Five hundred and ninety-seventh Convocation for conferring degrees

Presiding

Chancellor

Suzanne B. Labarge
B.A., M.B.A., D.Litt. (Hon.)

President and Vice-Chancellor

Patrick Deane
B.A. (Hons.), M.A., Ph.D.

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.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

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

Opening Remarks

Dr. Ken Cruikshank, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities
Dr. Suzanne Labarge, Chancellor

The Conferring of the Degree Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* on Thomas Beckett

The Convocation Address
Dr. Thomas Beckett

The Conferring of Degrees In-Course

Musical Interlude

The Presentation of the Graduates

The Valedictory Address
Joshua Marando

Awards of the 2018-2019 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 **#MacGrad2019** on all of your posts!

The President's academic regalia is a gift of the McMaster University Alumni Association.

The Convocation Music Supervisor..... Arlene Wright (Piano)
Convocation Trumpeters..... Rob DiVito and Valerie Cowie
Piper..... Jamie Connolly
Vocalist..... Emily Rebekah Taub

Immediately following Convocation, Faculty of Humanities graduates and their guests are invited for a reception at the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH), Pavilion & Sculpture Garden.
Arts & Science Program graduates and their guests are invited for a reception at the David Braley Health Science Centre, Room 2032 (100 Main St West, Hamilton).

THE RITUALS OF CONVOCATION

The procession 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 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 University Mace was a gift in 1950 from the class of 1900

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.

To the left of the main podium stands 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.

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. Gilmour
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
1986 – 1992	John H. Panabaker
1992 – 1998	James H. Taylor
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
1972 – 1980	Arthur N. Bourns
1980 – 1990	Alvin A. Lee
1990 – 1995	Geraldine A. Kenney-Wallace
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 and change, the ending of one phase of life and the beginning of another.

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 well-being, 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.

Like many of you, I am preparing to take my leave of McMaster, which makes this a particularly poignant time for me too. In celebrating your success, and the success of our institution, at the end of this chapter of each of our lives, I also wish you all great joy and success as you begin the next phase, whatever that might be. I have great confidence in everything that you can achieve, both collectively and individually.

My sincerest congratulations to you all.

Patrick Deane
President and Vice-Chancellor

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETINGS

On behalf of your fellow McMaster alumni, I offer you sincere congratulations on the successful completion of your degree. You have now become a member of the McMaster Alumni Association and so begins the next phase in your relationship with McMaster, one that we hope engages you throughout your lifetime. Collectively, alumni are the largest constituency in the McMaster family, continuing to contribute to their alma mater as vital supporters, advocates, mentors, role models and volunteers. Take pride in joining this remarkable group and sharing the connection of a McMaster education.

As your Alumni Association, we are committed to providing you with many opportunities and resources, in-person and online to expand your network, continue to learn and grow and connect you to current students and fellow alumni. Familiarize yourself with the benefits of staying involved and let us know how you would like to continue your relationship with McMaster. I welcome you to the next step in a rewarding and dynamic relationship with our world-class university. Congratulations, and welcome!

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.

PRESENTERS OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, AND CERTIFICATES

Dr. Sean Corner
Associate Dean, Faculty of Humanities

Dr. Ken Cruikshank
Dean, Faculty of Humanities

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

Dr. Jean Wilson
Director, Arts & Science Program

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

COGNITIVE SCIENCE OF LANGUAGE

Mackenzie Salt
Thesis: Deficits or Differences? A New Methodology for Studying Pragmatic Language in Autism Spectrum Disorder

ENGLISH

Jeremy Haynes
Thesis: Rewarding Civility in Canada's Battle of the Books: Canada Reads and the Polite Discourse of Elimination

Shane Neilson
Thesis: Companions in This Age: A Study of Pain in Canadian Literature

Jordan Sheridan
Thesis: On Seeing Mouse and Thinking Human: Experimental Science, Corporeal Equivalence, and the Literary Model Organism

HISTORY

Michael Rowan
Thesis: Crash Landing: Citizens, The State and Protest Against Federal Airport Development, 1968-1976

Adam Shoalts
Thesis: The Evolution of "Monsters" In North American Exploration and Travel Literature 1607-1930

PHILOSOPHY

Antonio Dos Santos
Thesis: Psychopaths and Moral Responsibility

Richard James Neels
Thesis: Opposites and Explanations in Heraclitus

MASTER OF ARTS

ENGLISH

Tara Kathleen Milmine

MASTER OF COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT

Charlotte Jane Beauchamp
Marlene Jenneke Bergsma
Kate Lynne Elizabeth Bondett
Megan Dawn Brown
Sharlyn Edawne Carrington
Cheryl L. Evans
Shannon Laura-Ann Gallagher
Lori Ann Horrigan
Irina Lagereva
Elizabeth Marlin
Jessica Martin
Davis Paul McKenzie
Paola Morrone
Catherine Nelson
Emily Helen Ondercin-Bourne
Delan Jude Perera
Irina Alexandra Shemet
Mary Sheridan
Martin Waxman
Kimberley Anne Yielding
Yan Zhou

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Alexandra Dias Rebelo ..... Theatre & Film Studies
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★ Stephen Geoffrey Quinton Redwood ..... History & Geography
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Devin Jonas Gerl Ridley ..... Linguistics
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★ Silvia Rodrigues ..... Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
(Minor in History)
★ Nicole Romano..... Theatre & Film Studies
★ Zachary Thomas Blake Rudge..... Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
(Minor in Economics)
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Katherine Mary Sadiwskyj..... English & Cultural Studies & History
Christopher John Sager ..... English & Cultural Studies
★ Alexandra Giovanna Salfi..... English & Cultural Studies & Multimedia
Jennifer Santana Abascal..... Communication Studies
Timea Johanna Sarai ..... French & Linguistics
★ Marion Saura ..... English & Cultural Studies & Linguistics
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Aman Singh..... Philosophy
★ Sameera Singh..... Philosophy & Psychology
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(Minor in Anthropology)
Jason Fung Siu..... Philosophy & Sociology
Adriana Nicole Skaljin ... Communication Studies & English & Cultural Studies
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Stevan Sobot..... Communication Studies & Multimedia
Alexandra Spagnuolo..... English & Cultural Studies
Gowsika Sriskantharajah..... Multimedia
Anna Krystyna Stasiuk..... Linguistics
★ Mairead Celia Stewart..... Multimedia
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Natalie Nina Stravens..... Multimedia & Anthropology
Amy Louise Stride..... Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
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Camila Stupecka ..... Communication Studies & Peace Studies
Annie Su..... Cognitive Science of Language
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★ Rebecca Elizabeth-Kimiye Tanouye ..... Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
(Minor in English & Cultural Studies)
(Minor in Classics)

