



2026

CONVOCATION

Program of Ceremonies



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations, class of 2026!

You've made it! On behalf of the entire University of the Fraser Valley community, we are thrilled to welcome you to the UFV alumni family.

As you step into the world beyond UFV, remember that you are never alone. Today, you join a vibrant and growing community of more than 55,000 UFV alumni living and working across the globe. These remarkable individuals have walked the same halls, faced similar challenges, and are now making meaningful contributions in their communities and professions around the world.

We encourage you to stay connected with your alma mater and fellow alumni. Keep us updated on your achievements, continue to engage with the UFV community, and consider giving back by mentoring students, attending events, or supporting future generations of learners. You can also learn more about the benefits of your UFV Alumni Association membership on page 41. Above all, cherish the friendships and connections you've built at UFV — some of them may last a lifetime.

As you begin this next chapter, may you continue to grow, learn, and make a positive impact wherever your path leads. UFV will always be part of your story, and we hope you'll find your way back to campus often as a proud and engaged alum. We can't wait to see all that you accomplish. Here's to a bright and successful future!

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GRADUATION LISTS

Graduation lists in this program were prepared before the ceremony; names of some graduates may be missing.

We will revise this document following the ceremonies and publish a digital version to ufv.ca/convocation. We apologize for any omissions.

In the event of a discrepancy between this program and the UFV graduation roll, the UFV graduation roll shall be taken as correct.

SPECIAL MESSAGES



FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

Dr. James Mandigo

On behalf of the University of the Fraser Valley, I offer congratulations to this year's graduating class of 2026.

Graduating from university is a significant milestone — the closing of one chapter and the opening of another.

Today is a moment to celebrate your achievement — the long hours, the perseverance, and the belief that brought you here. But convocation is more than the conferral of a credential. It is a recognition of what that credential now makes possible.

UFV's motto enshrined in our coat of arms is *Íyáqáwtxw*. It is the Halq'eméylem word meaning House of Transformation. Your personal transformation over the duration of your time at UFV has prepared you with the knowledge and ability to think critically, solve problems, and adapt in a rapidly changing world.

You have lived through a period of remarkable global change, shaped by new technologies, new challenges, and new opportunities. Yet what matters most is not simply what you have learned — but how you will choose to use it.

You have been supported by faculty who inspired you, staff who guided you, and family and friends who believed in you. You now join nearly 55,000 UFV graduates who have continued making meaningful contributions in their communities and professions.

UFV alumni are changemakers, making our community, province, country, and world stronger through their work across economic, environmental, social, and cultural sectors.

The legacy of those who came before now continues with you.

As you venture into the world, be confident in who you are, and what you have achieved, and be excited for what's to come.

As you move into this next chapter, we encourage you to embrace *st'elt'elawtexw*, a strong sense of community; to continue transforming lives through *ayeqet kw'e shxwaylexws*; and to commit yourselves to *ey shxweli*, the pursuit of all that is good.

All of us at UFV are incredibly proud to have walked alongside you during your academic transformation.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Mandigo". The signature is stylized and cursive.



FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Q'um Q'um Xiim Dr. Jo-ann Archibald

Ey swayel te shxwexwíłhl te lálém (good day to all of you, my friends).

As we gather to celebrate your incredible achievements this week during convocation, it is my profound honour and joy to be here with you at this very special time in your lives. Congratulations to each and every one of you!

I share in the immense pride that your families, friends, and community feel for your hard work, dedication, and success. My connection to UFV dates back to its early beginnings and I treasure the relationships and memories I forged while working on campus with NITEP, an Indigenous teacher education program, and through other community partnerships.

UFV has always been a beacon of transformation, cooperation, and community support. Even in our formative years, UFV championed understanding and a deep relationship with community.

We look "50 years forward" to a bright future where we continue to build on those values and strengths. As a member of the The'wá:li/Soowahlie First Nation, I am incredibly proud to be part of a university that is authentically committed to the journey towards truth and reconciliation, a value embedded in our institution since its inception. Every day, we strive to live up to our motto *Íyáqáwtxw* — a house of transformation. As we prepare to launch our new brand in 2026, you will see that house of transformation represented symbolically.

Those of us who are part of UFV know that by working together, we can achieve anything we set out to do. To all of you — students, family, friends, and community leaders and partners — in Stó:lō tradition, I raise my hands in thanks and respect to you for being part of this remarkable journey. We celebrate together with heartfelt joy and excitement. Wishing you all the best on this very special occasion.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Archibald".

