University of Northern British Columbia

Friday, May Twenty Fifth
Two Thousand Twelve

Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre
PRINCE GEORGE BC
As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I am very pleased to extend my warmest wishes to everyone attending the 2012 Convocation Ceremonies at the University of Northern British Columbia.

To the graduates, I am sure you have had an opportunity to reflect on the friendships you have made and your achievements over the course of your program. As you enter a new phase in your life, know that you are well-equipped with a sharp set of critical thinking skills and the support of your fellow alumni. Whatever drives you, be it a career in business, technology, science, academia, or the arts, I am confident that it is individuals like you who will bring a fresh and balanced perspective to make our province and our world a better place.

Today, you are surrounded by friends and family who are proud of your achievements and brimming with excitement for your future. Congratulations on this milestone occasion and please accept my best wishes for continued success in your future endeavours. Enjoy the celebration—this is your day!

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier
Allow me to congratulate each of you on the milestone you have achieved and that we all celebrate today. Your graduation is an important milestone. In the complex world of the 21st century, graduation from an institution of higher learning such as UNBC is a major step in preparing yourself for a successful future as you progress along whatever path you choose to take in this changing and challenging world.

It is also appropriate at this time to recognize all those who have supported you through the learning experience you have gained at this university: your parents, your family and friends and the faculty and staff at UNBC. They have given their best efforts to ensure that you are as well prepared as you can be for what lies ahead. After today, some of you will go on to further your formal education while others will proceed along other paths. Whatever you do it is important to remember that learning is a life-long process. One of the most important things a university does is teach you how to learn. Continue to exercise that skill and to enjoy doing it. It has been this university's role and privilege to provide each of you with the tools you will need to take advantage of the opportunities to achieve success in whatever you pursue in life. How you use those tools will be up to your own individual judgment.

The University of Northern British Columbia is a unique and important institution. It is a young university that reflects the values, aspirations and cultures of those of us that have called northern British Columbia home. As it grows, UNBC has the opportunity to earn a significant place among the world’s institutions of advanced learning, so please keep in touch. You will be proud of what you see.

I look forward to greeting each of you as you cross the stage today and to present you with the degree you have earned.

Best wishes to each of you,

John S. MacDonald
Dear Graduates, Families and Friends,

Congratulations on your graduation today! You deserve to be proud of your accomplishments. Allow me to join you in thanking your families, friends, instructors and professors who have supported you in so many ways through your studies and research.

We all know the problems – environmental, economic, and social – facing the world. But you, the graduates of one of the finest universities in Canada, are ready to confront these challenges and make your positive mark, and we look forward to learning of your contributions in the years to come.

UNBC, as well, has been making its positive mark. During the past year English Professor, Dr. Lisa Dickson was one of ten in Canada to be honoured with a 3M Teaching Award. Undergraduate students Cameron Bell and Selena Demenof were two of ten undergraduate students in Canada to win the inaugural 3M undergraduate awards. We were ranked first in research in Canada for universities our size, and MacLean’s magazine ranked us as the best university of our size west of the Maritimes.

I hope your time at UNBC has been a rich experience. I hope that you’ve made good friends that will last your lifetime. I hope you have found a passion that will drive you and guide you through life. UNBC is now your alma mater: we need your help to continue our success. Please stay in touch.

I look forward to greeting you, as graduates of the University of Northern British Columbia, as you cross the stage today. Marilyn and I look forward to celebrating with you, your family and friends on this very special day.

With very best wishes,

George Iwama
President and Vice-Chancellor
A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI

Congratulations on your graduation from the University of Northern British Columbia! I know from personal experience that the last few years have been filled with hard work and dedication. I hope you have also had amazing experiences and built lifelong friendships along the way. You should feel very proud of the degree you have earned and know that the investment you have made in your education at UNBC will allow you to compete favourably with graduates from any school.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Alumni Association of UNBC! With the conferral of your degree, you join a community of over 9,100 alumni worldwide, and some of the most successful graduates in the country. This network is an invaluable resource and we look forward to playing an integral role in your future.

The alumni pin you received today is meant to serve as a reminder that we are here for you and that you will always be a part of the UNBC community!

I encourage you to keep in touch with your alma mater at unbc.ca/alumni.

Again, congratulations to you and to all the proud family members and friends who have journeyed here to celebrate your Commencement. Be proud of your achievements and please share your positive experiences from UNBC, so we can continue to grow our community. I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavours, and a mutually rewarding, lifelong relationship with UNBC.

