



Convocation

for the Class of 2023

FirstOntario Concert Hall

May 24, 25 and June 12 to 16, 2023

Presiding

Chancellor
Santee Smith
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.



Convocation ceremonies will be recorded, broadcasted live, and archived at registrar.mcmaster.ca/grad/webcast/

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

ANTHROPOLOGY

Éloi Bérubé
Afroza Sultana

ECONOMICS

James Maxwell Stutely

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Sasha Skaidra
Scott Andrew Smith

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Paul Arnold

MASTER OF ARTS

ECONOMIC POLICY

Shamima Akter Dalia
Haseeb Mohammed Javaid
Carlos Li

ECONOMICS

Ayma Alam
Rahul Gonuguntla
Xiyang Liu
Rufeng Wang

GLOBALIZATION

Conroy J. Christie
Enzo Guerra

MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY

Ian Fikret Armour
Ally Gretchen Beacock-Schmura
Giovanni Damiano Casale
Kristen Ashlee Choi

Oluwatosin Olivia Salome During
Matthew Ciro Fedsin
Madhavan Nitin Ghogale
John Anthony Henry Halligan

Olivia Anne Hughes
Mahum Khan
Mallory Anne Lindsay
Tyler Daniel Papa

Sean Nathaniel Richards
Kiran Soogrim-Maharaj
Ciera Rose Stiller
Zhehao Xu

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HONOURS

- ★ Naviatha Rokhan
Muhammad Abbas
- ★ Wadana Rokhan
Muhammad Abbas
- ★ Sohayla Abdelghany
Kevin Jose Abraham
Agbeke Oluwajubelo Adesola
Reem Adnan
Jose David Aguilar Vera
- ★ Rabbab Fatima Akhtar
Wahab Al-Hesnawi
Bashar Al-Najjar
- ★ Sannah Alam
Bushra Alimerdan
Luis Emilio Alvarado
Nan An
Dana Naji Arafat
- ★ Ismail Ahmed Aslam

- ★ Ozma Aziz
Robert Richard Badzioch
Shamanthiga Balachandran
Avvai Balasingham
Eeva-Marie Ball
- ★ Vincent Barzetti
Kimberly Camryn Bautista
Preyanka Kumari Bawa
Brianna Ann Bedran
- ★ Sarthak Behal
Robyn Berardi
Macayla Kathleen June Botting
Alexandre Georges Boue
Kareena Kaur Braich
John Paul Brousseau
- ★ Gloria Shirin Brown
- ★ Liam Christensen Brown
- ★ Gagandeep Burman

- ★ Amir Omar Buser
- ★ Lauren Nicole Charman
- ★ Zhe Chen
- ★ Kristopher Luke Churchill
Liam Gregory Coffen
Alana Nicole Colton
Matthew Carmine Conciatori
- ★ Lizmarie Angela Correia
Wenzhe James Cui
- ★ Phoenix Camille Cumberbatch
Sara Dad
Kexin Dang
- ★ Cecilia Rose Ditrapani
Nikola Draganic
- ★ Omar Mohammed E. Eid
Mariam El-Masri
- ★ Sara Elmallah
Saira Faruq

- Madeleine Theresa Fletcher
Skyler Isobell-Ann Fogal
Ashley Joan Fulgencio
Shreya Ghosh
Claire Alexis O'Rourke Gopaul
Erin Louise Gorman
- ★ Hiya Goyal
- ★ Jessica Jean Greenwood
Jialing Gu
- ★ Penny Margaret Gumbert
Lifeng Guo
- ★ Gia M. Haggith
Ericka Hamilton
Ali Ahmed Hammad
Danlu Han
- ★ Shuyi Han
Moukarram Hassan
- ★ Ayden James Hayward-Boyer

