McMaster University recognizes and acknowledges that we meet today on the traditional territories of the Mississauga and Haudenosaunee nations and within the lands protected by the Dish With One Spoon wampum agreement.
The processions of the graduands in plain black gowns and of faculty and officers of the University in colourful and varied regalia; the blue-robed Bedel with his ornate silver Mace; the conferring of degrees by the Chancellor; these are among the rituals of Convocation that stand in a tradition that has a history of more than 700 years.

The University’s Mace is carried to and from the Convocation platform by the University Bedel and during the ceremony is splendidly displayed on the Mace Table, resting on a velvet cushion. The cushion is maroon with a piping of grey, the McMaster colours. The Mace symbolizes the authority of the University Senate to confer degrees, this authority being exercised by the Chancellor.

Bedels were functionaries and maces were weapons hundreds of years before universities emerged in the 12th and 13th centuries. So it is that McMaster’s Bedel carries the University Mace directly in front of the Chancellor, symbolically to protect her.

The Chancellor sits on a massive oak ceremonial chair that bears a carved representation of an early version of the University Seal. She requests that members of the graduating classes rise from their seats and then admits them to their respective degrees. The graduating classes are then invited to join the Chancellor on stage. Once a graduate’s name is called, they are hooded facing the audience, and then are congratulated and welcomed to the community of scholars by the Chancellor and President.

The academic hood is symbolic of admission to a university degree and carries colours specific to a particular degree. It is derived from clothing worn in medieval times, when a hood was similar to that of a modern parka and served the same purpose of protection in inclement weather. The hood that the Registrar or pro-Registrar deftly puts over a graduand’s head is a link to the dress of students of at least seven centuries ago.

The backdrop to the Convocation platform displays McMaster’s Coat of Arms. The symbol of the stag and tree, constituting the crest of these Arms, was the personal emblem of Senator William McMaster, whose munificent benefaction made possible the founding of the University in 1887. Handcrafted by Dorothy Gregson and Margaret Wallace, this banner celebrated 30 years of service at McMaster Convocation ceremonies in 2014.

The President of the University attends Convocation but it is the Chancellor, the titular head of the University, who presides over this ancient ceremonial. Her seniority is indicated by her robe being more elegant than the President’s. The President relieves the Chancellor of making announcements, may present an honorary graduand for his or her degree and, as Vice-Chancellor, confers degrees when the Chancellor is unable to do so.

A Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Bedel and Registrar share with a seal, mace, colours, robes and coat of arms a history of hundreds of years of association with universities. Each of these traditional inheritances is a part of McMaster University and all of them come together on the platform of its Convocations.

**McMaster University:**

**Chancellors**
- 1887 – 1890 Malcolm Mac Vicar
- 1892 – 1895 Theodore H. Rand
- 1895 – 1905 Oates C. S. Wallace
- 1905 – 1911 Alexander C. McKay
- 1911 – 1922 Abraham L. McCrimmon
- 1922 – 1941 Howard P. Whidden
- 1941 – 1950 George P. Whidden
- 1950 – 1955 E. Carey Fox
- 1955 – 1960 Roy L. Kellock
- 1960 – 1965 Charles P. Fell
- 1965 – 1971 D. Argue C. Martin
- 1971 – 1977 Lawrence T. Pennell
- 1977 – 1986 H. Allan B. Leal
- 1998 – 2007 Melvin M. Hawkrigg
- 2007 – 2013 Lynton R. Wilson
- 2013 – Suzanne B. Labarge

**Presidents**
- 1949 – 1961 George P. Gilmour
- 1961 – 1972 Henry G. Thode
- 1980 – 1990 Alvin A. Lee
- 1995 – 2010 Peter J. George
- 2010 – Patrick Deane
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Convocation is an exciting time in the calendar of any university; a time to celebrate achievement, to reflect on the past, and to anticipate the future and the path that lies ahead. It also represents a time of liberation, the ending of one phase of life and a last, symbolic statement of the discipline to which students have been required to submit themselves throughout their studies.

While it is impossible at such events not to celebrate the infinite promise of individual lives, it is important to be aware of the communal significance of convocation. In the ancient English universities, convocation was the legislative body that oversaw operations of the institution, and to be admitted to a degree was to be admitted to membership. By extension, therefore, convocation was a reaffirmation of not an individual but a joint enterprise.