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Dasha Colene Tecson..... Cognitive Science of Language
Kaila Nicole Da Silva Tenente ..... English & Cultural Studies
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Gillian Claire Terrio ..... Communication Studies
Madeleine Elyse Thackray..... Communication Studies
(Minor in Environmental Studies)
Jennifer Thammasouk..... Cognitive Science of Language
Emma Gail Thomas ..... English & Cultural Studies
Emma Rose Thornton ..... Communication Studies & Theatre & Film Studies
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★ Julyanna Leigh Trickey..... Multimedia
Erik Ricardo Tristan Camacho ..... Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
Harvey Tsui..... History & Mathematics
(Minor in Classics)
Dana Maria Tucci ..... Cognitive Science of Language
(Certificate in the Language of Medicine and Health)
Ellixs Reinan Tulagan ..... Philosophy
★ Ian James Usher ..... English & Cultural Studies
Elyse Gabrielle Vander Ende - Crough ..... Communication Studies
★ Curtis Mendel Van Vliet..... Classics
(Minor in Philosophy)
Sofia Rose Varga ..... English & Cultural Studies & Anthropology
Patricia Varosky..... Philosophy & Anthropology
Jordan Alexander Vaters ..... Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
★ Janelle Vedder ..... Cognitive Science of Language
Anna Katherine De Pano Verdillo ..... Communication Studies & Multimedia
Giuliana Violi..... Art History
(Minor in Classics)
Huong Quynh Vu..... French
★ Brandon Elliott Vukovich ..... Cognitive Science of Language
(Minor in German)
Natalia Walo..... Communication Studies & Multimedia
Ashley Megan Walsh..... English & Cultural Studies
(Minor in Sustainability)
Yuqiao Wang..... Linguistics
(Certificate in the Language of Medicine and Health)
Nicholas Mark Donald Waterman ..... Communication Studies
Makena White ..... Communication Studies
Katherine Leigh Wilson..... English & Cultural Studies
★ Kezia Joy Winkel..... Linguistics
Julia Rose Yammine..... Communication Studies & Multimedia
(Minor in Business)
★ Amanda Yang ..... Justice, Political Philosophy & Law
(Minor in Sustainability)
Melek Fatma Yilmaz..... Cognitive Science of Language
Jessica Rosanne Yorga ..... Communication Studies
Assile Younis..... Communication Studies
Sofia Catherine Zanetti ..... English & Cultural Studies & History
Savannah Abigail Zita..... English & Cultural Studies
Tyler Zurbrigg ..... Communication Studies & Multimedia

★ with distinction (achievement of a minimum Grade Point Average of 9.5/12)

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

HONOURS

Norah Andresen
★ Jayda Leigh Conti
(Minor in Theatre and Film Studies) (Minor in Music)
Sean Cooper
(Minor in History)
Sabryna Correa
Lucksiri Mudalige S. Deeshani Fernando
Safiyyah Aqueelah Figaro
Meghan Terrene Giudice
Andjelija Jancic
(Minor in English & Cultural Studies)
★ Emily Jane Kester
★ Katherine Laird
Eunae Caroline Lee
Sing Hei Anthony Lok
Robyn McCallum
Joshua Alexander Ravenhill

BACHELOR OF MUSIC

HONOURS

★ Cameron Anderson
Melissa Da Costa
★ Lizuarte De Sousa
Jasmine Dyer
(Minor in French)
Jean Alejandra Fernandez Perez
★ Olivia Gaudino-Korosak
(Minor in Theatre and Film Studies)
★ Keiko Zenaida Gutierrez
Yong Ju Kim
★ Claire Nicole Larson
★ Jinyoung Lee
★ Cordell Lewis
Alexander Lupke
Bryce Kenneth Moore
★ Pamela Pender
Brock Pollard
(Minor in Psychology)
Nicholas Rendeiro
Stefan Alexander Vucicevic

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

HONOURS

Thishani Andrea Abeysekara ..... Arts & Science
Jordan Samuel Anastasiadis ..... Arts & Science
★ Sara Badawi ..... Arts & Science & Political Science
★ Kaelan Margaret Brooke ..... Arts & Science
★ Jun Chen ..... Arts & Science
Emma Chilton ..... Arts & Science
★ Julia Marie Cooke ..... Arts & Science & Computer Science
★ Zoe Davidson ..... Arts & Science
★ Cassandra Devenyi ..... Arts & Science & Political Science
★ Michael Clarence Donolo ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Mathematics)
Danya El-Ahmed ..... Arts & Science
★ Benjamin Jordan Feldman ..... Arts & Science
★ Tatiana Rose Gayowsky ..... Arts & Science & Anthropology
(Minor in Psychology)
Liam Gordon ..... Arts & Science
★ Kristen Marie Gracie ..... Arts & Science & Political Science
★ Rachel Abigail Guitman ..... Arts & Science
★ Marco Giovanni Waltch Handa ..... Arts & Science & Mathematics
★ Zoe Sabrina Waltch Handa ..... Arts & Science & Human Geography
★ Dina Patricia Ema Matos Hansen ..... Arts & Science & Political Science
★ Juliana Victoria Anne Harris ..... Arts & Science and English & Cultural Studies
★ Peter Fisher Kerrigan ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in History)
Manisha Renee Khindri ..... Arts & Science and Business
★ Wafa Khoja ..... Arts & Science & Biochemistry
★ Sophia Anna Sayat Kooy ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Philosophy)
★ Sarah J. Krymalowski ..... Arts & Science
★ Adelaide Leo ..... Arts & Science
★ Valerie Luetke ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Biology)
★ Nick Maizlin ..... Arts & Science
★ Keerthi Priyadarshini Manimaran ..... Arts & Science & Sociology
(Minor in Mental Health, Addiction and Society)
Joshua Julian Marando ..... Arts & Science
★ Paige Mawson ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Political Science)
★ Avery Joanne Elizabeth McNair ..... Arts & Science
★ Erin Jane Mierdel ..... Arts & Science
★ Lydia Sarah Laurence Mills ..... Arts & Science
Sarah Mohiuddin ..... Arts & Science and English & Cultural Studies
★ Dunavan Morris-Janzen ..... Arts & Science
★ Nandini Nair ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Biology)
★ Sadie Frances McVey Neufeld ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Psychology)
★ Laura Olivia Newcombe ..... Arts & Science
★ Allison Margaret O'Halloran ..... Arts & Science & Economics
★ Melissa Paglialunga ..... Arts & Science and Business
★ Annecy Pang ..... Arts & Science
★ Lauren Elizabeth Peters ..... Arts & Science
★ Nicole Marie Peters ..... Arts & Science
★ Myfannwy Pope ..... Arts & Science
(Interdisciplinary Minor in Community Engagement)
★ Divya Prasad ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Psychology)
★ Avery L.B. Qurashi ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in English & Cultural Studies)
★ Adrienne Jean Ralph ..... Arts & Science