Sincerely,

Anthony Royan, BA ’05
President, Alumni Association of UNBC
Dear Graduates,

Although disappointed that I am unable to attend your important event in person, I am most honoured to be given the opportunity to congratulate the University of Northern British Columbia’s graduating class of 2012.

As your federal representative, I am delighted to hear that so many are graduating on this day and I am proud to live in a country where so many are given access to our fine education system. Nevertheless, I know that getting an education is not always easy, and my felicitations go out to all of you for overcoming the many challenges that you have faced along the way.

Moreover, I would like to extend a special congratulatory remark to Mr. John Furlong and Dr. Cindy Blackstock, who will both be receiving the prestigious degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

All of you have something to be proud of today, and you are exemplary role models for Canadians all across this fine nation.

Thank you again for this opportunity and I would like to wish each of you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Richard M. (Dick) Harris
MP, Cariboo-Prince George
I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the graduates being honoured here today. I regret that I cannot be with you to mark this important occasion.

Convocations are unique among the milestones of our lives because they celebrate past accomplishments, and anticipate the future.

UNBC is a dynamic, internationally respected university that has consistently delivered excellence in B.C.’s post secondary system. Since the early ’90s this institution has been helping students achieve their academic goals.

In deciding to attend UNBC, you have had the benefit of outstanding faculty and instructors, and the investment you’ve made in your education will provide you with the rewards that will last a lifetime.

As you leave school to begin the next stage of your lives, I encourage you to continue your pursuit of excellence through life-long learning. I look forward to the many achievements that are sure to follow as you pursue new goals and make those visions a reality in the years to come.

Again, my warmest congratulations to all of the graduates being honoured today—along with your families, and the faculty and staff at UNBC who provided inspiration along the way.

I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Naomi Yamamoto
Minister of Advanced Education
Dear Graduates,

Congratulations to the UNBC graduates of 2012!

Congratulations on this very special day as the achievements of more than 800 students are being recognized.

To each of you, this Convocation Ceremony marks a very important milestone in your life. This is an accomplishment which should make you very proud. Take the time to enjoy the celebration with family and friends as you move forward in your journey.

I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Pat Bell
MLA, Prince George-Mackenzie
Convocation is a significant and solemn event, the recognition of years of study. To make it more meaningful to all, guests and participants are requested to avoid all unnecessary conversation and movement during the ceremony. It is requested that all applause be withheld during the presentation of degrees until each degree group has been acknowledged and all candidates have returned to their seats.

Individuals wishing to take photos may do so, but are requested to use the designated photo area on the floor. Owing to limited space and as a courtesy to your fellow guests, please do not linger in the picture area.

Please make your way to the picture area only when the name of the student five graduates ahead of the student you wish to photograph has been called.

*The audience is asked to remain in place during the recession.*
HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Honorary degrees at UNBC are presented to individuals who display the highest levels of achievement in public service, the arts, business, politics, environmental stewardship, and community development. Prominent in their professions and in the community, UNBC recognizes those whose distinguished contributions add to the betterment of the University and society as a whole.

John Furlong

Ceremony 1

John Furlong is most famous for having run the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, and was awarded the Order of Canada and Member of the Order of British Columbia for his exceptional leadership during the event. Other recent honours include Canadian of the Year, Marketer of the Year, Sport Executive of the Year and most recently he has been named Executive Chair of the Vancouver Whitecaps FC as the club continues its second season in Major League Soccer (MLS).

Furlong has a long history with northern BC. As a past resident of Prince George, he founded the Northern BC Winter Games, which the City hosted in 1978. He chaired the BC Summer and Winter Games Society and, as Chair of Sport BC, was instrumental in bringing the BC Winter Games to Prince George in 1986. Furlong has always acted true to his belief that sport brings out the best in people. His nomination for an honorary degree in 2012 is particularly relevant in the context of Prince George’s recent successful bid to host the 2015 Canada Winter Games.
Dr. Cindy Blackstock

Ceremony 2

Dr. Cindy Blackstock is a member of the Gitksan Nation and has worked in the field of child and family services for over 20 years on policy, professional development, and research. She has authored over 50 publications including research papers, articles, and curriculum related to Aboriginal child welfare in Canada, and received several awards recognizing her contributions.