Students today have learned the importance of collaboration and partnership, and more than ever understand that the future health, prosperity and cultural vitality of our society depends upon our ability to cooperate, to act together, and to learn from one another. My fervent hope is that graduating students will see their convocation not as an end of growing together, but rather as an opportunity for deepening that process. As alumni they will have many opportunities to renew existing partnerships, and they will be well prepared to forge new ones in the greater community beyond our own.

Personal fulfillment through community: this is indeed one of the longstanding paradoxes of university life, but it is surely also a sound principle for us all to pursue in the world at large. In wishing today’s graduating students good luck, I feel great confidence in our joint future and great anticipation of everything that, collectively, they will achieve.

Patrick Deane
President and Vice-Chancellor

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS

On behalf of your fellow McMaster alumni, I offer you sincere congratulations for having successfully earned your degree. In addition to growing through the challenges of obtaining your formal education, I hope you have taken full advantage of everything McMaster has to offer outside the walls of the classroom.

As an alumnus or alumna you are entering a new phase in your relationship with McMaster. Graduation is merely a milestone in your life-long association with our University. As alumni, you can play a continuing role as supporters of McMaster’s excellence by sharing your time, expertise, and enthusiasm with your alma mater.

As your Alumni Association, we are committed to providing you with many opportunities to maintain and grow your links with McMaster. McMaster’s alumni network, events, offerings, experiences, and programs will be great resources in your post-degree endeavours. I welcome you to the next step in a rewarding and dynamic relationship with our world-class university.

Stephanie McLarty, BASc’03
President, McMaster Alumni Association
SUZANNE B. LABARGE

Chancellor, McMaster University

A native of Ottawa, Ms. Labarge holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from McMaster University and a Master of Business Administration from the Harvard Business School.

Ms. Labarge joined Royal Bank in 1971 and held a variety of positions within the bank prior to being appointed an executive officer in 1979. She left the bank in 1985 to join the federal government as assistant auditor-general where she was responsible for a report on Financial Management and Control in the Government of Canada.

She joined the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions Canada in 1987 as deputy superintendent, policy responsible for developing regulatory policies for Canadian financial institutions. She was a member of the BIS Committee for Bank Supervision. In her last position as deputy superintendent, deposit-taking institutions, Ms. Labarge was responsible for all matters relating to deposit-taking institutions.

Ms. Labarge returned to the bank as executive vice-president, Corporate Treasury, in April 1995. She assumed the role of chief risk officer in October 1998 and was appointed vice-chairman and chief risk officer in February 1999. She retired from that position in December 2004.

Ms. Labarge a trustee for a Canadian family trust and director of associated companies. Ms. Labarge served as a member of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Audit Committee of Coca-Cola Enterprises, a member of the Board of Directors of XL Group and chair of its Nominations, Governance and External Affairs Committee. She also served as a member of the Supervisory Board and Risk Committee of Deutsche Bank, as a director and chair of the audit committee of Novelis Inc and as a member of the Board of the Bank of China, Beijing.

She served on the Board of Governors for McMaster University for twelve years. She was appointed Chancellor of McMaster University in Sept. 2013. She also serves on the board of the Ontario Brain Institute.

She was granted an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from McMaster University and is a recipient of the Queen’s jubilee medal.
ORDER OF EXERCISES
Master of Ceremonies: Dr. David Farrar, Provost & Vice-President, Academic

Musical Prelude
The Graduand Procession
The Academic Procession
The Chancellor’s Procession

Welcoming Remarks
The Chancellor’s Welcome
Dr. Suzanne B. Labarge

The Conferring of the Degree Doctor of Laws honoris causa on Cindy Blackstock
Citation: Dr. Patrick Deane, President and Vice-Chancellor

The Convocation Address
Dr. Cindy Blackstock

The Convocation of Degrees In-Course
Musical Interlude
The Presentation of the Graduates
Awards of the 2017-2018 Session
The Alumni Address
McMaster Alumni Association

The President’s Address
Dr. Patrick Deane

Announcements
The National Anthem

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Don’t forget to use #MacGrad2018 on all of your posts!

The President’s academic regalia is a gift from the McMaster University Alumni Association.