★ with distinction (achievement of a minimum Grade Point Average of 9.5/12)

★ Natalie Anne Sapieha ..... Arts & Science
★ Anjali Sergeant ..... Arts & Science
★ Theodore Simantirakis ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Classics)
★ Hannah Sarah Skelding ..... Arts & Science & Environmental Science
★ Anastasia Smolina ..... Arts & Science & Physics
★ Aleeza Sunderji ..... Arts & Science & Psychology
Alexandra Antonietta Tuccillo ..... Arts & Science & Psychology
★ Hannah Elizabeth Koval Willms ..... Arts & Science & Mathematics
Fiona Tong Ya Woticky ..... Arts & Science and Business
★ Hailey A. Wright ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Social Studies of Mental Health and Addiction)
★ Jasmine Zhang ..... Arts & Science
(Minor in Psychology)

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Naqeah Aziz Abid ..... Humanities
Julia Tallar Abkarian ..... Theatre & Film Studies
Anthony Agamata ..... French
Ahmad Emad Al-Amad ..... Philosophy
Andrew Michael John Allen ..... History
Rizel Joanna Rabino Antonio ..... Theatre & Film Studies
Alicia Caoleann Arnds ..... French
★ Mirjana Balta ..... French
Humaira Basharat ..... History
★ Thomas William Bell ..... Philosophy
Nikita Biswas ..... Classics
Connor Neil Blakeborough ..... History
Emily Bojeczko ..... English & Cultural Studies
Kendall Olivia Braunstein ..... Philosophy
William Andrew James Cairns ..... Philosophy
Alexa Marie Castaldi ..... English & Cultural Studies
★ Donald Chung ..... Theatre & Film Studies
★ James Todd Cochrane ..... History
Vincent Columbro ..... History
★ Sheila Cook ..... French
Tyler Nicholas D'Costa ..... History
Julie Susanne Daly ..... History
Jillian Daniels ..... History
Aziz Dashti ..... English & Cultural Studies
William Davidson ..... Humanities
John Cezzly-Salaazar De Guzman ..... English & Cultural Studies
Lorie-Ann DeGuzman ..... Art History
Janice Den Dekker ..... History
★ Andrew Duquette ..... Philosophy
Susan Ellis ..... Humanities
Donovan Joseph Erutse ..... French
Anam Fatima ..... English & Cultural Studies
Lester Francis ..... English & Cultural Studies
★ Amy Samantha Gallo ..... Classics
Aawo Gele ..... Humanities
Stephen Good ..... Philosophy
London Anne Haché ..... Humanities
Chelsea June Sofia Hahn ..... Philosophy
★ Jonah Alexander Halili ..... Classics
Christine Lorraine Hansen ..... English & Cultural Studies
Kevin Hwang ..... Theatre & Film Studies
Julie Ann Ivanski ..... English & Cultural Studies
Marissa Jochim ..... Philosophy
Isabella Natalie Keshishian ..... English & Cultural Studies
★ Jennifer Kircos ..... History
Emily Elizabeth Legacy ..... History
Ming Kong Baron Leung ..... Theatre & Film Studies
Kevin Nickolas Lieske ..... Theatre & Film Studies
Samantha Marie Loiseau ..... History
Connor MacDonald ..... Classics
Abigail McNamara ..... History
Antonella Mekheil ..... History
Megan Meliton ..... Philosophy
Hajirah Mian ..... English & Cultural Studies
Camilla Nicole Mikolajewska ..... Art History
James David Moore ..... Classics
Victoria Pancoe ..... Music
Justin Parker ..... Classics
Jasmine Pauze ..... Humanities
Benny Hoang Pham ..... Philosophy
Sabrina Randazzo ..... Theatre & Film Studies
Gavin Rees ..... Indigenous Studies & Philosophy
★ Matthew David Resijan ..... History
Sarah Elizabeth Roberts ..... History
Phillip Robinson ..... Philosophy
Kayla Breanne Ruggi ..... English & Cultural Studies
Brianna Seferiades ..... Art History
Darpaul Singh ..... Humanities
Zackery Hamilton Smith ..... History
Kyle Tabet ..... English & Cultural Studies
Vanja Tesevcic ..... History
Parachika Tewari ..... Philosophy
Lydia Stephani Thanabalasingam ..... English & Cultural Studies
Melanie Tipert ..... History
Matthew Wesley Trinier ..... History
Brian Kee Yeung Tsang ..... Philosophy
Sonya Rani Vasdev ..... English & Cultural Studies
Chelsea-Marie Villafana ..... Theatre & Film Studies
Jennifer Yu-Ru Wang ..... History
Yue Wei ..... Philosophy
Rosaleen Yousif ..... English & Cultural Studies
Hui Zhi ..... Theatre & Film Studies

Names of graduands listed in this program are those recommended to Senate as of June 5, 2019. 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 these individuals.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARD RECIPIENTS

(2018-2019 SESSION)

MEDALS

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDAL
Chris Lygouras
Phelopater Sedrak

THE E. H. AMBROSE GOLD MEDAL
Victoria Gregatti

THE BASU MEDAL
Michelle Boivin

THE BINKLEY MEDAL
Rumsha Siddiqui

THE CSEP/SCPE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD
Linda Archila

THE DEAN'S MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE HUMANITIES
Noah Greenspoon
Emily Kovach
Curtis Van Vliet

THE J. E. L. GRAHAM MEDAL
James McGuirk

THE AMELIA HALL GOLD MEDAL
Madeleine Krusto

THE HUMANITIES MEDALS FOR SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT
Virginia Catherine Ford-Roy
Keiko Gutierrez
Beatrice Hammond
Mackenzie Hilton
Zachary Rudge

