



2025

Convocation

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Two thousand and twenty five



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A Message from the Chancellor

To the UNBC Graduating students of 2025.

It is my absolute pleasure to be with you today, celebrating your accomplishments in receiving your degree.

If you look back on your journey in post-secondary, how are you feeling today? Do you have a sense of pride of all the late nights studying, the hours and hours you put into getting your grades? The days when you felt you can't do this anymore?

Well, here you are, receiving your diploma, crossing the stage in front of all your peers, your family, your friends, who are so overwhelmingly proud of you.

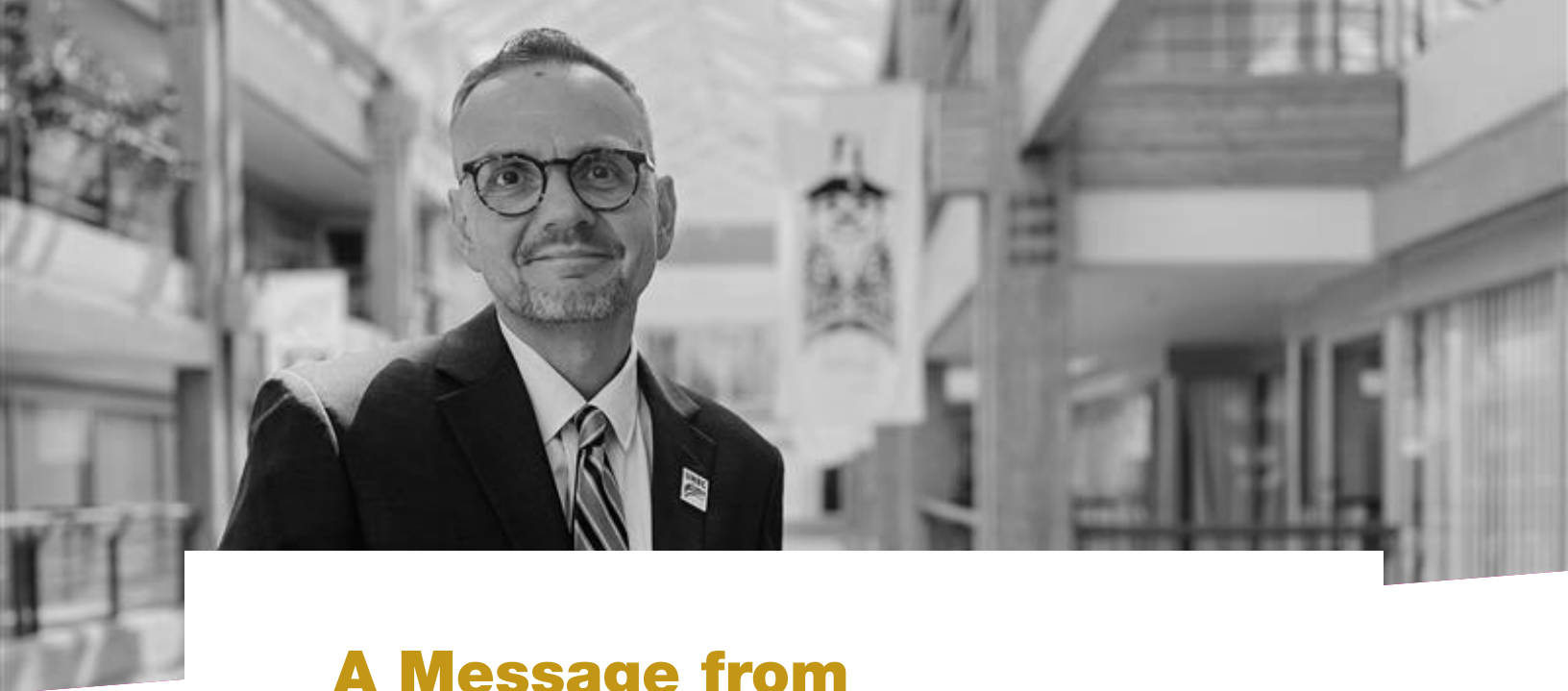
Let that light within shine brightly. You deserve all the accolades you will be receiving today. You make your family, the community of UNBC, and the greater community of the North very proud. You have persevered, making this day very special.

Today, you have the world in your hands, with many paths to choose from. Follow your heart and above all make yourself proud of what you have accomplished.

You are the leaders of our changing landscape in the world. Make your mark, be in your integrity, open up to new ideas, new ways of thinking and change the world.

Snachailya (Dakelh – Carrier)
Heartfelt thanks – you honor me as I honor you.

