

SUMMER CONVOCATION 2025

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JULY 4, 2025
THE PLAYHOUSE
FREDERICTON, NB



St. Thomas
UNIVERSITY

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

Proclamation

Convener of the Convocation

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

Invocation

Rev. Peter Melanson
Chaplain

Traditional Welcome

Hon. Graydon Nicholas
Chancellor

President's Address

Dr. M. Nauman Farooqi
President and Vice-Chancellor

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Hon. Graydon Nicholas

Address to the Graduates

Paul Ouellet

Conferral of Degrees in Course

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

Valedictory

Selina Gaudreault

Presentation of Faculty Award

Dr. M. Nauman Farooqi

Presentation of Student Medal

Dr. M. Nauman Farooqi

Closing Remarks

Vaughn Sturgeon
Chair, Board of Governors

O Canada

Bachelor of Education Graduates

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

Music is provided by members of the STU Jazz Ensemble.

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

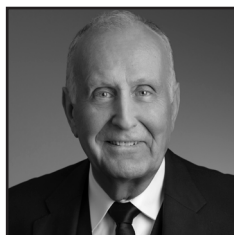
Graduating Indigenous students were gifted with Eagle Feathers and are carrying their feather as they receive their degree. In Indigenous communities, there is a sacred connection between the Eagle and the Creator as the Eagle flies highest and closest to the Creator and carries human prayers. In "The 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 Black Students' Association has worked with the university to introduce the Kente Stole to commemorate 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 RECIPIENT

Paul Ouellet is a respected and effective advocate for the marginalized in our society. For more than four decades, he has dedicated his life to serving people suffering with mental illness, addictions, and homelessness, and connecting them to the appropriate services. At all levels of society, from advocating in countless individual cases to lobbying every level of government and elected officials, he has worked to improve the services and programs that individuals and families deserve. His early life was marked by hardship as family members were diagnosed with illness and addictions or suffered homelessness. This inspired Paul's compassionate response to those who live in debilitating circumstances. He shares his story so that healthcare workers can see treatment and recovery from a family perspective. He has also tirelessly lobbied premiers, cabinet members, civil servants, and community leaders to find lasting solutions to these issues. The acknowledgment from those he has helped speaks most poignantly to his impact — "With his help, we were able to improve the lives of many, and save a few lives along the way."



FACULTY AWARD

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AWARD

Professor Léo-James Lévesque, Field Placement Coordinator and French Language Specialist in the School of Education, is an award-winning educator. Nationally recognized for his leadership in French Second Language education, he has collaborated with school boards, districts, administrators, and teachers across Canada supporting language education. He has travelled extensively to promote STU's Bachelor of Education program and developed strong relationships with educational partners to secure school-based placements for teacher candidates. During the pandemic, he developed innovative virtual field placement experiences, ensuring that students could benefit from practicum opportunities despite school closures. He has also established the Partnership in Learning Initiative to support collaborative educational projects. Through his promotion of professional, linguistic, and cultural development for students, Prof. Lévesque has demonstrated outstanding service to St. Thomas University and the educational community.



GRADUATES

Bachelor of Arts

Jennifer Kim Alexander
Ryersan John Bell
Nicholas James Blyth
Brayden William Elijah Cornell
Ebony Hélène Gosselin
Acadia Lynn Organ Hulan
Presley Anne Isadore
Mya Elizabeth Jefferies
Jenna Jayne Mcfawn (*distinction*)
Gina Kathleen Mitchell
Emma Jean Morehouse
Bright Chinonso Nwokoro
Sarah Ann Rouah (*distinction*)
Colin Jonah Herman Simon
Matthew David Wood
Francine Veronica Young

Sussex, NB
Miramichi, NB
Chipman, NB
Saint John, NB
Moncton, NB
Corner Brook, NL
Paqtnekek First Nation, NS
Fredericton, NB
Fredericton, NB
Thompson, MB
Waasis, NB
Port-Harcourt, Nigeria
Moncton, NB
Elsipogtog First Nation, NB
Oromocto, NB
Bilijk, NB