SPECIAL MESSAGES



FROM THE UFV BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIR

Cristen Gleeson

KC, LLB, BA

I am delighted to welcome our communities to UFV to celebrate convocation. This will be my first convocation as board chair and I'm very excited about taking part in the ceremonies.

From my position on stage, I'll be able to witness and share in the laughter, smiles, and maybe some tears of joy as hundreds of new graduates cross the stage in each ceremony. I will be shaking many hands, but each handshake will be a unique celebration of the culmination of years of hard work, learning, and growth for our graduates.

At UFV we call ourselves a house of transformation. In my own life, post-secondary education helped to open my eyes to new perspectives and show me options I hadn't considered. It gave me the confidence to reach out in the world, and you need confidence to succeed.

We're also in the business of empowering our students to be changemakers, and to take that ability and determination to change the world for the better along with them to their careers, volunteer work, and further studies.

Once you cross that convocation stage, each one of you will take your own UFV experience out into the world where you will change the world in your own unique way, part of a collective of UFV alumni who are already out there changing lives and building community.

I hope that your time at UFV has allowed you to grow, to consider different perspectives, to gain new knowledge, to learn new ways to learn, to discuss serious issues in a civil manner, and to embrace new relationships with others from down the street and from around the world.

I also hope that you've had time for fun, for clubs, for extracurricular events, for intramurals, for the types of activities that really round out the university experience.

Best wishes to the Class of 2026!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cristen Gleeson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.



FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAIR

Bradley Menard

MEd, MAdEd, BA AdEd '21, BGS '14

On behalf of the UFV Alumni Association, I am proud to extend heartfelt congratulations to the graduating Class of 2026!

This milestone marks the culmination of your assignments, exams, late nights, and lightbulb moments. Reaching this point is a testament to your hard work, dedication, resilience, and perseverance. It hasn't been easy, and yet, here you are. We are beyond proud of you.

This day brims with possibility, as your time at UFV has equipped you not just for this milestone, but for all that lies ahead. The excellent education received, valuable experiences gained, and the respected UFV credential you now hold will empower you to excel in your future careers and to be the engaged, committed global citizens our ever-changing world needs. Indeed, the positive change you, the graduates, will bring to the world is awe-inspiring.

Now, as you look to what comes next, know that your Alumni Association is here to support your ongoing successes and foster meaningful connections within our vibrant community of nearly 55,000 remarkable individuals spanning the Fraser Valley, Canada, and dozens of countries worldwide. We eagerly anticipate witnessing your future accomplishments and celebrating your successes.

As you confidently step onto your exciting path, remember that UFV will forever be your home. Your UFV Alumni Association is ready and eager to support you every step of the way as you begin this thrilling next chapter, filled with endless possibilities.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

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OUR TRADITIONS

STÓ:LŌ TERRITORY

UFV recognizes, respects, and includes Indigenous ways of knowing. Our campuses are situated on the territory of the Stó:lō peoples, who have an intrinsic relationship with S'ólh Téméxw (Our Sacred Land). We express our gratitude for the honour of living and working on this territory.

THE TALKING STICK

A gift from the Stó:lō people, the Talking Stick honours Indigenous communities and leads the academic procession and recession at Convocation. It features a wolf (“the teacher”) and a thunderbird (the highest level of knowledge).

In place of the ceremonial mace used at many universities — a symbol of institutional authority — the Talking Stick represents a partnership between Indigenous and university traditions.

THE DRUM

The UFV Ceremonial Drum, presented in 1997 by Steven Point, then Chiefs' representative of the Stó:lō Nation, features a thunderbird and is used during university ceremonies.

“When we make the sound of a drum it's a symbol of the heartbeat of our mother... It gathers people together.”



THE UFV COAT OF ARMS

UFV's coat of arms reflects Stó:lō culture, local wildlife, and the surrounding landscape.

The motto, *Iyáqáwtxw* (“house of transformation”), speaks to the transformative power of education.

The blue heron represents inquisitiveness, determination, and sound judgement. The sturgeon symbolizes abundance and the life-giving Fraser River. The hummingbird reflects resilience, adaptability, and the ability to travel great distances — mirroring lifelong learning.

Learn more at ufv.ca/about/coat-of-arms.