Elder Darlene McIntosh
Chancellor



A Message from the President and Vice-Chancellor

Dear Graduates, Families, and Friends,

With immense pride, I congratulate the UNBC Class of 2025. Today, we celebrate not only your academic achievements but also the spirit of initiative and leadership you have demonstrated throughout your time with us.

You have ignited curiosity within our halls, inspired your peers and professors alike, and are now poised to lead change in a world that eagerly awaits your contributions. Your journey has been a beacon of the inquiry, support, and empowerment that our communities cherish.

As new alumni, you carry with you the capacity to cultivate meaningful change and the responsibility to act on the path to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. Your achievements have already begun to empower our communities, reflecting the collaborative and impactful ethos we hold dear.

We look forward to the indelible mark you will make on the world and the sustainable paths you will forge. Congratulations, once again, on this monumental day—you are truly Ready.

With warmest regards,

Dr. Geoffrey W. Payne President & Vice Chancellor



A Message from The Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills

Welcome to the University of Northern British Columbia's class of 2025 convocation ceremonies.

On behalf of the Government of British Columbia, I am honoured to be part of this celebration, which marks a significant achievement for the graduates, family, friends, faculty and staff. Congratulations everyone!

As graduates, you have gained the knowledge and skills essential for building successful careers in your chosen fields. By investing in your education, you have prepared yourselves to enter the workforce with confidence.

You should be incredibly proud of all the hard work and dedication that brought you here. Your resilience and tenacity, combined with your post-secondary education, will have prepared you to seize the many employment opportunities available throughout the province.

You are the leaders of tomorrow, the ones who will have the power to drive meaningful change and shape a better future for us all.

Congratulations once again on this important achievement. As you pursue your paths, I wish you all a bright future and promising career.

Sincerely,



Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills



Rosalyn Bird, MLA Prince George - Valemount

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our 2025 class! Today you celebrate not just the culmination of years of hard work, but the bright futures that await each of you. Your dedication to learning reflects the core values that our community holds dear – honesty, integrity, and compassion.

For those of you who are now looking to begin your careers or professions there are countless exciting opportunities, especially here in the North. This university has equipped you with the knowledge and skills to lead with integrity and make meaningful contributions to British Columbia or wherever you choose.

In Prince George and beyond, each of you has the power to influence, innovate and inspire. Embrace your identity as alumni of the Northern University of BC and carry forward that pride. May your futures be bright and filled with purpose, and I wish you continued success in your future endeavors and hope today creates special memories as you celebrate!

Rosalyn Bird
MLA for Prince George Valemount
Conservative Caucus of B.C.
Critic for Citizen Services
Veteran/Military Liaison



Kiel Giddens, MLA Prince George - Mackenzie

Grads of 2025

I want to personally congratulate you on completing this major milestone in your education journey. The many hours of hard work and the sacrifices you have made while attending UNBC will serve you well in your future endeavors. What you have accomplished is something to be extremely proud of and your community is celebrating along with you. We are proud of all our graduates from UNBC, and I know the University's founders would share in that pride. You are now a part of an important legacy for Northern British Columbia.

Education is the foundation that improves our society, our economy, and the sustainability of our communities. I wish you the best of luck in your future goals in your careers, education, and personal growth. I hope you will cherish the life experiences, and the relationships formed during a formative time in your lives while studying at UNBC. On behalf of the Province of British Columbia and my riding of Prince George-Mackenzie, I extend my very best wishes and most heartfelt congratulations!

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, likely belonging to Kiel Giddens.

Kiel Giddens
MLA Prince George- Mackenzie



A Message from His Worship Simon Yu, Mayor of Prince George

On behalf of the Prince George City Council, it is my privilege and honour to offer our congratulations to the University of Northern British Columbia class of 2025.

Today is a celebration of your years of dedication, sacrifice, and hard work. It is also a time to give a sincere thank you to all who have helped you get here.

Graduation from UNBC is the beginning of your further education. You have reached a significant milestone in your life, and I hope that you will be in the present moment and enjoy what you have accomplished.

Wherever your future endeavors may take you, I hope that you will find your way back to Prince George and keep in touch with your alma mater.

Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2025 and best wishes for everything that is ahead of you!