Erin Marie Heffer	★ Reine Lolos	Raidel Rene Ramirez Bouza	Juliana Maria Volpe
Bushra Helbah	Sizhe Lu	★ Lyanna Kristyne Ramos	★ Haowen Wang
Thomas Gordon Hett	Shengjun Luo	Parram Rana	Jingru Wang
★ Mariana Gabriela Higgins	★ Elizabeth Alexandria MacIver	Owen David William Reid	Kewen Wang
Alim Hirji	Suzany Manimaran	Ziyi Ren	Yixuan Wang
★ Jenna Hirji	Myra Mansoor	Domenico Onile Renzone	Ziqiao Wang
Shingaary Hirmiz	★ Colin Mari	★ Anastasia Varvara Richards	Michelle Stefany Wang Dai
Yi Hong	Megan Eva Marsh	★ Sergio Rodrigo	Ethan Thomas Weber
★ Xuanran Huang	★ Connor John Maskell	★ Mengsheng Ruan	Phillip Dean Williams
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Christopher Hughes	Maksym Mazur	★ Cayla Alexis Rustja	★ Zuzanna Anna Wolos
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★ Jayanti Jerath	Sakibuzzaman Mulla	★ Lina Sbrissa	★ Jimi Xu
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★ Beier Jiang	Jyothika Nair	★ Sinthu Selvarajah	Efren Hernandez Yalung
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★ Maysaa Jneinati	Cheuk Ying Charlene Ng	Sumaiya Mayisha Shahadat	Jingtao Yang
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★ Jaskarn Singh Kailey	Yaw Sefa Otchere	★ Aileen Shi	Ziqi Yin
★ Aaraf Khan	Yukun Ou	Mengdi Shi	Jiasheng Ying
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★ Maryam Khan	Hafsa Hajra Paracha	Manreet Sidhu	Xinyue Yuan
Muhammad Bin Shakeel Khan	Cristina Lorena Parra Vega	Kylen Ruth Simms	Can Baran Yuceer
Nawjot Kaur Khatra	Preksha Patel	Christopher Anthony Smourov	Daniel Peter Zaborski
Jennie Sehyun Kim	Anna Marya Pavlakovic	Molly Ann Spurr	★ Caroline Zadlo
★ Timothy Ho Tim Ko	Kolya Petrovic	Anuraaj Srivastava	Tazrian Maliha Zaman
★ Avery Jane Marie Kohut	★ Hung Van Phan	Lisa Sylvana St. Louis-Barnett	Anastasija Zecevic
Adam Ali Josip Ladha	★ Almitra Phukan	★ Megan Stewart	Baoqiang Zhang
Justin Anthony Lambie	★ Melissa Iolanda Pinelli	Zachary James Stulla	Jianyi Zhang
★ Alexandra Monica Lang	Kimali Lihansa Piyasena	Erika Takou Yopa	Jiayi Zhang
★ Sydney Pamela Larter	Claudette Angelamarie Pugliese	★ Mitchell Ryan Tam	★ Wenpeng Zhang
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Natalie Alida Lavelle	★ Hong Yu Qin	★ Jialong Tang	Zhixiang Zhang
Kristina Lekic	Kunge Qin	Mehak Tariq	Jing Yi Zhao
Daniel Lok Kan Leung	★ Shangyu Qu	Isha Tomer	★ Yongjin Zhong
Banghu Liao	★ Yun Qu	Trisha	★ Han Zhou
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★ Huili Liu	Shaolin Sharmin Raisa	★ Thomas John Vallesi	Wanyi Zhu
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★ Aliza Akhtar	Xiaoyue Hu	★ Mirha Mansoor	Xiaotong Sun
Aneeshan Balakaran	Cassidy Hua	Joshua Matthew Mariano	Joelle Madeleine Marie Tetrault
Elena Victoria Botelho	Nicky Huang	★ Lucy Margaret Maynard	Viduran Thanarajah
Daniel Brotman	Chidubem-Chris	Keira Elyse McCartney	The Nhan Vo
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Mingwei Chen	Alfredo Emilio Jimenez-Garcia	★ Wahī Salih Mohamed	William Cameron
Bethany Rose Connell	Rekha Kalia	Omer Mohamed	MacDonald White
Julia Crisan	★ Amna Vedita Kataria	Matthew Mirko Musulin	Min Xiao
Jenna Christine Culumovic	Jashanpreet Kaur	Mulenga Mariana Mutantabowa	Brandon Dean Young
Bradley Robert Currell-Therrien	★ Shivaansh Khanna	Harman Singh Nagra	Mohin Zaman
Blair Martin Davidson	Mark Adam Robert Korol	Maksim Navrota	★ Zehua Zhang
★ Jordan Denver Derochie	Thujithan Kulasegaram	★ Tea Pavic	Jingwen Zhou
Naveen Briwel Quinto Diaz	Xinyu Li	Videesha Vinsara Piyadigama	Xinziqian Zhou
Jeremy Michael Dillon	Aidan Michael Lightbody	★ Kajeenthy Prabakaran	★ Liting Zhu
Gabrielle Lucie Dore	Shi Jie Lin	Shakim Malik Radix	
Alexander Fiset	Zhijie Lin	Jack Francis George Rozovsky	
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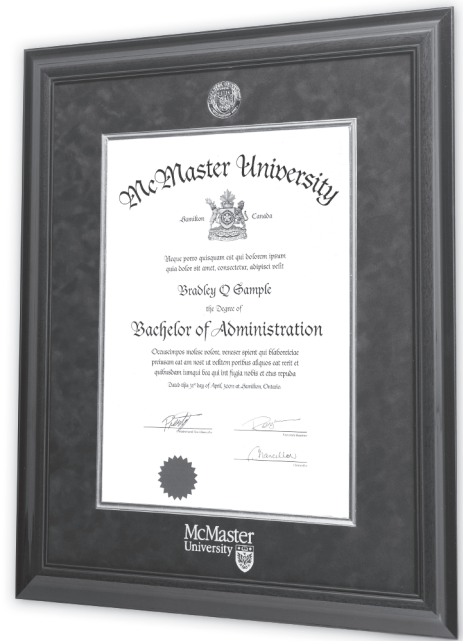
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