The Convocation Music Supervisor.................................Arlene Wright (Piano)
Convocation Trumpeters.........................................................Michael Barth and Valerie Cowie
Piper.....................................................................................Jamie Connolly
Vocalist...............................................................................Margaret Bárdos
PRESENTERS OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, AND CERTIFICATES

Dr. James Gillett,
Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research)
of the Faculty of Social Sciences

Dr. Khaled Hassanein,
Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research) of the DeGroote School of Business, and Director, McMaster Digital Transformation Research

Dr. Pamela Swett,
Associate Dean (Graduate Studies and Research) of the Faculty of Humanities

Dr. George Thomas,
Professor Emeritus of the Department of Linguistics and Languages

Dr. Michael Thompson,
Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies (Acting)

Dr. Jean Wilson,
Director of the Arts & Science Program

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Jie Chu
Thesis: Robust Inventory Management Under Supply and Demand Uncertainties

Sepideh Ebrahimi
Thesis: Demographic Transparency to Combat Discriminatory Data Analytics Recommendations

Hadi Eslaminosratabadi
Thesis: The Timing and Type of Alliance Partnerships in the New Product Development Process

Samira Farivar
Thesis: Online Social Commerce Users Behaviors: Three Studies

Yao-Tien Lee

Afif Nassif
Thesis: Heterogeneity and Centrality of “Dark Personality” Within Teams, Emergence of Shared Leadership, and Team Performance: Test of a Moderated-Mediation Model

Ali Vaezi
Thesis: Risk Mitigation and Management Strategies for Routing Hazardous Materials over Railroad Network in Canada

ECONOMICS

Stephanie Houle
Thesis: Essays in International Trade and Finance

ENGLISH

Kasim Husain
Thesis: The Cultural Politics of Racial Neoliberalism in the Contemporary British Novel

Amanda Hathaway Jernigan

Krista Paquin

Robert Pasquini
Thesis: The Cultural Life of Extinction in Post-Darwinian Print Culture

Kristen Shaw
Thesis: Space, Assemblage, and the Nonhuman in Speculative Fiction

Ann Tso
Thesis: Psychogeographic Otherworlds: Experiencing Englishness with Alan Moore and Iain Sinclair

COGNITIVE SCIENCE OF LANGUAGE

Richard Lee Mah
Thesis: Towards an Automated Measure of Levels of Cognitive Function in Unresponsive Patients
HISTORY
Brittany Gataveckas
Thesis: “The Kindness of Uncle Sam?”: American Aid to France and the Politics of Postwar Relief, 1944-1948

Scott Alan Johnston
Thesis: The Construction of Modern Timekeeping in the Anglo-American World, 1876-1913

Mica Amy Royer Jorgenson

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Samantha Jackson
Thesis: Politicizing the White Coat: Physician Activism and Asylum Seeker Healthcare in Canada, Germany and England

Jessica Elena Jurgutis
Thesis: Colonial Carcerality and International Relations: Imprisonment, Carceral Space, and Settler Colonial Governance in Canada

Hayden King
Thesis: An Anishinaabe Politics of the International: Odaenuah, Akina, miniwaa Gchi’naaknigewin

Ata-ul Munim
Thesis: Policy Rationale for Innovation Parks in Canada

RELIGIOUS STUDIES
Adel Hashemi Najafabadi
Thesis: The Concept of Martyrdom in Twelver Shi’ism: Ideas and Development

Christopher Jensen
Thesis: Dreaming Betwixt and Between: Oneiric Narratives in Huijiao and Daoxuan’s “Biographies of Eminent Monks”

SOCIAL WORK
Lori Ann Chambers
Thesis: Because She Cares: Re-Membering, Re-Finding, and Poetically Retelling Narratives of HIV Caring Work with, for and by African Women Living with HIV

Jake Pyne
Thesis: Thinkable Futures, Permissible Forms of Life: Listening to Talk about Trans Youth and Early Gender Transition (Graduate Diploma in Gender Studies and Feminist Research)

SOCIOLOGY
Rebecca Collins-Nelson
Thesis: Funny Business: Exploring Inequality in Stand-Up Comedy Work

Jessica Josephine Rizk
Thesis: The 21st Century Classroom: Technology as a Transformative Tool in Educational Routines, Rules, and Rituals

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Faraz Akram
Khaled AlNajjar
Eleanor Maria Antonakos Stover
Christine Mary Barwell
Dejan Borojevic
Kathryn Botchford
Jonathan Paul Buma
Jeffry Cadavez
Emily Eva Clarke
Rachel Di Salle
Amy Carolyn Doerksen
Ryan Doody
Michael Hakoun
Misbah Hassan
Jeffrey Hickey
Andrew David Kelly
Matthew Paul Manasterski
Andrew David McKay
Naim Z. Minawi
Samara Ann Mouawad
Oktariadie Ramadhian Munajat
Jane Mona Nassif
Mafaaz Nayyar
Brandon William Nixon
Mehdi Pahlavan
Maesha Patel
Jose Christian Ramirez
Michael David Reilly
Christopher James Somos
Alex Xavier Viloria Garcia
Daniel Wolski
Sarah Young
Christopher Anthony Zajac
Branislav Zdravkovic
MASTER OF HEALTH MANAGEMENT
Ajay Prashanth Dsouza   Victor Leung