Mayor Simon Yu
City of Prince George



Sheldon Clare, MLA Prince George - North Cariboo

Dear UNBC Graduates,

My congratulations on graduating from UNBC. Please consider your graduation as part of making an important contribution to your community, your province, and your country. No matter what your degree, you will find that the skills that you have developed will serve you well. The education gained, connections developed, and friendships made are of tremendous value. You now have choices and opportunities before you in what is an increasingly complex world. As you embark on the next phase of your journey, work to maintain those high standards which your efforts have demonstrated. You have worked hard for the accolades bestowed upon you today; however, no one does it alone, so be grateful to the people who helped you through all the difficult times. I hope that you will consider working and living in the North; however, wherever your education takes you, your experiences at UNBC have given you a solid foundation.

I am deeply honoured to extend my congratulations on your graduation, and my best wishes on your future endeavours.



A Message from the Alumni Council of UNBC

On behalf of UNBC's Alumni Council, and your fellow alumni, I am so pleased to both congratulate you on your graduation, and to welcome you into our diverse and growing Alumni community.

Nearly twenty years post my own graduation, I reflect on the lasting connections I made with faculty, staff and other students (now Alumni). These connections continue to guide and support me as I navigate my career and life. Over the past year as the Chair of the Alumni Council, I've had the opportunity to engage more deeply with our fellow alumni, and I have been deeply inspired by these conversations - UNBC Alumni are making powerful contributions to our local communities, across Canada and beyond.

I hope you will stay connected with UNBC, and that you will also find inspiration and support among your fellow Alumni.

With my best wishes for your future,

Melissa Lynn Bolster
Chair, Alumni Council of UNBC



A Message from the NCLGA

Congratulations to you - the UNBC Class of '25!

That phrase, Class of '25 will always mean something special. It is your school, your year and your future opening up in front of you. I urge you to savour the moment. Consider your successes and the challenges that have shaped who you are; the friends who helped you and your family who were with every step of the way. Take a moment to thank those who have helped you get here, be they your parents, your teachers, or mentors, it will mean a great deal to get that hug from you.

You have so many choices and options before you now. Explore the world or take an opportunity close to home? Apply your talents in the public or private realm? Whatever path you choose, strive to be the best you can be to help make this a better world. Your energy, combined with the knowledge you've gained and your determination are the catalysts for shaping our future. Take up that challenge!

On behalf of the members of the North Central Local Government Association, I wish you all the best for your graduation and for your future.

Sincerely,

Gladys Atrill
Chairperson

UNBC Senate Members

Senior Administration

Darlene McIntosh
Chancellor

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Vice-Chancellor and Chair of Senate

Bill Owen
Vice-President, Academic and Provost (Interim)

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Vice-President, Research and Innovation

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Margot Parkes
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Kriston Rennie
Dean, Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities

Deborah Roberts
Dean, Faculty of Science and Engineering

Nicole Neufeld
Manager, Continuing Studies

Trina Fyfe
University Librarian (Interim)

Faculty of Business and Economics

Julius Bankole
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Faculty of Environment

Mark Groulx
Neil Hanlon

Faculty of Human and Health Sciences

Christine Ho Younghusband
David Litz

Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities

Gary Wilson

Faculty of Science and Engineering

Fei Tong
Allan Kranz

Faculty Members at Large

Balbinder Deo
Hossein Kazemian
Kim Stathers
David Casperson
Clarence Hofsink
Tammy Klassen-Ross
Maik Gehloff
Todd Whitcombe
Joanie Crandall
Margot Mandy
Susie Wilson
Darren Brown

Student Representatives

Armaan Jamwal
President, NUGSS

Sripa Dey
President, NBCGSS

Malay Lolariya
Student Representative Faculty of Business and Economics

Maria Tavares
Student Representative Faculty of Environment

Lizna Lakhani
Student Representative Faculty of Human and Health Sciences

Cheri Brown
Student Representative Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Sciences and Humanities

Jared Hirt
Student Representative Faculty of Science and Engineering

Rehana Ramzan
Undergraduate Student Representative

Ranjodh Singh
Undergraduate Student Representative

Rachel Fonda
Graduate Student Representative

Tina Watters
Graduate Student Representative

Lay Senators

Claudia Barreira
Patricia Prince
Ray Noonan
Shannon MacKay

WWN Senator

Deanna Nyce

UNBC Board of Governors

Ms. Darlene McIntosh

Chancellor

Dr. Geoff Payne

President and Vice-Chancellor

Joel McKay

Chair

Jim Martin

Vice Chair

Faculty Members

Todd Whitcombe

Philip Mullins

Order in Council

Ibolya Agoston

Amanda Alexander

Allison Beswick - Alumna

Gregory Stewart

Trevor Morrison

Vacant - Alumnus

Undergraduate Student

Emily Roberts

Graduate Student

Lina Shehata

Employee (non-faculty)

Joyce Henley



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.



