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The One Hundred  
and Twenty-Eighth

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JUNE 11 & 12, 2026

The University of Winnipeg  
Duckworth Centre



**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 written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "B".

**Barb Gamey**

Chancellor

## From the Interim President

Congratulations Graduands!

Today, we are gathered to celebrate your success. Whether you are launching a career, pursuing further studies, or taking off to explore the world—you have reached an important milestone today.

As you look ahead to the next step in your journey, I hope you will take moment to reflect on how far you have come. Here, as part of our UWinnipeg community, you have gained the skills you need to build the future you want, one that is entirely your own. The achievements you celebrate here today are only the beginning of what you can accomplish.

On behalf of the Board of Regents and our entire University of Winnipeg community, congratulations!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jino Distasio'.

**Dr. Jino Distasio**

Interim President and Vice-Chancellor



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 80,000 alumni 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, University of Winnipeg Alumni Association



# **Order of Proceedings**

One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Convocation  
Thursday, June 11, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

Arts

*Jino Distasio, BA, MA, PhD  
Interim 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

## Honour Song

Darcy Henry

## Greetings from the Province of Manitoba

Hon. Renée Cable, BA | Minister of Advanced Education and Training

## Opening of Ceremony and President's Address

Jino Distasio, BA, MA, PhD | Interim President and Vice-Chancellor

## Chancellor's Greeting and Conferring of Honorary Degree

Barb Gamey | Chancellor

## Honorary Doctor of Laws

Rhonda Elias-Penner, BComm

Presented by Mina Khani, BMid, MPH, MMFT

## Address to the Graduands

Rhonda Elias-Penner, BComm

## Professor Emerita

Catherine Hunter, BA (Hons), MA, PhD

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

### **Additional Awards**

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

### **Stars of Spence Street**

Randy White

### **Admission to Degrees in Arts**

Conferred by Chancellor Barb Gamey

Master of Arts

Master of Environment

Master's in Development Practice

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Bachelor of Arts (4 Year)

Bachelor of Arts

### **Valedictory Address**

Helena Czaykowski, BA (Hons)

### **Alumni Council Message**

Ann Evangelista, BA | Alumni Council President

### **Closing Annotations**

Jino Distasio, BA, MA, PhD | Interim President and Vice-Chancellor

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

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# Degrees

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## Master of Arts

Taylor Nicole Boucher\*

Joy Anne Marie Keeper

## Master of Environment

Buddarage Nadeesha Dilhani Dissanayaka\*

## Master of Development Practice

Leona Marie Star

## Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Deborah Toluwalope Alabi

Charlotte Frances Ashcroft

Steven Tyler Axelrod

Dakota Lee Barker

Lindsey Taryn Bedford

Ekas Kaur Bhatti

Kathlyn Mae Buckberger

Shelby Hope Buhle

Renelle Lilianne Chartier

Mahlet Rahel Cuff

Courtney Yvonne Rose Cyrenne

Helena Maria Czaykowski

Lyn Dalit

Rachael Lynne Donald

Jane Katherine Dunham

Olivia Joy Dyck\*

Gabriella Fars

Vanessa Marie Flood

Emmalee Jenna Frketich

Kiera Frances Garrity

Jennifer Ella Gieg

Victoria Michelle Goosen\*

Jason Stanley Gren

Juscenta Marlene Haligowski

Carter William Hruby

Dylan James Hunter

Keira Colleen Jordan

Nicole Lauren Kaneski

Adi Keynan

Mackenzie Elizabeth Martens

Lynne Carol Martin

Neda Masoomifar

Emily Kate Lara Mernett

Noah Max Merz Lakser

Saskia Lovrien Meuwese

Liam George Mitchell

Alanah Jade Pamandan

Nerissa May Rieu

Piper Rosie Scholz

Elinor Shpunt

Sontje Justine Skabo

Alistair Quenton Smith\*

Bronwyn Roberta Smyth

Safia Hajar Soussi Gounni

Julia Michelle Spence

Etta Marie Stevens Potter

Dylan Elizabeth Stokes

Elizabeth Anne Bronwen Suppes

Savannah Dawn Loomer Szocs\*

Rylee Jade Thibodeau

Quinn Marguerite Thorn

Anna Michaela Toderash

## Degrees

Hannah Kate Torchinsky-Derksen  
Aksanti Mbangila Tshibambuyi  
Lauren Waldman  
Robert Wilson  
Sarah Jane Wilson

Zoe Miriah Amber Wittmann  
Maia Ann Woods-Chliboyko\*  
Kyekye Akasi Yankey\*  
Hailey Michelle Zacharias

### Bachelor of Arts (4-Year)

Qadija Axmad  
Immaculee Wampire Bahiga  
Kaelen De Roo Bell\*  
Danica Anita Belton  
Amanda Janice Berezowski  
Sabrina Leigh Berry  
Lily Macalla Bews  
Jagdish Kaur Bharwal  
Caelin Delaney Brunette  
Brooke Elizabeth Buchan  
Wyatt Edward Leo Chanowski\*  
Hayley Chestley  
Alexandra Michelle Craig  
Cameron Ray Crockett\*  
Emily Anna Dahl  
Toni Ann De Guzman  
Courtney Paige Derksen  
Noah Fredrick Douglas-Mckay  
Kesewaa Agyemang Duah  
An-Jolene Chanell Ducharme\*  
Cody Duff  
Alex Kendall Dvorak  
Jessica May Edinborough  
Sidney Morgan Eisbrenner  
Monique Gudridur Anne Ellison\*  
Spencer William Enns  
Jadon Fernandes  
Olivia Grace Finlayson  
Addison James Ford  
Andres Kai Melville Fridfinnson\*  
Erika Helene Friesen

Jennifer Mariah Gair  
Glydelle Gerona Garcia  
Conner Luke Giesbrecht  
Charles David Goossen  
Ashley Michelle Guenther  
Ghady Hussain Guisti  
Stefan Owuraku Gyeke-Aboagye  
Kaia Wolf Hamilton  
Kiratveer Singh Hayer\*  
Minka Hlaing  
Caroline Marguerite Hunter  
Meka Kiara Hunter  
Dalton William Ray Irwin  
Jisha Kadakia  
Afrishem Kaur  
Sargam Kaur  
Laila Shamsia Khan\*  
Nisah Khan  
Megu Koganei  
Maximilian Eli Korenbaum  
Sarah Anne Krawat  
Louize Roan Tamio Lacson  
Delaney Rayne Laurin  
Reynadine Miranda Legaspi  
Fiona Waris Limbo  
Josephine Mona Lindsay  
Maria Hannika Ortiz Luis Lising  
Miguel Parcon Lonzanida  
Madelynne Luck\*  
Piper Lee Lussier  
Brianna Julia Machado

## Degrees

Bronwyn Lee Maclean  
Grace Colleen Louise Madden  
Daria Dallas Magnus-Walker  
Fadxi Noor Mah  
Amran Libaan Mahamed  
Kendall Marie Manness\*  
Cali Alexa Mazur  
Kaelyn Shay Middleton  
Umayma Mohammad  
Matthew Robert Moore  
David Murai  
Kelsey Grace Murphy  
Emma Esther Narvey\*  
Hannah Marie Nick  
Oreoluwa Omodolapo Odutayo  
Shirin Patel  
Meghan Emma Penner  
Elyce Donna Maria Pereira  
Mareigha Millicent Phelps-Doran  
Imani Sade Pinder\*  
Erin Grace Regehr  
Kalyne Elsie Dawn Reimer  
Erin Ruby Riccardio

