours)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Women's and  
Gender Studies

**Torrin Anonsen**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Business and  
Administration

**Sara Bernardin**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Neuroscience

**Tyler Buffone**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Business and  
Economics (4-Year)

**Russel Caballero**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Applied  
Computer Science

**Hannah Davis**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Business and Economics  
(4-Year)

**Shyamal Dharja**

Graduate Student of  
Highest Distinction Award

**Hunter Gamache**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Science (4-Year)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Biochemistry

**Chloe Gawne**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Science (3-Year)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Neuroscience

**Leeza Goldberg**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Neuroscience

**Gracie Grift**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Science (Honours)

The Governor General's  
Silver Medal

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Biology

**Thomas Hepworth**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Science  
(Honours)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Physics

**Jinyu Hong**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Economics

**Dasmeen Kaur Kaila**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Science (3-Year)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Biochemistry

**Lance Lecocq-Gareau**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Chemistry

**Lucy MacDougall**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Science (3-Year)

**Shayla MacInnis**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Radiation Therapy

**Mark Martens**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Business and  
Administration

**Taylor McGillivray**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Business and  
Economics (3-Year)

**Mili Dipakkumar Modi**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Biology

**Tran Thuc Tram Nguyen**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing in  
Business and Economics  
(3-Year)

**Deirdre Rooney**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Science (4-Year)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Environmental  
Studies and Sciences

**Kristine Salvador**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Applied Computer  
Science

**Marie Kriel Therese Santos**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Biology

**Zachary Saunders**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Chemistry

**Jasmyne Storm**

The Governor General's  
Gold Medal

Graduate Student of  
Highest Distinction Award

# Award Recipients

**Norman Taylor**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Economics

**Giang Tran**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Mathematics

**Dylan Uhryniuk**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Applied Computer  
Science

**Paige Curell**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) French Studies

**Hannah Derry**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Education

**Melissa Doucette**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Developmental  
Studies

**Megan Drialich**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Geography

**Janessa Haaksma**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Biology

**Ashley Hildebrand**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Education

**Katelyn Howie**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Kinesiology  
(4-Year)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Kinesiology

**Tessa Molnar**

Lieutenant-Governor's  
Gold Medal for the Highest  
Standing in Arts (3-Year)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) English

**Jill Officer Hinchey**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Kinesiology (Honours)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Kinesiology

**Kyla Pablo**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing in  
Kinesiology (4-Year)

**Bailey Pavcek**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Geography

**Lydia Peloquin-Epp**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Education

**Ann Grace Ramos**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing in  
Kinesiology (3-Year)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) Physical and Health  
Education

**Jerzy Rigaux**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Kinesiology  
(3-Year)

**Victoria Truderung**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Arts (3-Year)

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(3-Year) History





# **Honourees**



## Honourees



### **Rosanna Deerchild**

#### **Honorary Doctor of Letters**

Rosanna Deerchild is a Cree journalist, broadcaster, poet, and playwright. She is a band member of the Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation and has deep family roots in O-Pipon-Na-Piwan Cree Nation in northern Manitoba.

Her work in the realm of storytelling, and as a proud advocate for Indigenous perspectives, has enriched both Indigenous and broader Canadian communities for over two decades.

Rosanna worked as a reporter, anchor, and Executive Director of News and Current Affairs for ATPN at a time when Indigenous journalists were few. She was part of a wave of journalists shaping our connections to Indigenous knowledge, stories, and issues surrounding Indigenous way of life.

She also worked in radio, starting at NCI-FM with a weekly talk show called *All my Relations*, which was heard across the province. And her CBC Radio One show, *Unreserved*, is one of the most extensive collections of interviews and archival materials regarding all Indigenous Peoples on Turtle Island.

Rosanna is also a gifted poet and playwright; whose works reflect the strength and continued resistance of Indigenous communities.

She has received several prestigious awards, including the Marshall McLuhan Medium and Light Award (2019), the Amnesty International Media Award (2021), and the Indigenous Media Award (2024).

Rosanna has been a champion for Two-Spirit, Queer, and Trans People of Colour, and for the next generation of Indigenous writers. She co-founded the Indigenous Writers Collective of Manitoba to foster and support Indigenous creative writing in the province and beyond.