THE CHANCELLOR'S MEDALLION

Worn on special occasions, the Chancellor's medallion symbolizes UFV's community and future. Radiating diamonds represent alumni sharing knowledge, while BC jade reflects the region's agricultural and ecological roots. The hand-crafted 18kt gold medallion was a gift from Brian Lee of Abbotsford.

ACADEMIC DRESS

Traditional academic regalia — gown, hood, and cap — originates from medieval universities, where garments and colours came to distinguish institutions, disciplines, and traditions.

At UFV, colours represent faculties and members of the stage party. Certificate and diploma students wear V-stoles, associate degree students wear stoles, and bachelor's and master's student and honorary degree recipients wear hoods.

UFV hood trim colours:

- White — Arts
- Bronze — Business and Computing
- Light blue — Education
- Forest green — Science
- Silver — Health Sciences
- Apricot — Nursing
- Pale green — Bachelor of Computer Information Systems
- Citron — Social Work
- Emerald green — Alumni Association (blue cord), Board of Governors (silver cord), Senate (gold cord)
- Pale green on green — UFV Faculty and Administration
- Red cord — Master's degree designation

Honorary degree hood colours:

- White velvet — Doctor of Letters
- Purple velvet — Doctor of Laws
- Orange velvet — Doctor of Technology



PRESIDENT'S ROBES

President James Mandigo's ceremonial robes feature embroidered artwork by Stó:lō artist Jonny Williams. A message from the artist:

Xótxwes tel skwíx, telí tsel kwe
Xwchíyó:m.

Jonny Williams is my name. I am from Cheam First Nation and grew up on Skwah First Nation. I am a father of four and a grandfather of five. I carry the Halq'eméylem language along with my mother Síyameqwót Vivian Williams and my grandmother Dr. Síyamíyatelíyót Elizabeth Phillips. She is our last fluent speaker in our Stó:lō territory. I began my Halq'eméylem language journey in 1997. I am also a UFV alum and now teach Halq'eméylem in daycares, schools, universities, and surrounding communities.

I have been an artist my whole life and enjoy creating the visions of art I feel. I am very honoured for the gifts I have been given. I cherish all the teachings I received and enjoy sharing it with all.

Yalh yexw Kwas hóy.

This design features a Steqó:ye (wolf), a Spóq'es (eagle), and a Sth'óqwi (salmon), representing the leadership, vision, and journey that Dr. James Mandigo has for the university community, especially its students.

The cultural meanings of these animals, and what they represent to the Stó:lō mestíxw, have been passed down through stories since time immemorial.

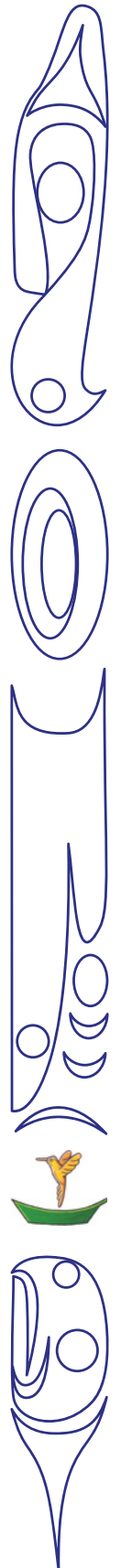
Steqó:ye, the wolf, is often regarded as a teacher of wisdom and new ideas. In Stó:lō Coast Salish teachings, the wolf imparts

lessons on survival, strategy, and adaptation to the environment. Its intelligence and hunting skills are admired, and it is sometimes called upon as a spirit helper when a person lacks direction.

Spóq'es, the eagle, is a highly respected and sacred symbol in Stó:lō and other Coast Salish teachings, representing love, spiritual connection, strength, vision, and prestige. Flying highest and closest to the Creator, the eagle has the clearest vision to see and understand all ways of being. Its ability to soar high makes it a messenger to the Creator, while its powerful wings symbolize the strength to carry the weight of sacred teachings.

Sth'óqwi, the salmon, is considered a sacred relative in Stó:lō teachings, embodying the life cycle of renewal and connecting the Stó:lō people to their ancestors, the land, and the river. Salmon symbolizes perseverance, sacrifice, regeneration, abundance, prosperity, and wisdom. It also carries the gift of travel: no matter the obstacles in its path, the salmon overcomes them and continues forward to reach its destination.

This design was created for Dr. Mandigo to reflect the teacher he is, the leader he has become, and the vision he has pursued throughout his educational career. It represents the vision he holds for the university and its future, as well as the journey that has led him here and the journey he will continue until his work is complete. It also reflects the vision he sees for all students who attend this university — present and future — as they pursue their own journeys and achieve their aspirations.



