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CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION

UNSTOPPABLE



We celebrate our graduates and their
unstoppable passion, purpose, and potential.
The future is ours to shape, and we rise to meet it.
Congratulations, Class of 2026!



THURSDAY
AUGUST 13, 2026



10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



LA PRIMAVERA
EVENT SPACE



77 WOODSTREAM BLVD.,
WOODBIDGE, ONTARIO L4L 7Y7

OFFICIAL CEREMONY PROGRAM



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



Alpha Career College respectfully acknowledges that we are located on the unceded and traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, the Mississaugas of the Credit River, and the Haudenosaunee peoples. This territory is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13.

We are committed to honouring, listening, and continuously learning from the diverse perspectives of these and other Indigenous peoples.



*Dedicated to Reconciliation
with Indigenous Peoples*



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— WELCOME —

Welcome to the
CLASS OF 2026
GRADUATION

On behalf of Alpha Career College, it is my honor to welcome you to this momentous occasion.

Today, we celebrate you our remarkable graduates whose dedication, perseverance, and hard work have brought you to this incredible milestone.

To your families and loved ones, thank you for your unwavering support and belief in their dreams.

To our faculty and staff, thank you for your commitment to excellence and for inspiring our students every step of the way.

And to our guests, thank you for being part of this celebration of achievement and new beginnings.

Congratulations, Class of 2026! The future is yours, go forward with confidence, purpose, limitless possibilities and remain unstoppable.

College Leadership

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams and the power of their purpose.”

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ORDER OF CEREMONY



01 – Student Arrival,
Registration and Photos
8:00 AM

08 – Special Remarks
Mr. John Allen,
Honorary Consul General of the
Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis

02 – Academic Procession
and Commencement
MC Announcement
10:00 AM

09 – Guest Speaker Address
Councillor Michael Thompson
Scarborough Centre Ward

03 – Opening Remarks
and Welcome
Master of Ceremonies

10 – Presentation of Certificates
College Administration

04 – Land Acknowledgement
Annisia Young

11 – Recognition of
College Instructors
College Administration

05 – Remarks from
College Leadership
Mr. Orane Wint

12 – Instructor Award
College Administration

06 – Recognition of
Distinguished Guests
Master of Ceremonies

13 – Valedictorian Award
Presented by Mr. John Allen,
Honorary Consul General of the
Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis

07 – Special Remarks
Sergeant Kelly Firanski
York Regional Police,
Community Services

14 – Closing Remarks

15 – Group Photographs and Reception
MC Announcement



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GUEST SPEAKER

Councillor Michael Thompson

Toronto City Councillor, Scarborough Centre Ward

BIOGRAPHY

Councillor Michael Thompson is a long-serving Toronto political leader, community builder and advocate for economic development. Now serving his sixth term on Toronto City Council, he has built a reputation for public service focused on collaboration, community engagement and practical results.

Throughout his career, Councillor Thompson has supported the creation of community associations, youth leadership initiatives and Business Improvement Areas while working closely with residents to address local and city-wide priorities. His commitment to Toronto's economic growth has also been a defining part of his public service. As former Chair of the City's Economic and Community Development Committee, he brought together leaders from business, labour, academics and the not-for-profit sector to help shape Toronto's economic development strategy.

His work has contributed to business expansion, employment opportunities, international investment and the attraction of major conferences, film and television productions to Toronto. Locally, he spearheaded the creation of the Wexford Heights Business Improvement Area and established a community job fair connecting thousands of job seekers with employers.

Councillor Thompson has also championed arts, culture and community development. He co-founded the Taste of Lawrence Festival, helped establish Toronto's Music Office, served as the first Chair of the City's Music Advisory Committee, and played a leading role in developing Toronto's arts and culture strategy.

His public service has included significant work in community safety, youth opportunity and equitable economic recovery. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he led public information initiatives and helped develop recommendations aimed at ensuring Toronto's recovery supported historically disadvantaged communities.

Educated in Scarborough, Councillor Thompson holds a BA in Economics from Concordia University and completed the Institute of Corporate Directors' ICD.D Directors Education Program through the Rotman School of Management.

His many honours include the African Achievement Award for Excellence in Politics, York University International Award, Jain Society of Toronto Community Award, Bob Marley Award, and Bob Marley Lifetime Achievement Award.

TORONTO CITY COUNCILLOR
SCARBOROUGH CENTRE WARD

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SPECIAL GUEST

Mr. John L. Allen

Honorary Consul General of the Federation of St. Kitts & Nevis

BIOGRAPHY

Mr. John L. Allen is a respected business professional, diplomat, and community builder with more than four decades of diversified leadership experience across both the private and public sectors. His professional background spans management, customer relations, training and development, and sales and marketing within the retail and banking industries. In the public sector, he has served as a Policy Assistant in the Ministry of Revenue for the Government of Ontario and as Director at the Consulate General of St. Kitts and Nevis in Toronto.

A Canadian of St. Kitts and Nevis heritage, Mr. Allen joined the diplomatic service of St. Kitts and Nevis in 1998 and served as Honorary Consul General in Toronto until 2016. In that role, he developed and operationalized the Consulate General, strengthened relationships with the diaspora and corporate sectors, and helped raise the profile of St. Kitts and Nevis in Canada and internationally through business and cultural promotion.

Mr. Allen is widely recognized for his background in business development and for building strong relationships across cultures and institutions. As Director of Tourism in Toronto during the 1990s, he expanded the scope of operations in Canada beyond tourism promotion to include trade and investment.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from York University, specializing in Interdisciplinary Sciences, Environment and Economic Development. His career reflects a longstanding commitment to creating opportunities, fostering partnerships, and contributing meaningfully to community and civic life in Canada and globally.



HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL
FEDERATION OF ST. KITTS & NEVIS

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SPECIAL GUEST

Sergeant Kelly Firanski

York Regional Police, Community Services

As our graduates prepare to enter professions dedicated to supporting individuals, families and communities, the importance of strong relationships between community service professionals and organizations such as York Regional Police cannot be overstated.

York Regional Police Community Services plays a significant role in building relationships with community partners, supporting community safety, and connecting individuals with important resources and supports.

We are especially pleased to have York Regional Police represented here today and honoured to welcome Sergeant Kelly Firanski of York Regional Police Community Services to share a few special remarks with our graduating class.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD



Tikiri Kumari

PSW Instructor

VALEDICTORIAN

Paul Poroku

Personal Support Worker Student
July 2025 Cohort

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WITH GRATITUDE

Acknowledgements

Alpha Career College extends its sincere appreciation to our distinguished guests, faculty, instructors, staff, volunteers, partners, families and friends whose presence and support have helped make this celebration possible.

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Guest Speaker

Mr. John Allen

Honorary Consul General of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis

Sergeant Kelly Firanski

York Regional Police, Community Services

CEREMONY LEADERSHIP & CONTRIBUTORS

Carol Thompson — *President and Director of Studies*

Gevon Burke — *Vice President, Operations*

Annissa Young — *Land Acknowledgement*

Tikiri Kumari — *Special Recognition Recipient*

Paul Poroku — *Valedictorian*

Master of Ceremonies

Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING

Please join us following the formal ceremony for refreshments, photographs and networking.

CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2026

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THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US

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Thursday, August 13, 2026



10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



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77 Woodstream Blvd., Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 7Y7



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