Alyssa Marie Ryan  
Alicia Marie Saulog  
Mathieu Aaron Thomas Sawatzky  
Hannah Brynn Schrader  
Sondos Raouf Shabayek\*  
Nikayla Susan Froese Sharples  
Amy Dawn Sisson  
James Gary Spencer  
Samara Rani Stanleigh  
Lauren Anna Starodub\*  
Brady Johnathan Stott  
Rachel Leanne Sturgess  
Sualeha  
Chase Swampy\*  
Aaliya Nichole Sylvia  
Megha Tanwani  
Sean Steven Taylor\*  
Jenna Vandenbossche\*  
Muskanben Inushbhai Vhora  
Tyler Byron Wallace  
James Peyton Webster  
Cole Austin Whiteway  
Erin Wickstrom

## Bachelor of Arts

Gabrielle Elyse Abad  
Arman Afridi\*  
Amandine Agbodan\*  
Kieran Brooke Aho  
Luigi Alcantara  
Isra Adnan Alshareh  
Kristine Louise Reyes Anaud  
Alanna Rebecca Anderson  
Madisyn Rayne Andrews  
Lili Sabourin Anna  
Zemen Girma Arefayne  
Julia Grace Armstrong  
Maryama Axmad

Josiah Ogenakhogio Azimi  
Ifeoluwatomi Imoleayo Bajo\*  
Danica Alejandra Bangsal  
Avery Leanne Barnett  
Jacob Malcolm James Bell  
Natasha Colleen Bell  
Natalya Meagan Berard\*  
Jordan Kelly Berezowski  
Katrina Anne Isabelle Camua Bernardo  
Tanishq Bhalla  
Shehbaz Singh Bhangu  
Arjun Bhardwaj\*  
Steven Peter Wesley Bint

## Degrees

Marnie Abby Bloom  
Alyssa Sharyn Boldt  
Emily Rose Bonham  
Noah Michel Bordeaux  
Mackenzie Jane Pereira Borges  
Alyssa Cheyenne Boubard\*  
Élise Christine-Marie Bourcier  
Lana Dawn Bouteiller  
Wyatt Arthur Luther Brisson  
Jocelyn Isabelle Burns  
Tracey-Lee Campbell  
Brittany Mary Carmichael  
Cate Chenxi Carson  
Emily Lynn Catania  
Kyra Chiyoko Chartier  
Sabin Chaulagain  
Connor Chennells  
Nathan Augustinus Chicoine\*  
Anyinmachi Ezinne Chijioko  
Samuel David Christie  
Jaida Paige Clancy  
Shannon Allyson Marie Clarke  
Lauren Chanel Cliff  
McKynzie Rose Clinton  
Jayda Raeann Cohn  
Joseph Winter Compayre  
Sarah Cornwell  
Emma Grace Couture  
Emily Grace Cudmore  
Sage Kaili Dahl  
Kayla Dao  
Shergilyn Red Daquis  
Temiloluwa Faith Daramola  
Ann Jerica Cruz De Guzman  
Karaninder Singh Delow  
Sophia Anna Demarchi  
Krystal Denischik  
Katie Anne Derksen  
Jeannine Sarah Desroches\*  
Vivek Singh Dhillon  
Isabella Alves Dias\*  
Joshua William Dick  
Vanya Evangeline Dissanayake Adhikarige  
Kenneth Rory Doak  
Joshua Jeffrey Donay  
Travis Anthony Dosch  
Carson Edward Doucet  
Sheena Dreger  
Jesslyn Jordyn Dueck  
Ginette Carole Marie Dyck\*  
Ma Patricia Joana Ebalde\*  
Blake Donald Edwards  
Corinne Ingrid Eisenbraun  
Francis Chinaemelum Ekechukwu  
Judi Jamal El Nachar  
Cailin Julia Enns  
Raquel Escane Alonso Carnero\*  
Makayla Rae Estabrooks  
Tiffany Shawna Evans\*  
Michael Kenechukwu Ezumah  
Taryn Alyssa Fenuk  
Emma Nicole Shawna Ferenc  
Kylie Erin Fissel  
Katelynne Rae Fleming  
Thomas James Vincent Fleury\*  
Ciara Elizabeth Ashling Foley-Henry  
Emmanuelle Flora Magalie Fomgbami  
Melanie Forbes  
Emma Rosaline Fox  
Breanne Abigale Frey  
Stefania Martha Kirsten Fridfinnson  
Taylor Asha Blaike Friesen  
Nicole Fruehauf  
Chantal Sabrina Funk  
Keegan Ray Gerbrandt  
Sarah Elizabeth Gerylo

## Degrees

Satkar Ghimire\*  
Bryce Douglas Gilbert  
Santokhpreet Gill  
Ryland Earl Goertzen  
Zeus James Gonzales  
Shawna Colleen Gortemaker  
Elizabeth Jane McMillan Graham  
Angela Merna Guiboche  
Stephanie Jasmin Cuizon Guilles  
Kaitlyn Leah-Ann Gylywoychuk  
Dina Habibpour  
Megan Haderer-Stone  
Carson Geordie Haight  
Adam Lyall Handford  
Gazi Tanzir Hasan  
James Gordon Hay\*  
Anika Maria Grace Heidinger\*  
Mark Justin Herget  
Fabian Hertel  
Laura Olivia Hiebert  
Corinna Dawn Hildebrand  
Jane Margaret Kehler Hildebrand  
Alvinna Hoang\*  
Tyler Trevor Hocaluk  
Aliya Grace Hofer  
Judith Elaine Hofer  
Hallee Rose Holmlund  
Johnathan Anthony Holtmann  
Kia Michalena Hryciw-Pang  
Robert Hunter  
Rachel Danielle Hutmacher\*  
Jazmin Ruby Hysert  
Benigne Irakoze  
Zachary Isaac  
Eghosa Osasenaga Izevbokun  
Ajaypal Singh Jassal  
Ominderdeep Singh Jauhal  
Stephanie Ursula Jebb  
Vernon Corey Jebb  
Caden Llewellyn Jones  
Mackenzie Faith Jones  
Harriet Kabasomi  
Rachel Lorraine Ford Kartesz  
Oksana Katchanovski  
Arshjot Kaur  
Arshmeen Kaur\*  
Harleen Kaur  
Jasnoor Kaur  
Lavkiran Kaur\*  
Manbir Kaur\*  
Simranjit Kaur\*  
Sonampreet Kaur  
Naman Kaushik  
Rowan Mary Keagan  
Kyle Evan Kempe-Collins  
Ketsana Keoviliyavong  
Afrah Khan\*  
Dayna Jordyn Kiesman  
Jana Christine King\*  
Sean Robert Kinsella  
Cooper John Kirk\*  
Vanshika Kochar  
Alan Saji Koshy  
Kelbey Colley Lambourne\*  
Mason Carter Lamoureux  
Aishat Morenikeji Lateef  
Brayden Kyle Laurel  
Nicole Katherine Lavallee  
Eve Lawrence  
Carolyn Claire Marie Lawton  
Mackenzie Dawn Lee  
Caroline Lentz  
Kolbie Lynn Leochko  
Lainey Wynter Lodon\*  
McKenna Raine Lorentz  
Ender Emmitt Luna