MASTER OF ARTS

ANTHROPOLOGY
Miriam Emma Karrel
Taylor Benjamin Smith
Roxanne Kumbala Wildenstein

CLASSICS
Jeanne Haizhen Allen
Jayden C. Lloyd
Nicholas MacKenzie
Sean Williams

COMMUNICATION AND NEW MEDIA
Naira Ahmed
Naema Bawa
James William Beverley
Johanna Jude Coutinho
Marcio Edimir Goncalves
Morgan Hanson
Shuang Jiao
Komal Massey
Tristan John McGuirk
Montana Isabella McMurtry
Marina Angelique Monahar
Stephanie Pereira
Charnjot Singh Shokar
Rory James McLeod Warnock

ECONOMIC POLICY
Gavin Robert Cook
Christopher Brendan Haley
Varda Khan
Nader Salha
Abira Sathiyananthan
Harresh Sivamohan
Jacob Simon Bell Thomas
Spencer David Williams
(Graduate Diploma in Water Without Borders)

ECONOMICS
Caine Chapman
James Garcia-Hennings
Saad Iqbal
Peter Alan James Johnston
Ae Jin Kim
Dominik Leszek Lauks
Samuel Alexander Mancini
Benjamin Meier Sas Trakinsky

ENGLISH
Adrienne Vanessa Andrus
Nicole Juliana Rita F.
Bernadowitsch
Stephen Danilovich
Kathryn Elizabeth Dyas
Oznur Kaynak
Sally Khater
Rylee Nicole Lamothe
Alexandria Catherine Marcaccio
Angela Charmaine Reitboeck
Anthony Raymond Stephens
Simon Peter Vacca
Claire Iona Wilcox
Daniella Renata Zanchi

FRENCH
Sarah Mary Duncan
Linda Lee Jonasson
Abiela Maia Lepingwell-Tardieu

GENDER STUDIES AND FEMINIST RESEARCH
Natalie Julia Anastasia Adamyk
Sarah Jane Bardwell
Vanessa Nicole Bragagnolo
Amarachi Chukwu
Sayedeh Farah Kardani Esfahani
Zarah Khan
Lauren Carol McLean
Melody Mikhail
Ashley Jennifer Shalmoni

GLOBALIZATION STUDIES
Stephanie Arit
Souhail Boutmir
Anna-Maria Bukowiec
Leah Mary Burge
Deon Castello
Brett James Cox
Amy Cui
Alexandria Erin Geerts
Moreen Gorial
Rayan Harmouche
Collette Courtney Heeger
Tim Heinrichs
Travis Hinton
Asif Kamal
Marwin Aljay Badar Mercado
Andrew Thomas Pace
Michelle Kathryn Sayles
Ayak Wel
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HEALTH AND AGING
Victoria Maral Atabakhsh
Cristina Galle
Rhianna Keon
Taylor Mooney

HISTORY
Maya Lucia Elizabeth Basso-Jimenez
Ryan Patrick Bullerwell
Gabrielle Bernice Cardwell
Kayla Wilma Cockburn
Jaime Graydon Dennison
Mackenzie Bruce Gillies
David Thomas Isserman
Eric James MacPherson
Claire McGratton
Emma Victoria Mitchell
Yubo Pei
Jake Mackenzie Penner
Naomi Sinclair
Kevin Neil Smith
Betty Spurgeon
Scott Nicholas Van Wertten
Jennifer Anne Wallace

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Taylor Michael Allen
Stefano Ballesteros
Swilai Burhan
Christian David Carwyn Cullis
Martine Ghazouli
Randa Gohary
Leslyn Gombakomba
Huda Jbara
Kian Malekanian
Michael-Evan Medeiros
Prachi Mishra
Natalya Siddhantakar
Sara Nicole Stephen
MASTER OF ARTS (CONTINUED…)

LABOUR STUDIES
Olivia Anne D’Annunzio
Layne Beckner Grime
Kristy Elynn Milland
Shannon Marie Miller
Asuman Sherifali
Richard John Smale
Rosa Zea Zetler

