



**UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA**



Convocation

SPRING 2024

June 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21
Universiade Pavilion, North Campus

Greetings to the Graduates



Peggy Garritty
Chancellor

Congratulations Class of 2024. You did it!

Your years of hard work, the ups and downs, the dreaded deadlines for assignments and projects, the new friends you've made, the problems you've tackled, the professors who inspired you, and the changes you've made in your life, your ideas and your plans for the future. . . all of this is culminating in the completion of your degrees.

I hope your years at the U of A have inspired you with lessons that go well beyond the courses you took. The ability to adapt and persevere in spite of stressful times. The importance of connections with people we love. The need for kindness, empathy and respect to bridge increasingly polarized views. The power of hope in our combined ability to address some of the world's most challenging problems. And now more than ever, in the midst of a constant barrage of misinformation, the need to steadfastly pursue the university's motto: whatsoever things are true. These are lasting lessons I hope you will remember in the next chapter of your lives.

In my four years as Chancellor, the memory I will cherish the most is convocation and the joy of congratulating each of the graduating students. Seeing the hundreds of graduates cross the stage at each ceremony replenishes my hope for the future because of your energy, enthusiasm, skills and ideas. It fills me with immense pride - the pride we have in you, our newest graduates. Whatever path you choose, strive to make a positive difference in the world. We're counting on you to do that. And remember the University of Alberta will always be here, cheering you on from the sidelines, as each of you pursues your next hopes and dreams.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "P. Garritty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "P" and "G".

***Warmest congratulations to
the class of 2024!***

Today, we come together as a community to celebrate a milestone in your life—the culmination of years of hard work and dedication.

The University of Alberta has no doubt left an indelible mark on you. Throughout your time here, you have worked tirelessly in the pursuit of knowledge and truth, grown as an individual, challenged yourself, and, most importantly, persevered no matter how challenging the circumstance. I hope you look back on your time at the U of A with pride in all you have achieved.

Now, as you step into the world, remember that you are not just graduates, but leaders with purpose. Whether it's through the arts, entrepreneurship, research, or societal change, I urge you to be fearless in your pursuit of a better world, setting an example for others to follow.

As you move to the next stage of your journey, you join a global community of more than 300,000 U of A alumni. And, as you join this larger community, we ask that you continue to lead with purpose. The world needs visionary leaders and global citizens capable of making a positive impact here in Alberta and around the world. I know you will all rise to the challenges and make the most of the opportunities that await you.

The University of Alberta was founded 115 years ago on the promise of “uplifting the whole people.” As you continue your journey, I know you will draw on the knowledge and skills you developed at the U of A to pursue that noble promise.

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Bill Flanagan
President and Vice-Chancellor



Honourable Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, congratulations to the University of Alberta Class of 2024.

Fuelled by passion and driven by purpose, you are about to step into the future. Whether that means further training, starting your career, travel or even taking time to reflect, I hope you are as excited about what's to come as I am.

There are plenty of reasons to be optimistic, particularly for highly motivated individuals like you. Alberta is growing faster now than at any point in its history. As our economy grows and diversifies, more and more talented, innovative people are choosing to call our province home and take advantage of the incredible opportunities available to them. Together, we are building something remarkable.

You have already made some important decisions about how you want to go forward, and now—with your University of Alberta credentials in hand—it's your time to shine. Whether you plan to build your life here or you have joined us only for a few years, I'm so glad you are part of Alberta's incredible story.

I wish you the very best as you pursue your dreams. Enjoy this moment to celebrate what you have achieved.

