

# SUMMER CONVOCATION 2024

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JULY 5, 2024  
THE PLAYHOUSE  
FREDERICTON, NB



**St. Thomas**  
**UNIVERSITY**

*The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) whose ancestors, along with the Mi'kmaq and Passamaquoddy Nations, signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with the British Crown in the 1700s.*

# PROGRAM

Processional

Vice-Regal Salute

Convener of the Convocation

Dr. Kim Fenwick  
*Vice-President (Academic and Research)*

Invocation

Rev. Peter Melanson  
*Chaplain*

Traditional Welcome

Hon. Graydon Nicholas  
*Chancellor*

Opening Remarks

Dr. M. Nauman Farooqi  
*President and Vice-Chancellor*

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Hon. Graydon Nicholas

Address to the Graduates

Madhu Verma

Conferral of Degrees in Course

Bachelor of Applied Arts  
Bachelor of Arts  
Bachelor of Education  
Master of Social Work

Valedictory

Jessica Carver

Presentation of Student Medal

Dr. M. Nauman Farooqi

Closing Remarks

Vaughn Sturgeon  
*Vice-Chair, Board of Governors*

O Canada

Bachelor of Education Graduates

*The audience is requested to remain standing until the  
academic procession has left the area.*

*Music is provided by members of the STU Jazz Ensemble.*

## CONVOCATION

St. Thomas University's Convocation is a gathering of the university community to confer degrees, present awards and medals, and hear the Address to Graduates and Valedictory. Convocation begins with a processional led by graduating students who are followed by faculty, officials, and guests. Each group occupies a designated position and the processional becomes a meeting of the university, the definition of convocation. The Chancellor and the President wear ceremonial St. Thomas University robes designed for their office, while many faculty wear the hoods and gowns of their *alma mater*. The university bestows honorary degrees on individuals who have been deemed deserving of recognition by a Joint Board of Governors-Senate Committee. Wearing green and gold-trimmed robes, St. Thomas University's colours, the recipients receive hoods symbolizing their degrees. Students who have met the university's academic standards are similarly hooded and formally granted all the honours, rights, and privileges pertaining to their degree.

## EAGLE FEATHER

Graduating Indigenous students were gifted with Eagle Feathers and are carrying their feather as they receive their degree. In Indigenous communities, there is a sacred connection between the Eagle and the Creator as the Eagle flies highest and closest to the Creator and carries human prayers. In "The Story of the Eagle Feather," the Eagle offered one of its feathers to the human family as a sign of love and healing and a reminder of "Sacred Teachings." An Eagle Feather bestows honour and responsibility as it symbolizes being a messenger for respect, truth, courage, and wisdom as passed down by Elders.

## KENTE STOLE

The Black Students' Association has worked with the university to introduce the Kente Stole to commemorate the differences and obstacles Black students overcome in order to graduate. Adapted from African tradition in Ghana, this woven cloth, which was once only worn by royalty, is a scarf-like garment worn over the shoulders that represents an accomplishment, graduation, or other rite of passage. The Kente Stole honours the legacy of Black ancestors and is a testament to each graduate's strength and excellence.

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

**Madhu Verma** is a humanitarian, migrant advocate, and community organizer. Verma was a child refugee during the India-Pakistan partition, and her experiences there and during her early years in Canada gave her an intimate understanding of prejudice and sparked her passion for advocacy.



Verma established the Asian Heritage Society of New Brunswick and the Multicultural Association of Fredericton and is responsible for an official New Brunswick multicultural and human rights education policy. She was a Canadian delegate at the United Nations World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, and has presented briefs and discussion papers on issues relating to immigration and refugee policy, employment equity and foreign credentials, human rights, immigrant women, international arranged marriages, art and culture policy, the *Multicultural Act*, and multiculturalism education in schools.

Her work has been recognized by multiple organizations and special awards and she remains at the forefront of organizations like the Madhu Verma Migrant Justice Centre that refuse to allow the mistreatment of people who want to make a better life for themselves and families.

