



NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

CONVOCATION 2026



NIPISSING UNIVERSITY COAT OF ARMS

There are three elements in the Nipissing crest: the sun, the water, and the owl.

The sun, our source of light and energy, is symbolic of the illumination of learning, embracing curiosity and reason.

The water recalls the University's connection with Lake Nipissing, source of the institution's name (and reason for the University's team name, "Lakers"), and bond with the Nipissing First Nation, original inhabitants of the region. Like the sun, water sustains life itself, and represents the abundant gifts of nature with which humans must live in harmony.

The Athenian owl symbolizes wisdom and scholarship, knowledge and culture. By facing forward, it represents seeing the world as it is and envisioning how it could be, which is the task and purpose of the University.

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY



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FACULTY *of* ARTS *and* SCIENCE

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

*Nipissing University sits on the territory of
Nipissing First Nation, the territory of the Anishnabek,
within the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850.*

*We are grateful to be able to live and learn
on these lands with all our relations.*

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NIPISSING UNIVERSITY WELCOMES YOU

The History of Nipissing University

Nipissing University is a young and dynamic institution whose strategic focus on student success and experience has translated into consistent top rankings in the country in the areas of student support, student experience, faculty, and residences.

The University received its charter as an independent university in 1992, and was created to specifically address the needs of Northern Ontario. Nipissing's strategic priorities regarding the student experience as well as academic and research excellence is grounded in this commitment. Over the course of the past 29 years, Nipissing has conferred over 40,000 degrees and positively impacted millions of lives.

Nipissing's roots, however, extend much deeper, stretching back more than a century to 1909 and the opening of the North Bay Normal School, the precursor to Nipissing's highly respected Schulich School of Education. As a result of the vision and perseverance of local citizens to establish a university in North Bay, Northeastern University was formed in 1960 and later renamed Nipissing University College in 1967 as an affiliate of Laurentian University.

Nipissing is proud to be a primarily undergraduate university with a reputation for excellence in teacher education, arts, science, professional programs and with four distinct nursing programs, it is proportionally the most nursing intensive university in Ontario.

As a premier destination for students seeking innovative academic programming in a student-centered community, Nipissing is renowned for its ability to provide a personalized education in a supportive environment with dedicated faculty who are creating new knowledge through research that positively impacts our communities, locally and globally. Students find themselves in a high-quality academic environment that is student-focused and based on personal teaching practices and innovative approaches to learning.

Nipissing University is home to a burgeoning research culture that provides undergraduate students the opportunity to perform graduate-level research. Students and graduates consistently give top marks to the university in high-profile surveys that measure student satisfaction, such as the National Survey of Student Engagement.

Recognizing the value of supporting an international profile for our students, Nipissing holds exchange agreements with institutions around the world, actively recruits international students and provides funding for refugee students. As well, the Schulich School of Education operates a unique international teaching program which provides the opportunity for students to teach abroad.

Access and equity have been a longstanding priority of Nipissing with a focus on students who, without interventions and support, might not otherwise participate in postsecondary education. For example, Nipissing has experienced continued growth in the enrollment of full-time first generation students as well as increases in the number of students with disabilities and number of full-time Indigenous students enrolled at the University.

Nipissing is committed to making an impact and playing a positive role in the educational, social, cultural and economic life in the communities it serves.

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY WELCOMES YOU

A History of Teacher Education in North Bay

The roots of the Schulich School of Education reach back more than 100 years, to the opening of the North Bay Normal School in 1909. The Normal School was renamed North Bay Teachers' College in 1953. In 1972, the College moved into a new home at The Education Centre, which was specifically designed for the integration of Nipissing University College and the Teachers' College. Nipissing University's Bachelor of Education program was one of the first teacher education programs to be fully accredited by the Ontario College of Teachers and is one of the most well recognized Education programs in the province. In 2010, Nipissing's Faculty of Education became the Schulich School of Education, thanks to a generous gift from Mr. Seymour Schulich.

The Schulich School of Education is renowned for graduating leaders. The mission of the School is to promote the professional growth of teachers through pre-service, in-service and graduate programs, and to provide educational leadership and support through consultation and research. The School provides students with an understanding of the basic philosophical, psychological and sociological foundations of education, to enable them to use a system-based approach in their teaching, and to introduce them to a rationale for curriculum design through a study of the various strands of the curriculum.

The continuing evolution of the Schulich School of Education includes the introduction of Nipissing University's first PhD program in Education with a focus on Educational Sustainability. The School is also home to the Bachelor of Physical Health Education program and the Master of Education program.

The Schulich School of Education focuses on equipping students with critical thinking skills, humane values and practical skills necessary to become lifelong learners. The aim is to take learning beyond schools and direct students to apply their knowledge actively in the larger world.



Dear Graduate,

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to you on your Convocation. We are thrilled to welcome you to our global alumni family comprised of over 47,000 graduates and counting!

Convocation signifies the completion of an important phase of your journey with Nipissing University. Throughout your time here, you have grown academically, professionally and personally, laying the groundwork for your future. In this next phase, as a Nipissing University alumnus, we hope you will find your experience, and new relationship with the University, to be equally rewarding.

What does it mean to be a Nipissing alumnus? It means you are now part of a diverse network of innovators, leaders, and changemakers who share your Nipissing experience. It also means that you have connections to fellow alumni around the world who hold valuable information about the path that lies ahead and who are eager to support your success.

Nipissing alumni have a profound impact on the University, and there are many ways you can continue to engage with us as you start this next phase of your journey. Engagement might mean sharing your story with future Lakers, joining our mentorship platform NU Café, or attending alumni events such as Homecoming or chapter events in your region. Engagement may also mean finding ways to support the University, such as volunteering your time or through a donation back to the institution where your knowledge was rooted and nurtured. However you choose to stay connected, we look forward to following your journey and celebrating your successes.

Nipissing University and your Alumni Association are proud of all that you have achieved throughout your student journey and will continue to champion your future accomplishments as members of our alumni family. We invite you to keep in touch by following us on social media, reading our monthly e-newsletter, and joining us on the NU Perks platform to make the most of your NU Alumni status with exclusive benefits and discounts.

Once again, congratulations on your incredible achievement!

All the best,

Your Nipissing University Alumni Advisory Board

Visit our New Alumni welcome page for information on how to get the most out of your lifetime alumni association membership.

www.nipissingu.ca/alumni/new



THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDALS

The Governor General's Medal, established in 1873, is one of the most prestigious awards that can be received by a student in a Canadian educational institution for exceptional academic achievement.

GOLD MEDAL

The Governor General's Gold Medal is awarded to the graduate student who achieves the highest academic standing upon graduation from a graduate level.

Elizabeth Calverley

SILVER MEDAL

The Governor General's Silver Medal is awarded to the undergraduate student who achieves the highest academic standing upon graduation from a bachelor degree program.

Katia Quesnel

PRESIDENT'S GOLD MEDALS

The President's Gold Medal is presented to the graduating student who attains the highest academic average in their degree program. The student must have a minimum of 80% overall average. Each recipient will receive a President's Gold Medal and a cash award of \$500.

Divya Aggarwal, BA

Gail Louise Pinkerton, BA (Hon)

Madison Jane Garagan, BBA

Christopher Blackstock, BComm

Katelyn Adams, BFA

Brooke Victoria Dawn Ailey, BPHE

Ayomide Omotoso, BSc

Patricia Dawn Medeiros, BScN

David Orlando, BSW

Katia Quesnel, BSc (Hon)

Emily Keunecke, BEd

Ris Nahwegahbow-Gardner, BEd

Nathan Patrick Park, MA

Elizabeth Calverley, MEd

William Jay MacKenzie, MEd

Andrea Ammerlaan, MSc

Rupinder Kaur Kahlon, PhD

THE CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL FOR HUMANITY

The Chancellor's Medal for Humanity is based on the core values of good citizenry which are excellence, respect, and compassion. The medal will be presented to a graduating student from any Nipissing degree program who has positively impacted the lives of others while demonstrating a dedication to scholarship and the service of humanity. The recipient must have demonstrated profound compassion toward their colleagues and fellow citizens from a diversity of communities and embody what it means to achieve success with empathy and kindness.

Maria Aguilera Valle

PRESENTATION OF THE PROFESSOR EMERITUS/EMERITA AWARDS

The title of Professor Emeritus/Emerita is conferred upon faculty who have rendered distinguished service to the University through teaching, research and/or scholarship. This year's recipients are:

DR. TERRY CAMPBELL, PROFESSOR EMERITA

Dr. Terry Campbell, Professor Emerita in the Schulich School of Education, served more than two decades at Nipissing University, retiring in 2024 as a Full Professor. A distinguished scholar in language and literacy education, her work explored storytelling, early literacy, and inclusive pedagogical practices, bridging theory and classroom application. Her research and publications contributed significantly to literacy education across Ontario and internationally.

Dr. Campbell received the Nipissing University Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence in 2017. She also played a significant service role at the university, as a member of the Board of Governors and other key committees, while contributing provincially as co-editor of the influential *What Works? Research into Practice* series. Her work has left a legacy in literacy education and in the communities she served.

DR. LORRAINE FROST, PROFESSOR EMERITA

Dr. Lorraine Frost, Professor Emerita in the Faculty of Education, devoted more than three decades to teaching, research, and academic leadership at Nipissing University. Joining the institution in 1988 and retiring in 2024 as a Full Professor, she played a central role in shaping teacher education, particularly in the areas of special education and Indigenous education. Dr. Frost authored numerous scholarly works, secured substantial research funding, and contributed extensively to advancing equitable and inclusive educational practices, including long-standing collaborations with First Nations communities. Widely respected for her dedication to scholarship, service, and student success, Dr. Frost's contributions continue to resonate within the Faculty of Education and beyond.

PRESENTATION OF THE
PROFESSOR EMERITUS/EMERITA AWARDS
(CONTINUED)

DR. JIM MCAULIFFE, PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Dr. Jim McAuliffe, Professor Emeritus in Physical and Health Education, has had a distinguished academic career characterized by leadership, innovation, and scholarly achievement. Joining Nipissing University in 2007 he played a foundational role in developing the Bachelor of Physical and Health Education program and advancing the University's research profile. His research in visual attention, motor learning, and neurocognitive function contributed to theoretical and applied fields, including sport concussion and safe driving research.

Dr. McAuliffe provided exceptional leadership while serving as Director of Physical and Health Education and later as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research. His contributions have had a lasting impact on the University's academic programs and research excellence.

DR. MATTI J. SAARI, PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Dr. Matti J. Saari, Professor Emeritus in Psychology, joined Nipissing University in 1977 and was a foundational figure in the development of Nipissing University's Psychology program. Retiring in 2024 as a Full Professor, he helped establish the academic and research identity of the department, including founding and advancing the Neuroscience Research Unit.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Saari demonstrated a profound commitment to teaching and mentorship, supervising over 150 thesis students, teaching extensively across the psychology curriculum and serving as Chair of the Department for over 20 years. Widely recognized for excellence in teaching at both the national and institutional levels, Dr. Saari has had a lasting impact, shaping generations of students and making significant contributions to the field of psychology.

PRESENTATION OF THE CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Nipissing University is proud to honour four exceptional faculty members whose work exemplifies academic excellence, leadership, and deep commitment to student success. Presented annually during convocation, the Chancellor's Awards for Excellence highlight outstanding contributions in research, teaching, and service that help shape the university experience and strengthen our campus community.

DR. NATALYA BROWN – CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Dr. Natalya Brown was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica where she earned a Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Economics from the University of West Indies at Mona. Natalya also earned a Master of Arts (MA) in Economics from the University of Houston and a Master of Science (MSc) and a PhD in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin. Natalya joined Nipissing University in 2005 as a faculty member in the then School of Business and Economics. She currently holds a cross-appointment in the School of Business and the Department of Political Science, Philosophy and Economics. Over the years, Natalya has served the university community in various roles, including President of the Nipissing University Faculty Association, member of the President's Equity Action Planning Task Force, founding member of the Caucus of Racialized Persons, and as a faculty supervisor for several international travel courses taking groups of students to Jamaica and Norway. Natalya also enjoys being an active member of the North Bay community including playing trombone with the North Bay Community J.O.Y. Band.