Executive Director, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada and an Associate Professor at the University of Alberta, Dr. Blackstock has become one of Canada’s leading advocates for improving the lives of Aboriginal children and has developed an international role helping to develop the lives of children in vulnerable populations throughout the world.

Dr. Blackstock holds fellowships with the Ashoka Foundation, J.W. McConnell Family Foundation and the Trudeau Foundation.
CEREMONY 1 | 9:30 AM

College of Science and Management

Programme

Musical Prelude

Processional

Call to Order
Talking Stick Bearer,
Chief Dominic Frederick
Lheidli T’enneh Nation

National Anthem - O Canada
Ms. Julie Orlando

Invocation
Reverend Rob Smith

Remarks
Dr. John MacDonald
Chancellor

Dr. George Iwama
President and Vice-Chancellor

Greetings from the Province of British Columbia
Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Justice, BC

Greetings from the City of Prince George
Her Worship Shari Green
Mayor, City of Prince George

Presentation of Awards

University Achievement Award for Teaching
Dr. Alex Aravind
Dr. Scott Green

University Achievement Award for Professional Practice, Mentorship or Stewardship
Dr. Ron Thring

University Achievement Award for Service
Dr. Michael Gillingham
Dr. Peter Jackson
Dr. Kathy Lewis

University Achievement Award for Research
Dr. Darwyn Coxson
Dr. Youmin Tang
Mr. Roy Rea
Dr. Sunchul Choi

Governor General’s Silver Medal
Randi Woodbeck
Citation: Dr. Tracy Summerville

Honorary Doctor of Laws
John Furlong
Citation: Dr. Tracy Summerville

Convocation Address
John Furlong

Conferral of Degrees
Dr. Tracy Summerville
Orator

Valedictory
Caleb Tarzwell
Undergraduate

Welcome from the Alumni Association of the University of Northern British Columbia
Mr. Anthony Royan
President, Alumni Association of UNBC

Recessional
THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
Angelique Grava, St. Etienne, France

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies
Alvaro Palazuelos, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies-Geography
R G Christopher Turner, Prince George, BC

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Dawna Ellen Buckman, Prince George, BC
Steven Chi Kit Chan, Richmond, BC
Gurminder Singh Dhaliwal, Langley, BC
Paul Stefan Ansel Gruner, Whitehorse, YT
Mary Elizabeth Henderson Betkus, McBride, BC
Brenda Suzanne Herbert, Prince George, BC
Jason Jawal, Prince George, BC
Kelly Dawn McCormack, Burns Lake, BC
Gabriela Monreal Vigo, Mexico City, Mexico
Sapan Kumar Patnaik, Vancouver, BC
Kevin Michael Pettersen, Prince George, BC
Krzyztof Sas-Zmudzinski, Prince George, BC
Ravi Saxena, Prince George, BC
Clayton Alan Sheen, Hazelton, BC
Glen Eric Swanson, Fort St. John, BC

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Jason Keiya Miyashita Day, Sherwood Park, AB
James Charles Powlett Pepper, Peachland, BC

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Interdisciplinary Studies
K - Lynn Nena Marie Hogh, Prince George, BC
Stephanie Leigh Sellers, Squamish, BC

Mathematical, Computer, and Physical Sciences-Chemistry
Sang Eun Kim, Seoul, Korea, Republic of (South)
Conan Ma, Prince George, BC
Thomas Wayne Scully, Prince George, BC
Subha Ye, En Ping, Canton, China

Mathematical, Computer, and Physical Sciences-Computer Science
Narek Levoni Nalbandyan, Yerevan, Armenia
Ashish Sachdeva, New Delhi, India
MD Zuhayer, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Mathematical, Computer, and Physical Sciences-Mathematics
Jesse Brannon Mason, Prince George, BC

Mathematical, Computer, and Physical Sciences-Physics
Calvin Patrick Hilde, Prince George, BC
Jonathan Michael Schneider, Cranbrook, BC

Natural Resources and Environmental Studies-Biology
Marcus Alexander Boucher, Abbotsford, BC
Laura Anne Machial, Oliver, BC
Marcelo Andres Mora, Prince George, BC
Robin Willem Steenweg, Grand Lake, NS
Ewing Teen, Kelantan, Malaysia
Elizabeth Parr Williamson Ehlers, Edina, MN, USA

