



Convocation

for the Class of 2023

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May 24, 25 and June 12 to 16, 2023

Presiding

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BA (Hons), BA, MA

President and Vice-Chancellor
David Farrar
BSc, MSc, PhD

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Honorary Degrees & Valedictorians

School of Nursing
Wednesday, May 24, 2023

626th Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:

The Convocation Address
Pat Mandy, Doctor of Laws

The Valedictory Address
Salwa Siddiqui

Faculty of Health Sciences
Thursday, May 25, 2023

627th Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:

The Convocation Address
Hendricus Gerard Schmidt, Doctor of Science

The Valedictory Address
Muhammad Taaha Hassan

**Faculty of Humanities and
the Arts & Science Program**
Monday, June 12, 2023

628th Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:

The Convocation Address
Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Doctor of Laws

The Valedictory Address
Akosua Asafu-Adjaye

Faculty of Engineering
Tuesday, June 13, 2023

629th Convocation Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.:

The Convocation Address
Kimberly Woodhouse, Doctor of Science

The Valedictory Address
George Fares

630th Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:

The Convocation Address
Howard Ketelson, Doctor of Science

The Valedictory Address
Rebecca Di Vincenzo

Faculty of Social Science
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

631st Convocation Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.:

The Convocation Address
Wanda Thomas Bernard, Doctor of Laws

The Valedictory Address
Salsa Sarhan

632nd Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:

The Convocation Address
Andy Knight, Doctor of Laws

The Valedictory Address
Elizabeth Wong

Faculty of Science
Thursday, June 15, 2023

633rd Convocation Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.:

The Convocation Address
Verena Tunnicliffe, Doctor of Science

The Valedictory Address
Meghan Nemeth

634th Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:

The Convocation Address
Fredrick Moyes, Doctor of Letters

The Valedictory Address
Amal Khan

635th Convocation Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.:

The Convocation Address
Annette Lee, Doctor of Science

The Valedictory Address
Taren Ginter

DeGroote School of Business
Friday, June 16, 2023

636th Convocation Ceremony at 9:30 a.m.:

The Convocation Address
Paul Douglas, Doctor of Laws

The Valedictory Address
Laura Coelho

637th Convocation Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.:

The Valedictory Address
Shweta Sapra



Learn more about the Honorary Degree recipients, award winners and valedictorians by visiting registrar.mcmaster.ca/convocation-2023

Order of Exercises

The Graduand Procession

The Academic Procession

The Chancellor's Procession

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Opening Remarks

The Chancellor's Opening Remarks &

Thanksgiving Address

Faculty Address

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The Conferring of Honorary Degrees

The Convocation Address

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The Conferring of Degrees In-Course

The Presentation of the Graduates

The Valedictory Address

Awards of the 2022-23 Session

Alumni Message

President's Address

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The National Anthem

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Session Awards

The 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.

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 University 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 Canada.

President's Award of Excellence in Student Leadership

The President's Award of Excellence in Student Leadership acknowledges the contributions made by students who play a significant role in improving and developing the intellectual, social, and/or cultural fabric of the McMaster community.

President's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching and Learning

The President's Award for Outstanding Contributions to Teaching and Learning is granted to those educators who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of their students' learning experience.



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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

BIOLOGY

Katharine Pelletier

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Erin Marie Nicholls

GEOGRAPHY

Mary Arsenio
Shaila Jamal

PSYCHOLOGY

Ana Irina Ghilic Micu
Yasaman Jabbari
Alina Protopopescu

MASTER OF SCIENCE

BIOLOGY

Rachelle Anne Fortier
Emily Jane Garrett
Kaiying Sally Ju
Jonah Rae Doherty Lehman
Susan Elizabeth Marsh-Rollo
Madison Lynne McCaig
Brandon Stephen Donald McIntyre

Disha Mehta
Amanda Burkhardt Neves
Megan Rose Ridgway
Eva E. Stefanova
Noah Max Stegman
Jacqueline Laine Powell Vinden
Jianlong Zhu

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

David Aaron Bezeau
Jacob Luke Anthony Bothen
Hope Catherine Anne Freeman
Rebecca Hale