THE HURD MEDAL
Emma Holmes

THE JENSEN MEDAL
Hwa Yun

THE GERALD L. KEECH MEDAL
Rumsha Siddiqui

THE MAPS GOLD MEDAL
Daniel Waring

THE R. C. McIVOR MEDAL
Emma Holmes

THE ONTARIO PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION GOLD MEDAL
Mikhail Andrenkov

TROPIES AND MERIT AWARDS

THE BURKE MEMORIAL RING
Alexander Kerzner

THE SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY MERIT AWARD
Andrew Kwong
Melissa Larocque
Jason Yeung

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES

THE CAMERON D. ALLEN BOOK PRIZE
Taylor North

THE WILLIAM AND LIDA BARNS MEMORIAL PRIZE IN HISTORY
Keiran Higgins

THE REV. ALLISON M. BARRETT SCHOLARSHIP
Vindra Moonilal

THE MARION BATES BOOK PRIZE
Christina Shibish

THE ABE BLACK MEMORIAL PRIZES
Sohana Farhin
Christiana Kiervin
Erika Kropf

THE CFUW-HAMILTON MEMORIAL PRIZE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Jessica Samotulka

THE DAWSON PRIZE IN CHEMISTRY
Alice Li

THE DR. RUDOLF DE BUDA SCHOLARSHIP
George Zhang

THE JOHN DEERE LIMITED SCHOLARSHIP
Emily Davies

THE DENTON PRIZE IN ECONOMICS
Benjamin Kow

THE CHRISTINE DITTA MEMORIAL AWARD
Carmen Ly

THE LAURA DODSON PRIZE
Benjamin Feldman

THE BURTON R. JAMES MEMORIAL PRIZE
Elizabeth Adeyinfa

THE W. NORMAN JEEVES SCHOLARSHIP
Emily Daynes
Emily Kovach

THE FRANK E. JONES PRIZE
Brittany Gottvald

THE DR. JEAN JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP*
Kaiden Penney

THE KARL KINANEN ALUMNI PRIZE IN GERONTOLOGY
Chantelle Donahue

THE KINESIOLOGY PRIZES
Sean McKellar
Aaryn Perreault-Laird

THE FELIKS LITKOWSKI PRIZE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE
Brenda Passariello

THE BERT MacKINNON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Rachel Incretolli

THE AGNES AND JOHN MacNEILL MEMORIAL PRIZE
Beatrice Hammond

THE CATHERINE MacNEILL PRIZE
Kate Chiasson

THE WILLIAM J. McCALLION SCHOLARSHIPS
Darar Abdissa
Daniel Waring

THE ESTHER McCANDLESS MEMORIAL PRIZE
Noah Houpt

THE JOHN R. McCARTHY SCHOLARSHIP
Kate Chiasson
Adelaide Leo
Rebecca Tanouye

THE A.G. McKAY PRIZE IN CLASSICAL STUDIES
Mackenzie Hilton

THE WALTER SCOTT McLAY SCHOLARSHIP
Beatrice Hammond

THE McMASTER UNIVERSITY FUTURES FUND GRADUAND SCHOLARSHIP
Haley Hutchinson
Filip Sakic
Christina Shibish

THE McMASTER NURSING ALUMNI MEMORIAL PRIZE
Micah Zagala

THE McMASTER UNIVERSITY RETIREES ASSOCIATION PRIZE
Amanda Whalen

THE AUDREY EVELYN MEPHAM AWARD
Chantelle Donahue
Kaitlyn Jaggers
Rita Jezrawi

THE MIDDLETON/WALKER PRIZE IN SEDIMENTARY GEOLOGY
Mitchell Davidson

THE E. S. MOORE PRIZE
Jennifer Bradley

THE P. L. NEWBIGGING PRIZE
Rebecca Benjamin
Mina Hanna
Shi Guang Song
Jhanahan Sriranjan

THE HARRY L. PENNY PRIZE
Kaiden Penney

THE PIONEER ENERGY LP GERONTOLOGY PRIZES
Alyse Mercey

THE PIONEER ENERGY LP PRIZE IN NURSING
Kyra Krueger
Emily Sibley

THE POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOURS ESSAY PRIZE
Gregory Iarusso

THE ABRAHAM ISAAC ROSENBERG MEMORIAL PRIZE
Rebecca Tanouye

THE GRACE SENRA-FONTES MEMORIAL PRIZE
Priscilla Ip
Tian Xu Wang

THE SHELL CANADA PRIZES IN ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT
Carmen Bracho
Noel Devaere
Cody Van Der Kooi

THE RICHARD SLOBODIN PRIZE
Victoria Lavallee

THE JOHN H. TRUEMAN PRIZE
Unnati Gandhi

THE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
Chaminda Belleth
James McGuirk

THE HARRY WAISGLASS BOOK PRIZE
Allessandra Sferrazza

THE ALVINA MARIE WERNER SCHOLARSHIP
Amna Baig

MBA MEDALS

D. M. (MIKE) HEDDEN GOLD MEDAL
Karleen Dudeck

THE R.J. SPENCE MEMORIAL MEDAL
Ekta Jha

THE LITVAK MEDAL IN MARKETING
Gaurie Aggarwal

ALLAN J. GREVE – ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CARE MEDAL
Megan Lee

THE BASU MEDAL
Rui Wang

HONORARY DEGREES

Faculty of Health Sciences - School of Nursing

Brenda Flaherty, Doctor of Science

A Registered Nurse and McMaster University alumna, Brenda Flaherty worked her way up from staff nurse to head nursing positions to site administrator positions and finally to executive positions with Hamilton Health Sciences. She recently retired as the organization's executive vice-president and chief operating officer.

Flaherty was a member of the Academic Planning Group for McMaster-Mohawk-Hamilton Health Sciences, co-chaired the ALC Steering Committee for the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN and chaired the Regional Stroke Steering Committee. Provincially, she served as co-chair of the Ontario Epilepsy Implementation Task Force and the Provincial Neurosurgery Ontario System Capabilities Working Group. As a community volunteer, Flaherty chaired the board of the YMCA of Hamilton Burlington Brantford and is the current chair of YMCA Canada. She has also served on the boards of the Hamilton Pastoral Counseling Centre, the Hamilton-Wentworth Industry-Education Council and the Hospital Family Houses of Ontario. She was chair of the North Hamilton Community Health Centre and is the current chair of The Change Foundation.

A member of the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction, Flaherty has received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Hamilton Health Sciences Cornerstone Award, the Athena Award of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and the Health is a Community Affair Award. She has also earned the Mohawk College Distinguished Fellowship Award and the McMaster Alumni Association Community Impact Award.

