# 23rd GRADUATION CONVOCATION



### Welcome and History

The Board of Regents, 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-third university graduating class in Concordia's 89th academic year: We celebrate the achievements of this graduating class and give thanks as they join the ranks of Concordia alumni who are serving others with the academic and leadership skills they have attained.

This convocation marks the end of a year of accomplishments and new directions for Concordia. Aside from consistently ranking highest among the smaller universities in Canada, Concordia has embarked on an ambitious project called "Concordia Tomorrow." Even as we build upon what Concordia has become today, we envision a university of tomorrow whose distinct student focus provides the best university education that any student could desire. Concordia will therefore become known nationally and internationally as a university that is built on a solid academic and faith tradition that provides an open door to higher learning, yet also as a dynamic institution which, by implementing best practices and recognizing future trends, is moving forward with purpose and focus.

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's degree in Information Systems Security Management, a Master of Arts degree in Biblical and Christian Studies, as well as extensive professional and continuing education programs, including those that serve the Christian church through its 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.

#### Order of the Processional

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#### The Convocation Program

#### **Processional**

#### Invocation

Rev. Dr. Garry Dombrosky

National Anthem (page 17)

#### Welcome

Dr. Martin Mueller

#### Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Richard Willie

#### Convocation Address

A Script for Success: Having Faith in What You Do

Karen E. Hewitt, LL.B.

#### **Conferring of Degrees**

Dr. Catherine Eddy

Dr. Gerald Krispin

Dr. Rossitza Marinova

Dr. Neil Querengesser

Dr. Mark Swanson

Dr. Marilyn Westbury

Dr. Richard Willie

#### **Governor General Medallions**

Dr. Gerald Krispin

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#### **Special Awards**

Dr. Gerald Krispin

#### President's Message

#### **Benediction**

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#### Recessional

#### The Presentation

The Vice-President Academic & Provost 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, and Bachelor of Environmental Health, 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 Regents, 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 Information Systems Security Management. I invest you with all the powers, rights and privileges pertaining to the degree to which you are entitled, and I 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."

#### The Twenty-Third Graduating Class

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

	Four-Year Degrees	Major
	Ayers, Shari Lee, Edmonton, Alberta	English
	Borst, Sarah Eileen, Edmonton, Alberta	English
	Bresee, Alison Elizabeth, Edmonton, Alberta	English
	Brunelle-Halwa, Katherine Nicole, Grande Prairie, Alberta	English
	Celino, Erin Michelle, St. Albert, Alberta	Psychology
**	Cole, Aldora Annita, Clive, Alberta	English
	Dahmer, Lauren Annemarie, Dryden, Ontario	English
	Davis, Krysta Michelle, Lloydminster, Alberta	Religious Studies
	den Otter, John Matthew, Spruce Grove, Alberta	English
	Encina, Angie Paula, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
**	Franzke, Adam Edward, Edmonton, Alberta	Music
	Goatcher, Joelle Lynne, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
**	Hertwig-Jaksch, Benjamin Martin, Edmonton, Alberta	English
	Hettrick, Jessica Anna Gwen, Fort St. John, British Columbia	Psychology
	Labrecque, Melonie Kala Roxane, Calgary, Alberta	Psychology
	Layne-Linton, Staci Alicia, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
**	Martinoski, Renee Michelle, Redwater, Alberta	English
	Melendez, Diana Monica, Tenancingo, El Salvador	Psychology
	Morris, Shane Cody, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
**	Orchard, Bronwyn Anne, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta	English
	Schneider, Alana Marlene, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
	Smith, Diana Lynn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
	Spry, Cori Dawn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
	Terlesky, Nathan Ryan, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
*	Trepanier, Rebecca Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Music
	van de Ligt, Amanda Dawn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
	Walters, Michael James, Oshawa, Ontario	Psychology
	Whitrow, Ellen Margaret, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island	Psychology
	Wilson, David Kristopher, Calgary, Alberta	Religious Studies