## Degrees

Alaryk Ashton Lutz\*  
Jenna Mary MacDonald  
Joy Mary Makarchuk  
Myah Lee Malchuk  
Ashley Yvonne Cecile Malyk  
Kristin Nadia Mandziuk  
Anton Luigi Regalado Mangilit  
Kevin Manness\*  
Isabella Karissa Matias Da Silva  
Darnell Travis McKay  
Samara Joanne McKay  
Hana Dawn McMillan\*  
Jenna Marie Meredith  
Boazi Mikekemo  
Lori Beth Miller  
Xander Allen Miller  
Lauren Izah Minaker  
Trinity Ta'Tanya Lee Mineault  
Kelly Anne Moore\*  
Hayden Thomas Hallett Mota\*  
Marwa Moussa  
Safa Moussa  
Jean-Paul Muderhwa Murhabazi  
Ryland Patrick Raymond Nechwediuk  
Tyler Tobia Nocilo\*  
Alexa Tatiana Novalkowski  
Jennifer Lynn Nowell\*  
Jenna Nicole Ostasz  
Mirsada Özcan\*  
Celeste Paquette  
Connor Emmerson Austin Paradowski  
Saachi Parbhakar\*  
Dakota Dene Patterson  
Julia Katelynn Pennell  
Sean Penner  
Brian Rikard Petersen  
Gia Linh Pham  
Jorge Mario Pinzon Huepa

Paisley Dawn Poirier  
Rianna Faith Poole  
Alyssa Angela Maureen Porco  
Payton Roxanne Post  
Lauren Sarah Pratt  
Michaela Lauren Antonia Prentice  
Leanne Monique Preteau  
Jessica Doreen Pretula  
Kaily Shea Price \*  
Diane Fatima Prieto  
Angela Michele Pritchard  
Katharina Barbara Pulver\*  
Eliza Grace Kyle Raizen  
Fiona Liann Ramsay  
Kalysta Mya Rasmussen  
Nathan John Thomas Rawn\*  
Kylee Ann Rector  
Jesse Marie Regunay  
Jewel Ervin Remocal  
Jerald Glenn Salvacion Rey\*  
Victoria Faith Reyes-Lumsden  
Daniel Joseph Richard  
Colin Alexander Richardson  
Luke Allen Richison  
Billie-Kay Mary Robertson  
Kirstene Raye Alegre Romera\*  
Gursimran Singh Rupra  
Jenna Victoria Russell\*  
Mehakpreet Saini  
Florence Emmanuel Salazar  
Nyasa Kaur Sandhu  
Rachel Jael Sawatzky  
Mila Jesse Martens Schmidt  
Madeline Jade Schwartz\*  
Caden Robert John Scott  
Emefan Justine Sedzro  
Nicholas Dylan Sentes  
Mohammad Aamir Shaikh

## Degrees

Priyanka Sharda  
Priya Sharma\*  
Risa Evelyn Shatford  
Teagan Joy Sheppard  
Salina Shrestha  
Liora Shteinbook  
Sartaj Singh Sidhu Bhaika\*  
Bryn Jennifer Siemens  
Asia Tavares Silva  
Avijeet Kumar Singh  
Harmanjot Singh  
Jashanpreet Singh\*  
Navjot Singh\*  
Chad Smith  
Jay Leonard Jerry Smith  
Jodi Marie Smith  
Tyra Shae Smith\*  
Tiah Victoria Snaith\*  
Krishma Kaur Sodhi  
Ishika Soni  
Casey Erica Stadnyk\*  
Addison Reece Alexis Stechkewich  
Emily Angel Stefanyshe  
Aelysia Willow Steinger  
Laura Pearl Barak Stelmack  
Rebekah Lydia Grace Stephens  
Justin Andrei Tercero Supan  
Alanna Emma Florentine Szydluk  
Jena Tabelina  
Breann Marie Talbot  
Sofia Marianela Tesare  
Alanna Courtney Thomas  
Kyla Ruby Thom-Duck  
Paul Timm  
Malayna Jade Giancola Tokarz

Malayvone Tokarz  
SharaLee Kandice Topnik  
Samantha Chloe Toth\*  
Mozit Fesahaye Tsegai  
Deepika Tung  
Arielle Maxine Gonzales Valencia  
Tazlyn Jade Van Schepdael  
Nicholas Joel Gerbasi Van Wallegem  
Rebecca Dorothy Versluis  
Ratomir Dule III Vicovac  
Frances Lara Villanueva  
Bridgid James Vincent  
Sheryl Dianne Ward  
Emma Marie Wasylowski  
Shane Nikitha Weerasinghe  
Kristy Lynn Weisshaar  
Haley Billi Wells  
Hollie Jessica Wherry  
Madison Ashley White  
Brooklyn Kate Wiebe\*  
Makayla Erin Wiebe  
Julia Hayley Wiersema  
Sandali Amaya Wijesinghe  
Kenya Wilbourne\*  
Cobi Mark Winston\*  
Megan Melei Wood  
Terence Douglas Woods  
Carly Ann Wurz  
Shubham Yadav  
Nadiya Yevseyenko  
Ibrahim Yousif  
Alexandra Zacharias

\* February 2026 graduate





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Hon. Marshall Rothstein, BComm, LL.B, C.C., K.C.

Presented by Hugh Grant, BA, MA, PhD

## Address to the Graduands

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## Additional Awards

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

## Robin H. Farquhar Award for Excellence in Contributing to Self-Governance

Sheela Ramanna, BS, MS, PhD

## Clifford J. Robson Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence

Vesna Milosevic-Zdjelar, BSc, BEd

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

Darshani Kumaragamage, BSc (Hons), PhD

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

Conferred by Chancellor Barb Gamey

Master of Science

Master of Arts in Applied Economics

Master in Management

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Bachelor of Science (4 Year)

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Business Administration (4 Year)

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Economics

Bachelor of Arts (4 Year) in Economics/Economics and Finance

Bachelor of Arts in Economics

## **Valedictory Address**

Isran Migane, BBA

## **Alumni Council Message**

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# Degrees

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## Master of Science

Faith Titobiloluwa Akinyemi\*  
Anshul\*  
Armin Felahatpisheh\*  
Andrew William Ruddock Klein\*  
Chathuri Mudalige\*  
Mon Francis Monterde Obtia\*  
Tareq Ahmad  
Imogen Grace Bellinger  
Samuel David Chasse  
Jaher Hassan Chowdhury  
Sumaiya Sultana Dola  
Maryam Fayaz Roohi