Congratulations again,

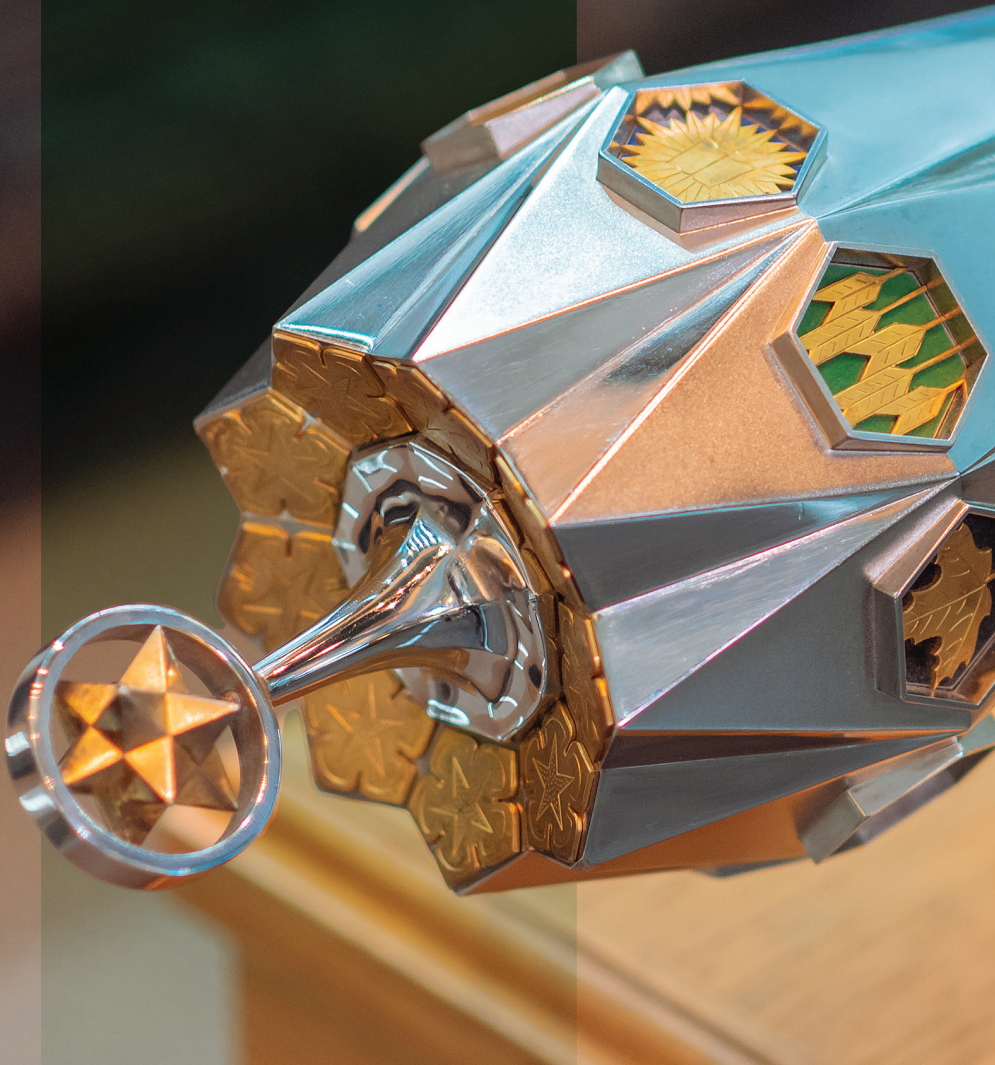
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Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Alberta, its buildings, labs, and research stations are primarily located on the traditional territory of Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, and Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe nations; lands that are now known as part of Treaties 6, 7, and 8 and homeland of the Métis. The University of Alberta respects the sovereignty, lands, histories, languages, knowledge systems, and cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit nations.

Order of Ceremonies



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June 12-21 (a.m.)

PRESIDING

Ms. Peggy Garritty, *Chancellor*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

O Canada

CREE VICTORY SONG

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY

Ms. Peggy Garritty, *Chancellor*

BOARD OF GOVERNORS GREETINGS

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Professor Bill Flanagan, *President and Vice-Chancellor*

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

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SIGNING OF THE HONOUR ROLL

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

THE PRESENTATION (SENIOR DEAN)

THE PLEDGE (PRESIDENT)

THE ADMISSION (CHANCELLOR)

PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

(See ualberta.ca/convocation)

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES IN ABSENTIA

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Professor Bill Flanagan, *President and Vice-Chancellor*

VIDEO MONTAGE

Je te retrouve - I Remember You

Music and lyrics by France Levasseur-Ouimet

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ms. Peggy Garritty, *Chancellor*

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Chancellor's Installation June 21, 3:00 p.m.