Three-Year Degrees Area of Concentration Iceton, Vanessa Rael, Edmonton, Alberta F	Psychology Psychology
Janzen, Sandra Dawn, Edmonton, Alberta	Religious Studies
Al-Dayeh, Judy, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology Jarema, Brittany Anne, Smoky Lake, Alberta N	Music
Ardron, Tracy Ann, Smoky Lake, Alberta Psychology Jonk, Lisa Christine, Edmonton, Alberta S	Sociology
Assaf, Zeinab Nawaf, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology Joseph, Amanda Lee Cecilia, Edmonton, Alberta S	Sociology
Austin, Larissa Carmen, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology Karimullah, Mujzda, Edmonton, Alberta S	Sociology
Baca, Martha Ligia, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology , Kelly, Justin Patrick, Black Creek, British Columbia S	Sociology
	Music
Beglau, Brianna Nicole, Sherwood Park, Alberta Psychology Kingsley, Samantha Marie, Edmonton, Alberta E	nglish
Benson, Chelsey Linnea, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology Kissel, Rachelle Marie, Bonnyville, Alberta S	Sociology
	Psychology
	Sociology
Card, Michael Raymond, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology Lauderdale, Karin Ann, Edmonton, Alberta H	History
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	Religious Studies
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	Political Economy
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Geissler, Jamie Katherine, Edmonton, Alberta Drama Olson, Samantha Charlene, St. Albert, Alberta Pr	sychology
Gill, Karendeep Kaur, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology Ozechowski, Jay Travis, Sherwood Park, Alberta Psychology	sychology .
Gora, Elizabeth Modong, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology Paonessa, Joseph Michael, Edmonton, Alberta Sc	ociology
Grendowicz, Evelyn Christina, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology * Pearson, Stephen Gordon, Edmonton, Alberta H	History
Guise, Laura Paige lleyne, Athabasca, Alberta History Perchaluk, Jill Alexandria Rose, The Pas, Manitoba Fr	rench
Harkness, Michelle Leigh, Edmonton, Alberta Sociology Poss, Andrew Douglas, Sherwood Park, Alberta H	History
Harsulla, Nicholas Harry, Vegreville, Alberta Political Economy Proskow, Andrew James, Edmonton, Alberta M	1usic
Haymour, Ali Mohammad, Edmonton, Alberta History Raja, Ravneet, Edmonton, Alberta Ps	sychology / Sociology
Hellwig, Bartholomew Maximilian, Edmonton, Alberta History Rantucci, Amber Darlene, Leduc, Alberta Ps	'sychology
Henderson, Robert Kyle, Spruce Grove, Alberta Sociology Rennebohm, Tare Edward, Edmonton, Alberta Ps	sychology
Hoffman, Pamela Dawn, Edmonton, Alberta Psychology Reschke, Lauren Elizabeth, Sherwood Park, Alberta Psychology	sychology
Hughes, Heather Ann, Edmonton, Alberta History Ritter, Kathryn Sarah, Edmonton, Alberta Pe	sychology
Hussein, Zaineb, Edmonton, Alberta Sociology Roller, Mark Alexander, Surrey, British Columbia Re	Religious Studies

Sai, Fathima, Edmonton, Alberta Sayegh, Ellen Lucia, Edmonton, Alberta Scheideman-Specht, Natasha Dawn, Stony Plain, Alberta Seo, Hyoungioo, Edmonton, Alberta Sethi, Pooia, Fort McMurray, Alberta Soucie, Elise-Marie, Sherwood Park, Alberta Stanicki, Mark Wladyslaw, Edmonton, Alberta

- Steinke, Micah John, Valleyview, Alberta Stewart, Ashley Elizabeth, Ardrossan, Alberta
- \*\* Stilson, Christopher Peregrin, Olympia, Washington
- Strand, Justin Matthew, Sherwood Park, Alberta Tran, Diep Thi, Edmonton, Alberta Tymchuk, loelle Lynn, Edmonton, Alberta
- \*\* Underwood, Tobias James Peter, Calgary, Alberta Velthuizen, Alex Sean, Edmonton, Alberta Verdonk, Denise Emily, Ardrossan, Alberta von Hauff, Donna Monika, Sherwood Park, Alberta White, Michelle Stacey, Edmonton, Alberta Williams, Jillian Mary Helen, Sherwood Park, Alberta Woodbury, Mckensi Cooper, Edmonton, Alberta Woods, Wayne Evan, Maple Ridge, British Columbia Yakoweshen, Teresa Bernadette, Edmonton, Alberta Yen, Joshua, Edmonton, Alberta Yetz, Candace Dawn, Alberta Beach, Alberta