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Environment Studies
Robert John Gruber, Prince George, BC
Katrina Anne Klassen, Qualicum Beach, BC
Eiji Matsuzaki, Hiratsuka, Japan

Geography
Jordan Christopher Hammond, Prince George, BC

Nature-Based Tourism Management
James L Alexander, Langley, BC
Pamela Anne Anderson, Burns Lake, BC
Audrey Nana Frema Ankrah, Prince George, BC
Balinder Bansal, Prince George, BC
Valerie Carthorne Boyes, Prince George, BC
Jordan Alan Chaput, Vancouver, BC
Carmen Alyssa Crossman, Regina, SK
Normand Dubin-Iraheta, Surrey, BC
Lisa Marie Garcia, Kitimat, BC
Min Guo, Yu Lin, China
Yuan Li, Kunming, Yunnan, China
Hao Nhan Ly, Prince George, BC
Bianlu Tan, Chengdu, SiChuan, China
Maria Matilda Vogel, Dunster, BC

**Accounting and General Business**
Nicholas Stephen Aldred, Prince George, BC
Rachel Kay McFerran, Prince George, BC
Sarah Jean Mills, Prince George, BC
Karl Louise D Williams, Prince George, BC

**Accounting and Human Resources Management**
Gurinder Singh Grewal, Prince George, BC
Leanne Marie Peek, Squamish, BC

**Accounting and International Business**
Stacia Slater, High River, AB

**Accounting and Marketing**
Krysten Angelina Novak, Prince George, BC
Dane Joseph Soares, Prince George, BC

**Accounting**
Shane Eric Anderson, Terrace, BC
Barbara J. Belyea, Prince George, BC
Alison Bernier, Williams Lake, BC
Rebecca Lynne Brade, Revelstoke, BC
Benjamin Lewis Campbell, Prince George, BC
Jianwen Feng, Heshan, Canton, China
Michal Dougas Gregor, Mackenzie, BC
Wataru Jin, Toda Saitama, Japan
Rae Anne Marchal, Fort St James, BC
Kirin Marion Matsushita, Vernon, BC
Casey John Primus, Prince George, BC
Matthew Edward John Sombert, Prince George, BC
Lee Robert Staaits, Abbotsford, BC
Katie Jean Sven, Richmond, BC
Dan Ni Wang, Luo Yang, He Nan, China

**Finance and Economics**
Jeff Gordon Scholz, Smithers, BC

**Finance and General Business**
Aashish Ajit, Prince George, BC
Rohan Ajit, Prince George, BC
Kenneth Kyle Amonson, Houston, BC
Jennifer Leigh Clyne, Prince George, BC
Yi Li, Dalian, Liaoning, China
Michael John Surbey, Port Kells, BC

**Finance and International Business**
Brendon Bryan Grant, Kitamaat Village, BC
Kyle Brendyn Janzen, Prince George, BC
Erdeng Lu, Beijing, China
Jason Pierre Molieere, Prince George, BC
Christopher Thomas Pendray, Smithers, BC
Sarah Penner, Prince George, BC
Q-hong Shen, KunShan, Jiang Su, China
Yang Su, Beijing, China
Wendong Tang, Chengdu Sichuan, China
Yi Sau Wong, Hong Kong

**Finance and Marketing**
Sarah Jean Callaghan, North Vancouver, BC
Eric Michael Carriere, Fort Fraser, BC
Zhi Jie Feng, GuangZhou, China
Tian Anh Vu, Prince George, BC

**Finance**
QuanXian Chen, Shenzhen, Guang Dong, China
Scott Daniel DeBianchi, Prince George, BC
Saischen Deng, Yinchuan, Ningxi, China
Jennifer Elizabeth Evens, Prince George, BC
Matthew Allan Foster, Prince George, BC
Kerry Frank Griffith, Williams Lake, BC
Amanda Lelblanc, Quesnel, BC
Shu Li, Wuhan, Hubei, China
Zhi Wei Liao, Guang Zhou, Guang Dong, China
Jordan Ernie James Turner, Squamish, BC
Ye Ming Yang, Hai Kou, Hai Nan, China
Hexin Zhang, Shen Yang Liaoning, China
Junrong Zhang, Yang Cheng Jiong Su, China

**General Business and Human Resources Management**
Alozie Anyanwu, Port-Harcourt, Nigeria
Alanis Lauren Marleau, Kitimat, BC
Maria Trujillo, Prince George, BC

