

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY



SUMMER CONVOCATION

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026

July 3, 2026
The Playhouse
Fredericton, NB



*The land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the
Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) whose ancestors, along with the Mi'kmaq
and Passamaquoddy Nations, signed Peace and Friendship Treaties
with the British Crown in the 1700s.*

PROGRAM

ProceSSIONal

Convener of the Convocation

Dr. Kim Fenwick
*Provost and Vice-President
(Academic and Research)*

Invocation

Rev. Aaron Knox
Chaplain

Traditional Welcome

Elizabeth Augustine
Elder-in-Residence

Honour Song

Judie Acquin

President's Address

Dr. M. Nauman Farooqi
President and Vice-Chancellor

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Sandra Irving
Chancellor

Address to the Graduates

Kenneth Pike

Conferral of Degrees in Course

Bachelor of Applied Arts
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Education
Master of Social Work

Valedictory

Ameya Charnalia

Presentation of Faculty Award

Presentation of Student Medal

Closing Remarks

Vaughn Sturgeon
Chair, Board of Governors

O Canada

Tom Doiron

*The audience is requested to remain standing until the
academic procession has left the area.*

*Music is provided by Don Bossé Jazz, featuring Don Bossé, Jorian Hapeman,
Jason Flores, Justin Reid, Craig Woodcock, and Ogenetejiri Emore.*

CONVOCATION

St. Thomas University's Convocation is a gathering of the university community to confer degrees, present awards and medals, and hear the Address to Graduates and Valedictory. Convocation begins with a processional led by graduating students who are followed by faculty, officials, and guests. Each group occupies a designated position and the processional becomes a meeting of the university, the definition of convocation. The Chancellor and the President wear ceremonial St. Thomas University robes designed for their office, while many faculty wear the hoods and gowns of their *alma mater*. The university bestows honorary degrees on individuals who have been deemed deserving of recognition by a Joint Board of Governors-Senate Committee. Wearing green and gold-trimmed robes, St. Thomas University's colours, the recipients receive hoods symbolizing their degrees. Students who have met the university's academic standards are similarly hooded and formally granted all the honours, rights, and privileges pertaining to their degree.

EAGLE FEATHER

Graduating Indigenous students were gifted with Eagle Feathers and are carrying their feather as they receive their degree. In Indigenous communities, there is a sacred connection between the Eagle and the Creator as the Eagle flies highest and closest to the Creator and carries human prayers. In "The Story of the Eagle Feather," the Eagle offered one of its feathers to the human family as a sign of love and healing and a reminder of "Sacred Teachings." An Eagle Feather bestows honour and responsibility as it symbolizes being a messenger for respect, truth, courage, and wisdom as passed down by Elders.

KENTE STOLE

The Kente Stole commemorates the differences and obstacles Black students overcome in order to graduate. Adapted from African tradition in Ghana, this woven cloth, which was once only worn by royalty, is a scarf-like garment worn over the shoulders that represents an accomplishment, graduation, or other rite of passage. The Kente Stole honours the legacy of Black ancestors and is a testament to each graduate's strength and excellence.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

Kate Beaton, an award-winning graphic novelist and ethnographer, launched her career by publishing the comic strip *Hark! A Vagrant* online. It subsequently became an international award-winning book. The collection, *Step Aside Pops*, won the Eisner Award for Best Humor Publication, the highest achievement in US comic arts. Her children's book, *The Princess and The Pony*, won the CBC Children's Choice Book Award, and was an animated series for AppleTV. Her graphic novel *Ducks* won the CBC's Canada Reads in 2023 and was on Barack Obama's list of favourite books of the year. The story about young Canadians who work in the tar sands is taught in university classes on labour, community, and culture.



Kenneth Pike has dedicated his life to supporting the full inclusion of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. For 35 years, he was the Director of Social Policy for the Fundy Region Association for Community Living and later Inclusion NB. He has played a leading role in many social policy innovations; he advised the Economic and Social Inclusion Corporation on social assistance reform, co-chaired the committee to establish the Disability Support Program, and contributed to social policy legislation related to accessibility, autonomy rights, and employment standards. He has authored books, discussion papers, and policy briefs on disability issues. He has received the NB Human Rights Award and was appointed to the Order of New Brunswick.



FACULTY AWARD

PART-TIME TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Professor Scott Parks, School of Education, has worked in the K-12 public education system for 28 years as a technology educator, district technology mentor, and administrator. He has taught part-time in the School of Education for 18 years on technology and integrating technology in the classroom. His students are encouraged to experiment, collaborate, and reflect critically on digital tools, and this results in consistently high levels of engagement, practical skill development, and professional confidence. Through teaching and mentorship, he has influenced the professional learning of countless teachers presently working in schools across Canada.