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Ms. Kate Chisholm, *Chair,
Board of Governors*

GOVERNMENT GREETINGS

Honourable Rajan Sawhney,
Minister of Advanced Education

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Professor Bill Flanagan,
President and Vice-Chancellor

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S REMARKS

The Honourable Salma Lakhani,
AOE, BSc, LLD (hon)

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Ms. Ashton Rudanec, *President,
Alumni Association*

INSTALLATION OF THE CHANCELLOR

The Honourable Dr. A. Anne McLellan, Canadian politician and academic, will introduce Chancellor-Elect Nizar J. Somji.

President Bill Flanagan will remark with these words:

"And now, on behalf of the Senate, I call upon Nizar J. Somji to come forward in order that Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, may administer the Oath of Office and install him as Chancellor."

The Honourable Salma Lakhani, Lieutenant Governor, will then ask Nizar J. Somji to raise his right hand and will address him in these words:

"Do you, Nizar J. Somji, solemnly and sincerely promise and swear that you will duly and faithfully, and to the best of your skill and knowledge, exercise the powers and trusts reposed in you as Chancellor of the University of Alberta?"

Nizar J. Somji will reply:

"I do."

The President and Vice-Chancellor will address the Chancellor-Elect:

"Nizar J. Somji, I welcome you on behalf of the Senate of the University of Alberta and I now call upon the Registrar of the University to invest you with the robes of office."

Chancellor-Elect Nizar J. Somji will receive the official gown of the Chancellor of the University from the Registrar, Ms. Norma Rodenburg, and the cap from Assistant Registrar, Ms. Corinne Callihoo.

Her Honour, the Lieutenant Governor will then say:

"Nizar J. Somji, at the request of the Senate, and by the custom of this University, I hereby install you as Chancellor of the University of Alberta, with all the powers and responsibilities pertaining to this office."

President and Vice-Chancellor Bill Flanagan will then call for the University Mace from the Chief Marshal:

"Nizar J. Somji, I present to you the University Mace as a symbol of the authority of the Chancellor in the community."