PROGRAM OF CEREMONY 1

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 | 9:30 am

CALL TO ORDER

ORDER OF PROCESSION

Talking Stick

Stage party

UFV faculty

Stó:lō drummers and singers

Faculty of Health Sciences graduands

College of Arts graduands

STÓ:LŌ ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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ADDRESSES

Q'um Q'um Xiiem Dr. Jo-ann Archibald, Chancellor

Dr. James Mandigo, President and Vice-Chancellor

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Sel Ya:al Nancy Patricia Charlie

CONFERRING OF CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES

Faculty of Health Sciences

Dr. Lara Duke, Dean

College of Arts

Dr. Sylvie Murray, Dean

STUDENT MEDALS

Dean's Medal of Excellence, Faculty of Health Sciences

Ali Abdul Ghafoor, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Dean's Medal of Excellence, College of Arts

Connor Rahn, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic and Digital Design

GRADUATE ADDRESS

Shawn Arora, Bachelor of Kinesiology

Representing the graduates of 2026

CLOSING REMARKS

RECESSION & RECEPTION



HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Sel Ya:al Nancy Patricia Charlie

Doctor of Laws

“Know yourself and know where you came from. It’s as simple as that.”

Sel Ya:al — Nancy Patricia Charlie — known throughout Stó:lō communities as Auntie Pat — speaks softly about family, language, hard work, and ceremony. That passing of knowledge — from mother to daughter, from grandparents to grandchildren, from Elders to community — sits at the heart of Pat’s life’s work.

For decades, this respected Stó:lō matriarch, cultural teacher, and community wellness leader has helped families reconnect to culture, rebuild systems of care, and restore practices once suppressed in Indigenous communities. Over time, Pat became known throughout the region for her work supporting children and families, advocating for culturally grounded wellness, and helping restore traditional systems of care.

That openness has shaped the Charlie family longhouse, which for decades has been a gathering place for learning, healing, and cultural connection: a place where younger generations witness leadership in practice. Pat believes many of the struggles Indigenous communities continue to face are connected to the lasting impacts of residential schools and generations of disconnection from language and culture.

“Our people were falling apart not knowing. That’s because of all the effects of residential schools and everything that happened.”

In response, she spent decades helping rebuild what was nearly lost — songs, language, ceremony, governance, and traditional ways of supporting one another.



STUDENT SPEAKER

Shawn Arora

Bachelor of Kinesiology

Shawn Arora’s academic and professional journey reflects his exceptional work ethic and genuine passion for supporting others. His professors from the Bachelor of Kinesiology program note that he demonstrates intellectual curiosity, dedication, and interpersonal skills that are critical for success in the healthcare field. They cite his ability to engage with complex ideas, analyze feedback as evidence of his intellectual rigor and collaborative spirit.

Shawn received an Undergraduate Research Excellence Award for Health Sciences in 2025, and presented his research at a national conference. His academic and extracurricular work has focused on inclusive research and programming by supporting older adults through peer-led hiking studies and leading adapted sport programs in boccia for youth with disabilities.

Whether he’s coordinating an adapted sports program, volunteering at Canuck Place, or tutoring anatomy students, he brings curiosity, compassion, and a commitment to empowering others through movement. Shawn intends to keep learning and growing through hands-on experiences in sport, rehabilitation, and community health.

Shawn’s long-term goal is to become a physiotherapist and continue conducting research in specialized areas such as adapted physical activity, rehabilitation, and aging. He is starting in the Master of Physiotherapy program at UBC in September.



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PROGRAM OF CEREMONY 2

Tuesday, June 9, 2026 | 2:30 pm

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Lenéx wí :ót David Joseph Jimmie

CONFERRING OF CERTIFICATES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES

Faculty of Business and Computing

Dr. Chris Schinckus, Dean

STUDENT MEDALS

Governor General Bronze Medal

Ryan Matthew Lockwood Caswell, Computer Information Systems diploma

Dean's Medal of Excellence, Faculty of Business and Computing

Amarnoor Kaur, Bachelor of Computer Information Systems

GRADUATE ADDRESS

Daria Tsynda, Bachelor of Business Administration Honours,

Finance major, Economics minor

Representing the graduates of 2026

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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Lenéx wí :ót
David Joseph
Jimmie

Doctor of Laws

David Jimmie has spent most of his life building bridges to bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and businesses together. He says that from a very young age he recognized the isolation of living on the Squiala First Nation in Chilliwack.