Yvonne Pierrero

Yvonne Pierrero is a respected Dakelh Elder, knowledge holder and founding member of the University of Northern British Columbia. Her life's work has centred on preserving, revitalizing and celebrating Dakelh language and culture.

Born on the unceded traditional territory of the Nak'azdli Whut'en near Fort St. James, Pierrero was raised in a large family immersed in traditional Dakelh practices and language. She has spent decades generously sharing her knowledge through mentorship, community collaboration and teaching.

A foundational figure in the history of UNBC, Pierrero's connections to the University have been broad and enduring. She was one of the University's first employees, working out of the Provost's Office for 17 years.

As a student in UNBC's inaugural Carrier language course, it was Pierrero and her classmates who suggested UNBC's motto En Cha Huná – meaning "respecting all forms of life." It is a motto that reflects her own values of respect and openness to diverse perspectives.

Pierrero played a key role in launching UNBC's Dakelh Language Certification Program in Fort St. James, creating a model for future community-University partnerships.

For 35 years, her contributions have helped weave Dakelh knowledge into the heart of the University community, supporting the ongoing journey of learning and reconciliation at UNBC.

Pierrero's commitment to this work has always been rooted in family. She credits her late father, her 97-year-old mother Mildred Martin, her husband Ron and children for walking alongside her in a shared journey of cultural stewardship.



Shirley Bond

Shirley Bond is a long-serving leader, community champion and political trailblazer who has spent her career working to improve the lives of people living in Prince George, across northern B.C. and throughout the province.

Known for her fierce advocacy, Bond served the region for more than two decades as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) of British Columbia. In addition to holding several influential of Cabinet positions, including Deputy Premier and Minister of Education, Bond made history as the first woman in British Columbia to serve as both Attorney General and Minister of Justice.

Her leadership was pivotal in securing major regional investments in education, healthcare and infrastructure, including the establishment of the Northern Medical Program at UNBC, the Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre and the BC Cancer Centre for the North.

Bond's commitment to improving access to services for northern residents has been driven by the belief that geography should not determine opportunity.

She was recognized with the B.C. Interior, North and Yukon Woman of Distinction Award for her work in public education.

Bond continues to inspire civic engagement through her volunteer work, including her current role as Public Relations Director for the 2025 BC Special Olympics Summer Games.

Her service has always been rooted in a deep love for her community. She is grateful to her late husband Billy, her children and grandsons for their endless support throughout her distinguished career.

Indication of Faculty Honours

Professor Emerita

Dr. Kathy Lewis

Professor Emeritus

Dr. Kerry Reimer

Professor Elie Korkmaz

Excellence in Research Award

Dr. Hossein Kazemian

Prof. Stephen Rader, Ph.D.

Dr. Wenbo Zheng

Excellence in Service Award

Amanda De Smit

Excellence in Teaching Award

Professor Indrani Margolin

Julie Howard

Excellence in Professional Practice, Mentorship or Stewardship Award

Dr. Zoë A. Meletis

Ceremony One

Program

Introductory Remarks

Call to Order

President of the Atysan Inke Atsoo, Elder Lenora White

Singing of the National Anthem

Dawn Zemoura

Welcome to the Traditional Territory of the Lheidli T'enneh

President of the Atysan Inke Atsoo, Elder Lenora White

Chancellor's Address

Elder Darlene McIntosh

President's Address

Dr. Geoffrey W. Payne

Presentation of Awards

Governor General's Gold Medal

Dr. Christine Añonuevo

Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal for Inclusion, Democracy, and/or Reconciliation

Mr. Sean Andrew Robinson

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Yvonne Pierreroy

Conferral of Degrees

Valedictorian's Address

Mr. Sean Andrew Robinson

Alumni Welcome Address

Melissa Bolster

Conclusion

Recessional Led by the Thundering Eagles

The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Health Sciences

Aderonke Oluwatoyin Agboji
Christine Marie Anonuevo
Kiah Gabriella Leone

The Degree of Master of Arts

Disability Management

Nicole Terilynn Sloboda
Alyson Straub
Sadie Kimberly Watson

English

Abdelhafidh Boumaraf
Anastacia Lynn Clarke
Humaira Maisha Mahmud
Sanchari Mitra
Cassidy Margaret Muir
Mohammed Farhan Fuad Ribhu

First Nations Studies

Levi Linton Black-Amstutz
Helen June Knott
Alexandre Dantas E Sousa

Gender Studies

Carolina Andrea Alday Mondaca
Grace Anane-Nimakko
Shafaq Jasim Hasan Gburi
Tanvi Guhagarkar
Kendall Rayne McKay Halfnights
Mai Ito
Grace Opare
Laura Cristina Rodriguez Galarza
Prapti Sarkar