MARY THORNTON – CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING (CASBU)

Mary Thornton is an instructor in the Schulich School of Education where she teaches the Senior Instrumental Music teachable. She directs both the Nipissing University Eddie Concert Band, and Second Wind, a seniors woodwind group. The Eddie Concert Band brings together community musicians along with Arts, Science, and Education students. She actively promotes the importance of music education and strongly supports making community connections through music. Mary has adjudicated in Ontario and at the national level for MusicFest Canada.

The author of six sets of curriculum books on teaching music for grades 7 to 12, Mary continues to develop curriculum for music teachers through classroom, workshops, and clinics. She was inducted into the North Bay Hall of Recognition for Musicians and Entertainers, and received Honourary Lifetime Membership to the Ontario Music Educators Association for her contributions to music education across the province.

A passionate advocate for music education in schools, Mary believes that every child deserves a strong foundation in music to become a well-rounded individual.

DR. CARLY DOKIS –
CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Dr. Carly Dokis is an environmental anthropologist whose research focuses on Indigenous relationships with land and water, environmental governance, and the impacts of resource development in Canada. For more than twenty years, she has worked with Indigenous communities in the Northwest Territories and Northeastern Ontario, conducting community-led research that explores environmental and social change.

Carly received her PhD in Anthropology from the University of Alberta in 2009 and joined Nipissing University in 2010 as a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Post-Doctoral Fellow. She was hired as an Assistant Professor of Anthropology in 2013 and promoted to Associate Professor in 2017.

Her current SSHRC-funded research, conducted in partnership with Dokis First Nation, explores community stories about relationships with the land and experiences of environmental and social change over time. Guided by the principles of respect, relevance, reciprocity, and responsibility, Carly is committed to community-led research and mentoring emerging researchers, including graduate and undergraduate students.

DR. MANUEL LITALIEN –
CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING (FABSU)

Dr. Manuel Litalien is an Associate Professor in Nipissing University's Department of Social Welfare and Social Development. His teaching focuses on critical development, social policy, and experiential learning, helping students explore complex social issues through both local and global perspectives.

Manuel is an executive member of the Canadian Philanthropy Partnership Research Network (PhiLab), co-director of the *Observatoire des droits de la personne at Université de Montréal*, and co-founder of the Consortium of Rural and Northern Philanthropy (CORNPhil). His research examines the relationships between welfare systems, non-profit organizations, and social policy, with projects spanning Canada and Southeast Asia. He has published extensively in scholarly journals and books and currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at Mahidol University in Thailand.

Committed to creating meaningful learning experiences, Manuel encourages students to engage critically with issues such as inequality, community development, human rights, and social change. Through his teaching and mentorship, he inspires students to connect academic learning with real-world challenges and opportunities.

CONVOCATION

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026
2:00 P.M.

FACULTY *of* ARTS *and* SCIENCE

Master of Arts (MA)

Master of Science (MSc)

Master of Environmental Science (MESc)

Master of Environmental Studies (MES)

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Four Year

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Three Year

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) - Honours

Bachelor of Liberal Arts (BLA)

Bachelor of Science (BSc) Four Year

Bachelor of Science (BSc) Three Year

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



LISE MAISONNEUVE

Former Chief Justice Lise T. Maisonneuve is a strategic leader in judicial administration with extensive experience in governance, judicial ethics, and codes of conduct. With more than twenty-two years on the bench, she is widely recognized as an expert in criminal law and an innovator in court modernization, with a proven track record of organizational leadership.

Justice Maisonneuve received her LL.B. from the University of Ottawa in 1989 and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1991. From 2003 to 2023, she served in several key judicial roles, including puisne judge, local administrative judge, Regional

Senior Justice, Associate Chief Justice, and ultimately Chief Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice. In her role as Chief Justice, she led the Court's strategic and operational response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In June 2024, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) by the Law Society of Ontario in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the administration of justice and public service.

In May 2024, she was appointed Commissioner of the *Future of Sport in Canada Commission*. She delivered her final report in March 2026. The report, the first of its kind in Canada, includes ninety-eight calls to action addressing the future of the national sport system, with a particular focus on strengthening safe sport.

Prior to her judicial appointment, Justice Maisonneuve practiced criminal law. She has also served in numerous advisory roles, including as counsel to the Canadian Armed Forces Special Advisory Group on Military Justice and Military Police Investigation Services, and as an advisor to several Department of National Defence initiatives, including oversight and reform committees. She has further contributed as a special advisor to both the Military Police Services Review Group and the Thomas Review Group.

Justice Maisonneuve is a member of the *Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario (AJEFO)*, the National Association of Women and the Law, and the Canadian Institute for Advanced Legal Studies.

FACULTY *of* ARTS *and* SCIENCE

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026 2:00 P.M.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Marshal: **Dr. Katrina Srigley**

The audience will rise.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. David Smits

Chair, Board of Governors

The audience will be seated.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr. Kevin B. Wamsley

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

The Chancellor, **Dr. Scott Russell**, will invite

The Honourable Lise Maisonneuve

to receive the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa).

The Chancellor will confer the degree.

Dr. Lise Maisonneuve will address Convocation.

The audience will rise.

HONOUR SONG

The audience will be seated.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Candidates for degrees will be presented to the Chancellor

Dr. Scott Russell

INVESTITURE OF GRADUATES

Dr. Nathan Colborne

Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDAL

On behalf of Her excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, **Dr. Scott Russell**,
Chancellor of Nipissing University, will present the Silver Medal.

This Medal for academic excellence is awarded to the undergraduate student who
achieves the highest academic standing in an undergraduate degree.

Katia Quesnel, BSc (Hon)

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S GOLD MEDALS

These special honour awards are presented to full-time or part-time graduating students who
attain the highest academic average in all courses in their degree program.

Each student will receive a President's Gold Medal and a cash award of \$500.

Nathan Park, MA

Gail Pinkerton, BA (Hon)

Andrea Ammerlaan, MSc

Katelyn Adams, BFA

William Jay MacKenzie, MEd

Divya Aggarwal, BA

Katia Quesnel, BSc (Hon)

Ayomide Omotoso, BSc

PRESENTATION OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Dr. Matti Saari

PRESENTATION OF CHANCELLOR'S AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

Dr. Natalya Brown

PRESENTATION OF CHANCELLOR'S AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Dr. Carly Dokis

PRESENTATION OF CHANCELLOR'S AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING (FASBU)

Dr. Manuel Litalien

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

RECESSIONAL

The audience will rise.

ALUMNI WELCOME RECEPTION

The Robert J. Surtees Student Athletics Centre.

Everyone is welcome.

Appreciation for the music for Convocation is extended to:

Chantal Larocque, soloist;

Geoff Johnson and **Bob Cook**, pipers;

Gerry McComb and **Cody McKenzie-Sackaney**, honour song performers.

FACULTY of ARTS and SCIENCE

MASTER OF ARTS (MA)

Kolby Fleury^R – *“Our Company Will Not Willingly Acquiesce.” The Failure of the Militia Bill of 1862 and Canada’s Uncertain Place in the World.*

Amanda Guertin^R – *But Who Really Was She?: Historiography About Queenly Power and Image in Fifteenth-Century Europe*

Katelyn Macintosh^R – *Mapping International Undergraduate Experiences in Canada: A Scoping Review of Postsecondary Stressors and Supports*

Tyler Mayhew^R – *The ‘People’s Crusade Problem:’ A Survey of People’s Crusade Historiography and its Implications, 1800-Present*

Nathan Patrick Park^R – *Age Within the Lens of Justice: How Age Shapes the Perceptions of Our Correctional System*

Maxwell Gabriel Peacock^R – *Turning Up the Temperature in Temagami: Female Activism in Near Northern Ontario*

Bridgette Perron^R – *Our Canadian Joan: The Unveiled History of The Joan of Arc Monument in Quebec City*

Meghan Sloan^R – *Mapping Stressors Among Canadian Postsecondary Students: A Scoping Review*

Keats Vanderlee^R – *The Role of Social, Human, and Psychological Capital in Refugees’ Economic Integration Into the Canadian Labour Market*

Rachel Laura White^R – *“If It’s Not On Strava, Did It Even Happen? Ritual, Rationalization, and the Search for Belonging in Run Clubs”*

MASTER OF SCIENCE (MSc)

Andrea Ammerlaan^R – *Tree-Like Continua and the Fixed Point Property*

Luke Cooper^T – *Seeing the Forest Through the Trees*

Ke Gong^T – *E-Cargo Application: Policy Making and Prescription*

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (MESC)

Raziyeh Hassanzadegan^T – *Growth and Herbivory Defense Trade-Offs in a Palatable Boreal Conifer*

William Jay Mackenzie^T – *Examining the Impact of a Highway on Northern Ontario Water Quality Using High Frequency Specific Conductivity Measurements*

Cole Travis Reid^R – *Environmental Legacies of Lumber Mill Operations in Callander Bay, Lake Nipissing*

^R Research Paper
^T Thesis

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) FOUR YEAR PROGRAM

Ethan Adema ⁺	Kate Cooke	Hayley Hubbert ^{**}
Matthew Allman ^{**}	Maggie Corkin ^{**LΔ}	Alvin Icyogere Mucyo ⁺
Allison Arculus ^{**}	Blaze Timothy Cucksey ^{**}	Kendra Ivey-Scharf
Nadiya Ariaratnam ^{**}	Madison Currie ⁺	Madison Jenkins ⁺
Paige Armstrong ^{**}	Declan Cutler ^{+ST}	Emma-Kate Jessop ⁺
Navia Atkins	Michaela Da Silva ^{**}	Tyson Jessup ⁺
Abigail Ayers ^{**}	Sydney De Oliveira ⁺	Anna Grace Johnstone ^{**}
Jessica Taneisha Ayoung ^{**ST}	Kaelin Dewar ^{**}	Baillie Kane [*]
Carmela Baker ^{**}	Ryleigh Marie Doran	Hailey Kestner ^{**}
Maya Belfour ^{**}	Darcy Marie Dumond ⁺	Bee Kipfer ^{**}
Matthew Berezuk	Grace Duquette ⁺	Brayden Kochut ^{**}
Clayton Bigras ^{+V◇}	William John Bradley Eidt	Elsa Konkal-Seguin ^{**}
Alexander Blackmore	Ella Etmanskie ^{**}	Jakob Krabi ^{**}
Lisa Danae Blight	Evangelia Frattini	Stefan Forbes Kronstal ⁺
Véronique Bouchard [*]	Katelynn Fry ⁺	Connor B. Leavens ⁺
Tanner J. Brazier ^{**}	Spencer Gdanski ⁺	Teresa Lichacz ^{+D}
Kydmen Thomas Theodore Brown ^{**V}	Deanna Gill ⁺	Adrianna Rosa Lopes ^{**}
Logan Bryden	Kailey Josee Leanne Giroux ⁺	Sydney-Rose Lortie
Kiana Burton ^{+◇}	Alexander Gonneau ^{**V}	Kaytie Isabella Nicole MacLellan ^{*L}
Reuben Chung ^{**}	Fen Green ⁺	Sarah MacMillan ^L
Dylan Kathrine Clement ^{**E}	Meredith Hammel [*]	Nathaniel Major ^{+††↓↔↔→BA}
	Hunter Hanlon ^{**}	
	Zaphrin Hodgins ^{**}	

⁺ Honours Degree

^{*} High Distinction

^E Certificate in Environmental Management

[◇] Certificate in Conflict Resolution and Negotiation

^{††↓↔↔→BA} Certificate in Game Design and Development

^L Certificate in Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)-Lifespan

^V Certificate in the Study of State Violence (War, Atrocity, and Genocide)

^D Dual Degree – Also receiving an Honours Bachelor of Business Administration Degree

^Δ Certificate in Early Intensive Behaviour Intervention (EIBI)-Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)

ST Certificate in the Study of Societies in Transition: Reciprocity, Relationship, & Reconciliation Histories

FACULTY of ARTS and SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) FOUR YEAR PROGRAM (continued)

