

25th

Graduation

CONVOCATION

May 12th, 2012

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YEARS OF GRANTING DEGREES
YEARS OF SERVING GRADUATES



CONCORDIA
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ALBERTA

WELCOME AND HISTORY

The Board of Governors, students, faculty, and staff of Concordia University College of Alberta extend a warm welcome to all who join us as we confer degrees upon our twenty-fifth university graduating class in Concordia's 91st academic year. We celebrate the achievements of this graduating class and give thanks as they join the ranks of Concordia alumni who are using the academic and leadership skills they have attained to serve others.

Concordia is a university that fulfills its calling to be the kind of institution that nourishes the life of the mind, where students learn who they are, what their gifts are, and how they can serve God and their neighbor through their calling. Our faculty is dedicated to learning and is made up of individuals who want their students to learn well. For this reason Concordia is ranked by our students to be among the best universities in the country. Because our students learn how to think for themselves, they learn about their abilities, and they learn how these can be best used and applied. And that is the value of a university education: since we don't even know what problems will arise tomorrow in a rapidly changing and uncertain world, our students are prepared to tackle today's problems and are also equipped to grapple with those that will arise tomorrow. This kind of learning makes our graduates exceptional and valuable as they pursue their occupations and contribute with all the gifts they have received.

Concordia's role in the educational history of Alberta began in 1921, but it was not until Canada's centenary year in 1967 that Concordia began offering first-year university courses in affiliation with the University of Alberta. Today, Concordia offers its own undergraduate and graduate university degrees, including Bachelor of Arts, Science, and Management degrees, a Bachelor of Education (After Degree), a Bachelor of Environmental Health (After Degree), a Master of Information Systems Security Management, a Master of Arts in Biblical and Christian Studies, and extensive professional and continuing education programs, including those that serve the Christian church through the Director of Parish Services and Parish Nursing programs.

Throughout its history, Concordia has remained grounded in the belief that the Christian faith gives purpose to life and that success depends upon spiritual maturity. The entire educational experience at Concordia is built on a foundation of faith and intellectual integrity characteristic of a Lutheran university where people of various beliefs and backgrounds are in dialogue in a common pursuit of understanding and truth that ultimately leads to wisdom. That is what is meant by our motto: *Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

We thank you for joining us in honouring today's graduates.

ACADEMIC DRESS

Academic regalia dates back to the twelfth century. While originally it may have been worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, it has come to symbolize levels of academic scholarship with variations in sleeves and decorations representing degree levels, along with the regional preferences of individual universities. Those with doctoral-level degrees wear the distinct academic gown, hood, and cap of the institution from which they graduated.

Concordia's hoods are lined with blue and white. The color of the velvet edging indicates the academic discipline in which the degree has been earned. The color for arts is white, for management is drab, for science is gold, for education is blue, and for environmental health is salmon. The gold cord indicates a degree earned with distinction or with high distinction.

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President

Platform Party

Faculty

Candidates for Degrees

THE CONVOCATION PROGRAM

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Welcome John J. McDonald III

Introduction of Speaker President Gerald Krispin

Convocation Address *Sorry, I Forgot the Question*
Hon. Stockwell Day P.C. (Privy Council)

Conferring of Degrees Dr. Dwayne Harapnuik
Dr. Gerald Krispin
Dr. Marco LoVerso
Dr. Joanne Neal
Dr. Vladimir Pitchko
Dr. Neil Querengesser
Dr. Jonathan Strand

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Special Awards Dr. Gerald Krispin

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THE PRESENTATION

The Vice-President Academic presents the candidates with these words:

"Dr. Krispin, I present the candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Management, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Education (After Degree), and Bachelor of Environmental Health (After Degree), and the candidates for the Master of Information Systems Security Management. These candidates have fulfilled all requirements prescribed by the faculty and have been recommended as worthy of their respective degrees."

THE ADMISSION

The President addresses the candidates in these words:

"By virtue of the authority given to me through the charter granted to Concordia University College of Alberta by the Government of Alberta, and as the Executive Officer of the Board of Governors, I confer upon you the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Management, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Education, or Bachelor of Environmental Health, or the Master of Arts in Biblical and Christian Studies, or the Master of Information Systems Security Management. I invest you with all the powers, rights and privileges pertaining to the degree to which you are entitled, and charge you to use them for the glory of God and the honor of your country."

