

Spring Convocation 2022



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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 Valedictor. Convocation begins with a processional led by graduating students who are followed by faculty, university officials, and special guests. Each group occupies a designated position and the processional becomes a meeting of the university, the definition of convocation. Modern university attire dates to the Middle Ages when scholars and students were members of religious orders. 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 disciplines.

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 at a special ceremony 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 continued love and healing and a reminder of the importance of Sacred Teachings. To be given 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 Convocation to commemorate the differences and obstacles STU's 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 shoulder 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

Dr. Mary McCarthy-Brandt is a Fredericton-based writer, educator, and historian dedicated to preserving the histories of Black New Brunswickers. Over the past decade, she has emerged as a prominent public commentator and has promoted greater awareness of the historical and current contributions of Black New Brunswickers. McCarthy-Brandt is a sixth-generation New Brunswicker whose family's roots predate the founding of the province in 1784. A PhD graduate of the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, her scholarly research focused on segregated and forgotten graveyards in New Brunswick. She also served for six years as the president of the New Brunswick Black Historical Society.



McCarthy-Brandt has been featured in the provincial and regional media for her research locating and restoring abandoned Black cemeteries and her knowledge of the Black experience in New Brunswick. She chairs REACH NB (Remembering Each African Cemeteries Historical in New Brunswick) which collaborates with the Provincial Archives to locate and document forgotten and abandoned gravesites. In 2015, McCarthy-Brandt won a human rights case against Shoppers Drug Mart for an incident of racial profiling. Her writing was featured in the collection *Black and Beautiful* (University of Regina Press 2019), an anthology of African-Canadian writing on contemporary issues. She was also featured in *Change Now* as one of 33 Black Canadians Making Change Now for her work identifying systemic and anti-black racism.

Maggie Paul is a Passamaquoddy elder, teacher, and song carrier who has lived most of her adult life on the St. Mary's First Nation. She is known for her beautiful singing voice, her work preserving traditional songs, and using music to inspire and guide Indigenous youth. For more than 40 years, she has been preserving and resurrecting Passamaquoddy and Wolastoqey songs that were once banned by the Government of Canada.



Along with Wolastoqey singer Rok Wiseman, she spent one year listening to recorded songs from the late 1800s and early 1900s that were preserved on wax cylinders in the Canadian Museum of History. As the songs were only accessible in the archives, Paul recorded two albums of these traditional songs and thus returned them to her people. In 2014, she was awarded an Indspire Award in the category of culture, heritage, and art.

Paul also uses music to help young Indigenous people find their voices. Most notably, she mentored Indigenous musician Jeremie Dutcher and when Dutcher accepted the Polaris Prize for his album *Leviathan* in 2018, he thanked Paul who was also his guest at the awards gala. As Paul once said, "When you bring the songs back, you're going to bring the dances back. You're going to bring the people back. You're going to bring everything back." She has dedicated her life to unearthing and reviving these forgotten melodies to bring them back to her community so that it can feel whole again.

Faculty Awards

John McKendy Memorial Teaching Award

Dr. Sarah Vannier of the Department of Psychology teaches courses in introductory psychology, child and adolescent development, abnormal psychology, and

Professor Emeritus

Dr. Gary Irwin-Kenyon is receiving the designation of Professor Emeritus. He holds a BA and MA from Concordia, a PhD from UBC, and held post-doctoral positions at universities in the United States and Europe. He began his career at STU in 1987 when he was founding Chair of the Department of Gerontology and responsible for establishing degree and certificate programs. He also established a Visiting Chair in Gerontology that brought internationally recognized scholars to STU to deliver the Creamer Lecture. He initiated the Fredericton 80+ Study of aging

Graduates

C **G**

Erin Nicole Sparkes-Brewer

Fredericton, NB

B **A** **A**

Sébastien Marc Charette (Criminal Justice)

Dieppe, NB

Deidra Ann Brennan
Allison Grace Bristow ()
Katel n Nicole Brooker
Sarah Marie Brown ()
Maken ie Emil Burbridge ()
John Patrick Burnham ()
Hanna Valeria Bustos Pedra a ()