## GRADUATES

### ***Bachelor of Applied Arts***

Josee Alyssa Martin (*Criminal Justice*) Baie Sainte Anne, NB  
Cassidy Ann Savoie (*Criminal Justice*) Miramichi, NB

### ***Bachelor of Arts***

Isabella Alessandra del Valle Baralt Sánchez Isla de Margarita, Venezuela  
(*distinction*)

*Certificate of Experiential Learning and Community Engagement*  
Aurelie Boisson Fredericton, NB  
Taylor Elaine Brown Fredericton, NB  
Ana Beatriz Araujo Cordeiro Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil  
Paige Heidi Corporon Yarmouth, NS  
Madison Mackenzie Fawn Currie (*distinction*) Nackawic, NB  
*Fine Arts Prize in Chamber Music*  
Seth Patrick Doiron Moncton, NB  
Nicholas Robert Green Grand Bay-Westfield, NB

*Certificate of Experiential Learning and Community Engagement*  
*Certificate in Digital and Media Literacy*  
Carla Nicole Guibovich Olazo (*distinction*) Lima, Peru  
*Certificate of Experiential Learning and Community Engagement*  
Gayo Jumapili Isaya Kigoma, Tanzania  
Robyn Elizabeth MacPhail Rothesay, NB  
Nathan Jamie McGinty Inverness, Scotland  
William Bradley Robinson Miramichi, NB  
*Certificate of Experiential Learning and Community Engagement*  
Darian Daryl Joseph Trevors Miramichi, NB  
Gabrielle Amanda Vezina Fredericton, NB

### ***With Honours in History***

Daniel Andres Salas Guayaquil, Guayas

### ***With Honours in Psychology***

Brandon Peter Bernard Hart (*distinction*) Fredericton, NB  
*The Canadian Psychological Association Certificate of Excellence for Honours  
in Psychology*

### ***Bachelor of Education***

Mandy Leeann Armstrong-Singer, BA Middleton, NS  
Erin Bailey Grey Arsenault, BA Innisfil, ON  
Mathieu Audet-Léger, BA Fredericton, NB

Megan Sara Bach, BScKin	Grand Falls, NB
Brooke Janet Barrieau, BA	Millerton, NB
Andrea Kathryn Bell, BA	Miramichi, NB
Tamara Darlene Bilensky, BA	Fredericton, NB
Charly Anne Bonga, BSc	Saint John, NB
Marc Toni Bougharios, BA	Toronto, ON
Edward James Braden, BSc, MSc	Ottawa, ON
Aislynn Skye Byers, BA	Dundalk, ON
Mikayla Ann Cairns, BA	Lake George, NB
Cailey Monique Caron, BA	Grand Falls, NB
Jessica Pearle Carver, BA	Windsor, NS
William Gregory Cole, BA	Turtle Creek, NB
Brittany Marcie Comeau, BA	Yarmouth, NS
Morgan Shelby Rita Comeau, BA	Miramichi, NB
Nigel Stanley Cornelius, BA	Cambridge, NS
Jennifer Anne Cotnam, BA, MA	Monkland, ON
Margaret Janet Cronin, BA	Halifax, NS
Jacey Laura Dane, BA	Fredericton, NB
Allison Patti-Lynn Davis, BA	Picadilly, NB
Mallory Monique Davis, BA	St. Stephen, NB
Edward Beronilla Dimayacyac, BSc	Fredericton, NB
Alyssa Jane Marie Duplisea, BA	Hampton, NB
Kaleigh Laura Flinn, BA	Fredericton, NB
Gillian Elizabeth Forrest, BA	Miramichi, NB
Rianna Elizabeth French, BSc	St. John's, NL
Emma Ann Galbraith, BA	Oxford, NS
Alexandra Grace Gallant, BA	Moncton, NB
Meredith Margaret Gallinger, BA	Ottawa, ON
Jayne Lee Glaspy, BSc	Rothsay, NB
Molly Kathleen Goguen, BA	Miramichi, NB
Kirsten Paige Gorman, BSc	Fredericton, NB
Alyssa Yvette Gould, BA	Moncton, NB
Cole James Healey, BScKin	Saint John, NB
Madison Marcella Hiscock, BA	Fredericton, NB
Tanner Lee Hogue, BBA	Hubbards, NS
Jayne Victoria Humphrey, BA	Fredericton, NB
Abbey Elizabeth Hunter, BA	Florenceville-Bristol, NB
Logan David Johnson, BBA	Canterbury, NB
Timothy Jeremiah Johnston, BA	Saint John, NB
Keaghan Joseph Daniel Keddy, BA	Saint John, NB
Rebecca Ann Keezer, BA	Fredericton, NB
Kelsey Nicole Kennedy, BA	Quispamsis, NB
Halie Marie Kilpatrick, BA	Grand Bay-Westfield, NB