Mahdis Hojjati  
Md Ashique Imran  
Amandeep Kaur  
Richard La  
Dylan James Mckenzie  
Ranjini Mukherjee  
Seyedeh Marzieh Poursmaeil Niaki  
Sayed Saminur Rahman  
Mahsa Sadeghi  
Gurdarshan Singh  
Riley Joseph Versluis  
Muhammad Abdul Moiz Zia

## Master of Arts in Applied Economics

Christopher Samuel Allwood  
Tarik Aziz  
Mamadou Yacine Bah  
Emmanuel Amponsah Frimpong  
Abdiweli Mohamed Mohamoud\*

Oluchi Jessica Onyekwere\*  
Melika Sadeghian  
Abdulrahman Jumah Sanusi  
Thao Phuong Vu\*

## Master in Management

Dan Yan\*

## Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Raisa Samiha Alam  
Mithuna Threz Arul Milton  
Benjamin Edward Bezte\*  
Liam Williams Bogenholm  
Taryn Ann-Marie Brandt  
Taylor Belle Cangemi  
Nikkole Kate Kiasa Chionglo Ara  
Jessica Catharina de Kort  
Brena Claire Michaela Dea  
Sean Patrick Diotay  
Kiara Paige Eggerman

Sunday Peter Emmanuel  
Esme Sylvia Marina Franck  
Maleena Grewal  
Curie Gupta  
Isaac Bruce Smendziuk Henderson  
Kiersten Alana Hiebert  
Kyra Olivia Hodges  
Lucas Hybschmann  
Loveleen Kaur  
Lucy Jierong MacDougall  
Daniel Jonathan James MacPherson

## Degrees

Felicity Ann Quinto Malong  
Brayden Peter McMahon  
Ifeanyichukwu Michael Divine Nwagbi  
Priya Pandey  
Simon Andrew Pankratz  
Hannah Mary Mae Pearce  
Zoe Laurelle Penno\*

Ella Marie Russell  
Adam Dennis Karl Schrofel  
Tyler Jaden Silver  
Amanda Mary Siragusa  
William Kai Watt  
Sebastian John Wright\*

### Bachelor of Science (4-Year)

Hina Ahmad  
Eleonora Choiselat Amato  
Monica Atong Ayuen Dot  
Tristan Kurt Barraquio  
Wynter Block  
Brendan John Blue  
Kurtis Tyson Boily  
Sarah Elizabeth Cadotte\*  
Taylor Reanne Clabert  
Shivali Ashok Dayani  
Ajang Deng  
Manav Desai  
Nathan James Douglas\*  
Barbara Farpelha  
Fatou Gadji  
Kylie Anne Gould  
Josie Grift  
Sohaila Hafiz  
Sarah Catherine Hameed  
Emily Rose Gwen Harris  
Hope Cassandra Human  
Kaiya Nicole Ivankovic  
Jenna Emily Jarduck  
Chantal Charlene Jolicoeur  
Margi Japan Joshi  
Khushneet Kaur  
Max Jacob Kohut\*  
Christine Lesley Kolbuck  
Samantha Jade Krosta

Kally Beth Kukurudz  
Tegan Melvina Ledoux  
Myrh Rynn Letkeman  
Zachary James Martin  
Chloe Marie Elaine Mathers  
Finlay Alexander McLandress  
Bradley John Meso  
Cristiano Michael\*  
Chishosi Ibrahim Mika  
Dannah Nicaela Ilano Mojica  
Patricia Anna Ocko  
Bernard Joseph Pasco  
Dhruvi Dhiren Patel  
Khushiben Ramanlal Patel  
Kristi Marie Peters  
Joel Patrick Pound\*  
Emi Leigh Rasmussen  
Keith James Rennie  
Jaxon Tanner Rose  
Olivia Alice Theresa Rushka  
Layne Andrea Russell  
Sydney Colleen Sass  
Brijesh Sharma  
Shubh Sharma  
Tamanna Sharma  
Roshani Jigar Shukla  
Emily Isabella Thevenot

# Degrees

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# **Order of Proceedings**

One Hundred and Twenty-Eighth Convocation  
Friday, June 12, 2026 – 9:30 a.m.

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Marriage and Family Therapy

*Jino Distasio, BA, MA, PhD*  
*Interim 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

## Honour Song

Darcy Henry

## Greetings from the Province of Manitoba

Jelynn Dela Cruz, BA | MLA Radisson

## Welcome and President's Address

Jino Distasio, BA, MA, PhD | Interim President and Vice-Chancellor

## Chancellor's Greeting and Conferring of Honorary Degree

Barb Gamey | Chancellor

## Message of Congratulations to Honorary Doctor Recipients

Chantal Fiola, BA, MA, PhD | Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Engagement

## Honorary Doctor of Laws

Barbara Bruce, O.M.

Presented by Laurie-Ann Hellsten, BA, MSc, PhD

## Address to the Graduands

Barbara Bruce, O.M.

## Honorary Doctor of Laws

Charlotte Nolin

Presented by Laurie-Ann Hellsten, BA, MSc, PhD

## **Address to the Graduands**

Charlotte Nolin

## **Professor Emerita**

Laura Sokal, BEd, MEd, PhD

Presented by Lesley Eblie Trudel, BEd, PBDE, MEd, PhD

## **Additional Awards**

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

## **Campus Sustainability Award**

Patty Wiens

## **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 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**

Alex Krykewich, BPHE, BEd

## **Alumni Council Message**

Ann Evangelista, BA | Alumni Council President

## **Closing Annotations**

Jino Distasio, BA, MA, PhD | Interim President and Vice-Chancellor

## **Retirement of the Academic 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).*

The background of the page features a large, faint, red-tinted outline of the University of Winnipeg crest. The crest is a shield-shaped emblem. At the top is a crown. Below the crown, the shield is divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant contains a lamp of knowledge with a flame. The top-right quadrant contains an open book. The bottom-right quadrant contains a bunch of grapes. The bottom-left quadrant contains a scroll with the Latin motto 'LUX' (Light) written on it. The entire crest is rendered in a light red color against a solid red background.

# 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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## Master of Marriage and Family Therapy

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Natalie Isabelle Martin  
Kristopher Adam Matheson  
Julianna Theresa McIntyre  
Nitin Satheesh  
Annmol Singh\*  
Shawn Gordon Sokalski  
Laura Danielle Thomas Payne  
Amor Noah Urquiola

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

Jadeline-Hope Borja  
Jarrett Sheldon Bossert

Stéphane Armand Joseph Lagassé  
Emma Ciel Lajoie

## Bachelor of Physical and Health Education

Bentley Santa-Fe Ali  
Steven Robert Allison  
Joseph Cornelio Aman  
Taylor Christine Basic  
Jacob Thomas Burym  
Cheyenne Lisa Alanis Cuthbert  
Marissa DeMarchi  
Aiden Sean Erickson  
Allison Rachel Goncalves Pacheco\*  
Gurbani Kaur\*  
Manmeet Kaur  
Mehakdeep Kaur  
Emily Nicole Koop\*

Alexander Walter Tyrone Krykewich  
Anne Nicole Cruz Marquez  
Amber Dianne Martyniuk  
Kiana Moreau-Isfeld  
Connor Shane Norrie  
Emma Diane Parker  
Mark William Ridd  
Annastasia Marie Shewchuk-Taylor  
Alexa Chloe Van Wynsberghe  
Nirkirat Walia  
Mickie Lee Wolfe  
Collin Yang  
Nicholas Yeo