PHILOSOPHY
Gregory Gerrard Cain

POLITICAL SCIENCE
Jenna Al-Momani
Marco Luigi Di Tullio
Madeline Rebecca Dorotea
Sameet Pal Gill
Afroza Hoque
Casey Tynan Hunley

RELIgIOUS STUDIES
Patrick Joseph Edwards
Robert Revington
Abraham Rohan Thomas

SOCIOLOGY
Cassandra Mariah Battiston
Isabel Sophia Burdett
Ciara Abigail Campbell
Rikki Digout
Serena Huynh
Richard Trevor Kanary
Rumsha Khan
Taylor Kylie MacKenzie
Cory Vincent Mattina
Lisa Marie Maucieri
Kyla Simms
Julian Torelli
Leili Yousefi

MASTER OF COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT
Pamela Aleman
Natalie Austin
Ariyan Dov Bloomberg
Tobi Day-Hamilton
Melissa Eckersley
Robert Alton Esselment
Robyn Marie Ellen Hawco
Felix Nnamdi Igwenagu
Meghan Leigh Kitly
Kristine L. Leadbetter
Stephanie Longeway
Antonia Rizzo
Sheldon Smart
Jessica Lynn Woodyer
Elizabeth Young

MASTER OF SCIENCE

COGNITIVE SCIENCE OF LANGUAGE
Laura Michelle Beaudin
San-Hei Kenny Luk

eHEALTH
Sameen Ateeq
Emanuele Blasioli
Omer Gulzar
YunYue Han
Mingyuan Li
Bhaag Singh Marway
Elizabeth Hope Murray
Sheena Si Na Ng
Sanya Shetty Palli
Andrzej Stanislaw Parkitny
Faseeh Riaz
Hiba Shah
Irtaza Tahir
Reza Talebi
Sahr Wali
Emily Ann Winters
Andrea Elizabeth Wurster
Amirhossein Zarafshan Daruki
Pamela Gee Zhang

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
Jennifer Jean Lorraine Baker
Beshele E. Caron
Amanda Jolene Hatton
Julia Kovalsky
Caterina Beatrice McCrindle
Monica Marie Melanson
Nasiba Mohamed Mohamedali
Colleen Grace O’Grady
Jordan Taylor Perreault-Laird
Deborah A. Rimay
Charlotte Victoria Russell
Laura Joanne Stothart
Melanie Crystal Styles
Rasha Taha
Natalie Rebecca Way
Cheuk Na Wong
BACHELOR OF ARTS
HONOURS