Degrees with Distinction and High Distinction (noted by * and ** in the following pages): Undergraduate students who complete their degree programs with a Grade Point Average of 3.5 to 3.69 are awarded degrees "With Distinction." Those who complete their degree programs with a Grade Point Average of 3.7 or higher are awarded degrees "With High Distinction." After-degree students who complete their programs with a Grade Point Average of 3.7 to 3.79 are awarded degrees "With Distinction." Those who complete their programs with a Grade Point Average of 3.8 or higher are awarded degrees "With High Distinction."

Certificate of Completion (noted by + in the following pages): With the support of the Alberta Association for Community Living, Concordia's Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Initiative provides students with developmental disabilities the opportunity to be involved in campus life and be included as audit students in a program of study.

THE 25th GRADUATING CLASS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

<i>Four-Year Degrees</i>	<i>Major</i>
Anderson, Kelly Joni, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Bochke, Jenny Alison, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Psychology
Boddington, Meg Lauren, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Boivin, Simone Vashti, Calgary, Alberta	Psychology
Boschman, Jacqueline Justine, Spruce Grove, Alberta	Psychology
Bourque, April Elizabeth Dawn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Brenneis, Kristyn Margaret, St. Albert, Alberta	Psychology
* Carey, Brittni Ann, Calgary, Alberta	English
Carothers, Matthew Jordan, Brandon, Manitoba	English
Drabiuk, Brian Felipe, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Fairbairn, Shayna Michele, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Fraser, Gabrielle Anne, Vermillion, Alberta	Psychology
Fulton-Koops, Vanessa Louise, Okotoks, Alberta	Psychology
** Horne, Brian Adam, Mundare, Alberta	Psychology
Idema, Bethany Ruth, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Jaswal, Kristen Kaur, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Karalic, Seada, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Keats, Chantelle Nicole, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta	Psychology
Korpan, Sarah Rachel, St. Paul, Alberta	Psychology
** Laliberte, Rachel, St. Albert, Alberta	English
Lastiwka, Lanna Maria, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Martell, Jill Donna, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Psychology
* Martin, Karen Gail, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta	Religious Studies
* Martz, Adam Douglas, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
McRae, Karlee Marie, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Music
Murray, Andrea Keira Taylin, Benalto, Alberta	English
Pawlik, Aleena Lindsay, Edmonton, Alberta	Religious Studies/ English
Quinlan, Alyx Dorianne, Camrose, Alberta	Religious Studies
** Ryan, Alyssa Rebecca, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Schnell, Matthew Luke, Edmonton, Alberta	Religious Studies
Spaans, Rianne Elvira, Mijdrecht, Utrecht	Psychology
Speedy, Aaron-Joseph Leigh, Edmonton, Alberta	Religious Studies
* Storey, Whitney Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology

* Van de Veen, Kyle Colton Artal, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Verheijen, Chelsea Elizabeth, Edmonton, Alberta	Music
Wong, Ka Yee Christiane, St. Paul, Alberta	Psychology
Zaal, Corey Wayland Evan, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Psychology

<i>Three-Year Degrees</i>	<i>Area of Concentration</i>
Abbott, Abigail Frances Louisa, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Abrahams, Damian Leo Matthas, Vancouver, British Columbia	Psychology
Adamowicz, Amelia Apolonia Michelle, Edmonton, Alberta	History
Aird, Robert Thomas, Edmonton, Alberta	History
Anderson, Angela Nicole, Red Deer, Alberta	Psychology
Anselmo, Daniela Ashley, St. Albert, Alberta	French
Antoniolli, Julie Katrina, Sturgeon County, Alberta	Psychology
Belsek, Bobbi Erik Dale, Edmonton, Alberta	Religious Studies
Bolstad, Brittany Dawn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Bordian, Carley Jade, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Boyd, Eric Graham, Ardrossan, Alberta	History
Bueckert, Melissa Marie, Hepburn, Saskatchewan	English
Calvert, Lisa Janine, Rosetown, Saskatchewan	Psychology
Campos-Silvius, Sara Isabel, Edmonton, Alberta	French
Chadwick, Julie Patricia, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Cronkhite, Courtney Patricia, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Cupelli, Karli Deanna, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Cupelli, Samantha Ann, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Dornn, Nicole Ashley, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
* Dromparis, Katherine Dianne, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Echtay, Betty, Viking, Alberta	Drama
Elkadri, Mohamed, Edmonton, Alberta	Philosophy
Essien, Essema Nyong, Calgary, Alberta	Sociology
Ewanchuk, Braden Joseph, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Gamble, Jesse Christian, Spruce Grove, Alberta	History
** Haberstock, Rachel Lynn, Sherwood Park, Alberta	English
Hall, Ian Edward, Nanaimo, British Columbia	Psychology
Harrison, Miksiw Ronald, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Psychology
* Head, Graeme Douglas Sommerville, Edmonton, Alberta	Drama
Hladun, Brody Robert, Edmonton, Alberta	Drama
Hogan, Samantha Jo-Anne, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology

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Hopkins, Ashleigh Madeline, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Hren, Karlee Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
* Irizar Carrillo, Pablo, Edmonton, Alberta	Philosophy
Jalal, Ewar, Edmonton, Alberta	Religious Studies
Jarvis, Kaitlin Marie, Beaumont, Alberta	French
Jodoin, Monique Amanda, Sherwood Park, Alberta	English
* Jubinville, Laura Mary, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Kalenith, Tawnya Christine, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Kim, Jun, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Kotlarchuk, Kristy Lynn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Krispin, Benjamin Thomas, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Kyle, Kirsten Rae-Anne, Leduc, Alberta	Psychology
Larsen, Shelby Christine, Edmonton, Alberta	French
Lipka, Cody Lee, Edmonton, Alberta	History
MacNeill, Tesia Ann, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Mantello, Selena Maria, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
* Mayer, Jordan Maurice, Peace River, Alberta	Religious Studies
McGregor, Nicole Dawn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
McMaster, Kathleen Mary, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Michniewski, Siobhan Una, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Music
Mielnichuk, Meaghan Jane Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Miller, Jordan Francis, Edmonton, Alberta	Philosophy
Miriti, James Mugambi, Nairobi, Kenya	Political Economy
Moschansky, Megan Leanne, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Mueller, Morgan Cecilia, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
** Nicoll, Susan Ann, Stettler, Alberta	Political Economy
Norton, Mikaela Blaire, Lac La Biche, Alberta	Psychology
Nostbakken, Meissner Marcus Phillip, Edmonton, Alberta	History
O'Hara, Connor Michaelm, Edmonton, Alberta	Political Economy
Olson, Sydney Barbara, St. Albert, Alberta	Psychology
Omerovic, Elvisa, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
O'Neill, Justine, St. Albert, Alberta	Psychology
Paul, Michael Barry, Calgary, Alberta	Philosophy
** Pinno, Kathleen April, Edmonton, Alberta	Music
Potoniec, Simon Daniel, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Prieur, Denyse Claudette Marie, Sturgeon Falls, Ontario	French
Rausch, Sarah Rae, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Robinson, Cathlene Carlie, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology

Ropchan, Sadie Jane Martha, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Rowlett, Ian Antony, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Drama
Rudanec, Amanda Lee, Ardrossan, Alberta	History
* Russell, Ann Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Saporito, Alessandra Pierina, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Sawchuk, Kristine Jodie, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Schindel, Whitney Lynn, Fairview, Alberta	Psychology
Seier, Donna Valerie, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Senio, Brian Edward, Edmonton, Alberta	Political Economy
Senior, Thomas Michael, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Psychology
Shakura, Rebecca Ann, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Shawar, Linda Yaser, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Shelley, Brooke Ashton, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Springer, Katryna Dawn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Steinke, Luke Caleb, Valleyview, Alberta	Sociology
Stiles, Kiara Shirley, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Stuart, Andrée Marie Lise, St. Albert, Alberta	Music
** van den Bosch, Daniel Benjamin, Red Deer, Alberta	Philosophy
Warren, Lee Kathleen, Drayton Valley, Alberta	English
Weymouth, Sharise Lyn, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Wideman, Melissa Lorene Patricia, Sherwood Park, Alberta	History
Wink, Anne Catherine, St. Albert, Alberta	Psychology
Winkler, Maria Michelle, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Wise, Adena Nicole, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta	History
Yost, Curtis Craig, Stony Plain, Alberta	Sociology
Zigash, Vannessa Elizabeth, Devon, Alberta	Psychology