\*February 2026 graduate



# **Award Recipients**

## Award Recipients

### **Julia Grace Armstrong**

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

### **Charlotte Frances Ashcroft**

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

### **Kim Atwell**

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

### **Jagdish Kaur Bharwal**

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

### **Caelin Delaney Brunette**

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

### **Brooke Elizabeth Buchan**

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

### **Hayley Chestley**

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

### **Helena Maria Czaykowski**

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

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) English

### **Katie Anne Derksen**

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

### **Rachael Lynne Donald**

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

### **Noah Fredrick**

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

### **Corinne Ingrid Eisenbraun**

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

### **Melanie Forbes**

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

### **Nicole Fruehauf**

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

### **Zeus James Gonzales**

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

### **Jason Stanley Gren**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Classics

### **Juscenta Marlene Haligowski**

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

### **Dylan James Hunter**

Dr. Dan A. Chekki Prize for  
Excellence in Sociology

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Sociology

### **Nicole Lauren Kaneski**

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

### **Ketsana Keoviliyavong**

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

**Adi Keynan**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Psychology

Hinton Bradbury  
Memorial Scholarship

The University of Winnipeg  
Golden Key Chapter  
Convocation Scholarship

**Alan Saji Koshy**

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

**Delaney Rayne Laurin**

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

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

**Carolyn Claire****Marie Lawton**

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

**Caroline Lentz**

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

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

**Kolbie Lynn Leochko**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Education

**Daria Dallas****Magnus-Walker**

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

**Mackenzie****Elizabeth Martens**

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

**Lynne Carol Martin**

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

**Emily Kate Lara Mernett**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) History

**Noah Max Merz Lakser**

Ron Norton Prize  
in Psychology -  
Undergraduate

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Psychology

**Michaela Lauren****Antonia Prentice**

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

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

**Kaily Shea Price**

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

**Angela Michele Pritchard**

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

**Erin Grace Regehr**

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

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

# Award Recipients

## **Florence**

### **Emmanuel Salazar**

Bill Gadsby Pre-Service  
Teaching Award

## **Emefan Justine Sedzro**

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

## **Roxanne Shore**

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

## **Krishma Kaur Sodhi**

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

## **Aaliya Nichole Sylvia**

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

## **Quinn Marguerite Thorn**

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

## **Nicholas Joel Gerbasi**

### **Van Wallegem**

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

## **Lauren Waldman**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Psychology

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

## **Cole Austin Whiteway**

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

## **Brooklyn Kate Wiebe**

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

## **Sarah Jane Wilson**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Anthropology

## **Robert Wilson**

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

## **Cobi Mark Winston**

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

## **Carly Ann Wurz**

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

Robert Thomas Byrnes  
Prize in Rhetoric and  
Composition

## **Onester Abayo**

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

## **Faith Titobiloluwa**

### **Akinyemi**

The Stars of Spence Street  
Award Grad Studies

## **Sena Alem**

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

## **Mithuna Threz Arul Milton**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Mathematics

## **Tarik Aziz**

Graduate Student of  
Highest Distinction Award

## **Benjamin Edward Bezte**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Geography

**Kurtis Tyson Boily**

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

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

**Taylor Belle Cangemi**

O.T. Anderson Award

The Governor General's  
Silver Medal

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

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Biology

**Jaher Hassan Chowdhury**

Graduate Student of  
Highest Distinction Award

**Sean Patrick Diotay**

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

**Nathan James Douglas**

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

**Maia El Tufaili**

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

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

**Esme Sylvia Marina Franck**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Neuroscience

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

**Maleena Grewal**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a Major  
(Honours) Biochemistry

**Sarah Catherine Hameed**

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

**Brooke Kennedy Heide**

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

**Kiersten Alana Hiebert**

Gold Medal for  
Achievement in a  
Major (Honours)  
Chemistry

**Min Seo Hong**

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

**Hope Cassandra Human**

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

**Abhinandan Jain**

CPA Graduation  
Prize in Business and  
Administration

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

**Chantal Charlene Jolicoeur**

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

# Award Recipients

## **Simarpreet Kaur**

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

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

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

## **Jasneet Kaur**

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

## **Harmandeep Kaur**

Bhai Kahan Singh Nabha Prize

## **Nikhil Kumra**

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

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

## **Tegan Melvina Ledoux**

The Stars of Spence Street Award Undergrad

## **Myrh Rynn Letkeman**

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

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

## **Chloe Marie**

### **Elaine Mathers**

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

## **Isran Ahmed Migane**

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

## **Simeon Daniel Momtchilov**

Gold Medal for Achievement in a Major (Honours) Economics

## **Chathuri Mudalige**

Graduate Student of Highest Distinction Award

## **Simon Andrew Pankratz**

Gold Medal for Achievement in a Major (Honours) Physics

## **Bernard Joseph Pasco**

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

## **Kristi Marie Peters**

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

## **Emi Leigh Rasmussen**

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

## **Ella Marie Russell**

Gold Medal for Achievement in a Major (Honours) Environmental Studies and Sciences

## **Emily Isabella Thevenot**

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

## **Nicole Valencia**

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

## **Jenaya Leigh Anne Wiebe**

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

**Jonas Miguel Cantiga Yu**

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

**Breanne Gisele**

**Marie Bazin**

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

Gold Medal for

Achievement in a Major  
(4-Year) Kinesiology

**Diana Faucher**

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

Gold Medal for

Achievement in a  
Major (Honours)  
Kinesiology

**Nicole Fruehauf**

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

**Carolyn Claire**

**Marie Lawton**

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

**Kolbie Lynn Leochko**

University Silver Medal  
for the Second Highest  
Standing in Education

**Juan Antonio Monterrosa**

Graduate Student of  
Highest Distinction Award

**Angela Michele**

**Pritchard**

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

**Florence**

**Emmanuel Salazar**

Bill Gadsby Pre-Service  
Teaching Award

**Karen Katherine**

**Ann Ste.Marie**

The Mayor's Medal

Gold Medal for

Achievement in a  
Major (3-Year)  
Developmental Studies

**Claire Marilyn Tordiffe**

Chancellor's Gold Medal  
for the Highest Standing  
in Education

**Alexa Chloe Van**

**Wynsberghe**

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

**Jenaya Leigh Anne Wiebe**

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

**Shaylene Caitlan Kavitch**

Canadian Society for  
Exercise Physiology  
(CSEP/SCPE)  
Undergraduate  
Student Medal



# **Honourees**

## Honourees



### **Rhonda Elias-Penner**

BComm, Applied Counselling (Hons), ECE III

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

Rhonda Elias-Penner is a trusted voice for empathy in action. She embodies the values of compassion, accountability, and courage that motivate the next generation of changemakers.

Through her long-term career at Thrive Community Support Circle, and for ten years as executive director of the organization, Rhonda has exemplified the highest ideals of leadership.

Rhonda helped advance community-centered responses to systemic inequity in Winnipeg's inner city, has been instrumental in the organization's evolution into a comprehensive, multidisciplinary community resource, and has led significant expansions in childcare, family advocacy, financial empowerment, mental health, and parenting supports.