Interdisciplinary Studies

Kelsey Sarah Chamberlin

International Studies

Adebola Victoria Ajuwon
Joyce Amalia Cortez
Uju Jane Igboamauchey
Chukwudumebi Dionne Isichei
Wing Man Lau
Valentina Anuoluwapo Odesanmi

Political Science

Nicole Gwen Fraser
Matthew Wood

The Degree of Master of Education

Counselling

Faith Nelson
Lucy Pomaa Arthur
Kelsey Noelle Baratta
Kathleen Barth
Kirsten Anne Brooker
Tienna Lee Chang

Graziela de Caixeta e Silva
Josephine Christiane Deschamps
Tracey Fuller
Shannel Marie Harris
Shelly Kurtz
Deena Robyn Latta
Danielle Mary Legault
Daniel Scott Prenger
Sofia Regalado
Tanya Elisabeth Ross-Dueck
Loretta Norma Stewart
Janine Louise Thompson
Shoshanna Dawn van Dijk
Bethany Lynn Watts
Alexis Wilson
Lindamarie Valenzuela Winfield
Naomi Alison Woolverton
Laura Maren Wrighton

Multi-Disciplinary Leadership

Lesley Elizabeth Haines

Special Education

Heather Lynn English
Meagan Catherine Kwiatkowski
Lexci Tierra Presley
Emily Jean Rowe
Seanagh Lenore Strebchuk
Christopher Brett Taylor
Kari Ann Walker
Melissa Zaron

The Degree of Master of Science

Health Sciences

Sama Amirkhani Ardeh
Maryam Sarfjoo Kasmaei
Andrew Joseph Schulz

Psychology

Alexandra Joceline Grace Lane
Kelly Stone

The Degree of Master of Science in Nursing

Alysha Tylynn Jones
Miao Li
Ka Wai Tong
Emily Meghan Williams

Family Nurse Practitioner

Karen Jit Kaur Athwal
Elizabeth Brownlie
Cynthia Jennifer Cockle
Gurleen Kaur Dhaliwal
Sukhmani Dhillon
Cassie Rae Dussault
Rhiannon Shaw Hall
Charmayne Brielle Harder
Micha Erin Kingston
Holly Jan McDonald
Sara Elizabeth McFadden
George Broderick McGee
Heather Lynn Montgomery
Manjot Kaur Munday
Sarah Nishimura
Kaytlin Anne Olexyn

Cianna Maye Laura-Lyn Pawluk
Adrienne Jane Ross
Cynthia Elaine Smith
Annie Marie Tasia Switzer
Rachael Victoria Thorlakson

The Degree of Master of Social Work

Ashley Dawn Aarts
Melissa Marie Dixel
Wendy Lynn Morales
Danielle Marie Rasmussen
Sondra Mae Struke
Joseph Shawn Jules Venne

Certificate in Indigenous Child & Youth Mental Health

Levi Linton Black-Amstutz
Kristy Sheree Joseph

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts - Honours

History

Sean Andrew Robinson

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Anthropology and History

Finnigan Tate Gouger-Davis

Anthropology

Leo Roy Anderson
Doward Bryton Churchill
Andrea Danielle Hartwig
Clayton Jack William Howard
Matisha Elizabeth MacPhail
Mehak Mukheja
Heather Romeyn
Autumn Lynnea Unger

Joint Major in Anthropology and Geography

Nicolas Ryan Caverzacio Sawyer

Joint Major in English and History

Blaise William Prior Feltis

English

Eva Alexander Almgren
Sarah Marilyn Haeussler
Carissa Harasym
Mariah Cora Harvey-Baker
Hannah Paige Hebert
Lauren Elizabeth Iwanciwski
Margaret Klassen

Heather Marie Law
Amy Karleen LeClerc
Lauryn Gabrielle McKinnon
Hailie Grace Nauss
Mason Neuman
Madison Nicole Tonya Pinksen
Andrew Alexander Russell
Harly Jade Simpson
Erin Sarah Unger
Trinity Jade Elvira Van Der Meer

First Nations Studies

Ayla Flossie Merle Bevan
Destinee M.P. Clayton
Spring Coltraine
Mandy Cormier
Sarah Grace Dixon
Olivia Delani MacDonald
Naomi Kea Mckinnon
Christopher Allan Morven
Francine Gale Stewart
Holly Kyla West