Liam Mann	Avery Myers ^{†*‡}	Olivia Shannon [†]
Abigail Marshall ^{†*}	Madison Oggelsby [†]	Lauren Silverthorn ^{†*}
Tess Matthews ^{†*‡}	Amaya Ojeda Bustamante [†]	Kelsey Lilliane Simon [†]
Bridget McBride [†]	Sadiya Parsons [†]	Neely Sims [†]
Emma McCann [†]	Grace Patterson [†]	Jamie-Lynn Sluman-Brown
Becca McClure ^{†*}	Fiona Paul ^{†*}	Patrick St-Amand
McKenna McFatridge ^{†*}	Kaidence Perreault ^{†*‡}	Cole Stewart [†]
Mitchell McGregor	Emma Pignatel ^{†*}	Sadie Caitlyn Sweet [†]
Kassandra McLellan [†]	Alyssa Pileggi ^{†*}	Léanne Thibodeau ^{†*}
Samantha Meechan	Gail Louise Pinkerton ^{†*}	Alexandra Lauren Watson ^{†*}
Alexander Mercer ^{†*}	Sarah Talia Pinsk ^{†*‡}	Megan Elizabeth Weber ^{†*‡}
Aidan Merry [†]	Brett Poirier [†]	Abigail Welbanks-Virgin ^{†*}
Breanna Mills ^{†*‡}	Spencer Pole [†]	Benjamin White ^{†*}
Rowan Morin [*]	Samantha Price	
Ashlyn Mulvihill [†]	Sara Roen ^{†*}	
Simbarashe Musewe [†]	Hunter Rose ^{†*}	

[†] Honours Degree

^{*} High Distinction

^E Certificate in Environmental Management

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FACULTY *of* ARTS *and* SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) THREE YEAR PROGRAM

Jeeva Elsa Abraham

Divya Aggarwal*

Kelsey Borgford

Ellen Boyle-Price

Sonia Briscoe

Andrea Church

Amy Connelly

Elizabeth Hannah Marie

Hancocks

Patricia Hewitt

Ezra Wren Holloway

Cody McKenzie-Sackaney

Ryan Larry Scott Miners

Michael Murtagh*

Manish Nagra

Patricia Sunga Peteza

Sophie Sashegyi

Aarushi Sharma

James Spratt

Ericka Umbelina

Bri Vermeer*^G

Dona Marie Shihara

Ranasingha Weerasekara

Emily Wilson

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (BFA) – HONOURS

Katelyn Adams*

Sydney Brinklow*

Erin Jenner

Ross Kozuskanich*

Elizabeth Laberge*

Paige Ellaina-Patricia Mackey

Trinity Morgan

Megan Taylor*

*High Distinction

^G Certificate in Geomatics

FACULTY of ARTS and SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSc) FOUR YEAR PROGRAM

Ethan Aitken^{++↑↓↔↔↔BA}
Daniel Alderson⁺⁺
Michelle Alford
Wesley Arenovich
Karan Bassi⁺⁺
Robert Belisle^{+†}
Christina Belowos^G
Emma Bonneau^{++†}
Abigail Boulanger⁺⁺
Ethan Bower⁺
Emily Alice Buyers⁺⁺
Emma Coutu⁺⁺
Philippe Guy Coutu⁺
Alexandra Dech⁺⁺
Alexander Domingos⁺⁺
Mackenzie Drynan⁺⁺

Alexis Dubois⁺
Tanner Flood⁺⁺
Colby Michael Gillies^{++†}
Allyson Gubbels^{++ND}
Harper Jeffrey
Isaac Jones⁺⁺
Robert Baxter Legace^{++G}
Pascale Lessard⁺⁺
Megan Grace Mahoney^{++†}
Shoeb Akhtar Mansuri⁺
Rojin Moshashaei⁺⁺
Jeet Viren Munshi
Ryan Neva^{++†}
Joel Neville⁺⁺
Marcus Nicholson
Achyut Niroula⁺⁺

Courtney Normand⁺
Trent O'Brien^{++G}
Teanna Paczay^{++†}
Emma Paquet⁺⁺
Katia Quesnel^{++†}
Dhruv Sagar
Dylan Michael Vio
Schmidt^{++N†}
Aiden Mark Shearer^{++†}
Zara Sheppard⁺⁺
Mitchell Siemens
Abel Abraham Varghese
Evan Wells⁺⁺
Alexandra Paige Young^{++†}

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSc) THREE YEAR PROGRAM

Erfan Mojdehi Pour^{*}
Ayomide Omotoso^{*}

Chidubem Daniel Uzoma

Dev Rajubhai Vaghani

⁺ Honours Degree

^{*} High Distinction

^G Certificate in Geomatics

^N Certificate in Neuroscience

^{↑↓↔↔↔BA} Certificate in Game Design and Development

[†] Certificate in Forest Resource Management and Conservation

^D Dual Degree – Also receiving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing

POST-BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
AND MACHINE LEARNING APPLICATIONS

Sarim Ali Kausar Ali Ansari
Rishi Pradeep Ghaswala
Shreya Kashyap

Prajuvin Prabha
Sheshank Priyadarshi
Dhara Jentibhai Rokad

Sana Begum
Balaji Viswanathan

POST-BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN
ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

Aakriti*
Edwin Jose Ambattu Chacko*
Sudaree Punjaya Chandrasena
Batagodage*
Sakshi Devi*
Fathima*

Krishan Kumar Garhwal
Kajalpreet Kaur
Kashish Khunger
Lovepreet Singh
Keyur Malaviya
Mandeep Kaur*

Manjinder Kaur
Tanya
Dev Purvesh Upadhyay
Hely Hiren Vyas^{E G †}

POST-BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL IMPACT

Bhavana Hassan Dinesh*
Ronak Gohil
Reeba Mary John Hitler*
Akash Kumar
Sherlin Lincy Lawrence
Abhishek Malik

Soniya Nayi*
Anand Pallichamparambil
Jayan
Purvi Pravinkumar Patel
Smit Patel
Shyam L Ranpariya

Bhavika Suneja*
Diana Tibaijuka*
Simran Tiku*
Indulekha Thaimadathil Venu*

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^E Certificate in Environmental Management

[†] Certificate in Forest Resource Management and Conservation

CONVOCATION

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026
9:30 AM

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHOOL *of* NURSING

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



ANTHONY ROTA

The Honourable Anthony Rota, P.C., M.B.A. is a distinguished Canadian public servant, business leader, and former Member of Parliament for Nipissing—Timiskaming, first elected in 2004. He served with distinction as the 37th Speaker of the House of Commons during the 43rd Parliament and was re-elected to the role in the 44th Parliament. During this time, he also chaired the Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic, guiding parliamentary operations through an unprecedented period.

Throughout his parliamentary career, Rota held several key leadership roles, including Assistant Deputy Speaker and Assistant Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, and Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology. He also served as Chair of the Liberal Party caucus and Ontario caucus.

Beyond Parliament, Rota has contributed to academia and innovation as Director of Government Relations and Director of Technology Transfer at Nipissing University. His earlier career includes work with the National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program, as well as entrepreneurship in finance and real estate. He also served on North Bay City Council as Chair of Planning and Economic Development. Over the years, Rota served on numerous boards where he achieved leadership positions.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science, a diploma in Finance, and a Master of Business Administration.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026, 9:30 A.M.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Marshal: **Dr. Gyllian Phillips**

The audience will rise.

O CANADA

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. David Smits

Vice-Chair, Board of Governors

The audience will be seated.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr. Kevin B. Wamsley

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

The Chancellor, **Dr. Scott Russell**, will invite

The Honourable Anthony Rota

to receive the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa).

The Chancellor will confer the degree.

Dr. Anthony Rota will address Convocation.

The audience will rise.

HONOUR SONG

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Dr. Scott Russell

INVESTITURE OF GRADUATES

Dr. Graydon Raymer

Dean, Faculty of Education & Professional Studies

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

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Patricia Mederios, BScN

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

RECESSIONAL

The audience will rise.

ALUMNI WELCOME RECEPTION

The Robert J. Surtees Student Athletics Centre.

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Gerry McComb and **Cody McKenzie-Sackaney**, honour song performers.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BScN)

Moiz Abdul*	Claudio Henrique Bezerra	Kara Castiglione*
Kenneth Anthony E. Abello	Azevedo Filho	Britney Ann Cattan
Audrey Abenes-Jouni	Amanda Bianchi*	Catherine Chafe*
Kapila Abeyratne	Liam Blake*	Chad-Wayne Chambers*
Akuoma Alade*	Annastasia Bolden	Sherri Chapeski*
Chanel Aleksiejuk*	Robyn Bond	Nadine Charbonneau*
Roshaney Ali*	Priscilla Malveiro Borges	Patricia Charles*
Kendra Nicole Almon	Radu*	Sidra Chaudhry*
Andrea Ayen Amid*	Emily Borutski*	Ya Dong Chen
Marcy Andrews*	Danielle Wassill Bourne*	Helen Pui-Yun Cheung*
Benita Anifrani*	Allison Bowes*	Kayla Chisholm
Amanda Arigan*	Lysil Brawis*	Tsering Choesang
Alyssa Arsenault*	Alexandra Brett*	Kimberly Stoltz*
Shahed Asfahani*	Nicole Brittain*	Elysha Claeys-Rizzo
Kirstyn Atkins*	Sara Brook*	Katherine Cook*
Karla Avancena	Jessica Brooks*	Barbara Coffie
Charlee Avian*	Jamie Jennifer Agnes Brown*	Kyana Collett
Elena Bairaktaris	Lataijah Brown*	Olivia Collins
Jordan Bajar	Zoe Lauren Brown*	Michelle Cook*
Alycia Baldwin*	Erica P. Burgess	Vanessa Cortes
Alexander Barashev*	Mary Cathleen Burton*	Abbigail Crown*
Stephanie Baril*	Catia Duarte Buta	Jackie Crumbie*
Megan Barrington*	Avery Cafaro*	Tiange Cui*
Troy Beitz*	Athina Cantong*	Paramjeet Daid*
Susana Beres*	Jia Cheng Cao*	Chantal Dalcourt*
Bailey Berniquer-Mcdonald	Amanda Carey*	Schyler Daniw*
	Teri Carpenter*	Jordyn Davenport

*High Distinction

‡ Certificate in Health Studies and Gerontology

^DDual Degree – Also receiving an Honours Bachelor of Science Degree

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BScN) (continued)

Marion Davies	Chloe Simone Filion	Carly Greig*
Andrea Davis*	Jennifer Fogal	Harmanjyot Grewal*
Jennifer Davis*	Andrea Forster*	Kathryn Griffin
Carolina Monteiro De Almeida*	Angela Franklin	Paris Grosselle*
Meagan Ashley De Almeida*	Ella Grace Freeman Fraser*	Kaitlyn Grozelle*
Jessica de Carvalho*	Julia Fraser*	Allyson Gubbels* ^D
Katelyn DeCook	Payton Fuller	Shelby Guillas*
Marnee DeJong*	Jessica Meagan Fullerton- Solano*	Anna Guretska*
Morgan DeLuco	Calvin Funk*	Gabrielle Halle
Adrianna Nicole den Ouden	Amanda Gadbois*	Doaa Hamza*
Marina Vittoria Di Pede*	Mercy Gano*	Daniel Han*
Jasmin Grace Diaz	Anna Gawron*	Ava Harris*
Tsering Dolma*	Jessica Lynn Gerrard	Jenna Hartwick
Rachelle Domondon*	Maninder Ghai	Jehnelle Harvey-Dinnall*
Sarah Doucette*	Stephanie Gibson*	Kaitlyn Hawkins*
Khristel Socan Dulatre*	Lindi Giefert*	Courtney Headrick
Kristie Duncan*	Phaidra Gilmour	Christopher Heittola
Stephanie Duncan*	Lauren Goddard	Farhia Hiram*
Ambrosia-Lynn Elliott*	Kimberly Gomes*	Michelle Holly*
Amanda Escobar*	Katherine Elizabeth Goode*	Taylor Emily Holman
Lisa Eugene*	Taylor Goossens*	Madeline Elizabeth Horgan*
Paige Faragher*	Kathy Lee Goudreau	Melissa Horsley
Alisha Farmer-Brennan	Amanda Grant*	Monika Hosseini*
Lauren Feeley*	Kalee Granter*	Hong Yan Hu
Courtney Fegan*	Melissa Marie Greco*	Nastassia Ilyina*
Emma Fensom	Katherine Greenwood*	Michelle Ivanovski
Michaela Maureen Ferguson		Shehu Ja'Ar