She has championed practical, inclusive, and deeply humane solutions to complex systemic issues. Her work stands at the intersection of compassion and policy, empowering those most affected by inequity while building community resilience at the grassroots level.

She has prioritized respectful relationship-building with Indigenous community members, Elders, and Knowledge Keepers, ensuring that Indigenous perspectives and cultural safety are meaningfully reflected in both process and place.

She has recently been awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal and was also recognized by Mayor Gillingham.

Rhonda's ability to bring community members together, build trust, and create lasting change speaks to her remarkable integrity and vision. Her tireless work continues to shape the future of community support in Winnipeg.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to bestow an *Honorary Doctor of Laws* on Rhonda Elias-Penner in recognition of her outstanding contributions to our community and her unwavering commitment to justice, equity, and service.

## Honourees



### **Catherine Hunter**

BA (Hons), MA, PhD

#### **Professor Emerita**

Dr. Catherine Hunter is an award-winning writer, teacher, scholar, editor, mentor, and administrator – and a much-admired member of the University of Winnipeg.

Dr. Hunter completed her PhD at University of Victoria in 1991 and joined UWinnipeg that same year. For over 30 years, she's been an inspirational professor of English and Creative Writing. She's mentored countless students, editors, and aspiring writers and is a true UWinnipeg citizen.

Dr. Hunter's career stands as a testament to the profound impact a dedicated teacher and writer can have on generations of students, colleagues, and the literary community.

She was a founding member of the editorial board for the university's creative writing journal, *juice*. Her achievements as a poet and novelist have brought distinction to the university, as well as her work as a juror and reviewer for arts organizations.

She served as Chair of the English Department from 2009 to 2012, sat on the Senate from 2015 to 2017, and also served as Acting Chair in Sociology for two years.

The University of Winnipeg honours Dr. Catherine Hunter with the title of *Professor Emerita* for her continued creative and scholarly engagement, which has earned deep admiration and collegial respect.

## Honourees



### Randy White

#### Stars of Spence Street Prize

For more than three decades, Randy has helped shape the student experience at the University of Winnipeg. His work has included admissions modernization, academic advising, cultural programming, mentorship coordination, and most recently, the Walls to Bridges program.

Randy's commitment to engagement and building belonging reminds students that there is a place on campus where their culture, goals, and questions are centered.

He is warm, approachable, and often brings humour into spaces that might otherwise feel intimidating. He encourages students and colleagues to step forward, explore opportunities, and engage more fully.

When meeting with students, Randy engages with the whole person, with their strengths and challenges, with their academic goals and family responsibilities.

These everyday gestures accumulate. They create an atmosphere where students feel welcomed rather than merely accommodated.

His work directly advances the University of Winnipeg's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation and Indigenous excellence. Over decades, he has helped create accessible pathways into the University and has contributed to sustaining relationships built on consistency, reliability, and care. Trust of this nature is earned over time, and Randy's enduring presence within the institution speaks to that commitment.

For his long and dedicated service to the University of Winnipeg and his unwavering support for students, The University of Winnipeg is proud to present the *Stars of Spence Street Prize* to Randy White.

## Honourees



### **Hon. Marshall Rothstein**

BComm, LL.B, C.C., K.C.

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

Justice Marshall Rothstein has left an indelible mark on Canadian law over a 60-year career.

His journey began in the halls of United College and the University of Manitoba, where studies in commerce and law catalyzed a distinguished career defined by intellectual rigor and a quiet dedication to the public good.

Called to the Manitoba Bar in 1966, he became a leading expert in regulatory and competition law. Over the next three decades, he was counsel in numerous high-profile cases pertaining to air and rail transportation. He was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1979.

As capable in the classroom as he is in the courtroom, Justice Rothstein has lectured at the University of Manitoba and the Law Society of Manitoba, and served on human rights panels provincially and federally.

A judicial appointment to the Trial Division of the Federal Court of Canada followed in 1992. He was elevated to the Federal Court of Appeal in 1999, and, finally, to the Supreme Court of Canada in 2006, where he served until his retirement in 2015.

He is one of only two people born in Manitoba to ever serve on the Supreme Court. In 2017, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada.

Justice Rothstein is now a partner in the national law firm Osler Hoskin and Harcourt and continues to influence legal scholarship through guest lecturing, mentorship, public outreach, and by acting as an arbitrator and mediator.

Known for his voice of calm and wisdom, his character and integrity make a lasting impact on everyone who knows him.

For outstanding contributions to the development of Canadian jurisprudence, The University of Winnipeg is proud to bestow an *Honorary Doctor of Laws* on Marshall Rothstein.

## Honourees



### **Sheela Ramanna**

BS, MS, PhD

#### **Robin H. Farquhar Award for Excellence for Contributing to Self-Governance**

Dr. Sheela Ramanna has made many valuable contributions to The University of Winnipeg's self-governance since joining our campus community in 1995.

Her leadership has shaped the direction and growth of the Department of Applied Computer Science for three decades and counting.

Dr. Ramanna served three terms as chair of ACS and its predecessor, the Department of Business Computing and Administrative Studies. She led the renaming of the Business Computing major to Applied Computer Science, and the corresponding departmental name change.

She also oversaw the relocation of the department to its current home in the Duckworth Centre, laying the foundation for growth. ACS is now home to over 700 undergraduates and over 40 graduate students, making it the largest department in the Faculty of Science.

Dr. Ramanna also designed a new, four-year Honours bachelor program, and co-designed two new graduate programs.

Her leadership strengthened the

department, preparing it for the global changes taking place in computer science.

Dr. Ramanna is also a steady and trusted presence—someone colleagues turn to for thoughtful advice and institutional memory.

She established departmental traditions such as Meet and Greet and Project Day that continue to benefit students and faculty.

She has done all of this while maintaining an active NSERC-funded research program and supervising over two dozen master's students.

For shaping and deepening the University's autonomy, The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Dr. Sheela Ramanna with the *Robin H. Farquhar Award for Excellence in Contributing to Self-Governance*.

## Honourees



### **Vesna Milosevic-Zdjelar**

BSc (Hons), BEd

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

Vesna Milosevic-Zdjelar is a gifted educator and mentor whose teaching has inspired generations of students at UWinnipeg with her pedagogical rigor, creativity, and compassion. She has transformed the way students experience science.

Known affectionately to her students as “Professor Vesna,” she is widely recognized for her ability to make challenging scientific concepts accessible and engaging.

Drawing upon expertise in astrophysics and cosmology, as well as broad knowledge spanning science, music, philosophy, and the arts, she creates learning environments that are intellectually rigorous. Her teaching demonstrates that science is creative, dynamic, and profoundly connected to human experience.

Her teaching fosters intellectual confidence while maintaining high academic standards. Many students credit her with fundamentally changing their academic and professional trajectories, including inspiring them to pursue careers in science, medicine, and research.

Her commitment to education is also reflected in her thoughtful and student-centered approach to assessment and mentorship.

Colleagues and former teaching assistants describe her as a generous mentor whose influence has shaped their own teaching philosophies and professional development.