#### English Drama

Psychology / Religious Studies

Psychology Sociology

Psychology Philosophy

Political Economy

Sociology Drama Music English Sociology Philosophy

Music

Religious Studies Psychology Psychology **Psychology** History History

English Sociology

Political Economy

#### **BACHELOR OF MANAGEMENT**

Amsbaugh, Jacquelynn Victoria Barrie, George William Bartkus, Kyle Riley

- Belt, Jenna Lauren
- Bolle, Heidi Christel Borody, Natasha Urmilla Brotto, Diana Michelle Buchholtz, Ashlyn Patricia Campbell, Scott Edward
- \*\* Cartier, Lacey Theresa Duffield, Cory Christopher Garanis, Tommy Dimitrios Gillespie, Andrea Brianne
- Guarnett, Jonathan Andrew

Hall, Mark Allan

Sherwood Park, Alberta St. Albert, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Kathyrn, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Sherwood Park, Alberta Edmonton Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Gibbons, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta St. Albert, Alberta Langham, Saskatchewan

Provost, Alberta

Hanasyk, Brandon Andrew

lagoowani, Kiran Bharat Keshwani, Irfan Ali Kieser, Shea Dawn Kulak, Ryan David

Kunyk, Kellen Robert Lassey, Roger Adjei Mann, Adam James

McCarthy, Travis Robert John McLean Kristina Marie

- McLeod, Chelsey Dawn
  - Mitchell, Joyanna Doreen Marie Narula, Manmohit Singh Nehring, Braden Marcus Nelson, Ashton Jean Rose Nurani, Farhana Shirin Paquette, Braden Robert Peat, Brett Justin

Polturak, Andrew Manfred Precup. Ana-Maria

Rekhson, Vladislav Rogers, Matthew Clarke Saltvold, Christine Marie Scalzo, Michael Joseph Starchuk, Benjamin Joseph

Sultan, Ali Ceasare Tchir, Darby Walter

Telford, Edward Allen Isadore

Virta, Per Niklas Volk, Ryan Francis

Wigelsworth, Jeramie James

Yehya, Ricky Zakowiecki, Michal

Sherwood Park Alberta Spruce Grove, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta St Albert Alberta St. Albert, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Accra Ghana Sherwood Park, Alberta

Edmonton, Alberta Sherwood Park Alberta Edmonton Alberta Beaumont Alberta Edmonton Alberta Edmonton, Alberta

Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta

Edmonton Alberta Ardrossan, Alberta Provost Alberta Lac La Biche, Alberta Medias Romania Edmonton, Alberta Lac La Biche, Alberta Edberg, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Lac La Biche, Alberta Morinville Alberta