Mohamedfat-Hi Hassan Aden .......... Political Science
(Minor in Sociology)
Stacy Boatemah Akoneameh ........... Economics
Christian Shadrake Anderson ..... Communication Studies
Tanya Asim.............................. Communication Studies
Nadia Kroes Bachar ................. Cognitive Science of Language
Tsungane Banda.......................... Economics
(Minor in Business)
Kelsey Barnes......................... Communication Studies
Payal Bassi ............................ Political Science
Caroline Paige Baumgartner ....... Cognitive Science of Language
Emily May Bell ........................ Social Psychology
Connor Bott ......................... Philosophy & Political Science
★
Kirsten Elisabeth Feldner Brown ...... English & Cultural Studies
Myesha Antoinella Brown ... Sociology (Specialist Option)
Katie Asta Bryck ................. Gerontology
Christina Vanessa Caldi .......... Communication Studies
Lin Cheng .............................. Economics
Samantha Chong ..................... Health Studies
Andrew Mabon Cole ............... Economics
Jaime Anne Cook .......... Communication Studies & Multimedia
(Minor in Women’s Studies)
Michelle Courneyea .......... Cognitive Science of Language
Zoe Croll ......................... Anthropology
Cheyanne D’Souza ................. Health Studies & Gerontology
Gabrielle Di Pratola-Gaspar .... Theatre & Film Studies
Jillian Jaegge Doyle .... English & Cultural Studies
Nicole Calista Eliopoulos .......... Communication Studies and Theatre & Film Studies
Elizabeth Fu ....................... Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
Brian Roy Gilmour ................ Philosophy
(Minor in Religious Studies)
Leah Siobhan Glintz .......... Political Science
Jordan Vincent Groulx .... Communication Studies
Ashley Harvey ..................... Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
Raj Deep Jain ................. Political Science
Adam Jannamohamed .......... Economics
(Minor in Political Science)
Germaine Tondi Kasiama ... Multimedia & Theatre & Film Studies
Nimra Khushi ............... Political Science
★
Clare Elizabeth King .... English & Cultural Studies & French
Brett Klassen .............. English & Cultural Studies
Zaklina Krstevski ........ History & Peace Studies
Jason Alexander Laskis .......... Political Science
James Charles Ledgerwood ... Classics & History
★
Sephton Alexander Leibrandt .......... History
Yuling Lian ......................... Economics
Jinyao Liu ....................... Social Psychology
Yang Liu ............................. Economics
Moleen Makumborenga .... Communication Studies & Political Science
Michele Denise Mantock .......... Sociology
Katlin Montag ...................... Sociology
(Minor in Health, Aging & Society)
Nicholas Vincent Morealle ....... Sociology
Abarna Nathan ................. Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
Brandon Elliot Neill .............. History
Nicholas Joseph Pellegrino .......... History
(Minor in Classics)
Kamini Jaya Persaud ...... Communication Studies
Rachel Seema Persaud .......... Social Psychology
(Minor in Social Studies of Mental Health and Addiction)
Jacqueline Guylene Petitjean ...... Communication Studies
(Minor in Political Science)
Syeda Rutba Rahman .............. Sociology
Amanda Amrita Ramkishun .... Sociology
(Specialist Option)
(Minor in Social Studies of Mental Health and Addiction)
Hannah Morgan Rankin ........ Communication Studies
Narin Raouf ......................... Political Science
Asvini Ravindran ...... Geography & Environmental Studies
★
Chelsea Amber Regehr .......... Anthropology
Bableen Kaur Saini ............... Economics
Bronwyn Shaw ................. Labour Studies
(Minor in Psychology)
★
Johanna Sinclair .......... History
(Minor in Italian)
Junayd Subedar ............... Communication Studies
(Minor in Political Science)
Chizaram Udochi ............... Economics
Kaitlyn Vajoczki ...... Geography & Environmental Studies
(Minor in Sustainability)
Angelo Vivona .......... Anthropology
Fizza Waqar ............. Economics & Political Science
★
Margaret Wilson-Wong ........ English & Cultural Studies
Julie Marie Wodehouse .......... Economics
(Minor in Geography and Earth Sciences)
Jennifer Marie Yacula ......... Art History
(Minor in Anthropology)
Kexin Yu .......................... Economics

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK
HONOURS

★ Alexandra Cermile
Jessie Margaret French
★ Kimberly Nicholle Langille
Lauren Carly Spoelstra

* with distinction (achievement of a minimum Grade Point Average of 9.5/12)
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS
HONOURS
Ruth Anne Cioban          Collin Lan Trâm Do

BACHELOR OF MUSIC
HONOURS
Samantha Marshall          Erin Marie Traynor

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
HONOURS
Ehsan Ahmadi Jazani (Minor in Economics)
Rakeen Ashraf Ahmed (Minor in Economics)
Shiva Bimraj (Minor in Economics)
Francesco Bozzo
Ramjeet Singh Brar
Kazden Cattapan
Zied Challakhi
Sukhroop Singh Cheema
Tristen Chew
Jasjit Singh Chohan
Cole Hunter Chong
Heather Lyn Drescher
Stefani Grgic
Akshay Gujral
Nadia Hasan
Haitong Huang (Minor in Economics)
Xinxian Huang
Yanchao Huang (Minor in Economics)
Aina Jafri
Tiana Ji
Sophia Juras (Minor in Economics)
Alexander Franz Koschate
Cindy Ho Yee Liang (Minor in Economics)
Tao Lin
Daniel Reaume Lung (Minor in Economics)
Brendan Mackay
Sohum Malhotra
Faizan Qaiser Malik
Zachary Isaac McClenaghan (Minor in Economics)
Angela Melnik
Shannon Kayleigh Moore
David Nakhla
Gabriela Alejandra Narro Perez
Gogulan Navathasan
Andrew Joseph Nobert (Minor in Economics)
Vikram Singh Punia
Sidra Rahman
Azadbir Rai
Anthony Michael Salvatore
Rashna Sheikh
Brad Staite
Hao Ran Yan (Minor in Economics)
Daniel James Elias Younan
Zheng Zhang
Yuan Zhao (Minor in Economics)
Yi Zheng

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE
Magdalena Liberata D’Souza          Rahat Islam