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts - General

Madelyn Lorraine Killman
Anhelina Maksymova
Taylor Dawn Standbridge

The Degree of Bachelor of Arts

Joint Major in Global and International Studies and Political Science

Alexander Dmitri Munger

Joint Major in History and Political Science

Adam Fodor

History

Brenna Conlon
Robert Scott Dunlop
Luke Jeremiah Frolick
Sydney Hoar
Taylor James Kofoed
John William Sitter
Nikolas John Stivanakis
Abby Sveistrup

Joint Major in Political Science and Women's Studies

Armin Varaich

Political Science

Sarah Taylor-ann Chester
Ciara Julia Daly
Noah William Henry Driedger
Brooke Lynn Dunkley
Karla Nadine Lindstrom
Nolan Robert Maggs
Niraksh Mihirkumar Shah

The Degree of Bachelor of Education

Emily Lauren Anderson
Janae Faith Arnold
April Barnes
Alastair Brian Beddie
Caitlin Bertrand
Loré Bester
Talia Grace Bleiler
Tomas Bonafine
Julie Michelle Agnes Bradford
Lia Louise Chappell
Megan Marie Connell
Madison Rose Corbett
Isabelle Antoinette Cote
Jared Donovan Daumont
Mariah Devcic
Tessa Mary MacDonald Doll
Nadine English
Andrea Lindsey Fisher-Hynd
Ocean-Lynn J Georgelin
Ariel Katherine Gilbert
Robert Henderson Goodey
Isaac G Goodrich
Amanda Jeanne Heinze
Cameron Glenn Hemmons
Emily Joy Hobley-McCosker
Aine Marie Hogan
Quinn Grant Hutson
Riley Ryan Iwanciwski
Talon Jeffery Jonker
Jessica Anna Klor
Lauren Candida KorpiC
Justine Gabrielle Lamothe
Natasha Alicia Massop
Emily Meers
Katey Michelle Montgomery
Katelyn Victoria Morash
Thu Trang Nguyen
Adrianna Antonia Ochitwa
Melia Jean Olson
Grace Michelle Rogers
Kyle Kenneth Rowell
Madison Lynn Scheck
Taryn Michelle Thiessen
Ashleigh Nichole Travers
Isabelle Elizabeth Turgeon
Sloane Alexandra Vasko
Kieron Hans Vick
Julia Morgan Vickers
Madison Margaret Makayla Webb
Clarissa Mary Joyce Wight
Terri Linn Wilkinson
Elaina Madison Guerreiro Woroshelo

The Degree of Bachelor of Health Sciences - Honours

Biomedical Studies

Naomi Justine Cole

Community and Population Health - Aboriginal and Rural Health

Elledae Marisa Armstrong

The Degree of Bachelor of Health Sciences

Biomedical Studies

Taryn Carol-Lynn Atkinson
Jessica Diane Vargas Ayson
Afrin Begum
Victoria Mae Bleecker
Emma Marie Brown
Adara Heather Anne Bryan
Hope Alcina Grace Carvalho
Rupali Cheema
Camryn Lauren Cline
Zachary Fillion
Celina Raquel Galdamez-Valle
Torrin Rory Gray-Umpherville
Cassandra Anne Groves
Anika Robin June Hendriksen
Brityn Margaret Hinsche
Daniel Ifeoluwa Iyaoromi
Jacqueline Phuong Ma
Haley Christine McNiven
Isabella Loupelle Mesquita
Molly Teresa Patterson
Bella Sunshine Meadow Schacher
Jasmin Debra Schlick
Ella Stratton
Nicholas Joseph Vannebo-Suwala
Benjamin Shane Wolitski

Community and Population Health - Aboriginal and Rural Health

Danika Rose Fiala

Community and Population Health - Environmental Health

Mackenzie Robyn Baker
Vaila Baxter
Alicia Marcia Somerville

The Degree of Bachelor of Science - Honours

Psychology

Andrea Ilse Becker
Luke Michael Bilodeau
Ryan Alexander Carriere
Cheleine Shelly Nicole Doyle
Keira Mackenzie Frost
Molly Erin Hogan-Thomas
Madalyn Susan Johnson
Sebastian Medcke
Genevieve Julia Marguerite Rea
Desiree Raven Wood
Erin Stuart Yule

The Degree of Bachelor of Science

Psychology

Chanel Gurlene Kaur Aujla
Elizabeth Ruth Batho
Kirsten Paige Bigelow
Khushi Pareshkumar Brahmhatt
Madison Gabriele Brasson