These days, thousands of people visit Squiala annually, many without even knowing it, as they frequent the shops, restaurants, and cinemas in the Eagle Landing Shopping Centre. Leading his community through economic development that benefits his nation is one of David’s many accomplishments.

When David became Squiala’s Chief and CEO 15 years ago, he found the space to explore his philosophy, building relationships on and off reserve. He forged connections with politicians, planners, business people, and community partners.

His reach extends well beyond Chilliwack. Until recently, he was the longtime president of the Stó:lō Nation Chiefs’ Council and remains president of Ts’elxweyeqw Tribe, representing seven Stó:lō nations. David served on the board of the New Relationship Trust of B.C., building capacity in governance, education, language and culture, youth, elders, and economic development.

He played a key role in marshalling the resources of 38 First Nations in B.C., collectively investing \$715 million in Enbridge’s Westcoast natural gas pipeline system. Through that historic partnership, Stonlasec8 Indigenous Alliance Limited Partnership now owns 12.5 per cent of the pipeline. He is currently working on another major pipeline project, Trans Mountain, involving 36 Indigenous groups.



STUDENT SPEAKER

Daria Tsynda

Bachelor of Business
Administration Honours,
Finance major,
Economics minor

During her time at UFV, Daria Tsynda has distinguished herself through academic excellence, leadership, and community engagement.

Originally from Ukraine, she came to Canada under extraordinary circumstances following Russia’s full-scale invasion of her home country. She has demonstrated remarkable resilience and focus in pursuing her studies. Her experience reflects perseverance, courage, and the determination to move forward with purpose.

Daria has excelled in her coursework, earning top grades and engaging in research, including a co-authored paper accepted for presentation at the Canadian Economics Association conference.

Beyond the classroom, she has been actively involved on campus as president of the Economics Student Association, a student representative on the UFV Board of Governors, a board member for the Student Union Society, and a contributor to the Healthy Minds | Healthy Campuses initiative. She has also supported students through her work with UFV International and the World University Service of Canada, and founded and scaled Culture Market, an event that celebrates diversity and inclusion at UFV.

Through her achievements and experiences, Daria exemplifies leadership, perseverance, and a strong commitment to making a positive impact in her community. Her professors describe her as articulate, thoughtful, and genuinely inspiring.



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**Paolo (Paul)
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Doctor of Laws

Neighbour, friend, donor. Paul Esposito Sr. has been many things to the University of the Fraser Valley over the decades. Now he can add honorary degree recipient to that list.

Paul is being honoured for decades of philanthropy and support of community causes in Abbotsford and around BC. Included in that generosity was the largest family donation that UFV has received to date: \$1.125 million in 2018 to support innovation, entrepreneurship, and scholarships at the university. The funding led to the creation of the UFV Esposito Family Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (EFCIE) and an endowed scholarship.

Building K on the Abbotsford campus is another legacy connecting Paul to the university. In 2018, UFV bought the former Phoenix restaurant and Finnegan’s pub from the Esposito family, transforming it into classrooms, a spectacular event space, and the home for two research centres, including the one that bears his name. It was the original Finnegan’s pub that started the “good neighbour” friendship between Paul and the then-Fraser Valley College community back in 1987.

Paul’s generosity in Abbotsford and in British Columbia has taken many forms. He supported sports teams, the Special Olympics, the BC Summer Games, the Abbotsford Hospice Society, Rotary, the Crystal Gala, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation, and the BC Cancer Society, along with myriad other causes. He has been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow by the local Rotary Club.



STUDENT SPEAKER

Isabella Hooge

Bachelor of Arts,
Psychology; Bachelor of Arts,
Criminal Justice

Over five years at UFV, Isabella Hooge completed two demanding arts degrees, Honours Psychology and Criminal Justice, while maintaining a 4.30 upper-level GPA and consistent placement on the Dean’s List, and earning major scholarships, including the Baker Newby Legacy Scholarship and the Securiguard Criminology Scholarship.

As an Honours student, Isabella conducted research examining how psychopathic traits influence responses to perceived threat and decision-making in competitive contexts. She also completed research using competitive word search tasks and virtual reality to understand dominance and behaviour, work that she has presented at multiple academic conferences and events, including the Canadian Psychological Association conference in Montreal. In addition, she is a co-author of two publications: a research paper on visual perception and facial processing, and another documenting a criminal justice literacy and education conference.