*High Distinction

FACULTY of EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHOOL of NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BScN) (continued)

Mariah Jackett*	Josie Lantz*	Abigail Bowman*
Nicole Jan*	Tamesha Larmond*	Amy Elizabeth Martin*
Sydney Jeffery	Kristie Laughton*	Elizabeth Martinello
Julie Jeffrey*	Courtney Lawrie*	Jade Mask
Tamarra Nicole Jeremie	Isabelle Lebel*	Leah Mastromattei*
Ella Leah Sullivan Jérôme	Ann-Michelle LeBlanc	Khalida Mateen*
Emily Jolly*	Corrine LeCollier*	Elizabeth Marie Mazepa*
Sylvia Jones*	Bailie Leduc Knox*	Chinaza Jessica Mbisiogu*
Noreen Jongwe	Katie Lee*	Taylor McAdam*
Chinnu Jose*	Amanda Legault*	Angele McBurney*
Cindy Juarez*	Kayla Lillian Leoen*	Ashley McDonald*
Jenna Kahn*	Adele Levesque‡	Kimberly McDougall
Alanna Kalinsky*	Jessica Liebing*	Grace Mcewen*
Sayaf Kamran	Nathan Andrew Lighthouse*	Lacy McFarland*
Kelly Karges	Philip Lim*	Bryce McGonegal*
Katrina Katara	Mackenzie Lochhead	Briana McGregor*
Amanpreet Kaur*	Maylanie Alejandro Lorenzo*	Josie Mckay-Schueler*
Alisha Keeling*	Rachel Elta Lowe	Heather McKenzie
Krystal Kent	Gabriel Lui	Kendall McLelland*
Courtney Killops	Tegan Anne Lumbers*	Jessica McLeod
Alyssa Laplante*	Susanna Lush*	Carissa McNamee-Lamb*
Kamal Koirala*	Ashley Lyons*	Madison Allan*
Sarah Jennifer Kosar*	Martha MacDonald	Kiley McRae*
Colton Kostiw*	Casey MacMillan*	Patricia Dawn Medeiros*
Shawn Lacey	Annick Mainville	Carley Mendoza*
Melanie Lacoursière*	Zipporah Kwamboka Mainye*	Kiranpreet Millar*
Sia Helen Lambert*	Niketa Mansuri*	Ann-Marie Milot-Fraser
Dominic Langowski*	Leah Martel	Nathaniel Misurka*

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BScN) (continued)

Chandra Devi Mohabir*	Lisa Phelan	Brittany Scholz*
Jasmin Moore	Brittany Phillips*	Jessyca Scott*
Monica Moraze	Kailey Piche	Carol-Anne Sebert
Tyanna Morias*	Madison Pincivero*	Lauren Shields*
Andriana Morilla Feliz	Nicole Porter*	Naima Abdullahi Shire*
Kaitlyn Mosburger	Nicole Prentiss	Heather Sholer*
Corynn Mountain	Thidaporn Prompakdee*	Caitlin Simpson*
Maggie Mowbray*	Mackenzie Quartermaine	Zachary Simpson*
Allison Murray*	Kelsee Quesnelle	Benjamin Sinclair*
Astha Nagalia*	Nadine Tiffany Ramsook*	Rupinder Singh*
Emily Nakoneczny*	Elnaz Ranjbari	Shivanie Singh
Dana Nemis	Yasmila Rasamanickam*	Sundeeep Singh*
Brandy Nguyen*	Dana Read*	Kaitlyn Smit*
Don Quynh Nhi Nguyen*	Mark Reed	Sarah Margaret Smith
Richard Nguyen*	Amanda Richard*	Mckenna Smith
Caitlyn Niemczycki*	Biljana Ristova*	Ashley Lois Smyth
Déborá Nussbaumer*	Gabriel Rivera*	Shibana Srikkanthan*
Jessica O'Brien*	Sylvanna Carlene Roberts	April St Germaine
Christine Bibat Orallo*	Ashley Rodrigues	Vannessa Ila Stacey
Oluwatoyin Ayobami Osu-olale*	Sally Anne Rowlands*	Alexandra Stanziano
Emma Page	Autumn Saeid*	Jessie Erin Stasiuk
Kathleen Palmieri*	Danielle Marie Sagan	Ashley Deanna Stephen
Krissa Pascual	Mary Joyce Santos Salva*	Kalifornia Stevens*
Jully Chrissé Perez	Matthew Slavo Samel*	Alana Nadin
Scarlett Perna	Daljeet Kaur Sandhu*	Serena Stewart
Brianna Perry	Daphne Grace Savaris	Caitlin Stokes*
Ava Petty	Abbygale Schaffner	Crystal Marie Stuy
	Erica Anna Schoenfeld*	Andrew Suffel*

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BScN) (continued)

Taralynn Sullivan*	Olivia Trainor	Jennifer Wilkes*
Navjyoti Suri*	Kaitlin Tropper*	Taylor Williams
Mohamed Aqiq Surve	Emem Udokang*	Caitlin Alyssa Winsor*
Adam Sutcliffe*	Katelyn Valiquette*	Krystal Winter*
Hamsananthy Suthakaran*	Rebecca Van Pelt*	Sierra Wolter
Jennifer Syvret*	Malissa Van Vugt*	Rebecca Woodcock
Elena Szakacs*	Emily Vanderhoek*	Alicia Woolvett
Cassandra Szep*	Heleana Varsch	Yao Xu*
Matthew Tang*	Monica Vella*	Lorraine Yeung*
Sabrina Taylor	Courtney Vezina-Amaral*	Sonam Yudon*
Martha Tessema*	Lauren Villa-Kelemen	Mouna Zakkak*
Vicki Thach	Merike Vist*	Sally Zhao*
Hasana Thapa Bista*	Camryn Walker	Tingting Zhao*
Debbie Thibault	Nicole Watt*	Di Zhu*
Chelsea Thomas*	Courtney Webster	Jessica Znaczk
Heather Thomas*	Andrea Wellwood*	Sarah Zuber*
Mckenzie Timms*	Rebecca Dicks*	
Jagdish Rameshb Tiwari	Rachelle Whalen*	
Gabrielle Touchette*	Danielle Katherine White*	

*High Distinction

CONVOCATION

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026
2:00 P.M.

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

SCHOOL *of* SOCIAL WORK

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

SCHOOL *of* BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)

Bachelor of Commerce (BComm)

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

SCHOOL *of* CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



MARIANNE BERUBE

Marianne Berube has over 40 years of diverse business and transformative leadership experience in the finance, construction and wood industries. She graduated from Nipissing University with degrees in Environmental Science and Business, and later received the Fellow, Canadian Institute of Bankers (FICB) and Certified Investment Management designations.

After graduating from Nipissing, Berube began her career in banking and became the first female bank manager in Northern Ontario. She held several senior leadership roles in the banking and investment industry for over 20 years, before joining the wood industry.

Berube was the Executive Director of the Canadian Wood Council’s “Ontario Wood WORKS!” program for 22 years, building the program from its pilot launch in North Bay to the Provincial initiative it is today. By working with industry and government partners, she has led and supported the transition of low-carbon wood systems from demonstration and pilot stages into mainstream market adoption, with particular emphasis on mass timber, mid-rise construction, and off-site prefabrication.

Living and working in North Bay her whole life made volunteering and giving back to the community a priority. Her passion and dedication included serving as a director on numerous community boards including the North Bay Canoe Club and Nipissing Rotary Club. Her institutional impact extended beyond business having served as Canadore College’s Chair, two terms as Nipissing University’s Board of Governors Chair and championing Ontario universities as Chair of the Council of Chairs of Ontario Universities. Currently Berube is the Chair of the Centre for Research & Innovation in the Bio-Economy (CRIBE).

Working with a hearing disability over the last 40 years, Berube learned to cope with her disability and advocate for others. The Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFPDP) has recently appointed her as one of its representatives for “A Seat at the Table”.

She has also been recognized with the CIBC Chairman’s Award, the Influential Women’s Award from Northern Ontario Business, the Ontario Forest Sector Champion Award from the Ontario Forest Industries Association, and the Influential Alumni Award from Nipissing University.

Berube’s greatest achievement and pride in life is her family. With her very supportive husband Andre, they have two successful adult children and four grandchildren.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026, 2:00 P.M.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Marshal: **Dr. Katrina Srigley**

The audience will rise.

O CANADA

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ms. Janet Stockton

Board of Governors

The audience will be seated.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr. Kevin B. Wamsley

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HONOUR SONG

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Dr. Scott Russell

INVESTITURE OF GRADUATES
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Dean, Faculty of Education & Professional Studies

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Christopher Blackstock, BComm
Madison Garagan, BBA

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RECESSIONAL

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FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHOOL *of* SOCIAL WORK

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK (BSW)

Ava Brock^{}**

Julia Ann Fletcher⁺

Teri-Lyn Dawn French^{}**

Meghan Gough^{}**

Alison Markwart^{}**

Ella Maryn Elizabeth

Michaud^{}**

Britnee Munch^{}**

David Orlando^{}**

Sherry-Ann Pearson^{}**

Anik Poirier-Robichaud⁺

Jessica Ribble^{}**

Paris-Chanel Simard^{}**

Gabrielle Claire Beattie

Sokolov^{*}

Talynn St Jean^{}**

Josslyn-Dawn Stuart^{}**

Sarah Tessier^{}**

Bin Wen^{}**

Kia Winger^{}**

⁺Honours Degree

^{*}High Distinction

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (BBA)

Evan Ade⁺
Dillon Anderson⁺⁺
Iyed Ben Romdhane⁺
Ethan Bowman⁺⁺
Reese Britten⁺
Harrison Caines⁺
Jamey Couch⁺
Henry Ford
Kyle Foreman⁺⁺
Brady Fuller⁺
Madison Jane Garagan⁺⁺
Sydney Ronald Gisborne⁺

Elias Goritsas⁺
Christiane Gravel⁺
Binh Ha⁺⁺
Oliver Hogan⁺
Cuyler Jones⁺
Eve Kobe⁺⁺
Devin Lafontaine⁺
Teresa Lichacz^{+D}
Elias Lieffers⁺⁺
Hayden Malette⁺⁺
River Jay Fox Marleau⁺⁺
Sarah Marshall⁺

Spyros Neira⁺
Malcolm Parker⁺⁺
Joseph Pavone⁺⁺
Noah Alfredo James Penny⁺
Svetlana Plotnikov⁺
Werner Pretorius⁺
Mohammed Raheem⁺
Aidan Sciberras⁺⁺
Aubry Shiposh⁺
Andrew Wood⁺
Alexis Wormald⁺

⁺Honours Degree

^{*}High Distinction

^DDual Degree – Also receiving an Honours Bachelor of Arts Degree

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (BComm) FOUR YEAR

Hady Abdul-Hussein ⁺⁺	Ray Veer Chandan	Nolan Hill ⁺⁺
Andrew Absi ⁺⁺	Ashley Conway ⁺	Ethan Hofstatter ⁺
Denzel Ohene Agyekum ⁺	Alexander Cook-Remillard ⁺	Oliver Hollands ⁺
Joey Aiello ⁺	Savanna Cordeiro ⁺	Joshua Hornbeck ⁺⁺
Idrees Al Manssori ⁺	Danyelle M. Cullum ⁺	Liam Hunter ⁺
Aiham Alhumsi ⁺⁺	Anthony Dal Pai ⁺	Chinara Ibrahimova ⁺
Debie Madelyn Alix ⁺⁺	Victoria Denning ⁺⁺	Sharon Ingabire ⁺
Michelle Allinotte ⁺	Tiana Desjardins ⁺	Jack Janisse ⁺⁺
Wafaa Al-Obaidi ⁺⁺	James Doucette ⁺	Huda Jibril ⁺
Nikita Ambrajevsky ⁺	Ella Duchaine ⁺	Mariya Jose ⁺
Ethelyn Aresta-Cuaresma ⁺	Taylor Eby ⁺	Jehad O. Joseph ⁺
Trinity Atwood ⁺	Paolo Nicholas Emond ⁺	Valavhan Kathirgamadasan
Cynthia Auger ⁺⁺	Andrew Fam ⁺⁺	Danny Katic ⁺
Alyssa Joyce Bak ⁺⁺	Reem Farhat ⁺⁺	Gurbakshish Kaur ⁺⁺
Crystal Barry ⁺	Ruth Sanjana Fernando ⁺	Pawandeep Kaur ⁺⁺
Tyson Battiston ⁺	Kenver Fetalco ⁺⁺	Lauren Keller ⁺
Bradley Bedard ⁺⁺	Louitchy Chanley Francois ⁺	Ashley Keller ⁺
Omar Ashraf Benismail ⁺	Sierra Ghadban ⁺⁺	Armin Khamsehzhadeh ⁺
Niyanta Prakashbhai Bhadaliya ⁺⁺	Roya Ghorbani Jafarbeyglou ⁺⁺	Adeel Rizwan Khan ⁺
Umesh Prasad Bhandari ⁺⁺	Jaismeen Kaur Gill ⁺	Samuel Gordon Khouri ⁺⁺
Mridul Biala ⁺⁺	Jonathan Patterson Gillis ⁺	Nicholas Richard Angelo Kollias ⁺⁺
Christopher Blackstock ⁺⁺	Cody Hannaford ⁺⁺	Kamakshi Kumar ⁺
Jordyn Boivin ⁺⁺	Jennifer Hart ⁺⁺	Haley Lance-Grant ⁺⁺
Nathan Brookshaw ⁺	Sali Hashem ⁺⁺	Yuen Ting Lee ⁺
Daniel Caldwell ⁺	Nicole Andrea Hecht ⁺	Kale Lewandowski ⁺⁺
Dante Cardamone [*]	Adam Hellard ⁺	Bradley Lewicki [*]
	Taylor Henderson ⁺⁺	