Faculty of Health Sciences

Fergus Shanahan, Doctor of Science

Fergus Shanahan earned his medical degree from University College Dublin and arrived at McMaster University in 1981 as a fellow in the mucosal immunology group where he contributed to a much-cited paper that helped launch the novel field of neuro-immunology. He later joined the faculty of the University of California Los Angeles and became director of the UCLA Inflammatory Bowel Disease Program. In 1993, he returned to Ireland as professor and chairman of the Department of Medicine at University College Cork, National University of Ireland, positions he maintains today. He is also the director of the Alimentary Pharmabiotic Centre and previously served as director of the Bioscience Institute.

A former president of the Irish Society of Gastroenterology and the founding director of the APC Microbiome Institute, Shanahan holds several patents and has been a co-founder of three start-up companies. A fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland, Canada and the United Kingdom, as well as the American College of Physicians, he has been named one of the top 50 Irish and Irish-American bioscientists and received the Irish Society of Immunology biennial medal. He was the first recipient of the Hektoen International Medical Humanities Grand Prix and was named the 2013 Science Foundation Ireland Researcher of the Year. He has also received the Royal Irish Academy gold medal for contributions to the life sciences.

Faculty of Humanities and the Arts & Science Program

Thomas Beckett, Doctor of Laws

Thomas Beckett was called to the bar in Alberta and Ontario in 1952, beginning a distinguished legal career that saw him named Queen's Council and serve as senior partner at Becket Harris Henderson. He began his judiciary career in 1984 with an appointment to the District Court of Ontario (Unified Family Court) and later became a justice of the Superior Court of Ontario, retiring in 2000.

A former elected member of Ancaster Township Council and Wentworth County Council, Beckett also served as president of the Hamilton Social Planning and Research Council and the Ontario Association of Urban-Rural Municipalities. He is a former member the McMaster University President's Research Ethics Board, the Hamilton Ethical Education Association and the Province of Ontario Solid Waste Task Force.

Beckett was a founding board member of the Spencer Creek Conservation Authority, later serving as chairman. When the authority evolved into the Hamilton Region Conservation Authority, Beckett became the organization's first chair. He was a director of the Conservation Council of Ontario and president of the Institute of Ecology in Washington, DC. An honorary life member of the Algonquin Wildlands League, Beckett received the Niagara Green Space Award and was named to the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction. The Hamilton Conservation Foundation honoured his work by establishing the Thomas A. Beckett Living Forest within the Dundas Valley Conservation Area.

Faculty of Business (Morning Ceremony)

Teresa Cascioli, Doctor of Laws

Teresa Cascioli completed her Bachelor of Commerce degree at McMaster and began her career in the public sector before finding corporate-sector success, most prominently as chief executive officer of Lakeport Brewing. Turning around the struggling company made Cascioli one of Canada's most-recognized corporate leaders. She was named to the *Profit* and *Chatelaine* magazines' lists of top Canadian women entrepreneurs and was presented Entrepreneur of the Year awards by Ernst & Young and Canada's Venture Capital and Private Equity Association. Cascioli was inducted into the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction and the Canadian Professional Sales Association Hall of Fame and also named one of the Women's Exchange Network Top 100 Canada's Most Powerful Women. A recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, she also received the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Achievement Award and the Italian Chamber of Commerce of Toronto Business Excellence Award.

Cascioli, who wrote the M is for Money book series for children, is a member of the McMaster Alumni Gallery and received the Wayne C. Fox Distinguished Alumni Award. She was a member of the Cabinet Executive for The Campaign for McMaster University and created the Teresa Cascioli Chair in Entrepreneurial Leadership. The Teresa Cascioli Charitable Foundation, which she founded, focuses on issues including education, hunger and poverty. Cascioli was named the Association of Fundraising Professionals Hamilton Philanthropist of the Year in 2008.

Faculty of Business (Afternoon Ceremony)

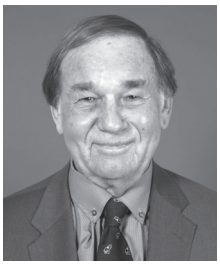
Paul Desmarais Jr., Doctor of Laws

Paul Desmarais Jr. and Hélène Desmarais have built significant legacies, both together and individually. Paul is chairman and co-CEO of Power Corporation and a director of several Power Corporation companies including Great-West Life and Canada Life. He is also chairman of the International Economic Forum of the Americas (Canada) and a trustee of The Brookings Institution. Paul was the first Governor Emeritus of Centraide of Greater Montréal, co-chair of a transformational campaign for the Nature Conservancy of Canada and created the Mackenzie Investments Chair in Evidence-Based Investment Management at McMaster. An officer of the Order of Canada, he also received the Insigne d'Officier de l'Ordre de la Couronne of Belgium and the Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur in France.

Faculty of Business (Afternoon Ceremony)

Hélène Desmarais, Doctor of Laws

Hélène Desmarais is the founder of the Centre d'entreprises et d'innovation de Montréal and the first female president of HEC Montréal's Board of Administration. She is also founder and chair of both and the Montréal Symphony Orchestra Foundation and the Board of Administration of the Société de développement économique Ville-Marie. Hélène chaired a provincial commission studying the healthcare industry and she sits on boards including Christian Dior SA, the C.D. Howe Institute and Génome Québec. A recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medals in 2002 and 2012, the Université de Montréal's Order of Merit and the Prix entrepreneurship of Conseil du Patronat du Québec, she is also a member of the Order of Canada.



Faculty of Social Sciences (Morning Ceremony)

James O'Reilly, Doctor of Laws

James O'Reilly earned his law degree from McGill University and was called to the bar in 1964, soon serving as president of the Junior Bar Association of Montréal. With specializations related to Aboriginal rights, treaty rights, land claims and self-determination of Aboriginal nations, he soon became one of Canada's leading legal advocates for Aboriginal peoples.

O'Reilly piloted the landmark Superior Court case *Chief Robert Kanatewat et al. v. The James Bay Development Corporation et al.*, the case that led to the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement between the Cree Nation and the Government of Québec. O'Reilly has been involved in landmark cases at every jurisdictional level, including several at the Supreme Court of Canada. Following the repatriation of the Constitution in 1982, he was involved in amendments relating to Aboriginal interests. He also acted as a representative of the Mohawk Nation during the Oka crisis of 1990 and in 2006 was appointed as amicus curiae during the Caledonia proceedings before the Ontario Court of Appeal.