Beyond the classroom, she has made extraordinary contributions to science education and public outreach through initiatives such as Let’s Talk Science. Her work reflects a deep belief that education is both a public good and a shared responsibility.

Vesna Milosevic-Zdjelar exemplifies the very highest ideals of teaching excellence and is an exceptionally deserving recipient of the *Clifford J. Robson Award for Teaching Excellence*.

## Honourees



### **Dr. Darshani Kumaragamage**

BSc Hons, MPhil, PhD

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

Dr. Darshani Kumaragamage is a creative and impactful researcher whose contributions to soil science have shaped our understanding of agricultural nutrients on the Prairies.

A leading expert on soil nutrient dynamics, with a focus on keeping phosphorus on the land, where it benefits farmers, and out of waterways, where it causes water quality issues, Dr. Kumaragamage's research program is distinctive for how she applies fundamental science principles to urgent environmental questions.

The seeds of this research began when she was a Professor in Soil Science in Sri Lanka, working on nutrient dynamics in flooded tropical soils. Arriving at UWinnipeg in 2009, she applied her knowledge to gaps in our understanding of prairie soils, which flood annually during the spring snowmelt.

Dr. Kumaragamage has built out an interdisciplinary team of researchers and collaborators, and the focus of her research has broadened to investigate not just scientific mechanisms, but also effective management practices.

Dr. Kumaragamage is also an internationally renowned scholar who has published over 95 peer-reviewed papers and attracted over \$2 million in research funding. Her research program has engaged dozens of students and postdocs, and her longstanding support of research exchange opportunities between Canada and Sri Lanka has promoted collaboration and raised UWinnipeg's international reputation.

Dr. Kumaragamage's research program engages trainees, investigates fundamental science questions, and provides real solutions to environmental issues in our region. She has been a mentor and role model to countless environmental researchers in Winnipeg and beyond.

For exemplifying research excellence, The University of Winnipeg is proud to present Dr. Darshani Kumaragamage with the *Erica and Arnold Rogers Award for Excellence in Research and Scholarship*.

## Honourees



### **Barbara Bruce, O.M.**

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

Kookum and Knowledge Keeper Barbara Bruce is a citizen of the Red River Metis Nation- Michif aen Otipemisiwak. Her beliefs of Indigenous traditional teachings are reflected in all the work she takes on.

A Sundance Chief, Sweatlodge Conductor and Pipe Carrier, her dedication to advancing the rightful place, recognition and acknowledgment of the Two Spirit community, Indigenous women, and children is an integral part of her life.

She recently made history by helping lift up the first known two-spirit Sundance lodge (alongside Chief Charlotte Nolin) and serving as Head Kookum; the lodge is now entering its third year in southwestern Manitoba.

She sits on the Grandmother's Council for the Accelerating Clinical Trials (ACT) Indigenous Health Committee, is a grandmother for the Manitoba Collaboration Indigenous Education Blueprint, and is a member of the Elder's Council for The Feast Centre, including Elder for the Suicide Prevention Advisory

Group for the Department of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness Province of Manitoba. She is also an Elder for the Canadian Reconciliation Barometer Advisory Circle, and a member of Two Spirit Manitoba.

In recognition of her lifetime of work, she was inducted into the Order of Manitoba in 2018. She was also acknowledged in the Manitoba legislative Assembly in a Member's Statement for her work and contribution as a Two Spirit Elder. She received the Nellie McClung Manitoba 150 Women Trailblazer Award, the Natural Resources Canada Departmental Achievement Award, and, in 2025, was honoured with the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

For her unwavering commitment to social justice, cultural preservation, and the empowerment of Indigenous communities, the University of Winnipeg is proud to bestow an *Honorary Doctor of Laws* on Barbara Bruce.

## Honourees



### Charlotte Nolin

#### Honorary Doctor of Laws

Charlotte Nolin is a Two-Spirit, trans, Métis elder from Manitoba. As a survivor of the Sixties Scoop, she has firsthand experience with the trauma faced by Indigenous people. Her journey of resilience and transformation includes overcoming addiction and violence, dedicating her life to social work, and working to protect children and Indigenous families.

As a survivor of significant personal challenges, she serves as a powerful role model and mentor, inspiring young people to embrace their identities and overcome their own struggles.

As a Pipe Carrier, Sweat Lodge Conductor, Sundance Chief, and Sundancer for more than 34 years, Charlotte plays a vital role in preserving and sharing Indigenous spiritual practices. She walks a traditional spiritual path and openly shares her knowledge and teachings to those who want to learn.

She recently made history by lifting up the first known two-spirit Sundance lodge and serving as its Chief (alongside Kookum Barbara Bruce); the lodge is now entering its third year in southwestern Manitoba.

She frequently speaks at events and writes to raise awareness about the challenges faced by Indigenous and LGBTQ+ communities and has been instrumental in creating safe and inclusive spaces for youth.

Charlotte's efforts have created a legacy of support and empowerment for Indigenous youth, helping them navigate their identities with pride and confidence. Her visibility and recognition empower young people by showing them that they too can be celebrated and respected for who they are.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to bestow an *Honorary Doctor of Laws* on Charlotte Nolin for her resilience, compassion, and unwavering commitment and service to social justice, cultural preservation, and the empowerment of diverse Indigenous communities.

## Honourees



### **Laura Sokal**

BEd, MEd, PhD

### **Professor Emerita**

Internationally recognized for her outstanding contributions to educational research, policy, and practice, Dr. Laura Sokal served as a full professor and now senior scholar in education at UWinnipeg. Her influential research program has focused on inclusive education with an emphasis on teacher resilience, burnout, retention, and post-pandemic recovery.

She has authored and co-authored over 120 scholarly works, peer-reviewed books, journal articles, book chapters, and professional publications. Her work on teacher efficacy and inclusive education remains widely cited internationally.

Her scholarship documents challenges facing educators and advancing practical, evidence-based pathways to support sustainable educator wellness and retention. Her Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and partner-funded research on teacher well-being during and after COVID-19 has been especially influential.

Dr. Sokal has collaborated with leading scholars worldwide and has served on the UNESCO expert initiatives and the Steering Committee for the Consortium for Inclusive Teacher Education and Development. She also served as Associate Editor for the Oxford Encyclopedia of Inclusive and Special Education.

Teaching and mentoring have been at the heart of her career. Those she taught and mentored will touch the future and make a difference in their own students' lives.

In appreciation of her exceptional ability to bridge research, policy, and practice while advancing scholarship, and improving educational systems for teachers and learners, The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Dr. Laura Sokal as *Professor Emerita*.

## Honourees



### **Patty Weins**

APC

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

Patty is an avid cyclist, safe streets advocate, and a published author. She is the co-chair of the Board of Directors for Bike Winnipeg, has a YouTube channel devoted to cycling, a podcast devoted to sharing women's issues in community-building, another podcast dedicated to building awareness around civic politics, and is Winnipeg's first Bicycle Mayor.

During her time at the University of Winnipeg, Patty has contributed many personal hours to advancing sustainability on campus, and we benefit greatly from her expertise.

She has advocated for enhanced secure bike parking for the campus community and promoted, coordinated, and presented at various educational cycling events.