⁺Honours Degree

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FACULTY of EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHOOL of BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (BComm) FOUR YEAR (continued)

Macayla Lewis ⁺	Pamela Valentina Cassandra	Nawras Slefo ⁺
Riley Christopher Lowe ⁺	Petrucci Boy ⁺⁺	Meghan Elizabeth Smith ⁺⁺
Robert Ma ⁺⁺	Mirzi Philline Pinga ⁺⁺	Jedidah Addi Solis [*]
Ashley Maleyko ⁺	Ava Nicole Pollock ⁺⁺	Noah Spooner [*]
Andrew Marcuccio ⁺⁺	Jessica Polynice ⁺	Martin St-Jules ⁺
Natalie Markle ⁺⁺	Madeleine Poulin ⁺⁺	Lexi Strom ⁺
Maria-Helena Martin ⁺⁺	Breanna Pretty ⁺⁺	Alamdar Hussain Nadeem
Crystal Meunier-Riley	Cole Priaulx ⁺⁺	Syed ⁺
Sarah Mitchell ⁺	Sean Prokopec ⁺⁺	Jovun Teja ⁺
Afaf Adeel Mohammed ⁺⁺	Sarah Pyarali ⁺	Anne Sophie Tetreault ⁺⁺
Christopher Molina ⁺	Max Rahie ⁺	Matthew Thomas ⁺
Anthony Montuoro ⁺	Amanda Riley ⁺⁺	Jaden Tracey ⁺⁺
Cheryl Moore ⁺	Hannah Rios ⁺⁺	Harjio Singh Trehan ⁺
Kyler Munro ⁺⁺	Rebecca Anne Rombeiro ⁺	Danielle Tucker ⁺
Dhanusha Naidu ⁺⁺	Justin Roy ⁺⁺	Kunal Verma ⁺⁺
Daniel Nickels ⁺	Aditya Roy ⁺	Kewalee Vorapanya ⁺⁺
Emily Jane Page ⁺	Courteney Schmiedendorf ⁺	Clara Xi Wang ⁺⁺
Taylor Paiva ⁺⁺	Carter Seipp ⁺⁺	Ryan Ward ⁺
Jasmeet Parmar ⁺	Gopesh Sharma	Matthew Jeffrey Warner ⁺⁺
Christopher Pelley-Moore ⁺⁺	Sahibbeer Singh ⁺⁺	

⁺Honours Degree

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FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHOOL *of* BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (BComm) THREE YEAR

Toka Ahmed	Michelle (Wee Wee) Cho	Andrea Lynn Main
Mustafa Al-Hasani	Christine Clarke	Maryam Muziel
Stephanie Barylski	Katherine Leigh Cullimore	Mohammad Saad Niazi*
Janessa Baxter	Nikita Cunningham	Regan Passmore
Ammar Bazaid	Kristen Danson	Maaz Qureshi
Grace Bell*	Thomas Denison-Grimes	Derek Seguin
Nathan Bellaire	Savannah Elena Flores	Sarah Stewart
Gustavo Adolfo Bernal Zapata	Taylor Forrest	Tanya Whelan
Badre Edine Boujan*	Matthew James	Anna Aleksandra Wiczorek*
Thi Thu Huyen Bui*	Roberto Jimenez-Paduch	Abeer Zaher*
Emma Bustamante	Michael Sawyer Jones	
Carley-Ann Care	Mallory Yvonne Kydd	
Coral Chisel	Michael Ladd*	

*High Distinction

POST-BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Namira Bilakhiya*
Jignaben Pareshkumar
Chaudhari
Heba Hashmi*

Tigi Jesto
Job Kurien Biju
Happy Panchal*
Keshaben Panchal

Sinto Paul*
Priyanka Rana
Ashima Samuel*

POST-BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN FINANCE

Dheeraj
Kartik Gupta*
Kabir Ashish Itwala*
Mihir Pareshbhai Jethva*
Meera Kotadiya

Sarvesh Mahajan
Sagar Ashokbhai Parmar*
Ujjwal Rao
Sheetal
Jaspreet Singh

Karanjit Singh
Daniel Tetteh

POST-BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Akta
Damyant Kaur*
Sweta Dubey
Harpreet Kaur*
Kiranpreet Kaur
Rashmeet Kaur

Atharva Khatavkar
Konica*
Keerthana Mani*
Manpreet Kaur
Asees Nagra
Maria Gorretti Simo Njoka*

Pranav
Priyanka Siddi*
Anjana Ullas*
Monica Verma

*High Distinction

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHOOL *of* BUSINESS

POST-BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Grace Bawuah
Albin Joseph
Celbin Joseph

Imran Khan
Raphael Osagie Kingsley*
Arun Remesh L

Sharon Samuel*
Avneet Sandhu
Abhishek Samir Tanna*

POST-BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA IN MARKETING

Shivanshu Aneja*
Thazin Maung*

Valerie Anne Ramos

Ranvir Singh

POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN GENERAL MANAGEMENT

Jaydev Shrikrishna Acharya

*High Distinction

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHOOL *of* CRIMINAL JUSTICE

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Manidoowaabik Asabikeshiinh⁺	Abigail Gerber⁺	Zoe Redmond⁺⁺
Mya Bitonti⁺⁺	Max Griffioen⁺	Logan Roy
Liam Brooks⁺	Emma Hall⁺	Madelaine Southall
Ronan Burke⁺	Drew Iris Rae Lazarus	Logan Touliopoulos⁺⁺
Abbygail Cox⁺	Stephanie Lee⁺	Payton Parrish Vescio
Gwen Currie	Abbie Long⁺	Benjamin Wynen⁺
Alexandria Davis⁺	Abigail Noonan⁺⁺	Valentina Yu
Emma Derbyshire	Harikesh Bipinchandra Panchal	
Hannah Desrosiers⁺	Nolene Pretorius	

⁺Honours Degree
^{*}High Distinction

CONVOCATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026
9:30 A.M.

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHULICH SCHOOL *of* EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Sustainability (PhD)

Master of Education (MEd)

Master of Science Kinesiology (MScKin)

Bachelor of Physical and Health Education (BPHE)

Bachelor of Education (BEd) Intermediate/Senior

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



LISA LAFLAMME

Canadian journalist Lisa LaFlamme has been at the forefront of global reporting for more than 35 years, covering the biggest issues of our time, from war zones and natural disasters to changing political climates around the world.

LaFlamme has traveled to some of the world's most dangerous places and through her extensive war coverage of Iraq, Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Ukraine has documented the reality of how conflict warps society, punishes the most vulnerable and benefits the most corrupt.

She has interviewed major newsmakers, Prime Ministers, Presidents and Princes while always keeping the spotlight on the injustices that plague the world's most oppressed.

LaFlamme, a passionate advocate for democracy, is an Officer of the Order of Canada, longtime ambassador for Journalists for Human Rights and for Plan International, board member of Samara Centre for Democracy and advisory committee member for Canadian Law Commission.

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

SCHULICH SCHOOL *of* EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 9:30 A.M.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Marshal: **Dr. Katrina Srigley**

The audience will rise.

O CANADA

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mr. David Smits

Chair, Board of Governors

The audience will be seated.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr. Kevin B. Wamsley

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

The Chancellor, **Dr. Scott Russell**, will invite

Lisa LaFlamme

to receive the degree of Doctor of Education (honoris causa).

The Chancellor will confer the degree.

Dr. Lisa LaFlamme will address Convocation.

The audience will rise.

HONOUR SONG

The audience will be seated.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Candidates for degrees will be presented to the Chancellor

Dr. Scott Russell

INVESTITURE OF GRADUATES

Dr. Graydon Raymer

Dean, Faculty of Education & Professional Studies

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

PRESENTATION OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDAL

On behalf of Her excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, Dr. Scott Russell,
Chancellor of Nipissing University, will present the Gold Medal.

This Medal for academic excellence is awarded to the graduate student who achieves
the highest academic standing in a graduate degree.

Elizabeth Calverley, MEd

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S GOLD MEDALS

These special honour awards are presented to full-time or part-time graduating students who
attain the highest academic average in all courses in their degree program.

Each student will receive a President's Gold Medal and a cash award of \$500.

Rupinder Kahlon, PhD

Elizabeth Calverley, MEd

Brooke Ailey, BPHE

PRESENTATION OF PROFESSOR EMERITA

Dr. Terry Campbell

Dr. Lorraine Frost

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

RECESSIONAL

The audience will rise.

ALUMNI WELCOME RECEPTION

The Robert J. Surtees Student Athletics Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Appreciation for the music for Convocation is extended to:

Chantal Larocque, soloist;

Geoff Johnson and **Bob Cook**, pipers;

Gerry McComb and **Cody McKenzie-Sackaney**, honour song performers.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION (PhD)

Dennis Todd Barrow – *Exploring The Experiences of 2SLGBTQ+ Formal Educational Leaders in The Newfoundland and Labrador K-12 Education System: A Qualitative Critical/ Transformative Study*

Angie Bruce – *The Echo Of White Raven: An Exploration of the Duality that Imbues the Lives of Indigenous Women Working in the Public Service of Canada*

Lynn Cummings – *Recognition of Prior Learning: Promise or Hazard in the Contemporary Context of Performance-Based Funding*

Christopher Godfrey – *Action Research – A Path To More Effective Technology-Related Professional Learning Experiences?*

Rupinder Kaur Kahlon – *Disentangling the Silence: Endarkened Explorations of Punjabi Canadian Feminine Hair Narratives*

Deborah Michaud – *Hitchhiking With Momma: Living With Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) – A Collection of Truths*

Dina Moati – *Betwixt and Between the Expert and Novice: The Transitional Experiences of Part-Time Professors at Ontario Colleges*

Christopher Peters – *Autistic Identity and Inclusion in Ontario K–12 Public Schools*

FACULTY of EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHULICH SCHOOL of EDUCATION

MASTER OF EDUCATION (MED)

Elizabeth Calverley^T – *Teacher
Candidate Perceptions and
Attitudes Towards the Bachelor
of Education Program from Year
One to Year Two*

Jessica Cardarelli^C

Tyrell Chambers^C

Carolyn Corneil^C

Vanessa Mae Henderson^C

Olivia Hunt^C

Charlotte Lung^C

Andrew Mills^C

Estefania Carolina Moreno

Mantilla^R – *Artificial Intelligence
and its Impact on Teacher Identity
and Pedagogy*

Suhaylah Nawar^C

April Raftis^C

Atif Rehman^C

Lauren Santi^C

Rebecca Seles-Dring^C

Taylor Ashby Simon^C

Joy Simpson^C

Maureen Sims^C

Sydney Spillner^C

Kaitlyn Vocaturo^C

Cha-How Yu^C

MASTER OF SCIENCE KINESIOLOGY (MSCKIN)