BACHELOR OF MANAGEMENT

Batty, Margaret Anne	Edmonton, Alberta
Becker, Cory James	Edmonton, Alberta
** Bergum, Erika Merlynn	Rimbey, Alberta
Bertschi, Lindsay Nicole	Calgary, Alberta
Bhatti, Navinder Singh	Edmonton, Alberta
Ferbey, Tyler	Bonnyville, Alberta
Fralick, Reid Douglas	Edmonton, Alberta
Golbeck, Amanda Sherry-Lynn	Drumheller, Alberta
Hajdarevic, Adnan	Edmonton, Alberta
Hussain, Kamil	Edmonton, Alberta

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Jamal, Maleeka Nishat	Edmonton, Alberta
Karaman, Mouaad Walid	Edmonton, Alberta
Kimak, William Donald	Sherwood Park, Alberta
Licht, Yasmin	Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta
Olatonade, Dele Gerald	Edmonton, Alberta
Paquette, Dustin Lucien	Ardrossan, Alberta
Parker, Ryan Michael	St. Albert, Alberta
Purcell, David Edmund	Edmonton, Alberta
Robinson, Brian Maynard	Edmonton, Alberta
Salloum, Michelle Joanne	Edmonton, Alberta
Sandhu, Aaron	Edmonton, Alberta
** Schaeffer, Joshua Elie	Edmonton, Alberta
Sidhu, Jasmeet Singh	Edmonton, Alberta
Smith, Matthew Randall	Edmonton, Alberta
Snider, George Alexander	Slave Lake, Alberta
Tsenekos, John Theodore	Edmonton, Alberta
Vandervet, Jonathan Paul	Brantford, Ontario
Visscher, Chantal Jeanne Marie	Morinville, Alberta
Yare, Michelle Aleisha Jennifer	Powell River, British Columbia

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

<i>Four-Year Degrees</i>	<i>Major</i>
Altheim, Matthew Justin, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Draudson, Roxanne Melissa, Medicine Hat, Alberta	Biology
Duhamel, Michelle Carmen Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Friesen, Diana Marie, Olds, Alberta	Mathematics
** Gillingham, Joshua Michael, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Mathematics
Hendry, Johnathan Lewis, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Chemistry
Hodgson, Bryan Thomas Stephen, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Biology
Krysa, Michael Richard, Seba Beach, Alberta	Chemistry
* Lucht, Megan Marie, Leduc, Alberta	Biology
** Martinoski, Kristen Marie, Redwater, Alberta	Chemistry
Melcher, Jonathan Eric, Sarnia, Ontario	Mathematics
Ord, Douglas Grant, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry
Scharfenberger, Annaliese Andrea, Edmonton, Alberta	Mathematics
* Sim, Jie Yung, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry
Tirmizi, Errfa Syeda, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology

<i>Three-Year Degrees</i>	<i>Area of Concentration</i>
Argueta, Josue Javier, Edmonton, Alberta	Mathematics
Atwal, Navtej, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry
Balogh, Brittany Leigh, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Khroad, Simran, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Laird, Abby Elizibeth, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Environmental Science
Lightning, Danika Margaret, Hobbema, Alberta	Biology
** Mak, Stephanie Joan, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Sanford, Catherine Sarah, Edmonton, Alberta	Mathematics
Sargent, Elise Jean, Ardrossan, Alberta	Biology
Soco, Kimberly Miguel, Edmonton, Alberta	Environmental Science
Sosnowski, Joey Richard, Beaumont, Alberta	Mathematics
Wanchuk, Sarah Ann, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (AFTER DEGREE)