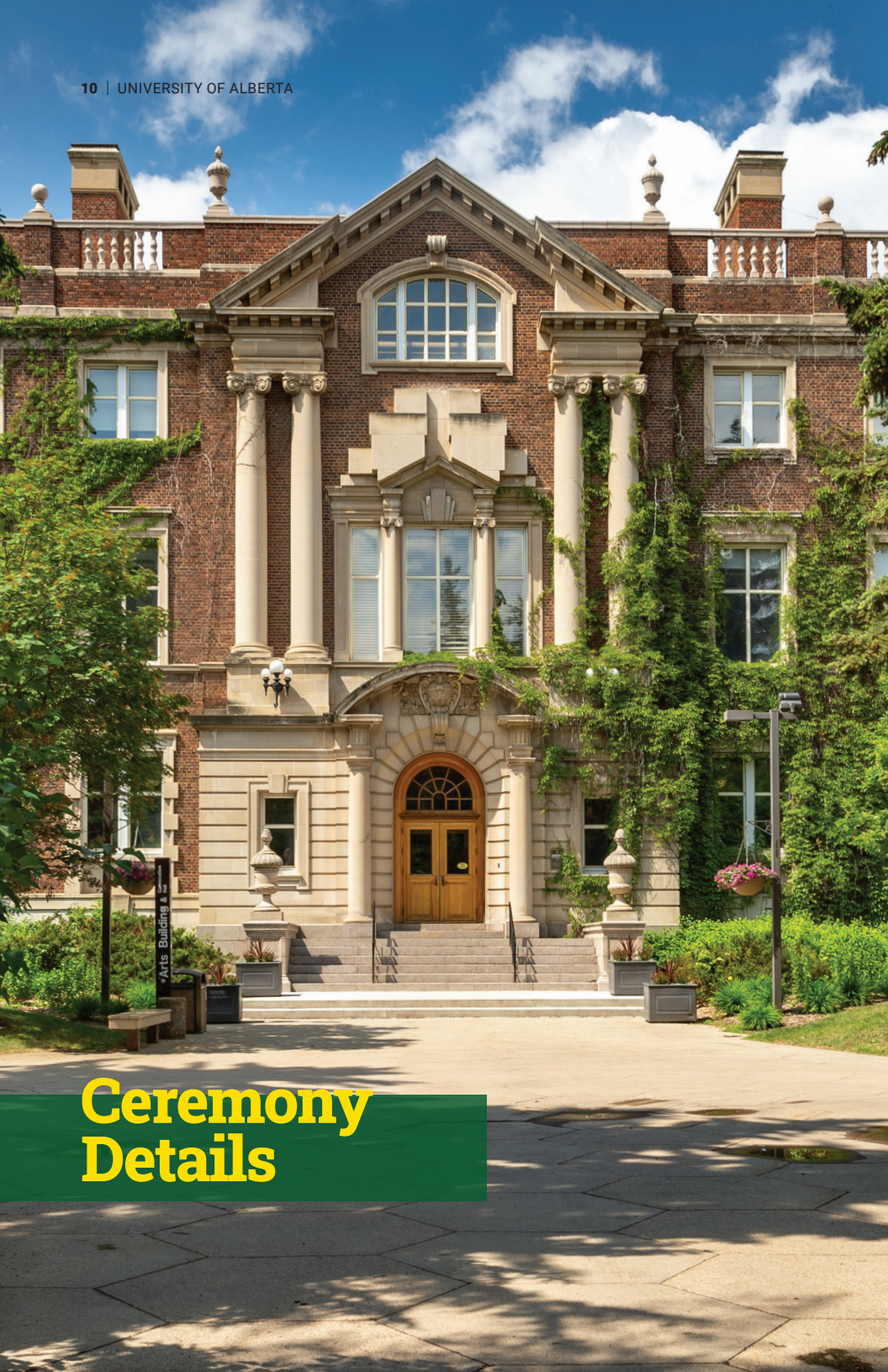
Chancellor Somji will place his right hand on the Mace and then ask the Chief Marshal to return it to the stand at the front of the platform.

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Chancellor Nizar J. Somji

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Professor Bill Flanagan, *President and Vice-Chancellor*



Ceremony Details

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June 12, 3 p.m.

Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

Master of Agriculture

Master of Forestry

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Science

Bachelor of Science in Forestry

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural / Food Business Management

Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Conservation Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology

Bachelor of Science in Animal Health

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

Bachelor of Science in Fashion Business Management

Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

June 13, 10 a.m.

Faculty of Science

Bachelor of Science

June 13, 3 p.m.

Faculty of Science

Bachelor of Science with Honors

Bachelor of Science with Specialization

June 14, 3 p.m.

Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

Doctor of Medicine

Doctor of Dental Surgery

Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science

Bachelor of Medical Science

Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene Specialization

Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy

Faculty of Science

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

Master of Science

School of Public Health

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

Master of Science in Public Health

Master of Public Health

June 17, 3 p.m.

Faculty of Nursing

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing with Honors

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bilingual Bachelor of Science in Nursing/

Baccalauréat bilingue ès sciences infirmières

Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

Doctor of Pharmacy

June 18, 10 a.m.

Faculty of Business

Bachelor of Commerce with Honors

Bachelor of Commerce

Bilingual Bachelor of Commerce/

Baccalauréat bilingue en administration des affaires

Faculty of Native Studies

Master of Arts

Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies with Honors

Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies

June 18, 3 p.m.

Faculty of Law

Doctor of Philosophy

Juris Doctor

Faculty of Business

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Business Administration

Master of Financial Management

Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

Master of Science

Master of Coaching

Bachelor of Kinesiology

Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology

Bachelor of Arts in Recreation, Sport, and Tourism

June 19, 10 a.m.

Faculty of Education

(Elementary)

Master of Education

Bachelor of Education

Faculté Saint-Jean

Maîtrise en sciences de l'éducation

Maîtrise en arts

Baccalauréat ès arts

Baccalauréat ès sciences

Baccalauréat en Éducation

Centre Collégial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean

Diplôme de Techniques d'admin des affaires

Certificat de Préposé aux soins de santé

Diplôme d'Éducation à la petite enfance-Superviseur

June 19, 3 p.m.