For her profound contributions to Canadian arts, media, and Indigenous advocacy, The University of Winnipeg is proud to bestow an *Honorary Doctor of Letters* on Rosanna Deerchild.

## Honourees



### **Pamela Delorme**

BSc

#### **Stars of Spence Street Prize**

Pamela Delorme has been the primary interface for students as the office assistant in the Department of Biology since 2001. Known for her cheerful disposition and empathetic personality, she has demonstrated an unprecedented level of commitment to her students and the department.

Her encyclopedic knowledge of all administrative matters in the department inspired the phrase “Just ask Pam”, which is trending.

Her patience positively impacts the department at every level. This, combined with her vast knowledge of courses and governance, allows her to skillfully navigate all administrative matters that pertain to students and the department.

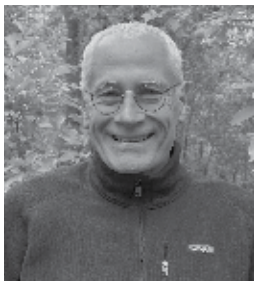
Pam’s expertise and tireless behind-the-scenes support helped the department create UWinnipeg’s first PhD program.

She reviewed multiple drafts of program proposals, curriculum paperwork for Senate, and helped with curriculum design, to help mitigate future challenges. She also conducted crucial research in tracking the success of UWinnipeg’s Master of Science alumni that helped build government support for the PhD proposal.

She is loved and admired by the department at all levels, as one student wrote: “You are important to the whole honours program and I firmly believe you single-handedly may be responsible for the success of ALL the thesis students! Thank you for always knowing the answer.”

The University of Winnipeg is proud to award Pamela Delorme with the Stars of Spence Street Prize for her empathy, kindness, and dedicated support for students and UWinnipeg.

## Honourees



### **Dr. Alan Diduck**

PhD, MNRM, LLB

#### **Professor Emeritus**

Dr. Alan Diduck is a scholar, educator, mentor, and researcher who has made many valuable contributions to The University of Winnipeg for 22 years and counting.

A pioneering member of the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences, Alan was instrumental in growing it from a small program into a full-fledged department. During his tenure, he held many important roles, including Program Director and Department Chair.

He spearheaded a strategic plan for the department, created an honours stream, secured accreditation from national associations, helped establish a graduate program in partnership with the Geography department, and organized a joint program with RRC Polytech.

Alan's career is defined by public service. He began as a lawyer and Executive Director of the Community Legal Education Association, providing legal education and information services to the public with his characteristic modesty and empathy.

Alan's student-centered teaching style led more than 1,700 students to take his classes. He went above and beyond to recruit and mentor students from equity-deserving groups, and supported students' academic and professional development.

Alan's research record is also exemplary. His research program received more than 25 external grants worth a combined \$13 million, and resulted in 78 peer-reviewed publications.

A community-engaged researcher, Alan cultivated long-term partnerships with colleagues across Canada and internationally. He has also served on the board of local environmental NGOs, testified at environmental hearings, and contributed to the development of community gardens. Earlier this year, he was one of three UWinnipeg faculty members appointed to the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission.

For his contributions to teaching, research, university administration, community engagement, and public service, UWinnipeg bestows upon Dr. Alan Diduck the title of Professor Emeritus.

## Honourees



### **Dr. Andrew Frey**

PhD

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

Dr. Andrew Frey is an influential physicist, known internationally for his world-leading work in more than one area of string theory. His versatility has also led him to work on topics well outside his PhD subject of string theory.

His research focuses on understanding the most fundamental laws that govern the universe: quantum gravity, the early history of the cosmos, and the role of extra dimensions.

Andrew received his PhD in theoretical physics in 2003 from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He then held the John McCone Postdoctoral Prize Fellowship at the prestigious California Institute of Technology.

In 2006, he moved to McGill University, where he was awarded the first ever national postdoctoral fellowship sponsored by the Canadian Institute for Particle Physics and the Perimeter Institute.

Andrew came to The University of Winnipeg in 2011, received tenure and promotion in 2016, and became a full Professor in 2023.

In his time at UWinnipeg, Andrew has received over half a million dollars in individual NSERC Discovery Grants, demonstrating his recognized excellence amongst the Canadian scientific community.