Alleyne, Elizabeth Dmytria	Edmonton, Alberta
Ardron, Tracy Ann	Smoky Lake, Alberta
Austin, Larissa Carmen	Edmonton, Alberta
Beglau, Brianna Nicole	Sherwood Park, Alberta
Blais, Sarah Elizabeth Victoria	Whitby, Ontario
Boyle, Daniele Opal	Beaumont, Alberta
** Buoy, Mallorie Elizabeth	Edmonton, Alberta
Burke, Scott Daniel	Castlegar, British Columbia
Cartier, Lacey Theresa	Edmonton, Alberta
Chapman, Chelsea Laura	Edmonton, Alberta
Coltman, Kassandra Ruth	Cranbrook, British Columbia
Dakin, Lyndsay Briana	Edmonton, Alberta
Fehr, Brittany Nicole	Lloydminster, Alberta
Ference, Naomi Jacqueline	Edmonton, Alberta
Fyffe, Kayla Dawn	St. Albert, Alberta
Gaberel, Jessica Marie	Lac La Biche, Alberta
Gaertner, Naomi Christine	Tisdale, Saskatchewan
Gamble, Kelsey Jean	Markerville, Alberta
Geissler, Jamie Katherine	Edmonton, Alberta
Gerow, Johnston Jennifer Mavis	Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta
Guise, Laura Paige Ileyne	Athabasca, Alberta
Hagman, Amy Lyn	Mayerthorpe, Alberta

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Hansen, April Ellisse
 Hauk, Joseph Christopher
 Hrynick, Mallory Nicole
 Huculak, Amanda Jean Marie
 Huntley, Danielle Marie
 * James-Schoonderbeek, Jenny
 Jarema, Brittany Anne
 Kingsley, Samantha Marie
 Kissel, Rachele Marie
 La Fleur, Nicole Adrienne Mary
 Lalonde, Jesse Earl
 Lawrence, Andrea Eunice
 Lemoine, Deborah Jane
 Leslie, Erin Maureen
 Lissel, Cailin Astrid
 Marinkovic, Milica Ljubisav
 Martin, Holly Joy
 Matias, Laura Ashley
 ** McMechan, Bernadette Marie
 Norsworthy, Robin Ann
 ** Noster, Simon Peter James
 Odegard, Amanda Lee
 * Parker, Tammy Christina
 Ponto, Nicole Jean
 Poss, Andrew Douglas
 ** Prefontaine, Jaylene Joy
 Raja, Ravneet
 Ritter, Kathryn Sarah
 Rogers, Anne Marie
 Rott, Kylie-Joy Brianne
 ** Roulstone, Sandy Michelle
 Rudzki, Genevieve Ann
 Sheen, Kristen Serine
 Sliwkanich, Trevor Kenneth
 Sollitt, Alison Elizabeth
 Spiess, Wieke Steynen
 Steil Jessica Josephine
 Strand, Justin Matthew

Sherwood Park, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Sydney, Nova Scotia
 Camrose, Alberta
 Bonnyville, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Smoky Lake, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Bonnyville, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Spiritwood, Saskatchewan
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Sherwood Park, Alberta
 Hinton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Derwent, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Tisdale, Saskatchewan
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Sherwood Park, Alberta
 St. Albert, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Billinge, United Kingdom
 Sedgewick, Alberta
 St. Albert, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Raymond, Alberta
 Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Camrose, Alberta
 Sherwood Park, Alberta

Szczepanski, Daniela Ann
 Thomas, Sarah Emily
 Van Keimpema, Danielle Marie
 Velthuisen, Alex Sean
 Wiebe, Kami Leigh
 Williams, Jillian Mary Helen
 Woodbury, Mckensi Cooper

Edmonton, Alberta
 Stony Plain, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Ardrossan, Alberta
 Sherwood Park, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta

BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (AFTER DEGREE)

Afenyo Bright Kwasi
 * Andrews, Jennifer Lynn
 Cheung, Thomas Chin Yik
 Eusebio, Chantal
 ** Gash, Eric Arthur
 Hibbs, Timothy Howard
 ** Hutchins, Nana Ahema
 Jaiswal, Satinder Pal Singh
 ** Krywiak, Kristen, Nicole
 Lauriks, Terry James
 Ma, Corey
 Ma, Shirley Joan
 McFerran, Blair Daniel
 Moorhouse, Matthew
 Motajo, Olusegun Abiola
 Naqvi, Syed Zulqarnain Sikander
 Obert, Nicole Christina
 * Rex, Remya
 * Rock, Patricia Helen
 Schmidek, Rachel Laura
 Vernon, Patricia
 * White, Theron James
 Yeung, Vincent

Volta, Ghana
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Lethbridge, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 St. Albert, Alberta
 Comox, British Columbia
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Winnipeg, Manitoba
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Medicine Hat, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Kelowna, British Columbia
 Red Deer, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta
 Bow Island, Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta

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MASTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY MANAGEMENT

Alasiri, Ahmed Sulaiman H	Taif, Saudi Arabia
Alassmi, Shafi Mohammed S	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Aljaedi, Amer Omar A	Alkharj, Saudi Arabia
Almari, Fares Nasser	Edmonton, Alberta
Alzaidi, Muteb Abdullah S	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Anisheh, Seyed Mehdi	Edmonton, Alberta
Baig, Mirza Khurram Azeem	Pickering, Ontario
Bogari, Eyad Abdullah	Edmonton, Alberta
Ekemezie, Emmanuel Ikechukwu	Calgary, Alberta
Fernando, Desmond Sylvester	Edmonton, Alberta
Gill, Muhammad Asif Siddique	Edmonton, Alberta
Nnoli, Henry Ikenna	Edmonton, Alberta
Nwafor, Ikenna Cyril	Edmonton, Alberta
Ogundele, Oludele Olawale	Ibadan, Nigeria
Onabajo, Prince David	Edmonton, Alberta
Sogbesan, Adetorera Shukurat	Ogun State, Nigeria
Syed, Kashif Ahmad	Edmonton, Alberta

THE PARTICIPANTS

Marshals Dr. Mariola Janowicz
 Dr. Dale Lindskog
 Dr. Vladimir Pitchko
 Dr. Neil Querengesser
 Ms. Gity Rabiee-Dehkordy

Crucifer Josh Schaeffer

Officials Dr. Dwayne Harapnuik
Vice-President Academic
 Dr. Gerald Krispin
President
 Dr. Marco LoVerso
Dean of Graduate Studies
 Mr. John J. McDonald III
Chair, Board of Governors
 Dr. Vladimir Pitchko
Associate Professor of Chemistry
 Dr. Neil Querengesser,
Professor of English
 Dr. Jonathan Strand
*Associate Vice-President Academic
 and Dean of Undergraduate Studies*

Convocation Speaker Hon. Stockwell Day P.C. (Privy Council)
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Governor General Silver Medallion Alyssa Rebecca Ryan

Governor General Gold Medallion Muteb Abdullah S Alzaidi

Special Awards **Judith C. Meier Excellence in Teaching Award:**
 Dr. Deborah Hemmerling
Distinguished Alumni Award: Matt Day

Organist Dr. John Brough

Music Strathcona String Quartet

CONVOCAATION SPEAKER

Hon. Stockwell Day P.C. (Privy Council)

Stockwell Day was born in Barrie, Ontario, in 1950. He attended the University of Victoria and has lived in various regions of Canada. He is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Rotary Club, and he serves on a variety of boards.

Mr. Day's notable political career was punctuated with nine successful elections over twenty-five years at both the provincial and federal level, in two provinces.

From 1986 to 2000, Mr. Day represented Red Deer North in the Alberta Legislature, where he served in the Progressive Conservative Government in a variety of senior roles, including Chief Whip, Government House Leader, Minister of Labour, and Minister of Social Services. From 1997 to 2000, he was Provincial Treasurer (Minister of Finance) and Acting Premier.

In 2000, he won the leadership of the Canadian Alliance and became Leader of Canada's Official Opposition. In the general election that followed soon after, the Canadian Alliance increased the Official Opposition seat count to sixty-six and increased its popular vote by over a million.

In 2002, Mr. Day was appointed Foreign Affairs Critic, Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, as well as Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights. In 2003, the Canadian Alliance and the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada merged to become the Conservative Party of Canada.

In 2006, Mr. Day was appointed Minister of Public Safety and member of the Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning. Upon his re-election in 2008, he was appointed Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Regional Minister for British Columbia, advancing the economic and trade interests of B.C. He was also appointed Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Afghanistan. In 2010, he was appointed President of the Treasury Board.

Mr. Day retired from politics after choosing not to seek re-election in the 2011 general election.

Mr. Day is a well-known conference and event speaker. He is also a frequent columnist on CBC.ca and contributed to CBC's Power and Politics with Evan Solomon.

Mr. Day and his wife, Valorie, have three married sons and fourteen grandchildren.