Faculty of Education

(all Departments except Elementary)

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Education

Master of Library and Information Studies

Bachelor of Education

Diploma of the Faculty of Education

Faculty of Education On Campus Program

June 20, 10 a.m.

Faculty of Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

Master of Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Materials Engineering

June 20, 3 p.m.

Faculty of Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

Master of Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Engineering Physics

June 21, 10 a.m.

Faculty of Arts

(Departments A-L)

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

Master of Science

Master of Fine Arts

Master of Design

Bachelor of Arts with Honors

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art and Design

Bachelor of Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama

Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies

June 21, 3 p.m.

Chancellor's Installation

Faculty of Arts

(Departments M-Z)

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

Master of Music

Bachelor of Arts with Honors

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Music

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Ceremony held on

June 2, 2024

Augustana Faculty

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Management

Bachelor of Music

Honorary Degree Recipients/ Convocation Speakers



Mr. Richard Smith

DOCTOR OF LAWS

presented by *Dr. Demetres Tryphonopoulos, Dean, Augustana*

Sunday, June 2, 2:30 p.m.

Richard Smith is a search and rescue (SAR) innovator recognized for developing educational materials, encouraging research into best practices and teaching SAR best practices across the world. He is an exemplary leader, has volunteered in hundreds of SAR missions, and received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers from the Governor General of Canada.

Bruce Peel Special Collections Donation: Sherard Osborne and George F. McDougall, editors. Facsimile of the Illustrated Arctic News, Published on Board H.M.S. Resolute: Capt. Horatio T. Austin, C.B. in Search of the Expedition under Sir John Franklin. London: Ackermann & Co., 1852.



Dr. Connie Varnhagen

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

presented by *Dr. Stanford Blade, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences*

Wednesday, June 12, 3 p.m.

Dr. Connie Varnhagen is a professor emerita of psychology at the University of Alberta who champions undergraduate research and helps thousands of Albertans support their pets' health. She established the volunteer organization Alberta Helping Animals Society in 2015.

Bruce Peel Special Collections Donation: Anna Sewell. Black Beauty, His Groom and Companions. Boston: American Humane Society, 1890.



Dr. Charles Lee

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

presented by *Dr. Declan Ali, Dean, Faculty of Science*

Thursday, June 13, 10 a.m.

Convocation Speaker: Thursday, June 13, 3 p.m.

Dr. Charles Lee made a revolutionary discovery in 2004 while serving as a member of Harvard Medical School's faculty: Genes don't always occur in two copies per cell. This finding uprooted the field of human genetics, leading to new genetic diagnostic tests and a better understanding of human disease and evolution.

Bruce Peel Special Collections Donation: M. Flamand. The Art of Preserving and Restoring Health. London: R. Bentley, H. Bonwick, and S. Manship, 1697.

For more information about our Honorary Degree Recipients, visit ualberta.ca/convocation.



Dr. D. Lorne Tyrrell

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE
presented by *Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn, Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Vice-Provost and Dean, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry*

Friday, June 14, 3 p.m.

Dr. Lorne Tyrrell, a University of Alberta Distinguished Professor, has accomplished several milestones in researching and treating hepatitis viruses over four decades. He created the first oral antiviral therapy for chronic hepatitis B alongside Morris Robins in 1998 and established the first non-primate animal model for hepatitis C with Norman Kneteman and David Mercer in 1999.

Bruce Peel Special Collections Donation: Minta Collins. Tractatus de Herbis. London: Folio Society, 2002.



Dr. Robert Foster

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE
presented by *Dr. Christine Hughes, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences*

Monday, June 17, 3 p.m.

Robert Foster is a global life sciences leader and an adjunct professor with the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Alberta. He discovered and developed voclosporin, which was approved in 2021 by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat kidney dysfunction in people with lupus.

Bruce Peel Special Collections Donation: Joseph Miller. Botanicum Officinale; or a Compendious Herbal: Giving An Account of All Such Plants as Are Now Used in the Practice of Physick. With Their Descriptions and Virtues. London: E. Bell, J. Senex, W. Taylor, and J. Osborn, 1722.



