



**UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA**



Convocation

FALL 2024

November 26 & 27, 2024
Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

Greetings to the Graduates



Nizar Jaffer Somji
Chancellor

Congratulations, Class of 2024!

Convocation is a momentous occasion – not just for the graduates but also for their family, friends and colleagues. It is the culmination of many years of dedicated effort, many sleepless nights and days spent juggling various activities to meet deadlines and expectations. It is my hope that your time at the University of Alberta inspired you to grow professionally, intellectually and emotionally. You are fortunate to have been surrounded by the most talented team of professors, instructors, researchers and support staff – many recognized globally for their work.

Our communities are facing some of the most challenging times, coupled with increased inflation; we have seen the growth of homelessness, mental and physical health challenges, violence and crime. These challenges continue to

escalate under populist ideology which dictates that individualism transcends community. Gaining a university education is a privilege and honour that is not available to all. I hope that you will use your education and talent to look for innovative ways to solve some of these community challenges, to do so in the spirit of kindness, empathy, compassion and courage.

On a personal note, this is my very first convocation as Chancellor. I am particularly excited to receive the graduands on stage to confer your degrees and to wish you well in your onward journey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. J. Somji', written in a cursive style.

Warmest congratulations to the class of 2024!

Today, we gather as a community to celebrate a significant milestone in your lives — the culmination of years of hard work and dedication.

Your time at the University of Alberta has undoubtedly left a lasting impact on you. Throughout your journey here, you have pursued knowledge, grown as individuals, challenged yourselves, and succeeded. I hope you look back on your time at the U of A with pride in all you have accomplished.

As you step into the next chapter of your lives, remember that you are not just graduates but leaders. Whether through the arts, entrepreneurship, research, or societal change, I encourage you to be bold in your pursuit of a better world, inspiring others to follow your example.

As you embark on your new path, you join a global network of over 300,000 U of A alumni. We ask that you continue to lead with purpose; the world needs visionary leaders and global citizens who can make a positive impact here in Alberta and beyond. I know you will rise to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities ahead.

The University of Alberta was founded in 1908 on the promise of “uplifting the whole people.” As you continue your journey, I know you will draw upon the knowledge and skills you have gained here to fulfill that noble pledge.



Bill Flanagan
President and Vice-Chancellor

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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,

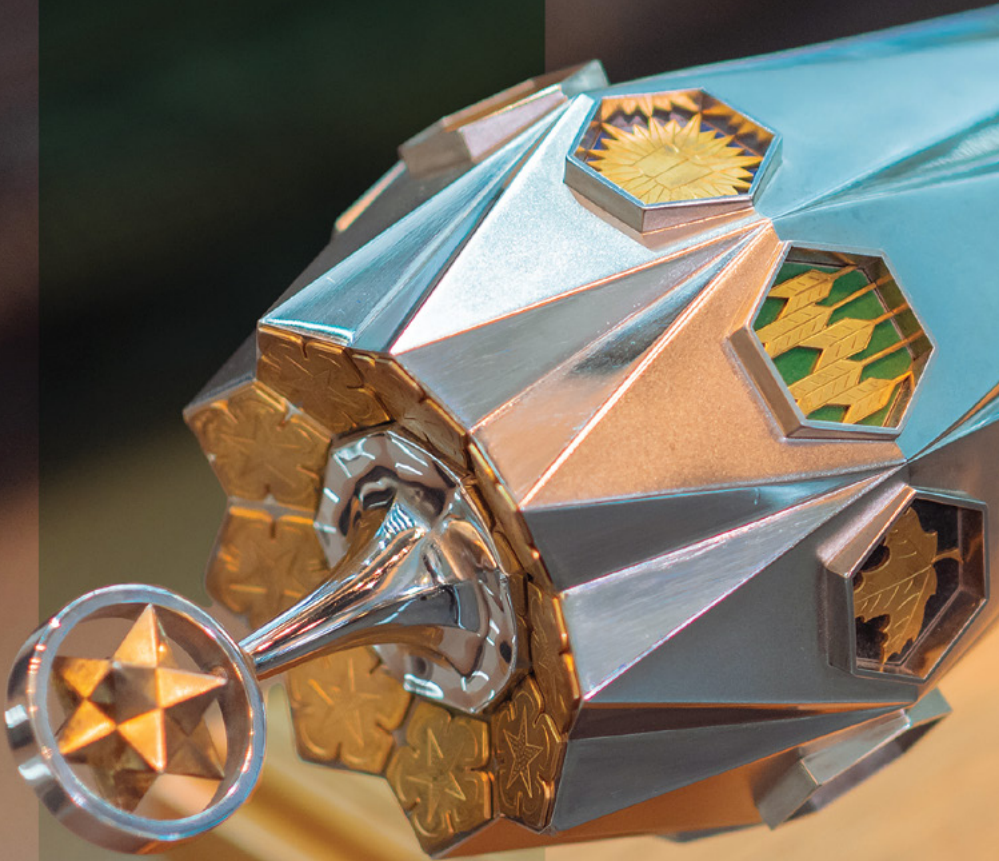
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danielle Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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



PRESIDING

Dr. Nizar J. Somji, *Chancellor*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

O Canada

CREE VICTORY SONG

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Nizar J. Somji, *Chancellor*

BOARD OF GOVERNORS GREETINGS

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Professor Bill Flanagan, *President and Vice-Chancellor*

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S REMARKS

(November 26 Ceremony)

Honourable Dr. Salma Lakhani, AOE, BSc, LLD (hon)

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

(see ualberta.ca/convocation)

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

Dr. Nizar J. Somji, *Chancellor*



Ceremony Details

Congratulations, Graduates! The list of graduates for degrees, certificates and diplomas are available at ualberta.ca/convocation.