**General Business and International Business**
Zoe Alice Nunes, Prince George, BC
Lan-Lan Zhang, Qingsao, Shandong, China

**General Business and Marketing**
Bradley William Bonderoff, Victoria, BC
Daniel Robert Fish, Prince Rupert, BC
Curtis Junior Potvin, Prince George, BC
Kayli Anne VanderMeer, Prince Rupert, BC
Shawn Su-Hsiang Wang, Vancouver, BC

**General Business**
Everald Dean Creary, Mandaeville, Jamaica
Eoin Foley, Prince George, BC
Blair Travis Hogan, Tisdal, YT
Hyeon Dae Kim, Gumi, Kyung Sang Bukdo, Korea
Republic of (South)
Hanna Posselt, Prince George, BC
Olivia Evelyn Wilson-Gorman, Aldergrove, BC

**Human Resources Management and International Business**
Minpreet Kaur Brar, Mackenzie, BC

**Human Resources Management and Marketing**
Melissa Kay Li, Prince George, BC
Ton Van Tran, Terrace, BC
Yirong Zhao, Guang Zhou, Guang Dong, China

**Human Resources Management**
Emelye Boyes, Prince George, BC
Yang Ying Chen, Xiamen, Fujian, China
Keenan Graham Gobbi, Prince George, BC
Eunice Mok, Vancouver, BC
Jesse Collin Smith, Abbotsford, BC
Xiao Wu, Prince George, BC

**International Business and Marketing**
Nasser Abdulaziz AlBishri, Prince George, BC
Michelle Amy Fjelgaard, Prince George, BC
Jennifer Yeonn Larsen, Comox, BC

**International Business**
Carilin Marie Hartigan, Prince George, BC

**Marketing**
Kyle Robert Flannigan, Prince George, BC
Lucas Alexander Groot, Prince George, BC
Marie Rachel Lawrence, Delta, BC
Michelle Marlaene Mohr, Prince George, BC
Scott Wesley Poulton, Delta, BC
Ibrahim Louis Usman, Edmonton, AB
Kaleigh Anne Vukobrat, Victoria, BC

**THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF PLANNING**

**First Nations Planning**
Lucy Ann Martin, Prince George, BC

**Natural Resources Planning and Nature-Based Tourism Management**
Allison MacDonald Bray, Surrey, BC

**Natural Resource Planning**
Kurt Thomas Inglis, Quesnel, BC
Daniel Blair Sturgeon, Kitimat, BC
Alexandrea Cindy Wallace, Richmond, BC

**Northern and Rural Community Planning**
Stephanie Michelle Davis, Quesnel, BC
James Michael Gordon, Ajax, ON
Luke Vincenzo Mari, Victoria, BC
Nadja Kirsten Nowak, Pender Island, BC
Robyn Louise Trites, Parksville, BC

**THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE-HONOURS**

**Honours Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**
Kara Lee Ann Perdue, Quesnel, BC
Luke Jonathon Spooner, New Hazelton, BC
Randi Nicole Woodbeck, Houston, BC
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Jasmeet Singh Bhullar, Prince George, BC
Christine Kathleen Brown, Prince George, BC
Melissa Elaine Chow, Prince George, BC
Anthony Robert Daniele, Prince George, BC
Travis Joseph Eyford, Prince George, BC
Joyce Takoa Forson, Coquitlam, BC
Eric James Ginter, Prince George, BC
Ryan Barry Heinrichs, Prince George, BC
Agatha Magda Jaworski, Quesnel, BC
Kadagn Rian Edward William Klepsch, Williams Lake, BC
Edith Nurima Laban, Vanderhoof, BC
Cinting Lim, Prince George, BC
Simon W Loewen, Prince George, BC
Sebastian Joel Mackendedski, Taber, AB
Rhiannon Skye Montgomery, Prince George, BC
Craig A Murray, Creston, BC
Leni Alexandra Rose, Prince George, BC
Aaron William T Smith, Prince George, BC
Indu Toora, Victoria, BC
Gerrit van Rensburg, Mission, BC
Jonathan Joseph Wayne Waller, Prince George, BC