In 2004, O'Reilly was named Honorary Chief of the Samson Cree Nation of Alberta. He has also received an honorary degree from the University of Calgary and been named Avocat émérite by the Québec Bar. A fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, he has received the Medal of the Bar of Montréal.

Faculty of Social Sciences (Afternoon Ceremony)

Michael Dear, Doctor of Laws

Michael Dear began his career in McMaster's Department of Geography in 1974 before joining the University of Southern California as a professor in the Department of Geography and the School of Policy, Planning & Development. Two decades later, he moved to UC Berkeley where he is now professor emeritus in the College of Environmental Design. Dear's research includes groundbreaking work on mental health, deinstitutionalization and homelessness. More recently, he has focused on the societal impacts of borders, writing the Globe Book Award-winning *Why Walls Won't Work: Repairing the U.S.-Mexico Divide*.

The founding editor of *Society & Space*, Dear has served on advisory boards and committees for the Los Angeles Forum for Architecture and Urban Design and the Lew Center for Regional Policy Studies UCLA. He has curated art exhibitions at venues including the USC Fischer Gallery and the Centro Estatal de las Artes Mexicali.

An elected member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Royal Town Planning Institute of Great Britain, Dear has received the American Planning Association (California Division) Award, the Association of American Geographers Distinguished Scholarship Award and the USC General Education Teaching Award. He is an elected fellow of the Learned Society of Wales and an elected member of the Los Angeles Institute for the Humanities. He is also an honorary professor at the Bartlett School of Planning at University College London.

Faculty of Science (Morning Ceremony)

Jennifer Bennett, Doctor of Science

Jennifer Bennett enrolled in Canada's Naval Reserve in 1975. After graduating from McMaster with a Bachelor's degree in physical education in 1981, she completed an education degree at Queen's University and taught in Hamilton and Victoria before becoming head of the Fern Hill School in Oakville.

Canada's first female Rear-Admiral and senior ranking Reserve officer, Bennett's service career includes commands of HMCS MALAHAT and the Naval Reserve Basic Recruit Training Detachment at Borden, Ontario. She served as director of Reserves at the National Defence Headquarters before becoming director of the Ottawa Detachment of the Canadian Defence Academy and director of professional development for the Canadian Forces. In 2007, she was promoted to the rank of Commodore as Commander of Canada's Naval Reserve. She achieved her current rank in 2011 when she became Chief of Reserves and Cadets. She has been the National Champion for Women in Defence and director general of the Canadian Armed Forces Strategic Response Team on Sexual Misconduct in support of Operation HONOUR. Since 2018, she has been director general of Litigation Implementation.

A member of McMaster's Alumni Gallery, Bennett has received the Canada 125 Medal, the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals and an honorary doctorate from the University of Alberta. She was named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women and is a Commander in the Order of Military Merit.

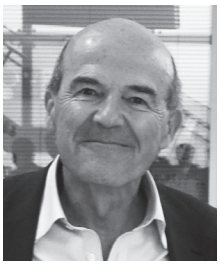
Faculty of Science (Afternoon Ceremony)

Michael Mann, Doctor of Science

Michael Mann is a distinguished professor of atmospheric science at Penn State University, with joint appointments in the Department of Geosciences and the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute. He is also director of the Earth System Science Center. A globally recognized scholar in climate modeling, he developed the "hockey stick" graph that reveals the impact of post-industrial society on global temperatures. He was also a lead author on the Observed Climate Variability and Change chapter of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) *Third Scientific Assessment Report* in 2001 – work that contributed to the IPCC receiving the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

A steadfast advocate of public education related to climate change, Mann co-authored *The Madhouse Effect* and authored *Dire Predictions: Understanding Climate Change* and *The Hockey Stick and the Climate Wars: Dispatches from the Front Lines*. He is also co-founder of the award-winning science website RealClimate.org.

Mann's list of honours includes the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's outstanding publication award, the European Geosciences Union's Hans Oeschger Medal and the National Conservation Achievement Award from the National Wildlife Federation. He made the Bloomberg News list of 50 most influential people in scientific information and earned the Friend of the Planet Award from the National Center for Science Education. He is a fellow of the American Geophysical Union, American Meteorological Society and American Association for the Advancement of Science.



Faculty of Engineering (Morning Ceremony)

Michel Rappaz, Doctor of Science

Michel Rappaz completed his Ph.D. in solid-state physics at Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) and a post-doctoral fellowship at Oak Ridge National Laboratory before joining the Institute of Materials at EPFL in 1981. After two years with a private engineering firm, he returned to EPFL as an adjunct professor and head of the Numerical Simulation Group. He subsequently became a full professor and director of the Computational Materials Laboratory before retiring in 2015 and becoming an emeritus professor.

Rappaz's research in materials science modelling, specifically solidification processes including casting, welding and additive manufacturing, has influenced the theoretical aspects of his field as well as practical applications. Some of his scholarly accomplishments have also been spun off commercially. He is co-founder and chairman of Calcom-ESI SA and works closely with the spin-off firm Novamet Sarl.

The president of the Rodolphe and Renée Haenny Foundation and Les Presses polytechniques et universitaires romandes Foundation, Rappaz has earned two Mathewson Awards for publications in *Metallurgical Transaction* and received the Bruce Chalmers Award, the Körber European Science Prize, the Sainte-Claire Deville Medal, the Grand Medal from the French Materials Society, the McDonald Memorial Lecture Award, the FEMS European Materials Gold Medal and the Brimacombe Prize. He is also a fellow of the Institute of Physics, the American Society for Materials and the American Minerals, Metals and Materials Society.

Faculty of Engineering (Afternoon Ceremony)

Donna Strickland, Doctor of Science

Donna Strickland earned her Bachelor of Engineering degree at McMaster before completing her Ph.D. in optics at the University of Rochester. There, she worked with Gérard Mourou to co-invent chirped pulse amplification, making it possible to amplify ultra-short laser pulses to unprecedented levels. That accomplishment led to Strickland sharing in the 2018 Nobel Prize in Physics.

Strickland has been a research associate at the National Research Council of Canada and a physicist with the laser division of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. In 1992, she joined the technical staff of Princeton's Advanced Technology Center for Photonics and Opto-electronic Materials and five years later moved to the University of Waterloo's Department of Physics and Astronomy as an assistant professor. She is now an associate professor leading the Ultrafast Laser Group in developing high-intensity laser systems for nonlinear optics investigations.

