



November 23, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.

# Convocation for Conferring Degrees

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Class of 2023

Faculty of Health Sciences



# *Convocation*

*for the Class of 2023*

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**FirstOntario Concert Hall**

**November 23 & 24, 2023**

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*BA (Hons), BA, MA*

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# Honorary Degrees & Valedictorians

## 638<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony

Thursday, November 23, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

*Arts & Science Program, DeGroote School of Business,  
Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Social Sciences*

### The Convocation Address

Dr. Patrick Deane, Doctor of Laws

### The Valedictory Address

Mehreen Shami

## 639<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony

Thursday, November 23, 2023, 2:30 p.m.

*Faculty of Health Sciences*

### The Convocation Address

Dr. Janice Eng, Doctor of Science

### The Valedictory Address

Reemal Shahbaz

## 640<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony

Friday, November 24, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

*Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Science*

### The Convocation Address

Ms. Emily Calandrelli, Doctor of Science

### The Valedictory Address

Liza-Anastasia DiCecco

# Session Awards

## The Governor General's Academic Award

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 Academic Medals to the students at the university who have achieved the highest academic standing at the undergraduate level and graduate 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.

## The Distinguished Alumni Award

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 honours alumni whose accomplishments are of national and/or international significance or had a seminal or transformative impact in their field.

## Distinguished University Professors

The Distinguished University Professors title recognizes exceptional McMaster faculty who lead in all the areas that make up a well-rounded scholar. Not only do nominees achieve outstanding research with a global impact, but they also demonstrate excellence in teaching, mentorship, and community service throughout their careers.

The title, which is restricted to no more than 2 per cent of all full-time faculty members, is the highest honour the University can bestow.



Learn more about the Honorary Degree recipients, award winners, and valedictorians by visiting [registrar.mcmaster.ca/convocation-2023](https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/convocation-2023)

# Order of Exercises

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The Academic Procession

The Chancellor's Procession

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Chancellor's Welcome

Opening Remarks

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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 2023-2024 Session

Alumni Address

President's Address

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The National Anthem

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## BIOCHEMISTRY

Rodion Gordzevich  
Savannah Ashton Kilpatrick  
Shuwen Qian

## HEALTH POLICY

Cristian Mansilla  
Mariana Molina Jaimes  
Manisha Pahwa

## HEALTH RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Rachel Eikelboom  
Federico Germini  
Daeria Lawson  
Xue Li  
Sandra Nnedinma Ofori  
Tea Rosic  
Jhalok Ronjan Talukdar  
Liang Yao

## MEDICAL SCIENCES

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Eric Marc-André Desjardins  
Sophie Poznanski  
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Neha Sharma  
Asfia Soomro  
Taylor Sparring Press  
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Nisarg Samir Shah  
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Jasrita Singh  
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Shuotong Yu  
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# MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Tegwende Amina Seedu

# MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Shiva Murali  
Aarthi Pasupathi  
Amogelang Raphenya Raphenya

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Kiara Alich  
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Rose Theresa Bonello  
Katherine Anna Brazel  
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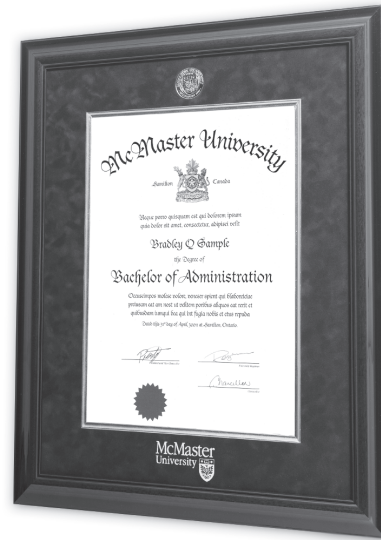
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