Biology
Katelyn Chelsey Dittaro, Vanderhoof, BC
Kacy Jill Fehr, Vanderhoof, BC
Meghan Marie Ginter, Prince George, BC
Robin Lee Gregoire, Fort St. John, BC
April Hillary Haubold, Glenbush, SK
Michael Anthony Horianopoulos, Kitimat, BC
Rylee Laine Isett, Lower Nicola, BC
Airell Theodor Klopp, Williams Lake, BC
Samantha Winn Krause, Prince George, BC
Simran Kaur Lehal, Williams Lake, BC
Jovir Kaur Mann, Kitimat, BC
Jessica Marie Milko, Chilliwack, BC
Taranjeet Kaur Parmar, Prince George, BC
Shazad Aleem Shah, Mission, BC
Cameron David Shauer, Prince George, BC
Curtis Dean Travers, Langley, BC
Cassandra Louise Whelan, Sunshine Coast, BC

Joint Major in Chemistry and Computer Science
Robyn Matthew Miller, Prince George, BC

Chemistry
Mark David Fairchild, Maple Ridge, BC

Computer Science and Mathematics
Anthony Adrien Neil McCann, Prince George, BC

Joint Major in Computer Science and Mathematics
Co-operative Education
Thomas Holst Knudsen, Langley, BC

Computer Science
Han Wei Chan, Maple Ridge, BC
Jacob Alexander Edwards, Prince George, BC

Joint Major in Economics and Mathematics
Caleb John Tarzwell, Chilliwack, BC

Environmental Science
Co-operative Education
Morgan Rae Fournier, Quesnel, BC

The degree of Bachelor of Science (Integrated)
Andrew James Duncan, Prince George, BC
Douglas Harry Read, Prince George, BC
CEREMONY 2  |  2:30 PM

College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences

Programme

Musical Prelude

Processional

Call to Order
Talking Stick Bearer,
Chief Dominic Frederick
Lheidli T’enneh Nation

National Anthem - O Canada
Ms. Julie Orlando

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Her Worship Shari Green
Mayor, City of Prince George

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Dr. Jason Lacharite
Dr. Loraine Lavallee

University Achievement Award for Service
Dr. Blanca Schorcht

Governor General’s Gold Medal
Mereille Rizkalla
Citation: Dr. Tracy Summerville

Honorary Doctor of Laws
Dr. Cindy Blackstock
Citation: Dr. Tracy Summerville

Convocation Address
Dr. Cindy Blackstock

Conferral of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates
Dr. Tracy Summerville
Orator

Valedictory
Cassandra McCroy
Graduate

Welcome from the Alumni Association of the University of Northern British Columbia
Mr. Anthony Royan
President, Alumni Association of UNBC

Recessional
Dean of Graduate Programs
Dr. Ian Hartley

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS

Development Economics
Mehdi Bigdelou, Tehran, Iran, Islamic Republic of
Keely Marie Dempsey, Prince George, BC
Teng Teng Xu, Beijing, China

Disability Management
Karen Jean Drysdale-Chung, Mississauga, ON
Wunhua Daniel Huang, Victoria, BC
Kelly R E Pomeroy, Quesnel, BC
Mindy Christine Vandenberg, Burns Lake, BC

English
Derrick Stacey Denholm, Burns Lake, BC
Adrienne Ann Fitzpatrick, Prince George, BC

First Nations Studies
Laurel Patricia Collins, Prince George, BC
Sandra Annette M Harris, Haywilgnet, BC
Patricia Ann Howard, Prince George, BC
Geoffrey Edward Dickson Hughes, Edmonton, AB
Derek Ogden Ingram, Prince George, BC
Sarah Elizabeth Nelson, Perth, ON
Sarah Elizabeth Ozog, Victoria, BC

Gender Studies
Anita Jane Shaw, Prince George, BC
Agata Skorecka, Ottawa, ON

History
Blake Emilie Bouchard, Prince George, BC
Mica Amy Royer Jorgenson, Errington, BC
Alison Mary Matte, Prince George, BC

Interdisciplinary Studies
Lorenz Walter Bruechter, Vancouver, BC
Nadine English, Prince George, BC
Petter Fleischer Jacobsen, Oslo, Norway
David Ernest Mills, Burns Lake, BC
Cristian Marcelo Silva Zuniga, Prince George, BC

International Studies -
Global Environmental Policy
Dennis William Balogh, Prince George, BC
Moritz Alexander Schare, Prince George, BC

International Studies -
International Development
Hyae-Rim Roncin, Daejeon, Korea, Republic of
(South)