Strickland is a former president of the Optical Society of America (OSA) and was the OSA-appointed representative to the board of the International Commission for Optics from 2008-2011. She has been part of the editorial board of OPN, served as a topical editor for *Optics Letters* and was the FiO Program co-chair in 2010. She has been named an Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow and received a Premier's Research Excellence Award and a Cottrell Scholars Award. In 2008, she was named a fellow of the Optical Society of America.

THE 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 two **Governor General's Silver Medals** to the students at the university who have achieved the highest academic standing **at the undergraduate level**. Earning this accolade not only places this year's recipients among the top students to graduate from McMaster; it places them among the top students in all of Canada.*

Faculty of Health Sciences

Phelopater Sedrak

Phelopater Sedrak is graduating with an Honours degree from the Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) program. For three consecutive years, he worked passionately as a Teaching Assistant for the Cellular and Molecular Biology course taught by Dr. Rangachari and Dr. Seidlitz. During his studies, he volunteered at the Hamilton General Hospital and the SENACA Seniors Day Program which allowed him to give back to his communities in Hamilton and Mississauga. He also travelled to Saskatchewan for a few summers where he volunteered in Canadian communities abroad. In fourth year, Phelopater conducted a clinical research project for his undergraduate thesis examining the impact of surgery wait times on patient quality of life under the supervision of Dr. Devin Peterson. Phelopater would like to dedicate this award to his Christian faith, and express his sincere gratitude to his father, mother, sister, and friends for their never-ending support throughout his journey at McMaster.

Faculty of Science (Afternoon Ceremony)

Chris Lygouras

Chris Lygouras is graduating from the Physics program. Along with taking courses in physics and mathematics to better understand the natural world, Chris performed research in condensed matter laboratories at McMaster University and the University of Toronto. He worked under the supervision of Dr. Graeme Luke for his senior thesis project, studying quantum materials to learn about their exotic physical properties. This fall, Chris will be pursuing his PhD in Physics at Johns Hopkins University, to continue researching quantum materials. Beyond his studies, Chris was happy to volunteer for events like Fall Preview and for services like the Physics Help Initiative, to encourage students who may be interested in physics. He also enjoyed playing the trumpet in the McMaster University Concert Band with students from various faculties. Chris is extremely grateful for the support of his family, friends, and professors.

CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL

The Chancellor's Gold Medal is one of McMaster University's most prestigious awards. Established in 1938 by Dr. Howard Whidden, the Chancellor's Gold Medal honours a student who ranks highest in scholarship, leadership and influence.

Each year, McMaster University awards one undergraduate student in their last year of study with this award. It acknowledges and celebrates their dedication to academics, leadership and culture.

Faculty of Health Sciences

Owen Dan Luo

Owen is a graduating BHSc (Hon.) student specializing in Child Health. Owen has improved the educational experience at McMaster University by teaching wellness and self-care as a Teaching Assistant, developing interdisciplinary health and wellness curricula as an Educational Research Assistant, and celebrating student voices as the Editor-in-Chief of McMaster University's Undergraduate Health Sciences Journal, The Meducator. Owen has advocated for children with special needs and empowered other students to do the same by founding the McMaster Stem Cell Club to coordinate stem cell donor recruitment on campus, teaching social skills to children with autism spectrum disorders at Woodview Mental Health and Autism Services, and chairing the 3rd Annual McMaster Child Health Conference. Owen is also a published, award-winning poet and Co-Captain of McMaster's Varsity Men's Foil Team. In recognition of his dedication to strengthening the McMaster University and Hamilton communities, Owen has been named a 2019 3M National Student Fellow.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING & LEARNING

Faculty of Science (Morning Ceremony)

Dr. Daniel Goldreich
Associate Professor,
Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour

Dr. Goldreich is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour. He received a B.Sc. in physics from U.C. San Diego, a Ph.D. in neuroscience from U.C. San Francisco, and was an Associate Professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA prior to joining McMaster. His research laboratory investigates the neural computations that underlie sensory perception. He teaches courses in neuroscience and statistical inference and is director of the steering committee for the interdisciplinary Honours B.Sc. Neuroscience program.

Dr. Goldreich encourages his students to learn, like scientists do, via a process of wonder, exploration, and discovery. He engages students with neuroscience puns, captivates them with sensory demonstrations, and challenges them with critical thinking "Brain Teaser" exercises and weekly homework assignments. He welcomes probing questions and awards an extra credit "Stump-the-Prof" opportunity to any student who asks a question that he's unable to answer. Like his students, he is grateful for the support of a talented team of graduate Teaching Assistants (TAs) and undergraduate Neuroscience Consultants (NCs).

At Duquesne University, Dr. Goldreich received the Center for Teaching Excellence Creative Teaching Award and the School of Health Sciences President's Award for Faculty Excellence in Teaching. At McMaster, he received the MSU Pedagogical Innovation Award (2013-14) and the MSU Excellence in Teaching Award, Science Faculty (2015-16).

Faculty of Engineering (Morning Ceremony)

Michael Justason
Program Chair, Civil Engineering Infrastructure Technology
Program Chair, Management
W. Booth School of Engineering Practice and Technology

Michael is the Program Chair for Civil Engineering Infrastructure Technology. He teaches courses in Geotechnical and Foundation Engineering, Engineering Economics, and Communications for Civil Engineers. He is a graduate of Civil Engineering and Management and also holds a Masters in Engineering, both from McMaster. Michael also holds an executive-MBA from Western University, and is currently a PhD. candidate in the Dept. of Civil Engineering.

Michael worked for Bermingham Foundation Solutions for 18-years prior to his current position at McMaster. His roles at Bermingham included: Product Manager; Engineering Manager; and Business Development Manager. His main areas of expertise include: pile driving and deep foundations. Michael is active on committees of many industry organizations such as the ASTM, the ASCE Geo-Institute, and the Deep Foundations Institute. Michael also served as the 2014/15 President of the Pile Driving Contractors Association. In his work with Bermingham, Michael travelled to over 40 countries and has worked on major civil engineering projects on 6 continents…mainly collecting stories he uses to enhance his teaching!