Patty also hosted a campus-wide lunchtime bike ride to educate the campus community on safe cycling practices, familiarize riders with local bicycle lanes, and to help the UWinnipeg community become more comfortable with commuter cycling.

She has made many meaningful contributions to sustainability at UWinnipeg, while helping to connect campus sustainability goals to the broader community. Patty's work is practical and community minded.

Patty does not simply promote cycling as a low carbon mode of transportation, but frames it as a way to improve wellbeing, accessibility, confidence, and community connection.

In doing so, she has helped make sustainability more accessible. She has helped make cycling possible for people who may never have seen themselves as cyclists.

For her extensive volunteerism and advocacy, The University of Winnipeg is proud to present Patty Wiens with the 2026 Faculty and Staff *Campus Sustainability Recognition Award*.

## Honourees



### Alex Krykewich

Bachelor of Physical and Health Education  
and Bachelor of Education

#### Valedictorian

Valedictorian Alex Krykewich is graduating with a Bachelor of Physical and Health Education and Bachelor of Education.

Alex came to UWinnipeg with an interest in athletic therapy and a scholarship on the Wesmen Men's Volleyball team. He started out in the field of Kinesiology then moved on to pursue an after-degree in Education.

Alex spent many hours playing volleyball, and even led his peers as team captain. But his proudest moment was his team's historic win with their first-ever Canada West conference championship, and especially sharing that moment with other players and friends.

Alex's leadership shines on and off the court. He was a six-time USPORTS Academic all Canadian, six-time Wesmen Athletics Academic Award recipient, and he received the Duckworth Award for sportsmanship and leadership.

He also received the Wesmen Athletics Community Service Award and was the men's volleyball representative for the Wesmen equality, diversity, and inclusivity committee.

Alex hopes to get a professional volleyball contract in Europe. Otherwise, he plans to substitute teach and run volleyball camps in Winnipeg. He is extremely excited to use the skills he learned at UWinnipeg out in the community.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Alex Krykewich as valedictorian.

## Honourees



### **Isran Migane**

Bachelor of Business Administration

#### **Valedictorian**

Valedictorian Isran Migane is graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Economics and Finance.

From an early age, Isran was taught the value of thinking critically and staying curious. That, coupled with her interest in current events, politics, and the Canadian economy, led her to the Economics and Finance program at the University of Winnipeg.

Isran participated in the Co-operative Education Program during her third year at UWinnipeg, and later returned as a mentor in her fourth year. She was also selected to join the President's Student Leadership Program, which gave her valuable opportunities to develop as a leader and connect with students from different universities in the province.

Isran served as the External Director of Finance for the Business Students' Association, competed at JDC West as an HR delegate, and participated in the CFA Research Challenge.

Through participation in programs like the CFA Research Challenge, Isran was able to take concepts she learned in the classroom and apply them to real-world investment research. These experiences helped her develop technical skills and grow as a communicator, presenter, and teammate.

After graduation, Isran hopes to build a career at the intersection of public policy, finance, and emerging technologies. She is interested in exploring how artificial intelligence can shape policy development and decision-making. She hopes to work toward addressing complex challenges, while creating positive outcomes for communities.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Isran Migane as valedictorian.

## Honourees



### Helena Czaykowski

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

#### Valedictorian

Valedictorian Helena Czaykowski is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours.

She first came to UWinnipeg to specialize in creative writing, then decided to pursue the honours program to deepen her study of English literature.

Helena has many cherished memories of her honours seminar classes, where the small class sizes and highly specific topics allowed her to connect with classmates and the material.

She published work in the UWinnipeg *juice* journal and spent some time participating in the Creative Writing and Literature Club. She also had a short story published to the University of Liverpool's Archaeology, Classics, and Egyptology blog.

Helena received the Roger and Kathleen Graham Scholarship in English, the Lillian Gibbons Scholarship in the Humanities, and the Victor Batzel Scholarship in the Humanities. She also received the Churchill Scholarship, Dr. Lloyd Siemens Memorial Scholarship in English, and the Harry S. Crowe Scholarship.

Helena feels very privileged to have had the time and resources to dig in to her studies at UWinnipeg, an experience she has enjoyed. She will take many memories with her as she moved on to her next adventure.

Helena hopes to eventually pursue a master's degree either in English or in Creative Writing. While applying to schools outside of Manitoba and abroad, she will be searching for creative avenues in writing and publishing.

The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Helena Czaykowski 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 128<sup>th</sup> Convocation includes graduates from:

Abbotsford, British Columbia	Chandigarh, India	Grosse Isle, Manitoba
Abia-Enugu State, Nigeria	Chihuahua, Mexico	Grunthal, Manitoba
Achi, Enugu	Chittagong, Bangladesh	Gurgaon, Haryana
Acqui Terme	Cochrane, Alberta	Hamilton, Ontario
Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Cooks Creek, Manitoba	Hanumangarh, India
Ahmedabad, India	Dahachowk, Kathmandu	Haryana, India
Altona, Manitoba	Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	Headingley, Manitoba
Amritsar, Punjab	Daraa, Syria	Hollow Water First Nation, Manitoba
Anambra, Nigeria	Dartmouth, Nova Scotia	Hoshiarpur, Punjab
Anand, Gujarat	Dauphin Manitoba	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Anola, Manitoba	Dehradun, India	Katy, Texas
Arborg Manitoba	Dubai	Kinosota, Manitoba
Bahrain	East Selkirk, Manitoba	Kotkapura, Punjab
Barwick, Ontario	East St. Paul, Manitoba	Kyoto, Japan
Beausejour, Manitoba	Edina, Minnesota	La Broquerie, Manitoba
Berens River, Manitoba	Egypt	La Salle, Manitoba
Bloodvein River, Manitoba	Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta	Lac du Bonnet, Manitoba
Brandon, Manitoba	Gainsborough, Saskatchewan	Lagos, Nigeria
Bukavu, DR Congo	Garson, Manitoba	Lake Manitoba First Nation, Manitoba
Bukavu, South Kivu	Gimli, Manitoba	Lavenham, Manitoba
Bulacan, Philippines	Goma, DR Congo	Lipa, Philippines
Butwal, Nepal	Gombe State, Nigeria	Lockport, Manitoba
Calgary, Alberta	Grande Pointe, Manitoba	

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Lorette, Manitoba  
Ludhiana, India  
Luhansk, Ukraine  
MacGregor, Manitoba  
Malerkotla, Punjab  
Maple Ridge, British  
Columbia  
Markham, Ontario  
Masa, Gujarat  
Melita, Manitoba  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
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Oakbank, Manitoba  
Oakville, Manitoba  
Opaskwayak Cree Nation,  
Manitoba  
Ottawa, Ontario

Panipat, Haryana, India  
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Roseville, Minnesota  
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Saint John, New Brunswick  
Sanford, Manitoba  
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Selkirk, Manitoba  
Sindhupalchok, Nepal  
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Stead, Manitoba  
Steinbach, Manitoba  
Stonewall, Manitoba  
Subic, Philippines  
Surat, India

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Taché, Manitoba  
Tadoule Lake, Manitoba  
Teulon, Manitoba  
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