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

Counselling
Stephen Douglas Carpenter, Williams Lake, BC
Gaylene Anne Clark, Prince George, BC
Melody Lynn Curle, Williams Lake, BC
Tara Nicole Davie, Williams Lake, BC
Sandra Dawn Davis, Williams Lake, BC
Jamey Lee Ann Dye, Prince George, BC
Troy Warren Forcier, Williams Lake, BC
Shirley Giroux, Williams Lake, BC
Kelly I Glen, Williams Lake, BC
Lovepreet Grewal, Oliver, BC
Jennifer Michelle Guenette, Williams Lake, BC
Sarah Lauren Henkelman, Gold River, BC
Willow Jay Hobson, Silverton, BC
Emily Ruth Ingram, Quesnel, BC
Julia Sherril Jack
Leah Anne Jackson, Victoria, BC
Leesa Marie Leroy, Tearwassen, BC
Sheryl-Lynn Lewis, Williams Lake, BC
Todd Arthur Lund, 100 Mile House, BC
Allison Ross McDonnell, Prince George, BC
Kevin John McLennan, Williams Lake, BC
Sumeet Singh Parmar, Prince George, BC
Jodie Kara Petruzzellis, Toronto, ON
Kylie Marie Philpotts, Quesnel, BC
Nicole Donna Plante, Prince George, BC
Amber Louise Plater, Langley, BC
Joanna Adrienne Pooler, Burns Lake, BC
Ludovicus Berton Van Grootel, Prince George, BC
Holly Megan Winzey, Kamloops, BC
Courtney Lynn Zalay, Williams Lake, BC

Multi-Disciplinary Leadership
Marilyn Swee Liang Ang, Prince George, BC
Stephan H Baker, Prince George, BC
Christopher A Barnett, Prince George, BC
Kenneth David Beck, Burns Lake, BC
Melanie Leslie Bennett, Dawson City, YT
Tracey Alison Brown, Burns Lake, BC
Mary Bernadette Burkholder, Vanderhoof, BC
Mathew Jason Cullum, Williams Lake, BC
Harriet Jane Darnay, Big Lake Ranch, BC
Karen K DeCicco, Horsefly, BC
Kimberly Ann Dezamits, Burns Lake, BC
Patrice Dube, Burns Lake, BC
Laura Lee Dubuc, 150 Mile House, BC
Victor Bernd Duaek, Williams Lake, BC
Colleen Fugle, Fort St James, BC
Richard Thomas Heal, Williams Lake, BC
Catherine Clare Kennedy, Terrace, BC
Jodie Marie Kennedy Baker, Prince George, BC
Kenneth Michael Lucks, Williams Lake, BC
Lorraine Joan McFarland, Houston, BC
Marian Mills, Burns Lake, BC
Cynthia Marie Neufeld, Williams Lake, BC
Mark Edward Newbery, New Hazelton, BC
Teresa Nicole Siddall, Williams Lake, BC
Michael Brent Skinner, Burns Lake, BC
Darryl J Smith, Revelstoke, BC
Carey M Stewart, Prince Rupert, BC
Colleen Marie West, Burns Lake, BC
Veronica Lee Zwiers, Williams Lake, BC

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE

Community Health Science
Geoffrey Earl Johnson, Esperanza, BC
Jennifer Helen Mackie, Terrace, BC
Elizabeth Anne Sommerfeld, Prince George, BC

Psychology
Mireille Natalie Rizkalla, Toronto, ON
Kelly Lynden Stickle, Lacombe, AB

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Family Nurse Practitioner
Brenda Lee Erat, Fort Coquitlam, BC
Douglas Andrew King, Canmore, AB
Rona Carolyn Joy Loewen, Abbotsford, BC
Michelle Rae Wolsky, Whitehorse, YT

General
Sheila Yvonne Blackstock, Kelowna, BC

THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Laurel Patricia Collins, Prince George, BC
Yu-Fen Hsiao, Fort St. John, BC
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The University’s Coat of Arms is comprised of several elements. The shield, which is divided into UNBC’s colours of green and gold, contains three elements. The open book, which is a traditional symbol of learning, is flanked by two ravens, which are hardy, resident birds of the North and of open spaces. Ravens are symbols of wisdom in some First Nations traditions, and are recognized as among the most intelligent of birds by ornithologists. Below these elements is a young coniferous tree with roots that symbolizes growth, and represents both the dominant flora of the North and the backbone of the northern economy.