GRADUATES

Bachelor of Applied Arts

Austin Lawrence Hamilton (*Criminal Justice*)

Miramichi, NB

Bachelor of Arts

Alyssa Laura Danielle Anderson (*distinction*)

Saint John, NB

Talia Lillian Coderre

Bowmanville, ON

Ava Soleil Claire Correia

Rothsay, NB

Chloe Elizabeth Despres

Fredericton, NB

Mia Lucille Anastazija Ferland (*distinction*)

Ottawa, ON

Aiden James Glendenning

Hillsborough, NB

Ahmed Mohamed Magdy Mohamed Hafez

Ottawa, ON

Austin Lawrence Hamilton

Miramichi, NB

Megan Grace Henwood

Moncton, NB

Jackelyn Rose McQuarrie (*distinction*)

Nackawic, NB

Marley Catherine McRae

Quispamsis, NB

Cole Moar (*distinction*)

Miramichi, NB

Almajd Abdul Qader Mowahed (*distinction*)

Aleppo, Syria

Jada Abigail Elaine O'Toole

Quispamsis, NB

Juan Jacobo Perez

Fredericton, NB

Olivia Eve Power

Rothsay, NB

Certificate in Digital and Media Literacy

Remi Juno Reardon (*distinction*)

Riverview, NB

Hannah Grace Squires

New Maryland, NB

Certificate in Experiential Learning and Community Engagement

Fae Swinamer-Lane

Bear River, NS

Aan Mohan Takyar (*distinction*)

New Delhi, India

Regan Lee Wright

St. Stephen, NB

With Honours in Psychology

Sidney Élio d'Entremont (*distinction*)

Pubnico, NS

Bachelor of Education

Jacob William Joeseeph Amon, BSc

Fredericton, NB

Owen Douglas Amos, BA

Fredericton, NB

Kayla Dawn Anderson, BSc

Fredericton, NB

Keira Lynn Astorino, BA

McAdam, NB

Michaila Ann Bassett, BA

Pennfield, NB

Lauren Mackenzie Belyea, BH

Rothsay, NB

David Lloyd Bent, BA, MA, Ph.D.

Middleton, NS

Allya Randi Bishop, BA

Fredericton, NB

Gabriella Elizabeth Black, BA	Amherst, NS
Olivia Lisa Blanchard, BA	Fredericton, NB
Megan Bonnie Bowen, BA	Hanwell, NB
Madelyn Kathleen Boyle, BA	Fredericton, NB
Holly Ann Buffett, BA	Halifax, NS
Julia Claire Campbell, BA	Sussex, NB
Gabrielle Jeannette Campbell, BA	Medicine Hat, AB
Megan Nicole Campbell, BA	Lower Greenwich, NB
Shailyn Faith Chamberlain, BA	Miramichi, NB
Samuel Charles Harrison Chambré, BSc	Fredericton, NB
Kaitlyn Elizabeth Chappelle, BA	Oromocto, NB
Ameya Charnalia, BA, BJ	New Delhi, India
Brieanna Childs, BSc	Fredericton, NB
Stephen Francis Connolly, BA	Fredericton, NB
Kayla Megan Marie Curran, BA	Grandbay-Westfield, NB
Karlie Ellen Curtis, BA	Fredericton, NB
Madison Eileen Daigle, BA	Harvey, NB
Elizabeth Anne Davidson, BA	Woodstock, NB
Sebastien Gabin Bernard Maurice Denamur, BSc	Fredericton, NB
Sarah Frances Desmond, BA	Saint John, NB
Nolan Manley Doak, BSc	Miramichi, NB
Grace Elizabeth Doherty, BA	Fredericton, NB
Thomas Randolph Doiron, BMus	Saint John, NB
Emily Charlene Estabrooks, BSc	Rothsay, NB
Grace Anna Farley, BSc	Moncton, NB
Marc Christian Faubert, BA	Moncton, NB
Xavier Thorne Fisher, BRSS	Truro, NS
Ana Luiza Furtado de Medeiros, BSc	Natal, Brazil
Anna Elizabeth Gaudreault, BSc	Sackville, NB
Sara Gere, BSc	Waterloo, ON
Marcus Gwinnett Goldblatt, BA	Hamilton, ON
Axel Philip Goodier, MScF	Renfrew, ON
Brooke Lynn Grothe, BA	St. John's, NL
Claire Elizabeth Gullison, BSc	New Maryland, NB
Lucas Fernando Gutiérrez-Robert, BA	Fredericton, NB
Alexis Wilda Harrison, BA	Plaster Rock, NB
Miriam Kathleen Hicks, BA	Westcock, NB
Noel Evers Hodgson, BA	Leamington, ON
Jessie Frances Elizabeth Holmes, BA	Halifax, NS
Lara Nicole Jollimore-Behie, BA	Halifax, NS
Rachel Lynne Jones, BA	Riverview, NB
Dawoon Jung, BA	Fredericton, NB
Alexandra Louise Kahnert, BSc	Toronto, ON