Mackenzie Kevin King, BRSS	Burtts Corner, NB
Zachery Stephen Knodell, BA	Rothesay, NB
Jacob Vincent Lane, BA	Saint John, NB
Chanté Suanne Laverlot, BA	Cape Town, South Africa
Taylor Lynn Legacy, BA	St. Stephen, NB
Emily Morgan Lockhart, BBA	Quispamsis, NB
Joshua Larry Lohnes, BBA	Amherst, NS
Kennedy Grace Longaphie, BA, MA	Riverview, NB
Matthew Derek MacBeth, BA	Hillsborough, NB
Olivia Rose Mann, BA	Campbellton, NB
Chloe Dawn McCollum, BFA	Clarendon, NB
Frances Clare McCurdy, BComm	St. Andrews, NB
Caitlyn Rose McEwing, BA	Woodstock, NB
Alicia Elizabeth McGraw, BSc	Miramichi, NB
Hayden Grace McManaman, BA	Moncton, NB
Holly Marie Mercer, BSc	St. Edward, PE
Hannah Elizabeth Mercier, BA	Kingston, NB
Madeleine Frances Morassut, BA	Burlington, ON
Megan Leigh Morehouse, BA	Fredericton, NB
Brendan Ancel Guinness Murphy, BA	Fredericton, NB
Taylor Drew Nancekievill, BA	Hartland, NB
Anika Maria Nastasiuk, BSc	Boom Road, NB
Kristen Taylor Nixon, BSc	Durham, ON
Cassidy Morgan Paré, BA	Oromocto, NB
Courtney Ann Pettigrew, BASc	Bathurst, NB
Mackenzie Elizabeth Prudencio, BA	Fredericton, NB
Laura Anne Quigley, BSc	Minto, NB
Emily Margaret Reagon, BA	Fredericton, NB
Evan Charles Scott Robichaud, BA	Fredericton, NB
Dominic Giovanni Rocca, BSc	Saint John, NB
Sydney Graci-Rose Ryan, BScKin	Maugerville, NB
Harrison James Scarbro, BA	Nackawic, NB
Allison Rae Schurman, BA	Oromocto, NB
Shelby Breana Scott, BN	Clifton, NB
Abby Nicole Sensabaugh, BPhil	Airdrie, AB
Sydney Ann Shelley, BA	Fredericton, NB
Maddison Elizabeth Grace Shrum, BA	Eastern Passage, NS
Cassandra Heather Dawn Stewart, BA	Fredericton, NB
Michelle Dawn Sullivan, BA	Quispamsis, NB
Kayla Jade Toussaint, BA	Moncton, NB
Mackenzie Audrey Tuddenham, BA	St. Stephen, NB
Ryan Peter Mac Donald van der Zanden, BESC, BSc	Saint John, NB
Amanda Marie Vandepol, BSocSc	Verona, ON



Colin Jesse Daniel Waters, BA  
Ian Thomas Warren Watters, BA  
Matthew W. Weir, BA  
Victoria Lynda Nadine Whaley, BSc  
Madeline Rose Whynot, BA  
Briar Elizabeth Windsor, BA  
Joseph William Buck Woytiuk, BBA

Fredericton, NB  
Miramichi, NB  
Nipawin, SK  
Upper Kingsclear, NB  
Halifax, NS  
Calgary, AB  
Saint John, NB

### ***Master of Social Work***

Katherine Amie Astle, BA, BSW  
Laura Ann Baxter, BSW  
Monnah Lynn Green, BA, BSW, MA  
Lacie Jade Hardy, BA, BSW  
Lauren Elizabeth Harris, BA, BSW  
Hayley Morgan Hillier, BSW  
Holly Victoria Inniss, BA, BSW  
Evan Douglas Kierstead, BA, BSW  
Bianca Sue Kovacs, BA, BSW  
Brandy-Leigh Parr, BA, BSW  
Emilee-Ann Paul, BA, BSW  
Delilah Marie Pelkey, BA, BSW  
Angus Lynn Richardson, BSc, BSW  
Jenna Elizabeth Sorensen, BSc, BSW  
Cassandra Suzanne Swift, BA, BSW  
Shelby Anna Thompson, BA, BSW  
Ashley Allison Weagle, BA, BSW  
Katherine Mae White, BA, BSW, MEd

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Woodstock, NB  
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Fredericton, NB  
Oromocto, NB  
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### ***Doctor of Letters, honoris causa***

Madhu Verma