The crest is created from a wreath surmounted by the maple leaf, symbolizing Canada; dogwood flowers, symbolizing British Columbia; and snowflake crystals, symbolizing the north. The crest is a salmon, which is the symbol on the base of the University’s mace/talking stick, and is used there as an indication of all the people of the region. The salmon was created by Ron Sebastian of New Hazelton specially for the Coat of Arms.

To the left of the shield is a Kermode bear, a rare subspecies of the black bear found only in the northwest region of British Columbia. To the right of the shield is the woodland caribou, a distinctive mammal of the central interior and northeast region. Each carries a wreath comprised of conifer branches with cones, again indicating a definitive element of much of northern British Columbia.

The compartment is the base on which the supporters stand. The Kermodei stands among mountains and trees, which are distinctive of much of the region. To the right is a wheat field, distinctive of the Peace River region. Beneath the mountains and wheat field is a depiction of the ocean and orca, indicative of the Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) and coastal regions. The orca was also created by Ron Sebastian.

The motto, ‘En cha huná (pronounced “enn cha huhNAH”), is a saying of the Dalkelh elders, with a direct translation of “respect for all living things.” The saying would be used by an elder when reminding someone who is critical of another that the individual is also a living being, with a voice and a viewpoint. The motto encapsulates much of the spirit of academic freedom, respect for others, and the willingness to recognize different perspectives.
CEREMONIAL ITEMS

**Talking Stick**
The Talking Stick includes 13 traditional Indian crests, which represent all of the tribes/clans of northern British Columbia. They are, from top to bottom, Wolf, Black Bear, Beaver, Wolverine, Caribou, Mountain Goose, Frog, Raven, Thunderbird, Fireweed, Killer Whale, Owl, and Eagle. In the centre is a human face representing all peoples. The Mace/Talking Stick rests in a base of red cedar, carved in the form of a salmon.

**Ceremonial Banner**
Measuring 17 feet long by 8 feet wide, and depicting a wolf, this unique design was specially created for the University of Northern British Columbia by Lee Edenshaw, Jr. and his family. The Edenshaw family comes from the Village of Skedans in the Queen Charlotte Islands. The Banner, which took hundreds of hours to prepare, was handcrafted by Joanne Patenaude of the Registrar’s Office.

**Ceremonial Chairs**
The chairs include, at top and bottom, a human mask and sun, representing mankind, in particular, students and counsellors. The other symbols again represent the various First Nation peoples in the University’s region.

The Chancellor’s chair (left) includes representations of the thunderbird, frog, beaver, grouse, fireweed, owl, eagle, and killer whale, with armrests carved in the shape of a wolf.

The President’s chair (right) includes representations of the grizzly bear, wolf, caribou, black bear, crow, frog, moose, and mountain goose, with armrests carved in the shape of a raven.
Distinctive academic costume has been worn in universities since their inception some one thousand years ago. Until recently, such costume was worn as part of the everyday life of the University. Indeed, members of the faculty recollect firm instructions in their student days to wear gowns to tutorials, examinations and formal dinners. The gown, hood and mortarboard are the basic items of academic regalia and originally had practical functions. The hood was specifically created to be pulled over the head to provide protection from inclement weather. Along with the rest of the costume, it now has more of a symbolic function, and indicates through its colours, trim and lining, the degree and the university giving the award. Gold and green, being the University of Northern British Columbia colours, feature widely on the academic costumes.

The colours for the various hoods include:

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Chief amongst the elements of University regalia is the Mace. In the European tradition, the Mace is the most important symbol of authority. In early medieval times, a mace was a formidable weapon – a rod with a spiked ball at the end – used to defend a king, baron, or bishop. Over the years, the martial requirements gradually declined, and the mace evolved into a symbol. In universities, it now symbolizes the authority of the Chancellor to award degrees; only in its presence can degrees be conferred. You will also note that at the beginning of the Recession (exit procession), the Mace, as tradition decrees, is “brandished”, and precedes the Chancellor out of the hall. The University of Northern British Columbia Mace is unique in combining the ancient European tradition with the First Nations’ tradition of the Talking Stick, which is used both as a symbol of authority and the right to speak. It was carved, as were the Ceremonial Chairs, by Ron Sebastian, a well-known Northwest Coast native artist from New Hazelton.
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