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58th Convocation

2023
THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

Greetings from LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

Congratulations on your graduation!

I am excited about the upcoming opportunity to share in the celebration of your accomplishments with you, your family, and friends, and with your Lakehead family on both of our campuses. While the pandemic has limited our ability to come together in person over the past years, it has not limited the significance of your exceptional achievements, and the promise of future successes that come from learning and living these past years as a Lakehead University student. We are especially proud of how you have demonstrated your resilience and spirit, and ownership of your learning goals.

Our world and plans are now so different from those that were in place when you entered Lakehead University. However, our strategic priorities and specific hopes for you are still strong and fitting today.

Lakehead's mission to be an innovative comprehensive university that provides an education that is about how to think deeply has never been more relevant. We have always strived to be strong members of national and international knowledge creation communities that share and collaborate for the greater good.

You, our newest class of university graduates, are even more well-prepared to lead the lasting transformation our world needs now.

This is a time of deep change. As both a graduate of Lakehead University and a global citizen, you are poised to create a better future for yourself, for the communities you will choose to impact, and for our world.

Keep us in your hearts and in your minds as you, our exceptional 2023 graduates, make our future together brighter. We look forward to learning about all of your successes!

Dr. Moira McPherson, President & Vice-Chancellor

Greetings Class of 2023,

As Chancellor in my second year, I thought it would be easy to bring you Greetings and Congratulations. Surely I know how to do it by now. The Greeting part is easy. Yet, these are the worst of times and the best of times.

Best because you and your support team have gotten across a very important finish line.

Best because you have a chosen or birth Family, Friends, other supports to hug or elbow bump in-person and say thank you.

Best because so much is possible in-person that was not a year ago, including your Convocation class of 2023.

It is the worst of times because when we could come out from our lock-downs, and zoom rooms, and take off our masks, we discovered that there were challenges still there that cannot be ignored. Just like debris under the snow.

Worst is climate change.

Worst is our health care system, our universal system, the treatment of elders.

Worst are the efforts to deny the need for truth and reconciliation, the need for equity, diversity, and inclusion.

You, class of 2023, are in the best of times because you know the value of commitment, community, and collaborators. You have the skills and the values. You have learned how to turn disadvantages into advantages, into enlightenment opportunities.

Go forth and be the Best.

Greetings,
Rita Shelton Deverell, CM, EdD
Chancellor

Friday, May 26, 2023 - 9am

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Graduate and Undergraduate Degrees and Diplomas to be conferred:
Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

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Prelude **Processional - Pomp and Circumstance by E. Elgar**	Mr. Joe Petch, Mr. Ted Vaillant, Dr. Darlene Chepil-Reid, Mr. Damian Rivers-Moore, Ms. Janelle Wiebe

The audience is asked to stand as the Academic Procession enters

O Canada	Mr. Robert Perrier
Honour Song	Ms. Audrey DeRoy
Invocation	Elder Ron Linklater
The Chancellor - "I hereby declare this Convocation open."	Chancellor Rita Shelton Deverell
Introduction of the Platform Party	Dr. Moira McPherson, President & Vice-Chancellor
Greetings from Fort William First Nation	Ms. Tannis Kastern, Councillor
President's Address	Dr. Moira McPherson, President & Vice-Chancellor
Recognition of the Recipients of Emeritus Title	Dr. David Barnett, Provost & Vice-President Academic
Conferring of the Honorary Degree Candidate	Dr. Karl Skogstad, Chair, Senate Honorary Degree Committee Chancellor Rita Shelton Deverell Dr. Moira McPherson, President & Vice-Chancellor
Convocation Address	Dr. Stephen Low
Message from the Class of 2023	Ms. Michelle Pocion
Musical Interlude	Ms. Evelyn Davenport
Presentation of the Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas, Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Medals/Awards	Dr. Ravi Gokani, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work
Degrees and Diplomas Granted in Absentia	Ms. Andrea Tarsitano, Vice-Provost (Students) & Registrar
Message from the Alumni Association	Dr. Michel Beaulieu, Past President, Lakehead University Alumni Association
Chancellor's Remarks	Chancellor Rita Shelton Deverell
Closing	Elder Ron Linklater
Chancellor's Closing Convocation - "I hereby declare this Convocationn closed."	Chancellor Rita Shelton Deverell
Recessional	Mr. Ryan Moore

The audience is asked to kindly wait until the graduates have exited the Auditorium and to then make their way to the Lakehead University campus for refreshments, photos, and conversation.

Follow along as we acknowledge our graduates and this year's medal recipients.

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The Arms of the University were granted by the Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk, on June 20, 1959.

The heraldic description is:

Coat of Arms
"Barry wavy of six Argent and Azure on a Chief Gules in front of a rising Sun issuant from the base of the Chief Or between two Candles enflamed proper each surmounted of an open Book also proper edged and bound Gold a Portcullis chained Sable"

Crest
"On a Wreath Or and Azure on Water Barry wavy Argent and Azure in front of a Rock growing therefrom a Pine Tree a Canoe paddled by an Indian Brave and Canadian Trapper."

Motto
Ad agusta per angusta
Achievement through effort