He has 51 refereed journal articles with over 1800 citations covering a wide variety of topics, and is approaching the citation efficacy of the top physicists in the world.

Andrew has a strong history of mentorship and student involvement in research. A hallmark of his work is involving many students, including undergraduates, as co-authors.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Dr. Andrew Frey with the Erica and Arnold Rogers Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship.

## Honourees



### Odette Heyn

C.M.

#### Honorary Doctor of Letters

For over 45 years, Odette Graziella Heyn has devoted her professional life to the Winnipeg arts community and the world of contemporary dance.

Odette immigrated to Canada with her family in 1958. Armed with dance training from York University, she settled in Winnipeg in the mid-'70s.

In 1978, she was the Founder and Artistic Director of Sundance Children's Dance Theatre, which toured schools and theatres across Manitoba.

In 1981, she co-founded the Professional Program at the School of Contemporary Dancers and continues to serve as co-director. She choreographed for countless productions and companies, all while developing some of Canada's most prestigious dancers.

She has volunteered her time and expertise to dancers, playwrights, actors, and singers. She is a proud officiant of Canadian citizenship ceremonies, welcoming and inducting immigrants to their new home.

In partnership with The University of Winnipeg, Odette, along with Faye Thomson and the School of Contemporary Dancers, helped create the Dance Program Stream within the UWinnipeg Department of Theatre and Film. This allows students working towards a professional career in dance to obtain a liberal arts degree.

Odette has been honoured by Dance Manitoba with a Lifetime Achievement Award, the City of Winnipeg Make a Difference Award, and appointed to the Order of Canada.

For her role in establishing a dance major at UWinnipeg and enriching the culture of dance and the arts in Canada, The University of Winnipeg is proud to bestow an *Honorary Doctor of Letters* on Odette Heyn.

## Honourees



### **Rev. Stefan Jonasson**

BA, MDiv

#### **Distinguished Alumni Award**

For Reverend Stefan Jonasson, The University of Winnipeg has been a major part of his life as a student and an alumnus.

Stefan is a three-time graduate of The University of Winnipeg. He completed his high school education at the Collegiate in 1979 and earned his BA in 1988, receiving the University of Winnipeg Gold Medal in Religion. He completed his Master of Divinity in 1997, receiving the Governor General's Gold Medal.

His pride in his Icelandic culture and his contribution to the Icelandic community is outstanding. He is currently the minister at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Winnipeg and serves as the editor of *Lögberg-Heimskringla*, an Icelandic community newspaper. His work as a journalist and historian has been instrumental in documenting and sharing the history of Icelandic immigrants.

In 2013, Stefan was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and in 2019, he was awarded the Knight's Cross in the Order of the Falcon, Iceland's highest honour. Also in 2019, he was recognized by the Icelandic National League of North America with the Joan Inga Eyjolfsson Cadham Award for Literature.

Before being named to The University of Winnipeg Board of Regents, a position he held from 2015 to 2024, he served as president of the UWinnipeg Alumni Association and sat on the Alumni Council for six years.

For his steadfast dedication to The University of Winnipeg and significant contributions to both religious and journalist communities, the Alumni Association is proud to honour Reverend Stefan Jonasson with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

## Honourees



### Thiago Nunes

B. P. Eng.

#### **Campus Sustainability Recognition Award**

Thiago Nunes began at The University of Winnipeg in 2018, as an intern in the PACE project management internship program. Since then, he has distinguished himself by demonstrating outstanding leadership in advancing the environmental and economic sustainability goals of UWinnipeg. Driven by his innovative vision, he quickly moved up the ranks and now serves as the Director of Building Infrastructure.

His professional background as a mechanical engineer with 15 years of industrial maintenance experience, combined with his credentials as an Engineer in Training, through Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, a LEED Green Associate, and PMP-certified professional, makes him an exceptionally skilled advocate for campus sustainability.

His knowledge of environmental management and expertise with data collection and analysis are essential to the University's ongoing sustainability operations.

During his initial one-month internship with UWinnipeg's Campus Sustainability Office, he synthesized complex data on energy, water, waste, and greenhouse gas emissions into actionable insights. Now managing the University's energy, emissions, and utilities portfolio, he plays a key role in reducing consumption and advancing sustainability goals.