Mjölby, Sweden

Edgerton, Alberta

Edmonton, Alberta

Edmonton Alberta

Edmonton, Alberta

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE			Ross, Ashley Elan Nichole, St. Albert, Alberta	Environmental Science
	Mailea		Sicurezza, Nunzia, Edmonton, Alberta	Environmental Science
Four-Year Degrees	Major		Tieulie, Kyle David Jean, Ardrossan, Alberta	Environmental Science
Atherton-Stewart, Renée Eva-Gertrude, Fort McMurray, Alberta	Biology			
Bolding, Matthew Thomas, Edmonton, Alberta	Environmental Science		BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (AFTER DEGREE)	
** Catterall, David Allan, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology .			
Chan, Winson Tung Ho, Hong Kong	Chemistry	*	Adams, Carly Theresa	Ardrossan, Alberta
Geisel, Justin Keith, Kenora, Ontario	Chemistry	**	Archer, Christine Ellen	Gibbons, Alberta
Ghanbari, Sina, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry		Austin, Devin Donald	Edmonton, Alberta
Grams, Nathan Lawrence, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry		Baeta, Jennifer Alycia	Edmonton, Alberta
Griffith, Bethany Janelle, Pollockville, Alberta	Biology		Baucan, Marilyn Frances	Edmonton, Alberta
Hansen, Tamara Ashley, Inuvik, Northwest Territories	Biology		Bergstrom, Angela Lynn	Sherwood Park, Alberta
Hughes, Jesse Daniel, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Berrecloth, Katie May Irene	Edmonton, Alberta
* Jivraj, Jamil, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Borkovic, Kristina Lee Sharon	Edmonton, Alberta
Keefe, Meghan Brittany, Cold Lake, Alberta	Biology		Braconnier, Robin Marie	Three Hills, Alberta
Maday, Stefan Nicholas, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry		Carpenter, Amanda Marie	Edmonton, Alberta
Meyer, Curtis James Everett, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Carter, Christian Ming	Edmonton, Alberta
Moores, Amanda Marie, Fort McMurray, Alberta	Biology		Chytracek, Julia Faye	Eckville, Alberta
Pasco, Alvelyn, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Clark, Lindsay Erin Tracy	Edmonton, Alberta
* Poon, Jerica, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Collins, Lyall Stuart	Edmonton, Alberta
Potter, Jennifer Tina, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		D'Aoust, Natalie Sarah	Edmonton, Alberta
* Ramdawar, Rodney Jay, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry		Demetrick, Cameron John	St. Brides, Alberta
** Schnitzler, Elijah Gabriel, Kinuso, Alberta	Chemistry		Dietz, Meaghan Rae	Sceptre, Saskatchewan
Visser, Kevin Andrew, Neerlandia, Alberta	Biology		Dowell, Jonathan Bryce Stewart	Carstairs, Alberta
			Dunn, Gillian Rebecca	Sherwood Park, Alberta
			Eamon, Stephanie Charlotte	Sherwood Park, Alberta
Three-Year Degrees	Area of Concentration	**	Elliott, Morgan Dru	Beaumont, Alberta
			Featherstone, Christianne Michelle	Ardrossan, Alberta
* Andrews, Jennifer Lynn, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Finseth, Shannon Baillie	Sherwood Park, Alberta
** Awoh, Kenile, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Frank, Gary Edward	Edmonton, Alberta
Birzgalis, Sarah Sue, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry		Friesen, Katherine Elizabeth Angela	Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
Botha, Nicolene, Oxbow, Saskatchewan	Biology		Fryer, Janine Elizabeth	Fort Smith, Northwest Territories
Espiritu, Restita, Edmonton, Alberta	Environmental Science		Henke, Melissa Laura	Wetaskiwin, Alberta
Fleming, David Thomas, Castlegar, British Columbia	Biology		Hetherington, Meghan Elizabeth	Edmonton, Alberta
Grusie, Tanner Timothy, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Chemistry		Highfield, Andrew John Wesley	Fort McMurray, Alberta
Ilko, Tristan Ronald, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Hutchings, Diana Michelle	Sherwood Park, Alberta
Jones, Angela Elizabeth, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Ismaeil, Mona	Jasper, Alberta
Li, Wei, Yantai, Shandong, China	Mathematics		Kamar, Monaya	Slave Lake, Alberta
Matthias, April Evelyn, Red Deer, Alberta	Environmental Science		Keogh, Braelan Louise	St. Albert, Alberta
Mehta, Pallavi, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology		Kokesch, Tracy Lee	Vernon, British Columbia
Mistecki, Jan Pawel, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Biology .		Lee, Kumhak	Edmonton, Alberta
* Monkman, Lindsay Marie, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Environmental Science		Lemphers, Ryan Christopher	Edmonton, Alberta
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Lestus, Jacqueline Brigette