With Honours in History

Savannah Trinity Leah Simon

Miramichi, NB

Certificate of Honours Standing in International Relations

Oliver James Richard McGrady Wright-Gardner Fredericton, NB

Bachelor of Education

Jenna Grace Augustine, BA
Grace Brooke Baker, BA
Abby Rebecca Bartlett, BA
Chloe Leith Joan Box, BA
Aspen Marie Boyer-Belanger, BA
Kyle Francis Brown, BBA
Keegan Patrick Burns, BA
Shyanne Elaine Butland, BSc
Mélisha Emma Carrier, BA
Sarah Michelle Christensen, BKin
Sydney Janice Conrad, BA
Lauren Elizabeth Corlett, BA
Angel Christine Côté, BSc
Emma Jane Creamer, BA
Lillie Anne McKenna Cyr, BScKin

Miramichi, NB
Liscomb, NS
Ludlow, NB
Lincoln, NB
Sault Ste. Marie, ON
Corner Brook, NL
New Maryland, NB
Riverview, NB
Fredericton, NB
Gaspereaux, PE
Oshawa, ON
Miramichi, NB
Grand Falls, NB
Quispamsis, NB
Halifax, NS

Lauren Michelle Day, BA
Zekiah May DeJong, BA
Lia Joy Demmons, BBA
Chloé Renée Doiron, BA
Katelyn Breanna Drake, BA
Abigail Rita Draper, BA
Brandon Jerry Ferguson-Johnson, BA
Kathleen Jo-Anne Grace Fernandes, BSc
Billy Ray Fong, BA
Kathryn Elizabeth Foord, BSc
Catherine Garacho, MPACS
Brennan John Garnett, BA
Selina Jan Gaudreault, BSc
Mary-Lynn Geraghty, BBA
Maya Chase Gonzalez, BA
Lindsay Joy Diana Graham, BA
Bree Margaret Hallett, BA
Emma-Leigh Suzanne Hallett, BScKin
Lauren Tamara Halsall, BCS, BBA
Joshua Ryan Hanson, BA
Norah Hayley Haslett, BA
Jaymee Leigh Henley, BSc
Katie Elizabeth Herrington, BA
Brittany Marie Hersey, BSc
Emma Susan Hoch, BFA, MA
Jillian Summer Hodgson, BA
Emma Bell Hourihan, BA
Emma Frances Keefe, BA
Madison Blaire Kenny, BPhil
Lauren Ashley Killam, BA
Kendra Dawn Kilpatrick, BA
Kyleigh Emma Roberta King, BA
Molly Grace Lanigan, BA
Merissa Rhiannon Theresa LeBlanc, BSc
Danielle Yvonne Legere, BA
Evan Lewis, BA
Anne Liu, BA
Emily Ann Maber, BA
Sarah Jane MacCallum, BSc
Benjamin Jon MacDonald, BBA
Jared Montgomerie MacDonald, BRSS
Cate Eliza MacKay, BBA
Kiandra Caroline MacMullin, BA

Halifax, NS
Quispamsis, NB
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Fredericton, NB
Vernon Bridge, PE
Ottawa, ON
Campbellton, NB
Carleton Place, ON
Port Coquitlam, BC
Fredericton, NB
Keswick, ON
Quispamsis, NB
Sackville, NB
Campbellton, NB
Saint John, NB
Fredericton, NB
Woodstock, NB
Fredericton, NB
Saint John, NB
New Maryland, NB
Fredericton, NB
Glassville, NB
Saint John, NB
Saint John, NB
Ottawa, ON
Fredericton, NB
Passekeag, NB
Fredericton, NB
Bathurst, NB
Salisbury, NB
Quispamsis, NB
Oromocto, NB
Quispamsis, NB
Yarmouth, NS
Fredericton, NB
Aylesford, NS
Fredericton, NB
Quispamsis, NB
Miramichi, NB
Bathurst, NB
Waasis, NB
Quispamsis, NB
Fredericton, NB