His collaborative approach has strengthened partnerships across campus and beyond, while his system improvements have promoted data integrity. Through the development of real-time energy performance dashboards, he has elevated the University's capacity for transparent, informed sustainability reporting and decision-making.

He continues to advocate for bold ideas. He was instrumental in both the solar panel and biomass energy projects, helping UWinnipeg move closer to its ambitious emissions reduction targets.

For his innovative leadership, and vision, The University of Winnipeg is proud to present Thiago Nunes with the 2025 Faculty and Staff Campus Sustainability Recognition Award.

## Honourees



### **Dr. Jitender Sareen**

BSc, MD, FRCPC

#### **Honorary Doctor of Science**

Dr. Jitender Sareen is a world leader in mental health research, who exemplifies the values of compassion, innovation, and excellence. The impact of his research and advocacy has been profound, shaping policies and practices that improve mental health outcomes for individuals and communities across Canada.

His visionary leadership as the Department Head of psychiatry at the University of Manitoba, and at the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, has had a transformative impact on mental health research and practice.

Dr. Sareen's collaborations with Indigenous communities to implement culturally-informed suicide prevention initiatives reflect his deep commitment to grassroots partnerships, and the co-creation of solutions that respect and uplift Indigenous knowledge and practices.

His work has been groundbreaking in the area of post traumatic stress disorders, in the development and funding of housing support programs, and in expanding access to cognitive behavioural therapy across Manitoba.

He has made significant academic contributions to psychiatry, mental health policy and practice, and his work has helped shape national conversations surrounding medical assistance in dying.

Dr. Sareen is a kind and gracious physician, a remarkable leader and advocate for mental health in this province, and a champion for change in the health system. He continues to make a tremendous and lasting impact to his community.

For his advocacy, his contributions to mental health services, and his ability to help people in crisis, The University of Winnipeg is proud to bestow an *Honorary Doctor of Science* on Dr. Jitender Sareen.



## Honourees



### **Désirée Vanderwel**

PhD, BSc

#### **Clifford J. Robson Award for Teaching Excellence**

Dr. Désirée Vanderwel has spent her entire career dedicated to excellence in teaching and student success. She earned her PhD from Simon Fraser University and joined The University of Winnipeg Department of Chemistry in 1991 from the University of Nevada, where she worked as a post-doctoral fellow.

She sets the standard for teaching excellence and dedication in her department. She is continually renewing her course material, making it relevant to a modern context and current with new chemistry and biochemistry research.

Her dedication to the continual renewal of the chemistry curriculum is showcased in her current co-authoring of an open-access first-year chemistry text, and sole-authoring of an upper-level biochemistry textbook.

Her students are devoted to her and is known as an outstanding lecturer, regularly teaching the department's most popular courses. She's known for offering guidance to students on pursuing graduate work and research, helping students envision their futures.

She is also compassionate and fair in addressing barriers to student success in her courses. She delivers courses that match the needs of pre-professional students, including providing asynchronous, remote, or evening options so students with full-time jobs can access the chemistry courses they need.

She was awarded Manitoba Outstanding Chemist in 2004 by the Chemical Institute of Canada Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Local Section.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Dr. Désirée Vanderwel with the Clifford J. Robson Award for Teaching Excellence.

## Honourees



### Thomas Craig Robert Hepworth

BSc (Hons) in Physics

#### Valedictorian

Thomas did not begin his studies at UWinnipeg as a physics major, but once he made the leap he never regretted it for a second, and worked hard to achieve his goals.

He had several UWinnipeg alumni in his life, which made attending UW an easy choice. Now, Thomas is graduating with a 4-year honours Bachelor of Science in Physics, with several awards and scholarships under his belt.

This year, Thomas received the Sir William Stephenson Scholarship, the John A. Bulman Scholarship, the David R. Dyck Prize in history, the H.V Rutherford scholarship, the Donald Kerr Scholarship, and Academic Proficiency Scholarship.

He was the president of the Physics Student Association, and spent many hours with close friends in the physics student lounge.

His time at UWinnipeg passed very quickly for him, but Thomas made the most of each opportunity that arose.

Over the four summers of his undergrad, Thomas worked at CERN's antimatter factory in Geneva, as well as at TRIUMF in Vancouver. These experiences changed the trajectory of his career and life path.