Meaghan Mackenzie Kirkpatrick, BA, BRSS
Mackenzie Elisabeth Lacey, BSc
Geneviève Frédérique Landry, BA
Xinyu Ma, HBA, MEd
Hannah Elizabeth MacDonald, BSc
Madison Lorraine MacGregor, BA
Thomas John MacRae, BRSS
Keara Alyssa Martell, BSc
James Annette Martin, BA
Isaac Craig Mathews, BA
Hannah Marie Mazzuca, BA, MA
Lily Chisholm McKee, BA
Kiah Mackenzie McLenaghan, BA
Fiona Patricia Eileen McMaster, BA
Haley Ellen Grace McPherson, BA
Jenna Elizabeth Melanson, BRSS
Yuan Meng, BA
Cameron John Miller, BA
Erin Danielle Moore, BA
Tallas Munro, BA
Rachel Helen Roxborough Neville, BA
Claire Louise Olivia Grace Nimegeers, BA
Alicia Catherine Norman, BA
Elizabeth Lynn O'Leary, BRSS
Sarah Rebecca Osier, BA
Jason Dennis Palmer, BA, MEd
Hilary Mary Parker, BSc
Virginia Caelan Phillips, BSc
Hayden Olivia Pierce, BA
Samantha Jane Pierce, BA
Julia Dawn Plaxton, BA
Maeve Marie Powning, BA
Norah Jane Quinlan, BSc
Rebekah Mae Rich, BAA
Kylee Lara Roi, BA
Madison Deborah Roy, BA
Zachary Robert Roy, BCS
Jessica Ann Smith, BA
Matthew James Smith, BA
Alyssa Jane Sprague, BScKin
Joel Matthew St. Peters, BA, MA
Brooke Louise Sterner, BA
Caelin Michelle Sullivan, BA, MA

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Dieppe, NB
Shanghai, China
Saint John, NB
Truro, NS
Cole Harbour, NS
Halifax, NS
Saint John, NB
Fredericton, NB
Toronto, ON
Fredericton, NB
Rusagonis, NB
Collingwood, ON
Hampton, NB
Moncton, NB
Beijing, China
Quispamsis, NB
Rothesay, NB
Fredericton, NB
Fredericton, NB
Regina, SK
St. George, NB
New Maryland, NB
Oshawa, ON
Fredericton, NB
Campbellton, NB
Hanwell, NB
Fredericton, NB
Rothesay, NB
Miramichi, NB
Markhamville, NB
St. Johns, NL
Fredericton, NB
Rothesay, NB
Moncton, NB
Fredericton, NB
Salmon Beach, NB
Saint John, NB
Hanwell, NB
Amherst, NS
Hampton, NB
Oromocto, NB

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Samantha Jordan Taylor, BScHKin
Keeghan Thier, BA
Evan Bruce Douglas Valanne, BA
Elisabeth Vigneau, BA
Brent Alan Walker, BSc, MMS
Emily Sara Waterhouse, BA
Reeves Watt, BA
Emma Elizabeth Rosalind Wilkes, BA
Sophie Alex Ann Wilkes, BA
Iris Kathryn Rogers Wolfe, BFA

Master of Social Work

Chelsea Yvonne Ayers, BA, MA
Kelly-Ann Blake, BA, BSW
Kaitlyn Alisha Blewett, MSc, BSc, SSW
Matthew James Cooper, BAACJ
Victoria Ann Dingee, BPhil
Melissa Dawn Everett, BA
Laurie Beth Fulton, BPhil, MEd Adult Ed
Taylor-Ann Galbraith, BA
Nicole Anette Gonzalez Garcia, BA
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Shelena T.G. Gray, BSW
Taylor Leigh Gyuk, BA
Liam Haley, BA
Isabella Mae Hebert, BSW
Megan June Hilderley, BSW
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Laura Angela Steeves, BA, MA
Milda Titford, BSW

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Rusagonis, NB
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Vancouver, BC
Rigolet, NL
Cobourg, ON
Miramichi, NB
Quispamsis, NB
Fredericton, NB
Lincoln, NB
Oromocto, NB
Havana, La Habana
Georgetown, PE
Rothesay, NB
Prince George, BC
Fredericton, NB
Fredericton, NB
Sackville, NB
Shawnigan Lake, BC
Woodstock, NB
Brighton, ON
Hampton, NB
Cape Breton Island, NS
Kensington, PE
London, ON
Salisbury, NB
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