Sherwood Park, Alberta

Chemistry

Puranen, Asko William, Edmonton, Alberta

Linahen, Janis Elizabeth Edmonton, Alberta Lu. Robbin Phan Edmonton, Alberta Luciow, Julie Heather Edmonton, Alberta Camrose Alberta Meyer, Angela Kathleen Mora, Vanessa Angela Edmonton, Alberta Noël, Kristan Elaine Marie Edmonton, Alberta Odynski, Kelsey Ann Edmonton, Alberta Onyschuk, Natalie Lubow Edmonton, Alberta Peshev, Ashley Christine Edmonton, Alberta Planchak, Irene Edmonton, Alberta Plante, Kimberly Ann Edmonton, Alberta Pushor, Bonnie Lee Sherwood Park, Alberta Rice, Amy Arlene Sherwood Park, Alberta Russo, lacqueline Michelle Edmonton, Alberta Sabo, Larissa Rochelle Edmonton, Alberta Segin, Alicia Nicole Edmonton, Alberta Sigrist, Melanie Nicole Ouesnel, British Columbia Simon, Laura Jean Edmonton, Alberta Tellier, Shayla Marie St. Albert, Alberta Valpreda, Alessandra Michelle Edmonton, Alberta Van Someren, Amanda Christine St. Albert, Alberta Ward, Trisha Lynn Fort Vermilion, Alberta Warner, Christina Michelle Edmonton, Alberta Whervin, Leslie Sonya Edmonton, Alberta Wiebe, Shelly Gene Onoway, Alberta Wolfram, Stacey Ann Barrhead, Alberta Wright, Ashley Ann Edmonton Alberta Yarmuch, Michelle Correne Edmonton, Alberta Zorniak, Lesia Ann Edmonton, Alberta

#### BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (AFTER DEGREE)

Al Muhtaseb, Wahib Edmonton, Alberta 'Albiez, Mark Phillip Lethbridge, Alberta :Amy, Vanessa Alicia Sturgis, Saskatchewan Brownless, Dianne Maria Calgary, Alberta Cross, Carmen Stacev The Pas. Manitoba Eyong, Ayuk Atem Toronto, Ontario Gallant, Dana Adrienne Marie Winnipeg, Manitoba Gill, Harpreet Singh Edmonton, Alberta Goin, Wade Ashley Millet, Alberta \* Jeroncic, Kevin George Edmonton, Alberta

lobb, Lena Marie Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta Johnson, Anthony George David Fredericton, New Brunswick Kim, Angella Ann Edmonton, Alberta Kirkpatrick, Stephen Nanaimo, British Columbia Li.Wen Shandong, China Lu. Yun Nanjing, China Nadeem, Athar Windsor, Ontario Ngo, Christina Edmonton, Alberta Nickelo Vanessa Catherine Glace Bay, Nova Scotia \*\* Ponto, lessica Anne Calgary, Alberta Poudel, Shreekanta Sharma Winnipeg, Manitoba Oue. Oiuni Guangxi, China Rahman, Masudur' Monir Edmonton, Alberta Sandhu, Gurminder Karen Surrey, British Columbia Sandhu, Pelminder Korine Kaur Surrey, British Columbia

#### MASTER OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY MANAGEMENT

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Ezeude, Kingsley Anayo	Neni, Nigeria		
Kalu, Etum Emeka	Abia, Nigeria		
Murray, Brian Douglas	Calgary, Alberta		
Ngeno, Caroline Cherono	Edmonton, Alberta		
Ogundare, Omotayo Tolulope	Mississauga, Ontario		
Perez, Luis Eduardo	Santiago, Chile		
Sackey, Ebenezer Panyin	Red Deer, Alberta		
Sherman, Chander-Lekha Mooney	Edmonton, Alberta		
Umana, Collins Okon	Afaha Osu Offi-Okobo, Africa		

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#### The Participants

**Marshals**Dr. Xin Chen

Dr. Sheri Dalton

Dr. Deborah Hemmerling

Dr. Dale Lindskog

Dr. Rossitza Marinova

Dr. Neil Querengesser

#### Crucifer David Wilson

#### **Officiants**

Dr. Catherine Eddy, Associate Vice-President Academic & Dean of Arts & Science

Dr. Gerald Krispin, President

Dr. Rossitza Marinova, Associate Professor, Mathematical & Computing Sciences

Dr. Martin Mueller, Chair, Board of Regents

Dr. Neil Querengesser, Professor of English

Dr. Mark Swanson, Dean of Education

Dr. Marilyn Westbury, Dean of Professional Education

Dr. Richard Willie, Vice-President Acadmic & Provost

#### **Convocation Speaker**

Karen E. Hewitt, LL.B.