Now, he plans to complete a PhD in nuclear physics at the University of Heidelberg with a Max Planck Fellowship in Nuclear Physics. He will be working on a neutron experiment, PanEDM at the Institute Laue Langevin in Grenoble, France.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Thomas Hepworth as valedictorian.

## Honourees



### **Lisa Marie Maes**

BEd

#### **Valedictorian**

Lisa chose to attend the University of Winnipeg thanks to the Community-based Aboriginal Teacher Education Program, which helped her build strong community with her peers, provided a sense of mutual support, and fostered deep friendships for her.

She is graduating with a Bachelor of Education, with a biology major and chemistry minor. Her numerous recognitions include the Isbister Undergraduate Scholarship, Louis Riel Bursary, Merlene Scholarship Fund, Ross A. Johnston Indigenous Student Scholarship in Education, and an Academic Proficiency Scholarship.

Lisa takes great pride in her success, although it did not come without sacrifice – having to spend time away from her young family and continuing her studies while on maternity leave.

But, she believes, it's through discomfort and challenge that we grow the most, and she hopes to bring all that she has learned to inspire positive change in future generations and establish a legacy of relationships.

Lisa is grateful for the many incredible and diverse people from all walks of life she has met at UWinnipeg, and says it has been one of the greatest privileges of her life to have learned alongside them, as well as from them.

Lisa will begin a permanent teaching contract with Hanover School Division at Steinbach Regional Secondary School in September 2025, and hopes in the future to pursue a Master's degree in Education.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Lisa Maes as valedictorian.

# Honourees



## Em Penner

BA in Rhetoric and Communications

### Valedictorian

As a child, Em wanted to be a writer. Now, they are carrying out that dream for their younger self.

Em is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Rhetoric and Communications with a minor in Psychology. They started their degree 6 years ago, and Em is grateful for the space to take their time with it.

The support and community Em found through professors and in the Indigenous Students Services Centre cannot be understated. Time spent getting to know their peers, and engaging in cultural programming and resources, has nurtured Em's deeper connection to their culture, ancestors, and people.

They took part in a Two-Spirit and gender diverse sweat lodge through the Indigenous Engagement Office, spent time as a tutor, and was an editor and contributor for the Rooted in Rhetoric journal.

Em was the recipient of the English Speaking Union Prize, an Opportunity Fund Bursary, Academic Proficiency Scholarship, and Dean's Honour List: Student of Highest Distinction.

Em is currently a scholar in the Indigenous Summer Scholars Program, researching Indigenous queer representation in curatorial spaces. They presented their scholarly work and research at several colloquiums, conferences, and events at UWinnipeg, and hopes to attend graduate school to do further research on Indigenous queer identities and representation

Em also hopes to continue working and engaging in their Indigenous queer communities.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Em Penner as valedictorian.

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# 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 126<sup>th</sup> Convocation includes graduates from:

Abohar, Punjab, India	Doha, Qatar	Hyderabad, India
Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Ile-Ife, Osun state, Nigeria
Alexandria, Egypt	East Selkirk	Imo, Nigeria
Almaty	East St. Paul, Manitoba	India, Punjab
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Arnes, Manitoba	Fisher River Cree Nation	Kotkapura, Punjab
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Beausejour, Manitoba	Garson, Manitoba	La Salle, Manitoba
Blumenort	Gazipur, Dhaka, Bangladesh	Lagos, Nigeria
Brampton, Ontario	Gladstone, Manitoba	Lake Manitoba First Nation, Manitoba
Brandon Manitoba	Gretna, Manitoba	Landmark, Manitoba
Calgary, Alberta	Grunthal, Manitoba	Lebanon
Carman, Manitoba	Gujarat India	Lebanon, Tripoli
Chandigarh, Punjab, India	Hamilton, Ontario	Linz, Austria
Chawa, Punjab, India	Headingley, Manitoba	Lockport, Manitoba
Colombo, Sri Lanka	Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam	Lorette west, Manitoba
Cooks Creek, Manitoba	Hollow Water First Nation, Manitoba	Lorette, Manitoba
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania		Ludhiana, Panjab
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Dhaka, Bangladesh		

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 Swan River, Manitoba  
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 Thompson, Manitoba  
 Tijuana, Baja California  
 Treherne, Manitoba  
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