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND SCIENCE
HONOURS
Angela Xie..... Arts & Science and Health Studies

* with distinction (achievement of a minimum Grade Point Average of 9.5/12)
BACHELOR OF ARTS

Patrick James Antila ........................................ Political Science
Zainab Auzam ....................................................... Sociology
Nnamdi Chuka Azikiwe ........................................ Philosophy
Duzen Bahram ......................................................... Political Science
Kierstyn Bakker ...................................................... Sociology
Stefanie Nicole Barletta ........................................ Philosophy
Kimberley Benincasa ................................. Political Science
Carlyn Bernhard ......................................................... Philosophy
Kimberley Benincasa ........................................... Political Science
Stefanie Nicole Barletta ........................................ Philosophy
Kierstyn Bakker ......................................................... Sociology
Zachary Taylor Gallo .............................................. Psychology
Diana Golec ........................................................... Sociology
Kayla Ann Gould ...................................................... Sociology
Nicole Josephine Grice ........................................ English & Cultural Studies
Lena Abubaker Hamad ............................................ Psychology
Sydney Hannah ......................................................... History
Lauren Marie Heinken ................................. Economics
Hannah Hinchey ....................................................... Political Science
Qiuzi Huang ......................................................... Economics
David Jaskula ......................................................... Psychology
Tianna Roelysha Jeffers ........................................ Sociology
Stephen Tyler Jenkins ......................................... Economics
Lisa Jennison ......................................................... Sociology
Heather Judson ........................................... English & Cultural Studies
Erica Kazimer ......................................................... Sociology
Katrina Sandra Jane Kelly ........................................ Sociology
Catherine Danella Khadoo ....................................... Psychology
Zayne Ashan Khan ............................................... Economics
Remington King ...................................................... Psychology
Louis-Philippe Lachaine ........................................ Political Science
Chan Lee ............................................................... Economics
Suwen Li ............................................................... Economics
Peiqi Liu ............................................................... Economics
Russell Paul Edward Mair ....................................... Economics
Christopher Duvesh Maraj ....................................... Psychology
Ryan Harper McAree ......................................... Economics
Lauren Traynor Macdonald McClinton .................................................. Humanities

Names of graduands listed in this program are those recommended to Senate as of November 14, 2018.

We regret that late additions to the graduation lists could not be included in this program. Some names of graduands may not be included in this program at the request of those individuals.

★ with distinction (achievement of a minimum Grade Point Average of 9.5/12)
Cindy Blackstock is a member of the Gitksan First Nation, professor in the School of Social Work at McGill University and the founder and executive director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada (FNCFCS). Under her leadership, the FNCFCS brought together a multidisciplinary and multi-sectoral team that produced the first report to document the overrepresentation of First Nations children in child welfare, as well as the inadequate funding of First Nations child and family service agencies. Among the policy recommendations was Jordan’s Principle, which was named one of the most important achievements in the history of Canadian public health by the Canadian Public Health Association.

Blackstock is perhaps best known for her role in a 2007 court case in which the Assembly of First Nations and the FNCFCS filed a complaint pursuant to the Canadian Human Rights Act alleging Canada discriminates against First Nations children by under-funding child welfare on reserves. In 2016, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal concluded that the lack of government services on reserves constituted discrimination against 163,000 First Nations children.


Blackstock’s work has been recognized by the Nobel Women’s Initiative, the Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, Frontline Defenders and many others.

Ronald Schlegel is a social entrepreneur, philanthropist and business person who has contributed significantly to the applied health research landscape in southwestern Ontario.

Holding a PhD in social psychology from Ohio State University, Schlegel is the founder of two research institutes: the Homewood Research Institute, which, partnered with Homewood Health Centre and McMaster University, focuses on mental health and addiction treatment, and the Research Institute for Aging at the University of Waterloo, where Schlegel was a professor for many years. While at Waterloo, he was instrumental in developing the Department of Health Studies and Gerontology in the faculty of Applied Health Sciences.

Schlegel is now the chair and owner of Schlegel Villages, 18 nursing/retirement homes, and of Homewood Health Inc. He has pioneered what is known as the “Schlegel model” of research, which focuses on “incubation, acceleration and dissemination for innovation,” building on the expertise at institutions including the University of Waterloo, McMaster University, Conestoga College, Schlegel Villages and other partners. As well, Schlegel has created “living research laboratories” at his health-care facilities, where scientists, clinicians and residents collaborate on research that will transform health-care delivery and improve the lives of Canadians.