JUDITH C. MEIER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Deborah Hemmerling

Professor of Biology and Environmental Science

Dr. Deborah (Deb) Hemmerling cites her high school biology teacher as having had the greatest influence on her decision to pursue science. She says the exuberance and energy in the classroom was something that not only made a lasting impression, but it was also something she tries to emulate in her own classroom.

After high school, Dr. Hemmerling began her academic career in her home province of New Brunswick. She completed her Bachelor of Science degree at Mount Allison University in Sackville, and later a Master of Science degree in Biology at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

She moved west to complete her Ph.D. in Medical Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Alberta. Her thesis was entitled "Retroviral Vectors for Anti-HIV Gene Therapy."

It is fitting that the award recipient for Excellence in Teaching actually enjoys learning about the subject she teaches. She says, "A good understanding of this science provides insight into so many things that affect our day-to-day lives." It is the never-ending challenge of biology that motivates her.

In the classroom, Dr. Hemmerling is popular with students because of her honesty. "The Deb you might find at the grocery store is the same Deb that shows up in the classroom," she says.

She also makes science relevant, using her breadth of experience and depth of knowledge. "For example, in Virology I talk a great deal about vaccinations," she continues. "Students really respond to that. We talk about vaccine successes and failures. I want them to bring their knowledge about biology to choices that they make in their lives."

Reflecting about her experience at Concordia, she says, "I have seen large, medium and small universities from both sides of the classroom." Dr. Hemmerling says Concordia was exactly what she was looking for: a small, innovative university that puts a high value on teaching. "I felt that Concordia would foster the kind of student/professor relationship that makes a university experience such a unique and valuable thing," she says.

In the end, Dr. Hemmerling says students are her focus: "I have learned to never underestimate my students. Some of the most clever, hardest working people I have ever met look back at me from the classroom. It is an honor to have gotten to spend time with them."

Dr. Hemmerling's hobbies include reading, knitting, and cycling. She is married to Ken. They have two children, Evan and Lauryn.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Matt Day

Matt Day was born in Victoria, BC, and raised near Jasper, Alberta. Working at his father's hotel, the Overlander Lodge, he learned the meaning of hard work with stints as a maintenance man, cook, housekeeper, and waiter.

Mr. Day attended Concordia High School and, while in dorm in Grade 10, he was given a key to use the piano practice rooms. Soon after, he bought a synthesizer and drum machine, and his creative talents were unleashed. Matt says, half jokingly, "Anyone can learn piano if you have free weekends, a coke and a bag of chips, and a key to the practice rooms."

After high school, Matt continued at Concordia for his university studies. In his second year he changed his major from political science to music. He credits "Canadian Economic History" for the switch. Matt earned a BA from Concordia, and later a diploma in piano performance from Grant MacEwan. Matt owes much of his musical passion to the late Professor Gordon Hafso. "There's no greater gift than touching others with music," Hafso once explained to Matt. He took the words to heart.

He later worked in church work as a minister of music, and is a certified life coach. Matt admits he never chose his career, but rather "went with the flow."

Most of Matt Day's career is based on music and entertainment, and his accomplishments are varied. While he jokes that he spent eight Christmas seasons playing carols in a noisy West Edmonton Mall, he has also performed with the band, The Razor's Edge, for Queen Elizabeth II. Matt was a member of The Flextime Trio—Jasper Park Lodge's resident house band—for thirteen years. He also is half of a duelling piano duo with Edmonton composer and musician Jan Randall. Matt Day has produced two solo albums of cover tunes and original compositions.

An accomplished comedian, entertainer, emcee, and public speaker, Matt says Concordia helped him to find his own way. "Trying to raise a family of six as a musician is not easy," he admits, "but my wife, Darlene, has created ideal conditions for success. With your family and friends in your corner, a little faith, a bit of vision, and a whole lot of hard work, your God-given dreams get a little closer each day."

Matt is an ambassador for Concordia, and has distinguished himself as an alumnus. His hallmark is the honesty, integrity, and industry he puts into all his work.

Matt and his wife, Darlene, have four children: Rebekah, Emily, James, and Megan.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command,
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true north, strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

THE ALMA MATER

Far above Saskatchewan's waters,
With its waves of blue,
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Glorious to view.

Lift the chorus, speed it onward
Loud her praises tell;
Hail to thee! Our Alma Mater,
Hail, Concordia, hail!

COMMON DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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