Maria Cristina Aguilera Valle^T – *A
Correlational Cross-Sectional Analysis of
Environmental Factors Influencing Professional
Quality of Life in Equine-Assisted Service
Practitioners*

Shaelyn Francis^T – *Examining the Causal Effect
of Exogenous Testosterone on Competitive
Endurance in Males and Females*

Mohammad Reza Hadi^T – *Evaluating Physical
Activity and Mental Health Among Immigrants
in Participaction's Community Better Challenge*

Rebecca Grace Baia Misiasz^T – *"If I Was
the Coach, I Would Do The Same Thing":
Investigating The Influence of Coaches on
Athlete Moral Behaviour Toward Officials in
Competitive Youth Ice Hockey*

Cade Nolan^T – *Understanding Indigenous
Youth Perceptions of Wholistic Well-Being
and Connection to Culture at the National
Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC)*

Tracy-Lynn Reside^T – *Development of A Single-
Dose Testosterone Administration Paradigm for
use in Men and Women*

Jaime Schweyer^T – *Effect of Five Days of Post
Exercise Hot-Water Immersion on Exercise
Performance in Hypoxia*

^C Course Route
^R Research Paper
^T Thesis

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHULICH SCHOOL *of* EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION (BPHE)

Brooke Victoria Dawn Ailey ⁺⁺	Kaleb Keith Fulkerson ⁺	Alieya Rosa Morier Pires ⁺⁺
Cecilia Appleyard Edwards ⁺⁺	Emma Gaudet	Michaela Presseault ⁺
Nicolas Baldasaro ⁺⁺	Jessie Graham ⁺⁺	Spencer Andrew David
Hannah Barraclough ⁺⁺	Mattheo Guardado ⁺	Randall ⁺⁺
Makenna Belhumeur ⁺	Alexandra Hazlewood ⁺	Katey Reichstein ⁺
Ramanda Bell ⁺⁺	Madison Heeley ⁺⁺	Jacob Ringma ⁺⁺
Samuel Bennett ⁺⁺	Evan James Hill ⁺	William Rivet ⁺⁺
Andrew Blok ⁺	Jesse Kirkby ⁺⁺	Aidan Robson ⁺⁺
Elyce Bowman ⁺⁺	Tanner Kotlarz ⁺⁺	Aiden Shields ⁺
Jami Bowman ⁺⁺	Eben Leadbetter ⁺⁺	Gabriel Sirbu ⁺⁺
Emma Boyer ⁺⁺	Jenah-Leigh Leduc ⁺⁺	Patrick St Jacques ⁺⁺
Nicole Jaime Anne Campbell ⁺	Sadie Long ⁺⁺	Megan Stilson ⁺
Aidan Catton	Marc Marchand ⁺	Michael Travers ⁺⁺
Megan Hunter Chatten ⁺⁺	Emma Mcreynolds ⁺⁺	Roman Udeschini ⁺
Jenna Couch ⁺⁺	Annika Nolte ⁺⁺	Colton Willet ⁺⁺
Luke Cox ⁺⁺	Nolan Nukkala ⁺	Ryan Yeung ⁺⁺
Oliver Dolega ⁺	Paige Owen ⁺⁺	Tallon Zecca ⁺
Breanna Foote ⁺⁺	Kaleb Peldjak ⁺	
Darquise Frappier ⁺⁺	Oceane Pelletier ⁺⁺	

⁺Honours Degree

⁺⁺High Distinction

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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (BED) INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR

Sofia Acevedo	Matthew De Freitas	Megan Hope
Brigitte Zaireth Alba	Jada de Jeu	Braedon Hos
Taylor Arseneault-Deraps	Mitchell William Dean	Burke Houle
Mara Fiorangela Barrile	Henry Deans	Cameron House
Hilary Bauman	Thomas Deans	Noah Hoyt
Giorgio Berbatiotis	Makayla Denommee	Travis Hunter
Maxwell Bezaire	Ryan Deresti	Olivia Hunter
Jaxon Blasko	Tianna Lynn Dietrich	Ekaterina Huybregts
Caedon Bourke	Brianna Marie Dowsley	Jonathan Jamieson
Bronwyn Bourre	Jaiden Alyssa Duncan	Ryder Johnston
Ethan Boyd	Ashley Earle	Asha Joseph
Stewart Brenner	Julia Einarson	Julianna Kagawa
Brock Brolese	Trevor M. Elliott	Bryan Kells
Jake Brownlee	Alec Esau	Christine Marie Kipper
Jake Brundage	Mikaela Nina Espinosa-	Emma Klooster
Mikayla Bruyere	Kristensen	Roma Klufas
Nicholas Cameron	Mya Ashley Fellows	Hayden Rudi James Kramer
Kayla Carneiro	Grayson Fennell	Andrew Thomas Kuca
Jacob Carriere	Brenna Ferrara	Brianna Lagacé
Yannic Castonguay	Alvin Kwan Tsing Fong	Mason Lahde
Maya Cesarano	Gabriella Ford	Luke Langman
Brandon Chai	Simon Gallant	Ashley LeBlanc
Connor Clark	Dylan Gatecliff	Tianna Legacy
Thomas Clifford	Brodey Goodhue	Phillip LeMoine
Jeffery Conley	Sophia Goshulak	Chelsey Leveque
Michael Alexander Corriveau	Hannah Gratto	Terry Little
Ethan Cranch	Sydney Lynn Greenwood	Samantha Evelyn Jane Logie
John Cranstone	Lisa Maria Sophia Griffioen	Eden Catharine Lohr
Teresa Cuddy	Daylan Harnadek	Alicia Lorenzo
Madison Dales	Shawn Harrison	Laura Loster
Matthew Damiani	Cristina Areli Henríquez	BJ MacDuff
Anthony Donato D'Angelo	Alexandra Hicks	Mckayla Mackenzie
Kyle Darbyson	Alexander Hofman	Carver Lars MacKinnon
Matthew Dawe	Linden Joseph Hoogkamp	Lindsay Macmillan

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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (BED) INTERMEDIATE/SENIOR (continued)

Joshua MacNeil	Patrick Rainbow	Keirnan Thomas
Jessica Mukesh Madhu	Evan Robert Reid	Dawson Thompson
Joyce Magee	Shaughn Reid	Liam Thor
Devon Maguire	Morgan Alexandra Riddell	Emily Tierney
Morgan Elly McBride	Alexis Rivett	Max Towers
Emily Kate McCarthy	Shaelyn Grace Roberts	Rebekah Trudel
Leah McDonald	Haley Robertson	Srutheka Umakanthan
Madison McEwing	Thomas Ronson	Riley Vaillancourt
Julaine McMillan	Brandon Roy	Cynthia Veitch
Kaitlyn Medeiros	Christopher Alex-Zander	Laura Vial
Andrew Middleton	Rusnak	Georgia Vowles
Chloe Mielhausen	Nicolas Ruza	Michelle Ying Vuong
Kianna Mackenzie Miller	Caytie Audrey Scheifley	Olivia Westbrooke
Cloe Erica Mitchell	Savannah Searle	Abigail Whalen
Lauren Mogridge	Cameron Sinclair	Calum Samuel Whitla
Kazia Moreau	Brandon Small	Jarrold Willitts
Hannah Mnookmi Morningstar	Aaron Smith	Faith Wilson
Amanda Morris	Shae Solomon	Elizabeth Wiwchar
Connor Mullan	Hoshin Song	Margaret Catherine Elizabeth
William Munn	Morgan Stewart	Woeschka
James Nicholson	Catherine Stonehouse	Lauren Wood
Kylie Jade Noiles	Nathan Suzuki	Owen Alexander Woodall
Sarina Oldfield-Baker	Emma Leigh Szabo	Sarah Woodburn
William Peidl	Jacob Tassone	Jinpeng Xia
Emily Pines	Helena Taylor	Bethany Yong-Zhen Chong
Eden Pister	Katelyn Noelle Taylor	Luke Yuhasz
Denver Prevost	Nicole Tazzman	Noah Zeppa
Emily Prue	Hailey Telik	
Luke Pugliese	Simone Thibodeau	

CONVOCATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026
2:00 P.M.

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHULICH SCHOOL *of* EDUCATION

Indigenous Teacher Education Program (ITEP)
Indigenous Classroom Assistant Diploma Program (ICADP)
Teacher of Indigenous Languages as a Second Language (TILSL)
Bachelor of Education (BEd) Primary/Junior
Bachelor of Education (BEd) Junior/Intermediate

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT



BECKIE SCOTT

Beckie Scott is one of Canada's most respected leaders in sport, recognized nationally and internationally for her achievements as an athlete and advocate. A three-time Olympian, Scott made history at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City by winning Canada's first-ever Olympic medal in cross-country skiing. She competed at the 1998 and 2006 Olympic Winter Games and remains one of the most accomplished Nordic skiers in Canadian history.

An Olympic champion and Officer of the Order of Canada, Scott is the Founder of Spirit North, Canada's largest sport-for-social-development organization, working to change health, wellness, and education outcomes for Indigenous youth through the power of sport and play.

Following her athletic career, Scott rose to become a leading figure in anti-doping, chairing the World Anti-Doping Agency's Athletes' Commission and playing a prominent role during the Russian doping scandal, where she was acknowledged globally for her principled leadership and advocacy for integrity, athlete rights, and clean sport.

Scott currently serves as the CEO of Nordiq Canada, the national sport organization for cross-country skiing and para Nordic skiing, where she is focused on strengthening high-performance systems, and driving values-based organizational change.

Her contributions to sport and society have been widely recognized. She is an inducted member of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame, Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame, and Canadian Ski Hall of Fame, and is a recipient of the Alberta Order of Excellence. She holds Honorary Doctorate degrees from the University of Alberta, the University of British Columbia, and Mount Royal University, and is a frequent CBC Sports broadcast analyst.

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SCHULICH SCHOOL *of* EDUCATION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026 2:00 P.M.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Marshal: **Dr. Gyllian Philips**

The audience will rise.

O CANADA

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. John D'Agostino

Vice-Chair, Board of Governors

The audience will be seated.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr. Kevin B. Wamsley

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

The Chancellor, **Dr. Scott Russell**, will invite

Beckie Scott

to receive the degree of Doctor of Education (honoris causa).

The Chancellor will confer the degree.

Dr. Beckie Scott will address Convocation.

The audience will rise.

HONOUR SONG

The audience will be seated.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES IN COURSE

Candidates for degrees will be presented to the Chancellor, **Dr. Scott Russell**

INVESTITURE OF GRADUATES

Dr. Graydon Raymer, Dean, Faculty of Education & Professional Studies

GREETINGS FROM THE ALUMNI ADVISORY BOARD

PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT'S GOLD MEDALS

These special honour awards are presented to full-time or part-time graduating students who attain the highest academic average in all courses in their degree program.

Each student will receive a President's Gold Medal and a cash award of \$500.

Emily Keunecke, BEd

Ris Nahwegahbow-Gardner, BEd

PRESENTATION OF THE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING (CASBU)

Mary Thornton

CLOSING REMARKS FROM THE CHANCELLOR

RECESSIONAL

The audience will rise.

ALUMNI WELCOME RECEPTION

The Robert J. Surtees Student Athletics Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Appreciation for the music for Convocation is extended to:

Chantal Larocque, soloist;

Geoff Johnson and **Bob Cook**, pipers;

Gerry McComb and **Cody McKenzie-Sackaney**, honour song performers.