PSYCHOLOGY

Rajat Bhargava
Jacqueline Bikker
Maya Breanne Flannery
Charlene Forde-Smith

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

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Anahita Abtahi
★ Hope Mirylees Adams
★ Zainab Ahmed
Jawaria Aijaz
Nevediha Arunthavarasa
★ David Isaac Balter
Tifinia Bavusteen
Christina Mikaela Bechtel-Becker
Ethan Donald Begg
Yitong Bi
Nicole Elizabeth Bilski
★ Danielle Cassidy Blane
★ Karissa Bowins
★ Sarah Irene Bulthuis
★ Clare Ann Buonpensiero
Chloe Cabral
Alyssa Joanna Charles
Peyton Lorraine Chinnery
★ Madison Marie Clark
Holly Marie Connor
★ Michaela Danielle Desimone
★ Jana Hassan El-Hosseini
★ Cheyenne Arocha Farley
Sarah Fawaz

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Alexandria Galev
Sarah Elizabeth Gates
★ Lianne Elise Gilmour
★ Francesco Giovane
Kristen Olivia Green
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Aleena Sahar Hashmi
Taylor Nicole Holmes
Yiwen Hu
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★ Lauren Michaela Karkada
Abhilasha Kaur
Khadija Khan
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★ Tiffany Nicole Klassen
★ Michayla Koabel
Shelby Kottarathil Jerry
Shradha Pradeep Kumar
★ Sara Kurniadi

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Michelle Wan-Ying Leung
Breanna Alangi Liaki
Ziqing Ling
★ Megan Xiaoyu Luo
★ George Charles Madgwick
Ramandeep Singh Manku
Ramsha Mansoor
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Jaidah Ebony Myah McKoy
Abbigail Joy McMath
Jack Patrick Allen McPherson
★ Isabella Athena McQuade
Nafeesa Faith Momodu
★ Nika Victoria Lexy Moroz-Witek
★ Jenna Li Morrison
★ Alisha Nagi
Sarah Naipaul
Yash Suresh Nair
Kaitlyn Ashley Neff
Caitlin Emily Niro
★ Abigail Karolina Nowakowski
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Temiloluwa Monifeoluwa Olubode
★ Madelyn Danielle Paluska
★ Una Pasagic
★ Ami Rajnishkumar Patel
Tyler Anthony Pavelic
Sara Pecora
★ Desiree Melissa Perry
★ Sebastian Pona
★ Keshika Haravali Ragaven
Aaron Joshua Ramos
Sabrina Reid-Smith
Sierra Grace Richards
Alexandru Roman
Max Henry Rosen
★ Tara Sinclair Roughley
★ Grace Lee Rumball
★ Vincent Dah-Bin Ryu
Maya Sagoo
Sandra Sanchez
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★ Leanna Frances Schott
Payton Carington Shank
Kelah Ayanna Shillingford
★ Chaeun Shin

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Aum Maheshkumar Thakkar
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Rhiannon Venesia

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Kowthar Warsame
Mina William

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Abigail Lynne Rebecca Yates
★ Kyle Younghusband
Ashley Zhai
Jingmi Zhang

Yihan Zhang
Renzhi Zheng

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

HONOURS

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★ Pearl Olasubomi Abiodun-Balogun
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★ Christine Rose Baglio
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Erza Berisha
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Dastar Kaur Bhoday

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- ★ Brian Wong
- ★ Darren Hayden Wong
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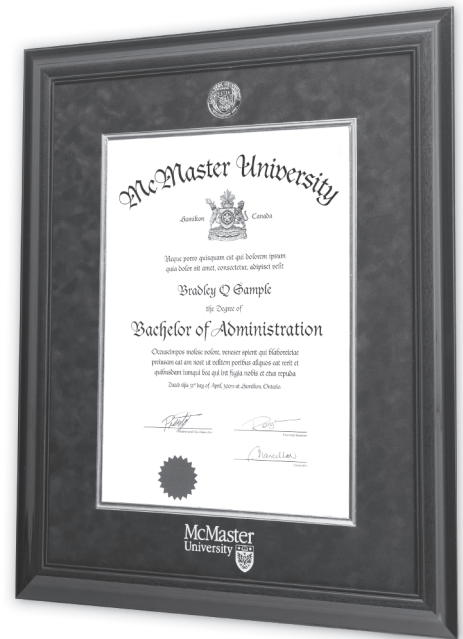
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