Hale Amanda Bers
Ariana Isabel Calvachi
Patrice Ga⁶tan Cammarano ()

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Chad Joseph Cant
Mariah Evel n Care ()
Dallas Samuel Charles Case
S dona Simone Chandon

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Samantha Doroth Eli abeth Chiasson
Christian omas Edward Christie ()

Florenceville, NB
Fredericton, NB
Fredericton, NB
La Ronge, SK
Grand Ba West eld, NB
Saint John, NB
Quito, Ecuador
Fredericton, NB
Quito, Ecuador
Fredericton, NB

Bathurst, NB
Avonport, NS
Saint John, NB
Westmoreland, Jamaica

Georgetown, PE

Tor Felicia Ann Desroche () C E L C E	Moncton, NB
Olivia Grace DesRoches () F K C	Hampton, NB
Alexis Lee DeS Iva	Chipman, NB
Karli Eli abeth Dixon () C D F	Petitcodiac, NB
Rh s Sk e Dixon	Fredericton, NB
Khanh Phuong Do	Ho Chi Minh Cit , Vietnam
Eli abeth Kathleen Dohert	Fredericton, NB
Hannah Marie Claire Dohert	Fredericton, NB
Madel n Ann Doiron	Miramichi, NB
Noah William Nathaniel Donovan	Renous, NB
Conor Tro Dorcas	Fredericton, NB
Emil Zita Dowdall-Martin	Ottawa, ON
Kathr n Nicole Do le	Richibucto Road, NB
Carmelita Alice Du ()	Fredericton, NB
Andreanne Emilie Duplessis () A 4 A 4	Peterborough, ON
Emma Ra anne Earle	Fredericton, NB
Ethan James English ()	Fredericton, NB
David Asim Eno	Lagos, Nigeria
Olivia Irene Faulkner ()	Quispamsis, NB
Marie-Laurence Jos ^e Filion	Ste-Catherine De La Jacques-Cartier, QC
Hailee Janine Elena Fleck ()	Steelman, SK
Lauren Diane Fraser C E L C E	Fredericton, NB
Jessie Leigh Frost	Lakeville, NB
Alexander Paul Gagne ()	Upper Kingsclear, NB
Emil Jo Galbraith	Sussex, NB
R an Titus Gass	Truro, NS
K ra Jo Gate	Fredericton, NB
Isabelle Marie Gaudet ()	Fredericton, NB
Jacob omas Germon	Fredericton, NB

Megan Judith Kelsall Gibson
C E, L
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Berwick, NS

Laura Lynn Giggie
Tatiana Chloe Girouard (. . . .)
Hollie Lynn Godbout
Alexander J Goddard
Kathleen Sadie Jane Godin
Makaila Lynn Goguen
Sarah Bernice Gorman
Kathleen Emma Graham
Kelli Doreen Green (. . . .)
Mackenzie Rae Green
Julien Ensor Guignard
Ashley Nicole Hache
Julia Ross Haldeman (. . . .)
Aliana Rae Hamilton
Kassidy Allison Hamilton
Abigail Christina James Hanrahan
Lauren Paige Hare
John Michael Harle
Elizabeth Celeste Harmon

Woodstock, NB
Moncton, NB
McAdam, NB
Upper Gagetown, NB
Woodstock, NB
Saint John, NB
Saint John, NB
Sussex, NB
Titusville, NB
Fredericton, NB
Stephenville, NL
Douglas, NB
Freeport, ME
Brandon, MB
Miramichi, NB
Waasis, NB
Grand Bay-Westfield, NB
Saint John, NB
Queenstown, NB
Quispamsis, NB
Harvey, NB
Saint John, NB
Fredericton, NB

Maggie Lynn Hartley-Brown (. . . .)
Mallory Morgan Hatch (. . . .)
Madison Maria Hemming
Grace Elizabeth Hickey (. . . .)
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Chipman, NB
Swan Creek, NB
Kingston, ON
Fredericton, NB
Halifax, NS

Riley Sabrina Hopkins (. . . .)
Rachel Tanner Houghton
Isaac Robert Steven Humber (. . . .)
James Victoria Humphrey (. . . .)
Olivia Ishimwe
C E, L
C E