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHULICH SCHOOL *of* EDUCATION

INDIGENOUS TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM (ITEP)

Matthew Troy Blais

Brandi Hill

Lynette Hookimaw

Logan Anthony Lefebvre

Devyn Martel

Christine Doris Mckay

Darlene McKay

Donna Mugford

Josephine Tatum Nakochee

Ashley Rickard

INDIGENOUS CLASSROOM ASSISTANT DIPLOMA PROGRAM (ICADP)

Emma Fortier

Johnny Gliddy

Maureen Mathias

Phyllishia Mathias

Eva Peters

Barbara Polson

Shakya Polson Mathias

Shirley Rickard

Nathan Sackaney

Cassandra Shewaybick

Sharice Shewaybick

Doreen Sofea

Christine Sutherland

Lucy Tookate

Rosaline Wabasse

Chantal Wesley

Emma Wesley

FACULTY *of* EDUCATION *and* PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
SCHULICH SCHOOL *of* EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (BED) PRIMARY/JUNIOR

Rowda Mohamed Ali	Ashlyn Cook	Madeline Forsey
Jacob Martin Allen	Catherine Cornale	Megan Foucault
Adam Antolin	Dayna Craigie	Ellie Gagne
Alyssa Armata	Madison Crawford	Brittany Gallinger
Lauren Armstrong	Giovanna Crimi	Christina Rose Garofalo
Taylor Armstrong	Cassidy Joanne Crosby	Olivia Gauthier
Jonathan James Ashton	Emma Crosby	Courtney Gingras
Benjamin Bain	Connor Crossman	Bronwyn Grace Gocan
Devin Baldwin	Megan Cunningham	Colin Grant
Christian Baliki	Caitlin Cybulski	Holly Gregory
Steven Beaupré	Giuseppe Antonio De Luca	Kayla Nicole Grossi
Madeline Bell	Sinead Deehan	Matthew Haight
Grace Bellmore	Julie Delorme	Sarah Lynn Hammond
Andrew Benbow	Amanda Desormeaux	John Bradley Hancock
Julia Barbera Benedictus	Hope Nolin Diamond	Lili Hansen
Claire Borne	Madison Dias	Michael Robinson Heath
Abigail Olivia Boulanger	Hilary Dick	Makenna Hewson
Christina Jacqueline Bozzelli	Kristen Dillon	Julia Hogan
Hayley Shiell	Stephanie Sofia Donaire	Katrina Heather Hornsby
Melanie Brouse	Enamorado	Ian Samuel Nicholson Howard
Connor Brown	Emily Ann Donald	Cora-lee D. Hutchcroft
Emma Brown	Amber Marie Dunbar	Danielle Jones
Abigail Cade	Meghan Ennis	Kristina Jovanic
Sara Campbell	Eric Eschweiler	Emily Keunecke
Beth Mary Card	Amber Everson	Emma Grace Louise
Erin Carter	Emma Ewaskiw	Killingsworth
Bailey Kathleen Chapman	Caleb Michael Fabbiani	Henry Kingstone
Brooke Chard	Johanna Marie Figueroa	Nadine Knecht
Gemma Victoria Chatten	Alec Finan	Grace Knight
Claire Julia Chia	Joseph Finelli	Mackenzie Knowlton
Labib Chowdhury	Samantha Finoro	Sheryl-lyn Koski
McKenna Clark	Mara Siobhan Flood	Lexi Kroeker
Connor Clerke	Anastasia Fokas	Tanner Kuehl
Alyssa Clowe	Baylie Forbes	Kayla Kurnell

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SCHULICH SCHOOL *of* EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (BED) PRIMARY/JUNIOR (continued)

Emma Laird	Lauren Alice Kathleen Pagliaro	Alexis Stendel
Cassandra Lyn Lamond	Hannah Porter	Lauren Stenta
Henry Lear	Tasya Harini Rajroop	Carter Dale Stere
Madeline Lee	Marshall Keiran Rangel	Nicola Stinchcombe
Madison Leighton	Natalie Rekker	Jocelyn Strugar
Rachel Little	Olivia Nicole Renaud	Madison Suffel
Marvisa Llupo	Gabriel Nello Ricci	Madison Adrienne Tomlinson
Abygail Shirley Chelsea Macneall	Ashley Rickard Gauvin	Sydney Morgan Torkos
Cameron MacPherson	Meagan Rising	Ella Tripodi
Sarah Magoolagan	Nathalie Robinson	Adrianna Tsintaris
Amber Maika	Nur Rodriguez Najjar	Rebeka Turcotte
Emily Elizabeth Marshall	Jamie Rogers	Abigail Valerio
Devyn Martel	Lucas Jacob Rixson Romanson	Meghan Vandenberg
Jeffery McConkey	Mitchell Ross	Makayla Villeneuve
Kate McGrath	Korra Sawyer-Dimech	Phillip Villeneuve
Taylor McLaren	Katherine Elizabeth Sayn- Wittgenstein	Daisy Vinkle
Diana Mednikova	Spencer Schmalz	Bridget Leigh Vlasschaert
Madelyn Meighan	Macie Schroeder	Ava Vuksan
Gavin Clarke Mercier	Rosalba Sgambelluri	Maia Wajnblum
Vanessa Metzger	Jasmeen Kaur Shergill	Alexandra Walsh
Jaimee Mihelchic	Aidan Sicoli	Spencer Thomas Waltenbury
Matthew Miller	Melissa Sindle	Paisley Rae Brown Wass
Flakor Lori Morina	Christal Singh	Natalie White
Jed Mulcahy	Emily Singleton	Emily Alcy Susan Wilkinson
Hailey Nethery	Sasha Smith	Liam James Wiltsie
Le Lien Huong Nguyen	Sophia Michelle Smith	Victoria Windl
Sarah Camille Noordijk	Jodiann Smith-Cephas	Christopher Witmer
Lauren Oliver	Parichart Sonchaiya	Emily Bailey Wood
Owen Opsteen	Sofija Southern	Jiafei Wu
Lexi O'Reilly	Conrad Richard Sredzinski	Daniel Wynn
Mckenzie Ottereyes-Eagle	Rachel Staniszewski	Jessica Young
Abbey Madison Overland	Danara Statti-Wilson	

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SCHULICH SCHOOL *of* EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (BED) JUNIOR/INTERMEDIATE

Kennedy Attwell	Jamie-Leigh Victoria Jennings	Michael Pettella
Ashley Ayoub	Daniel Alan Johnston	Meredith Roberts
Victoria Baniak	Sydney Danielle Jonker	Jaryd Roberts
Simon Robert Bowyer	Kyle Kingshott	Dariya Rooza
Joel Cormier	Victoria Kirkland	Lucas Salazer-Reid
Nicole Costello	Tessa Kosec	Soroush Seyyedizadeh
Jordan Cotton	Geneva LaFoy	Erica Simon
Jessica Curtis	Olivia Marjorie Raum LaFoy	Kathleen Skrypchuk
Christina Anne Critch	Matthew Lal	Griffin St. Onge
Sarah Daybutch	Isaac Lepine	Sophia Stanistreet
Shannon Fawcett	Sara Olivia Liguori	Devon Stark
Cassandra Fazio Raposo	Hannah Lindsay	Victoria Stirpe
Nadia Foglia	Zachary Louch	Sarah Nicole Tipping
Riley Forth	Shannon Maertens	Emma Todd
Mallory Frantz	Carley McGoldrick	Arianna Julia Patrizia Vitello
Jamieson Froude	Gabrielle McNabb	Avery Walker
Logan Gauthier	Adam Muldoon	Madelyn Wells
Jeffrey Gibbens	Hailey Muzzell	Brandon Welna
Madison Gracey	Ris Nahwegahbow-Gardner	Alisha Williams
Brayden Grech	Henry Nguyen	Andy Haochen Yang
Angus Gunn	Tristan Norval	Joshua Zhang
Kieran Hannigan	Elizabeth Sofia Nosalik	Trevor John Zuccato
Samuel Henry	Benjamin Perkins	
Callum Jeffrey	Josée Perron	

J.W. TRUSLER PROFICIENCY AWARDS IN ARTS AND SCIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The Trusler Award is presented to a graduating undergraduate student, either part-time or full-time, in each major. The recipients are chosen by the respective faculty of each major, primarily on the basis of academic achievement. Students must have earned a minimum of 60 credits at Nipissing University and have a minimum overall average of 80%. Students with a double major are only eligible to receive one J.W. Trusler Award. Each student will receive a Bronze Medal and a cash award of \$300.

- Biology – **Megan Mahoney**
- Child and Family Studies – **Avery Myers**
- Computer Science – **Evan Wells**
- Criminology and Criminal Justice – **Mya Bitonti**
- English Studies – **Kaelin Dewar**
- Environment & Physical Geography – **Baxter Legace**
- Environmental Biology and Technology – **Ryan Neva**
- Environmental Geography – **Dylan Clement**
- Gender Equality & Social Justice – **Nadiya Ariaratnam**
- Geography – **Alex Mercer**
- History – **Blaze Cucksey**
- Indigenous Studies – **Rowan Morin**
- Mathematics – **Reuben Chung**
- Philosophy – **Elsa Konkak-Seguin**
- Political Science – **Veronique Bouchard**
- Psychology – **Brayden Kochut**
- Social Welfare and Social Development – **Baillie Kane**
- Sociology – **Tanner Brazier**

AWARDS IN ARTS AND SCIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

The Bachelor of Social Work Award for Outstanding Contribution to Professional Social Work Leadership in Northeastern Ontario is awarded to a graduating fourth year BSW student who demonstrates an outstanding contribution to social work leadership in Northeastern Ontario. This leadership shall be demonstrated by understanding and enacting the core principles of anti-oppressive practice in a variety of ways such as: achievements in field education, academic assignments, group projects, classroom discussions, extra-curricular activities, peer mentoring and leadership; using anti-oppressive practice to promote empowerment among oppressed groups; and challenging inequality and/or oppression in their own lives and practice. The recipient is selected by the Department of Social Work on the recommendation of the Social Work Departmental Group. The recipient is **Teri-Lyn French**.

The Catherine L. Peters Indigenous Student Award (Post-Graduate Studies) is presented to a Nipissing student who self-identifies as Indigenous and is graduating from an undergraduate degree program. The recipient must intend on pursuing a post-graduate degree, including graduate studies programs at the Masters level, in the area of education, law, medicine or social work. The recipient is **Olivia Shannon**.

The Dr. Paul Kelly Scholarship in Fine Arts is presented to a deserving graduating student in the Faculty of Arts and Science with a major in Fine Arts, specializing in visual arts, who has excelled in their Fine Arts courses. Preference is given to a student who has expressed an intention to pursue graduate studies the following year. The recipient is **Katelyn Adams**.

The Dr. Robert L. Cassidy Scholarship in English Studies is awarded to a deserving graduating student, in English Studies, with an excellent academic record, who will be continuing their studies at either a Faculty of Education or a graduate school. Students graduating in Concurrent Education – English Studies are also considered. The recipient is **Zaphrin Hodgins**.

The Lawlor Award in Memory of Mr. F.M. O’Leary is awarded annually to a deserving student enrolled in the Honours Sociology program at Nipissing University, who is proceeding from fourth year to graduate school. The recipient is **Kaelin Dewar**.

The Owen Ilkyaz Tuncali Award is presented to a deserving graduating student majoring in Mathematics who has obtained a high average in their major. The recipient is **Reuben Chung**.

The Smith Award was established to honour the lives of Janet Morton and her parents, Bill and Helen Smith, to recognize their dedication to the North Bay community. It strives to encourage dynamic and creative people to become potentially outstanding teachers of History. It is presented to a deserving student in their final year of full-time study, majoring in History at Nipissing University, who plans to teach. Students graduating in Concurrent Education – History are also considered. The recipient demonstrates an enthusiasm for History through their studies at Nipissing University, both inside and outside the classroom. The recipient is **Alison Arculus**.

The Stan Michael Lawlor Memorial Award in History was established to honour the life of Stan Michael Lawlor. It recognizes his dedication and desire to encourage and promote History studies at the graduate level. It is presented to a deserving graduating student in History at Nipissing University who plans to pursue graduate History studies in the following year, either through Nipissing University or elsewhere. The recipient must demonstrate enthusiasm for History through their undergraduate studies at Nipissing University, both inside and outside the classroom. The recipient is **Alex Mercer**.

J.W. TRUSLER PROFICIENCY AWARDS IN EDUCATION

The J.W. Trusler Proficiency Awards in Education are presented to six graduating students, as selected by the faculty of each division, based primarily on academic achievement and excellence in practice teaching. Each student will receive a Bronze Medal and a cash award of \$300.

Catherine Cornale

Anthony D'Angelo

Sarah Hammond

Samuel Henry

Nadine Knecht

Cloe Erica Mitchell

EDUCATION AWARDS

The Abby DeBruyn Memorial Award was established to honour the life of Nipissing University alumna, Abby DeBruyn, in recognition of her dedication and passion for education. The award is presented to a graduating Bachelor of Education student in the Intermediate/Senior division who demonstrates leadership qualities and an enthusiasm for the program, both inside and outside the classroom. The recipient is **Lindsay Macmillan**.