Professor Catherine Bell

DOCTOR OF LAWS
presented by *Professor Barbara Billingsley, Dean, Faculty of Law*

Tuesday, June 18, 10 a.m.

Convocation Speaker: Tuesday, June 18, 3 p.m.

Catherine Bell is a professor emerita with the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta, where she taught for more than three decades. She was the first full-time professor in the faculty to focus on how Canadian law affects Indigenous Peoples, and she continues to champion the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Bruce Peel Special Collections Donation: Nancy Desjarlais. Sky Woman's Blanket. Acrylic on canvas. 76.2 x 60.1 cm.



**Apooyak'ii /
Dr. Tiffany
Hind-Bull Prete**

CONVOCATION
SPEAKER

presented by *Dr. Jennifer
Tupper, Dean, Faculty
of Education*

**Wednesday, June 19,
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

Apooyak'ii / Dr. Tiffany Hind Bull-Prete is a member of the Kainai (Blood Tribe) who specializes in Indigenous Peoples education. She weaves Blackfoot ways of knowing and western research methods to examine the intergenerational trauma and effects that colonization has created on members of her community.



**Dr. Donna
Strickland**

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

presented by *Dr. Matina
Kalcounis-Rueppell, Dean
of the College of Natural
and Applied Sciences and
Vice-Provost*

Thursday, June 20, 10 a.m.

*Convocation Speaker:
Thursday, June 20, 3 p.m.*

Dr. Donna Strickland is a Canadian optical physicist and pioneer in the field of pulsed lasers. She was awarded the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics for developing chirped pulse amplification with Gérard Mourou, her PhD supervisor at the time.

*Bruce Peel Special Collections
Donation: Magalotti, Lorenzo.
Saggi di naturali esperienze
fatte nell'Accademia del
Cimento sotto la protezione del
Serenissimo Principe Leopoldo
di Toscana. Florence: Filippo
Cecchi, 1691.*



Ms. Reneltha Arluk

DOCTOR OF LETTERS

presented by *Dr. Robert
Wood, Dean, Faculty of Arts*

Friday, June 21, 10 a.m.

Reneltha Arluk is Inuvialuk, Gwich'in, Denesuline and Cree from Fort Smith, Northwest Territories, celebrated for her contributions to decolonizing theatre as an actor and director. She became the first Indigenous woman as well as the first Inuk to graduate from the Bachelor of Fine Arts Acting degree from the University of Alberta.

*Bruce Peel Special Collections
Donation: Ningiukulu Teevee.
Ravin' Raven. 2019. Lithograph.
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Chancellor-Elect

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Mr. Nizar J. Somji
Chancellor-Elect

CHANCELLOR'S INSTALLATION

presented by *the Honourable Dr. A. Anne McLellan, Canadian politician and academic*

Friday, June 21, 3 p.m.

Nizar J. Somji, an accomplished engineer and entrepreneur committed to innovation, has been elected as the University of Alberta's 23rd chancellor. Elected by the University Senate, he succeeds Peggy Garrity and commences a four-year, non-renewable term upon installation during the spring convocation in June.

With over 30 years of leadership experience developing initiatives, fostering strategic partnerships, and driving innovation, Somji is the founder of multiple successful businesses. These include the Jaffer Group of Companies, which has invested more than \$130 million in Alberta through ventures in construction, staffing, information technology, realty, hospitality, petroleum, and property management.

A U of A graduate with a master's in chemical engineering, Nizar's dedication to advancing industrial innovation is evident through his funding of two engineering research chairs at the university. His contributions have led to significant developments in process control and automation, which multinational corporations have adopted.

His expertise as a seasoned corporate executive also extends to the community. He is a current member of EPCOR's board of directors and chair of KV Capital, a Western Canadian equity fund enterprise. Somji has also served on the boards of Redline Communications and Critical Control Energy Services Corp. He has also served with the U of A board of governors and as a volunteer global director of campus development and operations with Aga Khan University and Hospital.



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