VALEDICTORIANS

Nursing	Micah Zagala
Health Sciences	Owen Dan Luo
Humanities/Arts & Science	Joshua Marando
Business (Morning Ceremony)	Sophie Ochocinski
Business (Afternoon Ceremony)	Britney Hawkins
Social Sciences (Morning Ceremony)	Lindsay Nooren
Social Sciences (Afternoon Ceremony)	Korin Visca
Science (Morning Ceremony)	Jhanahan Sriranjan
Science (Afternoon Ceremony)	Nagashree Thovinakere
Engineering (Morning Ceremony)	Matthew Ferguson
Engineering (Afternoon Ceremony)	Hannah McPhee

PRESIDENT'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Faculty of Health Sciences

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Faculty of Health Sciences

Sonia Igboanugo

During her time at McMaster, Sonia's diverse leadership experiences have shaped her into an empathetic leader, passionate about serving her community. Sonia is the co-founder and president of BAP-MAC (The Black Aspiring Physicians of McMaster), a student group with a vision to diversify the field of medicine by increasing the representation of Black doctors and healthcare professionals. Under her leadership, BAP-MAC secured an $84 000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation which allowed BAP-MAC to host the inaugural iRISE conference and expand their work.

As a community advisor, she listened to academic challenges and provided peer support for first-year students transitioning into university. Sonia has been able to channel her passion for advocacy through various initiatives in her local community. As a member of Member of Parliament, Filomena Tassi's Constituency Youth Council, she advocated for issues like homelessness and reintegration justice. Sonia's commitment to addressing social and health inequities are seen in her involvement with the McMaster Community Poverty Initiative and the Racial Health Equity Network.

At the vanguard of her academic pursuits is a desire to thrive where health equity & health innovation intersect. Sonia would like to dedicate this award to the entire BAP-MAC team, her parents, Stanley & Chidinma Igboanugo and her mentors Dr. Juliet Daniel and Ike Okafor.

Faculty of Humanities and the Arts & Science Program

Manveetha Muddaluru

For the past three years, Manveetha's work with the Student Success Centre (SSC), an office which services undergraduate students and alumni, has positively contributed to the McMaster community. As the blogger for the SSC's Stories From The Arch blog, Manveetha shared her experiences of being a final year university student and provided a student voice to McMaster's global initiatives such as by blogging about her volunteering to welcome McMaster's international and exchange students to Canada at the airport. Manveetha also helped to highlight the stories of other students across campus on the blog by assisting with the SSC's Planned Happenstance Project. Manveetha's most rewarding role at the SSC was as a Student Success Leader in the career and employment department. As part of her volunteer position, Manveetha used her insights from her university journey of switching from the Sciences to Humanities to help create and facilitate a career exploration workshop to normalize feelings of uncertainty and empower other students in their own career paths. Manveetha would like to dedicate this award to her family and her mentors at the SSC for being her support system during her undergrad.

Faculty of Social Sciences (Morning Ceremony)

Maddie Brockbank

Over the past four years in the Honours BSW program, Maddie's passion for anti-violence work with men motivated her academic achievements, research interests, and community organizing initiatives. The findings of Maddie's undergraduate research project inspired her to independently organize a charitable event, titled Commit(men)t & Allyship, that sought to engage men at McMaster in sexual violence prevention through meaningful male allyship. Maddie worked tirelessly to ensure the event reflected the efforts of the community through partnering with various agencies in Hamilton and beyond. The event raised about $3,000 for the Sexual Assault Centre of Hamilton (SACHA). Maddie also co-facilitated the Male Ally workshop at Take Back the Night for SAVIS of Halton and facilitated mandated domestic violence intervention programming for CFS Hamilton.

Maddie will continue her education next year as a Master's of Social Work candidate at McMaster University, funded through the CGS-M and the Hooker fellowship.

Faculty of Science (Morning Ceremony)

Sinthu Senthillmohan

Throughout her undergraduate career, Sinthu left services better than they started by supporting the vision of her fellow students, fostering their leadership and development, and implementing sustainable change. During her term on student government, she advocated for improvements to student life in areas such as accessibility, accountability, and affordability, through writing various policy papers and working within different steering committees. Through leadership positions within Shinerama and Humanity First, she fundraised thousands of dollars for underserved communities, to improve their health, housing, or access to education. Lastly, Sinthu is a firm believer that the most impactful thing one can do is invest in the next generation of leaders. Through her volunteer work with SwimAbility and McMaster Children's Hospital, she worked with children from various backgrounds to develop their social skills and provide them with emotional support through stressful periods. As a Welcome Week Representative and Science Tutor, she ensured that students were better prepared for their university experience, academically, socially, and emotionally. After her time at McMaster, Sinthu will be pursuing a career in healthcare, with the goal of impacting individuals and their communities.

Faculty of Engineering (Afternoon Ceremony)

Alyssia Jovellanos

Alyssia's award-winning projects have delved into educational technology, accessibility and AI. Over her undergraduate career, she worked on products impacting billions of people, most recently at Google, and Co-Founded DeltaHacks – Canada's first and largest student-run hackathon for change. She's served as President of the McMaster Computer Science Society and competed internationally in quantitative finance competitions, taking home top honours for Canada, and is a member of the Young Diplomats of Canada where she represents Canadian Youth as part of the Canadian Delegation to the OECD Forum. She's also launched a free tech interview mentorship group based on her experiences in Silicon Valley, developed coding modules for thousands of children in Hamilton/GTA, and sent hundreds of McMaster Students to hackathons across North America. Alyssia has spoken about her work to audiences as large as 15,000, served as a consultant and mentor to numerous individuals and organizations, and was a Forbes 30 Under 30 Scholar in 2018. After completing the AI for Social Good Lab at the MILA Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute, she'll be joining Microsoft in a role at the intersection of engineering, design and people.

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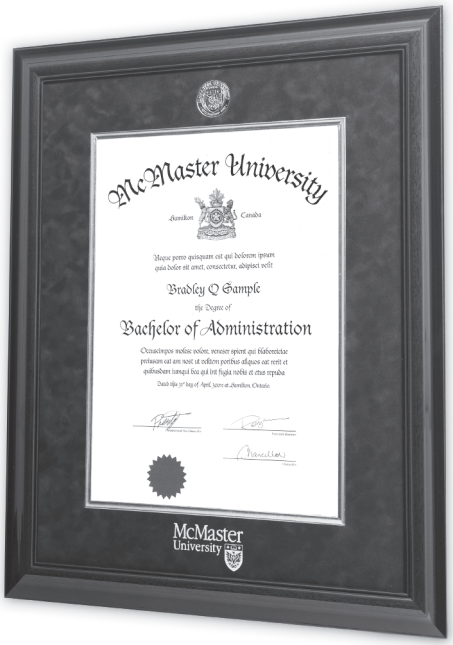
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