The Ahti Jones Memorial Award was established in honour of educator Ahti Jones. This award recognizes a graduating Bachelor of Education student (concurrent or consecutive) with a strong academic record. The recipient must hold teaching qualifications in French as a Second Language and intend to pursue a career teaching French. The recipient is **Kylie Noiles**.

The Alan and Joyce Johnson Scholarship was established to honour Alan (1925-1994), the first Dean of the Faculty of Education, and his wife Joyce (1925-2009), an ardent supporter of the local arts community. Two scholarships are presented to Indigenous students graduating from any of the following programs and intending on teaching in an Indigenous community: the Bachelor of Education program, the Indigenous Teacher Education Program (ITEP), the Indigenous Classroom Assistant Diploma Program (ICADP), and the Teacher of Indigenous Languages as a Second Language (TILSL). The recipients are **Brandi Hill and Matthew Blais**.

The Allan and Lois Schmidt Award is awarded to a graduate of the Bachelor of Education program (Junior/Intermediate level) at the Schulich School of Education who previously earned a degree from Nipissing University with a minimum second-class standing. The recipient will have demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm and passion for teaching children, along with excellence in practice teaching. The recipient is **Jamie-Leigh Jennings**.

EDUCATION AWARDS (CONTINUED)

The Ann Patricia Graham Memorial Award is presented annually to a graduating female student in the Bachelor of Education program who, while a student at Nipissing University, demonstrated superior leadership abilities. The recipient is **Savannah Searle**.

The Brook Doseger Memorial Award was established to honour Nipissing alumna, Brook Doseger. The award is presented annually to a graduate of the Bachelor of Education (Consecutive or Concurrent) program who demonstrates a passion for children's literature (eg. volunteer work, leadership, authorship), care and compassion for fellow learners and one who contributes to the enrichment of the Nipissing community. The recipient is nominated by their peers and selected by the Schulich School of Education Student Awards Committee. The recipient is **Macie Shroeder**.

The CCUPEKA Student Leadership Award is presented annually by the Canadian Council of University Physical Education and Kinesiology Administrators to a deserving full time BPHE graduate who demonstrates exceptional professionalism and dedication to the field, and one who has made a significant contribution to the BPHE program, the campus or the greater community. Each student nominated demonstrated leadership, commitment and an ability to motivate and influence others. Nominated students must meet the minimum GPA requirements as determined by the Director of the BPHE program. The recipient receives a framed certificate and will have their name engraved on a plaque displayed in the Centre for Physical and Health Education. The recipient is **Brooke Ailey**.

The Cynthia Johnston Memorial Award is presented annually, in memory of Cynthia Johnston (B.Ed. 07), to a graduating student of the Bachelor of Education program who has displayed a positive attitude and a strong work ethic throughout the program. Preference is given to someone who expresses a sincere desire to teach music. The recipient is **Tianna Legacy**.

The Dr. David Liddle Award in Education was established to honour the life of former Nipissing University Chancellor Dr. David Liddle. This award recognizes his dedication and passion for education. The award is presented to a graduating Bachelor of Education student in the Concurrent or Consecutive program who attended a local high school. The recipient must demonstrate service to the community through volunteerism and a passion for education through mentorship. The recipient must also have positively impacted the lives of others beyond the university setting. The recipient is **Melanie Brouse**.

The Dr. Doug Franks Memorial Award was established by the Schulich School of Education to honour a special colleague and friend, Dr. Doug Franks. The award is presented annually to a graduate of the Bachelor of Education (Consecutive or Concurrent) program who intends to enter the Master of Education degree program at Nipissing University. The award recipient demonstrates care and compassion for fellow learners and has contributed to the enrichment of the Nipissing community during his or her BEd degree program. The recipient is **Savannah Searle**.

EDUCATION AWARDS (CONTINUED)

The Dr. Helen Langford Scholarship is presented annually to a student in the Primary/Junior division of the Bachelor of Education program who has demonstrated academic excellence and exemplary teaching practices in the Methods and Practice Teaching courses. This scholarship was established in honour of Dr. Langford's passionate and enthusiastic dedication to education and most notably her kind and gentle manner in the classroom, making her students feel welcome and comfortable. The recipient is **Connor Clerke**.

The Dr. Manfred Hanke Memorial Award is presented to a deserving full-time second year Bachelor of Education student enrolled in the Intermediate/Senior Division who took the Technology Enriched Teaching and Learning Course in the previous year. The recipients are **Cynthia Veitch and Katelyn Taylor**.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario – Near North Local Award is presented to a student from the Schulich School of Education in the Primary/Junior or Junior/Intermediate division of the Bachelor of Education program who was highly successful in all practice teaching placements. The award is intended to be presented to a student who will pursue a career in teaching and ideally register as a member of the Elementary Teachers' Federation. The recipient is **Alyssa Clowe**.

The Elijah Tupling Memorial Award was established in memory of Elijah Tuplin (BEd 08/09) and is awarded to a deserving pre-service teacher who demonstrates an outstanding commitment to the BEd program, and shows empathy and strong interpersonal skills. The recipient is **Morgan McBride**.

The Greg Kotsilidis Memorial Award is presented to a deserving, graduating Bachelor of Education student who achieved a high average in the Visual Arts course (Intermediate or Senior) and who demonstrated a commitment to encouraging the value of art in education. The recipient is **Teresa Cuddy**.

The North Bay Sports Hall of Fame Barbara Olmsted Award is presented annually to a graduate of Nipissing University's BPHE program who has been accepted in the Masters of Science in Kinesiology at Nipissing University. The recipient should show evidence of outstanding achievement at the undergraduate level with particular emphasis on research potential, community engagement and academic performance. Preference will be given, but not restricted, to students who have demonstrated a commitment to campus and/or community health and wellness. The recipient is selected by a committee comprising MSc Kinesiology faculty. The recipient is **Brooke Ailey**.

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA) Award is awarded annually to a graduating teacher from each of Ontario's faculties of education. The purpose of the award is to acknowledge the academic excellence of a teacher candidate in one or more of the pre-service Catholic religion courses offered by the faculty. The recipient is **Joshua MacNeil**.

EDUCATION AWARDS (CONTINUED)

The Sondra Nesterenko Memorial Award is presented annually to a full-time student graduating from the Junior/Intermediate division of the Schulich School of Education. The recipient must possess superior leadership skills and talents within an educational setting. The recipient is **Samuel Henry**.

The Stacey Koebel Memorial Award is presented annually, in memory of Stacey Koebel (BEd 2000), to a graduating student in the Primary/Junior or Junior/Intermediate division of the Schulich School of Education who expresses a desire to teach in Canada's Far North (Northwest Territories, Yukon, Nunavut). The recipient is **Jeffrey McConkey**.

The Stan Pasko Mathematics Award is presented to a student in the Primary/Junior division of the Schulich School of Education who excelled in Mathematics and who was graded highly successful in their practice teaching placements. The recipient is **Abigail Cade**.

The Sudbury Teachers' Lions Club Award in Memory of Professor Susan Stuart was established by a group of retired educators in Sudbury and surrounding area in memory of Susan Stuart, a professor at Nipissing University who passed away in January, 2019. As a professor of mathematics in the Schulich School of Education, Susan's talents extended far beyond the classroom. She developed and authored many teacher resources and she worked with Nipissing to provide training for educators in other countries. She was very passionate about giving back and her volunteerism speaks volumes. OAME, Sudbury Teachers' Lions and CFUW Sudbury benefited greatly from her hours of work to benefit others. The award is presented to a student enrolled in the Bachelor of Education program who has displayed a positive attitude to teaching; a willingness to assist fellow classmates; and exemplary volunteer, leadership and citizenship qualities. The recipient is **Grace Knight**.

William and Helen Wright Indigenous Teaching Award is presented to a deserving student graduating from the Schulich School of Education who expresses a sincere desire to teach in Indigenous communities or other remote areas of Canada. The recipient is **Jeffrey McConkey**.

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY MACE

The design of Nipissing University's mace is a complex mixture of artistry and power. Its presence represents the authority vested in the University to grant degrees, yet its design signifies more than the right to certify students as knowledgeable; it incorporates all the effort, history and tradition that surround both the site of and the vision for the University.

Designed after Nipissing received its degree-granting charter on December 10, 1992, the mace masterfully pulls together the many symbolic elements important to its identity: the University's crest, the Athenian owl pictured on the crest, the Nipissing University logo, Nipissing's motto "Integritas" and the traditions of the Ojibwa people who have been keepers of the land on which the University stands.

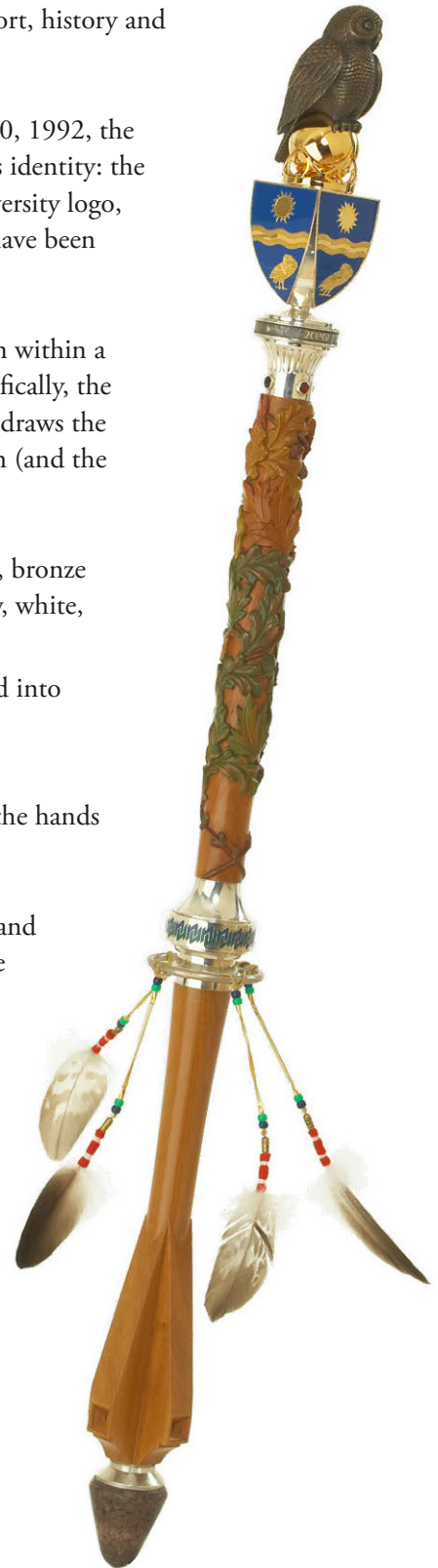
The Nipissing University mace is an expression of growth and transformation within a context of harmony and equanimity with the world in which we dwell, specifically, the Nipissing landscape. From the wisdom of the Anishinabek people, the mace draws the symbolism of the four orders of creation – mineral, plant, animal and human (and the gifts of the Four Winds):

- the mineral elements are represented by the local red granite, gold, silver, bronze and polished stones that signify the four cardinal directions – red, yellow, white, and black;
- the plant world is represented in the form of oak and maple leaves carved into the shaft of the mace;
- the animal world finds its representation in the owl; and
- the human element is represented by the hands that hold the mace and the hands that crafted it.

As well, in keeping with Indigenous tradition, the mace joins Mother Earth and Father Sky as it journeys symbolically from the fragment of granite at its base through the trees to the golden sphere of the sun and the owl of the air.

Like the institution it represents, the mace is not static; it expresses growth, movement and perpetuity. Time is asserted through the four seasons and the transformation of the oak and maple from buds to leaves to fruit. The movement of the eagle feathers, the beads of the "medicine wheel", and the owl, poised with an ambiguous relationship to flight, add to the dynamics.

The University itself is represented by the embossed silver and enameled emblem repeated to form a band, by the four coats of arms that support the crown, and by the embossed silver motto "Integritas." The mace is designed to represent those attributes which make Nipissing distinct: Harmony – Growth – Perpetuity.





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