Mattea Sipiwé Chalkias
Logan Cruz
Mercedes Jean Deaton
Anna Simone Dereshkevich
Tiara Lynn French
Christina George
Jenelle Therese Gervais
Blanka Jan Hanusek
Brittany Ann Harrington
Myles Logan Husband
Lula Rose Issa
Keanna Heather Lynn Jamieson
Allen John Saiju
Hannah Lisa Jones
Cara Louise Kardynal
Jhanvi Shyam Kathuria
Megan Lynn Kemp
Abdullah Ahmad Khan
Sarah Michelle Kuklisin
Sarah Ruth Mary Lepine
Makisha Kuldip Kaur Manhas
Kayla Amber Morin
Matthew Stephen Sabo
Habie Sajeev Parakkattu
Yanos Ruger Stephenson
Kaden Strout

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Evan Jhuneski Rubiano Abellera
Carly Shannon Alexander
Satwinder Kaur Aujla
Melissa Ann Baggott
Abby Elizabeth Bailey
Emmanuel Abioye Bankole
Aliyah Paige Barta
Aaryan Basra
Reagan Soleil Bowers
Emma Louise Buhr
Abhinay Burra
Lindsay Faith Carpenter
Jenna Raquel Chirkoff
Ashia Lorraine Chutskoff
Sharleigh Patricia-Lynn Comeau
Liviah Rain Crossfield
Sarah Elizabeth Cruse
Gurjot Kaur Dhaliwal
Jasmine Dhesi
Jasmine Dhillon
Holly Jane Djukastein
Brylee Alexandra Dos Santos
Hannah Marie Dudoward
Megan Duperron
Nicole Frieda Anna Edel
Anita Ihuoma Egejuru
Shayne Christine Faber
Elise Kennedy Festerling
Shain Rylie Gillick
Kaitlin Leanne Godsoe
Cameron Golder
Cosenti Graf-Smith
Hailey Marlies Halovich
Geoffrey A Harrison
Adam Patrick Hart
Allison Hedderston
Sabrina Caterina Hoffman
Alexa Holubosh
Selena A Horne
Erin Diane Howard
Mya Nicole-Marie Hudson-Jago
Kelly Rose Hunt
Jordan Katherine Innis
Ashley Jakob
Pravhjit Kaur Jaswal

Bjorn Graem Paul Jensen
Jessica Johal
Sara Brianne Johnstone
Gaganpreet Kaur
Kourtney Rakel Kivi
Simran Kaur Klar
Maya Felisa Kottke
Violet Elisabeth Kritz
Jean-Francois Joseph Yves Lambert
Khloe Anne Lambert
Brianna Shae Lancaster
Rolen Caballero Lovino
Jailene Rose Lyons
Leo Maduguimpa Paquette
Sophia Clover Mahmood
Amraj Kaur Mann
Rebecca Marshall
Emma Elizabeth Dale McCarville
Benjamin James McIntyre
Aquinnah McLean
Grayson Daniel David Medwedew
Brianna Christina Midwinter
Kennedy Raquel Miles
Adrianna Marie Milkovic
Khrizna Ybanez Montederamos
Layla Vanita Morrow
Sophia Jane Morrow
Ryan Edward Naldrett
Kendra Ann Nicholson
Kiran Nijjer
Cassidy Rose Nikirk
Shaely Alyssa Niven
Blessing Chioma Nwanekezie
Prince Obeng
Concy Achiro Odong
Kamalpreet Kaur Panaich
Ankur Rohit Kumar Patel
Kaelin Peck
Drew Hazel Marie Pederson
Andrea Thy-Anh Pham
Hanielouve Jewel Amoroso Piano
Courtney Belle Pilgrim
Teslin Ann Pinter
Claire Power
Annika Prasad
Tiffany Juanita Primus
James Carlo Calibuso Ramirez
Marissa June Ramsay
Gurleen Kaur Randhawa
Caelan Rappel
Mitzi Coleen Real
Rachel Row
Carissa Jessie Sadlo
Aissatou Sall
Makenna Sharlee Maureen Salm
Sydnee Quinn Schlamp
Trinity Caroline Scott
Krystal Patricia Scovill
Tian Yi Shi
Samantha Lynn Simmons
Faith Marie Lynn Snow
Morgan Lynn Stewart
Adrienne Renei Suck
Mathew Joseph Szarka
Eryn Melody Tiefensee
Yamanik Jobix Tol Cojti
Danica Emilie Vaccaro
Samantha Vallejo Hernandez
Brooklyn Taylor Vallentgoed
Brookelyn Cherise Van Camp
Abigail Monique Guinto Veran
Ashley Verma
Kayla Jasmin Walters
Emily Noelle Wehrstedt
Caitlin Mary Jean White
Liam Andrew Wiebe
Kaylie Angeliquea Jade Willeboordse
Reid Allan Williams