November 26, 3:00 p.m

Law

Master of Laws

Juris Doctor

Arts

Doctor of Philosophy

Doctor of Music

Master of Arts

Master of Science

Master of Fine Arts

Master of Music

Master of Design

Bachelor of Arts with Honors

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art and Design

Bachelor of Music

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology

Bachelor of Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama

Education

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Education

Master of Library and Information Studies

Bachelor of Education

Business

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Business Administration

Master of Accounting

Bachelor of Commerce

Bilingual Bachelor of Commerce/Baccalauréat Bilingue
en Administration des Affaires

Faculté Saint-Jean

Maîtrise en sciences de l'éducation

Maîtrise en arts

Baccalauréat ès arts

Baccalauréat ès sciences

Native Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Native Studies

Augustana

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Science

Bachelor of Management

Centre Collégial de l'Alberta

Diplôme de techniques d'administration des affaires

Diplôme d'éducation à la petite enfance-Superviseur

November 27, 10:00 a.m.

Science

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

Master of Science

Bachelor of Science with Honors

Bachelor of Science with Specialization

Bachelor of Science

Engineering

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

Master of Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Materials Engineering

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

November 27, 3:00 p.m.

Medicine & Dentistry

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

Bachelor of Medical Science

Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

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 Environmental and
Conservation Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology

Bachelor of Science in Animal Health

Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

Doctor of Pharmacy

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

Rehabilitation Medicine

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Science

Public Health

Doctor of Philosophy

Master of Arts

Master of Science

Master of Public Health

Honorary Degree Recipients

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



Ms. Jan Reimer

DOCTOR OF LAWS

Presented by Dr. Robert Wood, Dean, Faculty of Arts and the Honourable Iris Evans

Tuesday, November 26, 3:00 p.m.

Jan Reimer is a trailblazer in women's political leadership and public service in Alberta, serving first as an Edmonton city councillor and then as the city's first and only woman mayor. As mayor she introduced Edmonton's recycling and waste reduction strategies, and was a strong advocate for preserving and protecting Edmonton's river valley and watershed. For decades, she has advanced the rights of women and children by making long-term societal change in the critical struggle against gender- and family-based violence.

She has served as executive director of the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters since 2001 and is a founding member of both the Canadian and global networks of women's shelters. She was recognized as an Edmontonian of the Century, received the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals and is one of the YWCA Edmonton's Women of Distinction. In 2007, she received an Alumni Award of Excellence for her work to find local solutions to global problems.

Bruce Peel Special Collections has purchased a range of rare and scholarly materials in honour of the university's recent honorary degree recipients thanks to contributions from the Senate Library Endowment Fund. These volumes have ranged from fifteenth-century Italian books of poems to avant-garde artists' books. They have been carefully selected to reflect the interests of the recipients and to honour their accomplishments.

For Ms. Jan Reimer:

Susan Lowdermilk. *I Think That the Root of the Wind is Water*. Eugene, Oregon: Susan Lowdermilk, 2016.



Dr. Randy Gregg

DOCTOR OF SCIENCE

Presented by Dr. Kyra Pyke, Dean, Faculty of Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation and Dr. David Turpin, President Emeritus

Wednesday, November 27, 10:00 a.m.
Convocation Speaker: Wednesday, November 27, 3:00 p.m.

Presented by Dr. Tammy Hopper, Dean, Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine

As a physician, philanthropist and role model, Randy Gregg has helped thousands of people of all ages enjoy the benefits of sport and recreation while building a better community for everyone. From captain of the U of A Golden Bears and Canadian Olympic hockey teams to a storied NHL career including five Stanley Cup wins

with the Edmonton Oilers, he has parlayed his leadership on the ice into a lasting legacy. He founded FunTeam Alberta, a non-profit organization that fosters equitable access to sports for children, youth and adults, and has volunteered as team doctor for Canadian national teams. More recently, he led the establishment of the Edmonton Riverhawks baseball team, making elite summer collegiate baseball sporting events affordable for families. His dedication is recognized annually by U Sports through the Dr. Randy Gregg Award, presented to a student-athlete who has shown outstanding achievement in ice hockey, academics and community involvement. He was inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame in 1999 and the Alberta Hockey Hall of Fame in 2022.

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For Dr. Randy Gregg:

George A. Meagher. *Lessons in Skating: With Suggestions Respecting Hockey, Its Laws, and American Hockey Rules.* New York: Dodd, Mead and Company, 1900.

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BED, MM, DME