Grand Falls, NB
Zhejiang Ningbo, China
Riverview, NB
Fredericton, NB
Berwick, NS

Bethany Eunice Jensen
Nan Jiang
Michael MacKenzie Johnston
Caitlin Alexandra Jones
Cassidy Starr Joudre

Fatuma Ali Kalimunda
Madison Alexis Marie Keating
Abb Eli abeth Keirstead ()
Joseph D lan Kenned ()
John Mikah Knox ()
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R an Daniel Ko ino
Sara Kowal De Sousa ()
Brookl n Paige Kr gsveld
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Joshua Conner La amme
Oliver Scott Larson ()
Daniel Alexander LeBlanc
Kassid Su anne LeBlanc ()
Ashle Anna LeBreton
Benjamin Marcel LeBrun
Annick Valerie Leger-Boucher
Claire Heather Leighton ()
Maude Levesque
Jia u Liang ()
Emil Jane Liashko ()
Ainsle Rebecca Linton ()
Rowan Gillian Brook Little ()
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Jenna Rachel Terr Llo d ()
Samantha Faith Longsta ()
Sass Lougher
Colin Jarret Lut ()
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Hannah Lee L nch ()
Br ce Edward MacDermaid
Cameron Reid MacDonald
Jacob Neil MacDonald
Lillian June MacFarlane
Isabella Christiane MacLaren ()
Kurtis Matthew MacPherson
James George MacWilliams
T ler Andrew MaGee ()
Kaleigh Maria Jo Martin ()
Melanie Bernice Martin ()

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Sussex, NB
Fredericton, NB
Woodstock, NB
Moncton, NB
Oromocto, NB
Collingwood, ON
Miramichi, NB
Ottawa, ON
Saint John, NB
Elmsdale, NS
Fredericton, NB
New Mar land, NB
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Notre-Dame, NB
Moncton, NB
Balmoral, NB
Moncton, NB
Riverview, NB
St. Stephen, NB
Hampton, NB
Woodstock, NB
Centreville, NB
Cumberland Ba , NB
Miramichi, NB
Windsor, NS
Bathurst, NB
Bridgewater, NS
Morell, PE
Antigonish, NS
Harve , NB
Fredericton, NB
Blackville, NB
Rothesa , NB
Bathurst NB
Fredericton NB

Emil Jane Marie McCabe
Megan Marie McCluske
Megan Dawn McGuigan ()
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Breanna Marie McLean ()
Bradley Michael McPhail
Jessica Lynne McWilliams ()
Itala Irene Mendoza Estrada

Renous, NB
Miramichi, NB
Fredericton, NB

Miramichi, NB
Perth-Andover, NB
Tracadie, NB
Managua, Nicaragua

Sidne Ann Potts ()
C E L
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Rebecca Mar Ramsa

Miramichi, NB

Arlington, PE

Madeline Lee Taylor ()

Kristen Elizabeth Alline Thompson

Ashley Elizabeth Thornton ()

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Nine Mile Creek and

Pownal, PE

Fredericton, NB

Fredericton, NB

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Monica Boquin () Tegucigalpa, Honduras

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Valeria Boquin Tegucigalpa, Honduras

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Emma Grace Rui () Pictou, NS

Pamela Graci Young () Pictou, NS

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Florence Pearl Awde () Mount Albert, ON

Mar Grace Baker () Paradise, NS

Hana Marielle Delane () Scarborough, ME

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Laura Edith Ma Forrester () Fredericton, NB

Emma Claire Johnson Fredericton, NB

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Gabriel Alejandro Marque Carriel () Guayaquil, Ecuador

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Helen Diana Rogers () Moncton, NB

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Hannah Elisabeth John () Kochi, India

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Natalia Rodrigue Suarez () San Jose, Costa Rica

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Jennifer Eileen Patterson ()

Fredericton, NB

G H

Victoria Ann Young

Winnipeg, MB

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Baile Ann Arango ()

H **E**
ao Phuong Pham ()

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Hanoi, Vietnam

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Jake Frederick Dow ()
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Fredericton, NB

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