Megan Emma Wilson
Taelor Brianne Wintemute
Emily Julia Gloria Woodland
Lara Albina Zral

The Degree of Bachelor of Social Work

Gladys Kure Agbenin
Tekaleh Atemefac Cecile
Faith Eduan Atim
Gabrielle Bentham
Paul Jonathan Bromley
Rebecca Crawford
Kamaljeet Kaur Dandiwal
Kelsey Del Pieve Gobbi
Jessica Leslie Holmes
Nadine Tiffany Hoover
Shelley Anne Johnson
Danika Jones
Nicole McBride
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Ceremony Two

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Introductory Remarks

Call to Order

President of the Atysan Inke Atsoo, Elder Lenora White

Singing of the National Anthem

Dawn Zemoura

Welcome to the Traditional Territory of the Lheidli T'enneh

President of the Atysan Inke Atsoo, Elder Lenora White

Chancellor's Address

Elder Darlene McIntosh

President's Address

Dr. Geoffrey W. Payne

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Shirley Bond

Conferral of Degrees

Valedictorian's Address

Dr. Guowei Li

Alumni Welcome Address

Melissa Bolster

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Dali Yang
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Graduate Celebrations

Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Institute

June 2, 2025

1:00pm

Ts'oohl Ts'ap Memorial Hall, 4000 Lax Muhl Street

Northwest (Terrace) Campus

June 3, 2025

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

R.E.M. Lee Theatre, 4920 Straume Avenue

Northeast (Fort St. John) Campus

June 6, 2025

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Northern Lights Campus Atrium, 9820 120 Avenue

South-Central (Quesnel) Campus

June 11, 2025

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

South-Central Campus, 100 Campus Way

Ceremonial Items

Talking Stick

The talking stick includes 14 traditional crests, which represent all of the First Nations clans of Northern British Columbia. They are, from top to bottom, Wolf, Black Bear, Beaver, Wolverine, Caribou, Mountain Goose, Frog, Thunderbird, Raven, Fireweed, Killer Whale, Grouse, Owl, and Eagle. The human face situated in the center represents all peoples. The talking stick rests in a base of red cedar, carved in the form of a salmon.



Ceremonial Banner

Measuring seventeen feet long by eight 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 Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands).

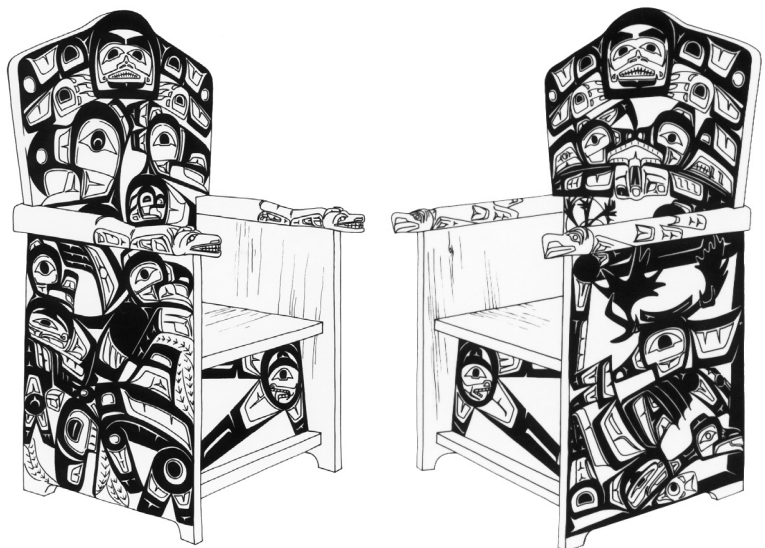
Ceremonial Chairs

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.

The ceremonial chairs, talking stick, and base stand were carved in 1992 by Ron Sebastian.



The Coat Of Arms

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 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 Kermode 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 an interpretation of the direct translation that is *he/she also lives*. 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.

Academic Costume and Regalia

Distinctive academic costume has been worn in universities since their inception some 1,000 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.

PhD green & gold

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| MA white | MScN apricot | BHSc silver |
| MASc orange | MSW citron | BPI gold |
| MBA blue | BA white | BSc gold |
| MEd light blue | BComm blue | BScN apricot |
| MEng orange | BASc orange | BSW citron |
| MNRES lavender | BASc (joint) scarlet | |
| MSc gold | BEd light blue | |

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.



The list of graduates in this program was complete at the time of publication.

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