Organized Crime Prosecutor

Special Prosecutions, Alberta Justice

#### Governor General Silver Medallion

Elijah Schnitzler

#### **Governor General Gold Medallion**

Oluwatoyin Gloria Ake-Johnson

#### **Special Awards**

Distinguished Alumni Award: Karen E. Hewitt Judith C. Meier Excellence in Teaching Award: Dr. Catherine Eddy

Organist Rev. Lorne Manweiler

## Convocation Speaker Distinguished Alumni Award

#### Karen E. Hewitt

Organized Crime Prosecutor Special Prosecutions, Alberta Justice

Karen Hewitt has been a member of the Alberta Bar since 1990, practicing in the private sector until she joined the Alberta Crown in 1992. During her career, Ms. Hewitt has held both designations of Agent of the Attorney General of Alberta and the Attorney General of Canada. Over the eighteen years as a Crown Prosecutor, Ms. Hewitt has prosecuted a wide range of criminal cases, many of which have generated precedent-setting decisions and have resulted in legislative changes to the Criminal Code of Canada.

As a member of the Special Prosecutions Branch of Alberta Justice, Ms. Hewitt is vested with the prosecution of serious, complex, and high profile Organized Crime cases, and in providing advice and assistance to police and government departments on organized crime issues. Ms. Hewitt has recently returned from a one-year position with the Safe Communities Secretariat, where she provided extensive advice on the development of the Alberta Gang Crime Suppression Initiative, a cross-ministry initiative to suppress gang crime activities in Alberta.

In addition to her duties within the prosecution service, Ms. Hewitt has lectured extensively to public and private organizations on issues arising from Canadian criminal law. Ms. Hewitt believes strongly in the fundamental importance of academics as a path toward life-long learning, and in sharing her professional experiences with others to facilitate a better understanding of societal factors leading to criminality. She is currently pursuing her Master of Laws degree from Osgoode Hall law school at York University in Toronto.

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#### Judith C. Meier Excellence in Teaching Award

#### Dr. Catherine I. Eddy, Professor of English

Dr. Catherine Eddy grew up knowing that she would be a teacher of English and History. Her love for stories was fostered by her mother and grandmother, both graduates in English. Like them, she attended Queen's University in Kingston, receiving a BA with Combined Honours in English and History, followed by a B.Ed. After several years teaching high school English in London, Ontario, she returned to university for an MA and Ph.D. in English from the University of Western Ontario. Her doctoral work reflected her ongoing interest in history and religion by examining how several literary works from 1516 to 1749 showed God's providence working through history. After graduating in 1982, she taught at UWO for a year and then for two years at the University of Lethbridge, before arriving at Concordia in 1982.

Concordia's Judith C. Meier Excellence in Teaching Award is awarded annually to a continuing faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to teaching, inspiring students to do their very best. Catherine's success in doing this is confirmed by students who, over the years, have commented on her insight and knowledge of literature and history, her passion for the subject matter of each course she taught, and her ability to inspire in students an appreciation for literature that some never before thought possible. Students describe her as enthusiastic, creative, an excellent instructor, and a personable mentor. They even express gratitude for the journals that are a trademark of her course requirements.

Catherine has extended her considerable gifts to academic administration at Concordia as well. Starting in 1989, she has served as Dean of Academic Affairs and then Dean of Arts and Science. In 2006 she assumed added responsibilities as Associate Vice-President Academic, all the while continuing to teach at least one English course each semester. She represented Concordia on the Private Colleges Accreditation Board from 2002-2004, and in 2010 completed twelve years of service on the Alberta Council for Admissions and Transfer (ACAT) as a representative of the independent institutions sector:

Catherine's integration of her faith with teaching and scholarship is evidenced not only in the classroom (a student once described her Later English Renaissance course as one of the best religious studies' offerings at Concordia), but by faithful attendance at daily chapel worship services, and involvement in her home congregation of Robertson-Wesley United Church in Edmonton.

As a peer has noted, Concordia "uncovered a gem" when Catherine was first hired; her contributions have become, and continue to be, highly valued.

#### 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

Concordia gratefully acknowledges Mr. Bert Van Essen and Alberta Church Organs Ltd. for the loan of an Allen Protégé C-3 organ.