Lorin Taylor Marshall, BA
Olivia Marie Massfeller, BPhil
Noah Richard Joseph McCarthy, BComm
Hannah Celeste Mclean-Sánchez, BA
Ryan James Medcalf, BKin
Alyssa Dawn Mersereau, BBA
Matthew Alexander Chambers Milne, BScF
Brooke Lynn Morales, BA, MA
Charlotte Quinn Muirhead, BA
Mackenzie Morgan Noiles, BA
Grace Emma O'Donnell, BA
Olivia Lynn Ormond, BA
Jacob Douglas Lawrence Palmer, BA
Ekaterina Marie Pelowich, BA
Emelia Rose Piper, BCH
Nyah Dawn Katherine Post, BSc
Bethany Rose Ross, BA
William John Russell, BA
Julia Dianne Scarbro, BA
Serena Joy Simmons, BSc
Alex Michael Small, BScKin
Kieran Michael Smyth, BMus
Brett John Springer, BA
Marc Alistair St. Amand, BA
Benjamin Marcus Stairs, BA
Hannah Jill Staples, BA
Caitlin Marie Stewart, BA
Kathryn Elizabeth Swift, BA
Britney Alyssa Tardiff, BA
Emma-Jean Elizabeth Thomson, BA
Lucas Hillyard Tompkins, BScKin
Xavier von Gröning, BA
Alexandria Ceridwyn Weir, BA
Emily Meghan Drysdale Whitty, BA
Virginia Paige Wilson, BA
Lauren May Wood, BA
Ching Yi Yang, BA
Nicole Anne Zacharuk, BA

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Scotch Lake, NB
Grand Falls, NB
Saint John, NB
Fredericton, NB
Hampton, NB
Fredericton, NB
Cumberland City, TN, USA
Ottawa, ON
Amherst, NS
Miramichi, NB
Oromocto, NB
Saint John, NB
Stouffville, ON
Connell, NB
Sussex, NB
Miramichi, NB
Quispamsis, NB
Nackawic, NB
Devonshire, Bermuda
Saint John, NB
Fredericton, NB
Bamberg, ON
Ottawa, ON
Fredericton, NB
Lower Coverdale, NB
Saint John, NB
Sussex, NB
Mazerolle Settlement, NB
St. John's, NL
Woodstock, NB
Fredericton, NB
Saint John, NB
Lunenburg, NS
St. Stephen, NB
Hanwell, NB
Saint John, NB
Sussex, NB

Bachelor of Social Work

Audréanne Luce Dubé

Fredericton, NB

Master of Social Work

Champion Adewale Adejumobi, BSW
Makira Jessie Asprey, BA
Phyllis Danquah Boakyewaa, BSW, MA
Erin Eileen Cunningham, BSW
Bhreagh Elizabeth Davies, BA, BSW
James Divine, BA
Hilary Lucy Ann Francis, BA, BSW
Danica Elizabeth Godin, BA
Jamie Dolores Chisholm Hachey, BA, BSW
Brienne Patricia Kowalski, BA
Alisha Moriah Leet, BA
Tammy Lynn Leonard, BA
Autumn Dawn Locke, BA, BSW
Alize Barbara Mombourquette, BA
Chidubem Jim Nkoloagu, BA
Tatyana Chloe Palaty, BA
Jennifer Joy Park, BA, BSW
Julia Catherine Pender, BSW
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Laura Cynthia Sewell, BSW
Madison Lynne Seymour, BA
Sonya Lynn Somers, BSW
Ai Quyen Truong, BA
Carmen Marie Wilkins, BA

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Guysborough, NS
Fredericton, NB
Rexton, NB
Rothesay, NB
McAdam, NB
Island View, NB
Burnaby, BC
Moncton, NB
Halifax, NS
Corner Brook, NL
Eel River Bar First Nation, NB
Pabineau First Nation, NB
Amherst, NS
Fredericton, NB
Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam
Burton, NB

Doctor of Letters, honoris causa

Paul Ouellet