Schlegel, who has funded nine research chairs at several institutions and made other philanthropic gifts, is an Officer of the Order of Canada and holds an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Waterloo.
**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes McMaster University graduates who have attained a high level of distinction and achievement through scholarship, research, teaching, creative contributions to the arts or sciences and/or service to society. This Award is intended to honour alumni whose accomplishments and contributions are of national and/or international significance, and/or have had a seminal or transformative impact on their field of endeavour.

**Maysa Jalbout**

A former refugee, Maysa Jalbout is now a recognized leader in the field of education and philanthropy. As the founding CEO of the Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education, Jalbout has an ambitious goal of educating 15,000 under-served Arab youth over 10 years.

In 2016 and 2017, Jalbout was recognized by Forbes magazine as one of the 100 most influential businesswomen in the Arab world, and one of the 100 most influential women in the Middle East in 2018. Formerly the founding CEO of the Queen Rania Foundation in Jordan and with 20 years of experience in building effective organizations and partnerships in Canada, the Middle East and developing nations, Jalbout has been a trusted advisor to global leaders, philanthropists, companies and aid agencies investing in the developing world.

As a non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institute in Washington, DC, Jalbout’s extensive regional and international experience has enabled her to produce highly visible research and thought leadership strategies.

In 2014-2015, Jalbout authored a series of reports on Syrian refugee education. These included a report, commissioned by Their World and endorsed by former UK prime minister and UN special envoy for Global Education Gordon Brown, advocating enrolling one million Syrian refugee children in school.

**Dr. Jan Christilaw**

Dr. Jan Christilaw served as Leader of BC Women’s Hospital + Health Centre, and Vice President, Provincial Women’s & Newborn Health, Provincial Health Services Authority from 2008 to 2017. Since leaving that role, she continues her clinical work, and continues as a Clinical Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at UBC. She is also Director of Women’s Health with the Canadian Network for International Surgery, providing capacity building and skills training in several African countries.

Dr. Christilaw has spent her career advancing women’s health in British Columbia and globally. Her 25+ years of accomplishments include: President, Society of Obstetrics-Gynecologists Canada; UBC Clinical Professor, Editorial Board of JOGC. She has delivered thousands of babies in British Columbia, and worked as an Obstetrician-gynecologist in White Rock-South Surrey for over 20 years.

In recent years, she has been awarded the YWCA Women of Distinction Award, the British Columbia Community Service Award, the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee medal, Waterloo University Distinguished Alumni Award, the National Leadership Award of the Federation of Medical Women, the Canadian International Surgery Volunteer of the Year award, and the Honorary Alumnus UBC Faculty of Medicine Award in 2016. On January 1, 2017, she was appointed to the Order of Canada for her work in women’s health, nationally and internationally.
GOVERNOR GENERAL’S ACADEMIC MEDAL

The Governor General’s Academic Medal is one of the most prestigious awards a student in Canada can receive. Established in 1873, this honour recognizes exceptional academic achievement at the high-school, collegiate, undergraduate and graduate levels.

Each year, McMaster awards just one Governor General’s Gold Medal to the student at the university who has achieved the highest academic standing at the graduate level. Earning this accolade not only places this year’s recipient among the top students to graduate from McMaster; it places them among the top students in all of Canada.

Faculty of Science (Friday Morning Ceremony)

Rafael Schulman

Rafael Schulman is graduating with a PhD in Physics. Rafael performed research under the supervision of Dr. Kari Dalnoki-Veress within the field of soft matter physics, focusing on surface tension interactions between liquids and soft solids. His research has made important contributions in the field, including providing fundamental insight into the surface energy of solids and wetting between liquids and elastic films. Rafael has been the primary author on six publications from his PhD research and has presented at numerous international conferences. Although the research was mostly fundamental, it has generated avenues for numerous potential applications including tunable optical lenses and the fabrication of microscopic coils. The latter of these ideas lead Rafael and his advisor, along with collaborators, to co-found a company and file for two patents. Rafael is currently putting his quantitative skills to test as he has begun a career at TD Bank, where he builds statistical models to quantify financial market risk. Rafael would like to thank Dr. Dalnoki-Veress for being an incredible mentor, his parents for their unwavering support, and his fiancé Michelle for always standing by his side.

VALEDICTORIANS

Faculty of Health Sciences (Thursday Afternoon Ceremony)

Hui Yu (Betty) Zhang

Faculties of Engineering and Science (Friday Morning Ceremony)

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