Isabella has demonstrated exceptional initiative and leadership through community involvement. She has volunteered with the mental health awareness club, helped work on a national initiative to implement post-secondary education in correctional institutions across Canada, and completed a practicum with Correctional Service Canada, working directly with incarcerated individuals.

Isabella hopes to pursue graduate studies and work in a field related to mental health.



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Rick Hansen

Doctor of Laws

Over more than five decades, Rick Hansen's leadership and advocacy have had a profound impact on millions of people globally.

From 1985 to 1987, Rick completed the Man in Motion World Tour, wheeling more than 40,000 km across 34 countries, averaging approximately 85 km per day to raise funds and awareness with a goal of creating a world that is accessible and inclusive for all by removing barriers for people with disabilities. Rick then founded the Rick Hansen Foundation, which has raised nearly \$500 million to support programs, research, and initiatives advancing accessibility and inclusion.

When 15-year-old Rick was thrown from the back of a pickup truck and left paralyzed from the waist down, the teenager would never have guessed that he would one day wheel himself around the world, raising \$26 million. Nor would he see himself spending the next four decades advocating for an estimated 1.3 billion people globally identified as having a disability.

"There's no one profile for a leader — it depends on an individual's ability to inspire, bring people together, garner a sense of trust and respect, live their life with integrity, and be vulnerable enough to lean on each other for help with whatever challenge we face," he says. "To move forward you have to put your trust and faith in people, and teams, and give people with talent a chance to shine and play their role."



STUDENT SPEAKER

Rebekah Stokes

Bachelor of Arts, Global Development Studies, Economics minor

Rebekah Stokes is a climate and social justice advocate working at the intersection of sustainability, community, and development. As a global development studies student with a minor in economics, she developed a passion for transforming systems toward a more just and sustainable future. She brings this passion to her work with organizations such as Fashion Takes Action, and through her role with the City of Abbotsford's Energy and Climate Action Team.

Rebekah served as president of UFV HOPE and a director of UFV World University Service Canada, and has contributed to *The Cascade*, UFV's student newspaper.

An avid rower, Rebekah has competed as a member of the UFV rowing team, as well as a coach and mentor for rowers in Fort Langley. She is a two time most-valuable athlete award winner, and has been recognized for her leadership as a recipient of the Jen Simpson Memorial Leadership Award. She has also received the UFV Alumni Association Leadership Award.

Through her community work Rebekah has connected her academic experience with real-work impact, bringing her unique voice and leadership skills to important sustainability-related initiatives. She exemplifies academic excellence, leadership, community engagement, and a commitment to positive change.



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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Rochelle Daisha Prasad

Doctor of Laws

Rochelle Prasad's career in philanthropy, advocacy, and education began in her hometown of Surrey and has improved the lives of young people all over the world. From hanging out at the local recreation centre to advising the United Nations on the importance of youth education, she's come a long way in a short time.

Now, at age 27, she will be UFV's youngest ever honorary degree recipient.

Rochelle's adaptive, problem-solving drive motivated her to start the SPARK Foundation at the age of 14. Today, it has grown into a nonprofit that supports more than 500,000 youth across five countries, delivering scholarships, life-skills education, and leadership development. The foundation has raised \$2 million to reduce educational barriers, following its vision of empowering youth to drive meaningful change aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Rochelle has run for local government, made the Forbes 30 Under 30 list, served as a United Nations ambassador, and received the Governor General's Sovereignty Award. Despite all these accomplishments, she says that being in the classroom as an educator has been the most meaningful part of her career.

After helping build schools in Kenya, Ecuador, and Fiji and publishing a self-empowerment book for young people, Rochelle has her sights set on a second book and a career shift into the field of technology, where there'll be new goals to achieve and new problems to solve.



STUDENT SPEAKER

Samantha Cowx

Master of Social Work

Samantha is celebrating the completion of her second credential at UFV, having previously earned a Bachelor of Social Work degree. She is a Registered Social Worker with more than 20 years of experience in the social services field who remains committed to learning and growing professionally and personally.

In her professional life Samantha has worked with clients through challenges such as mental health, addiction, family systems, grief, trauma, and major life transitions. She doesn't claim to have all the answers, but rather walks alongside her clients, honouring their stories and supporting their journeys.

Samantha is Métis Cree, born and raised in Langley. Her roots and family background deeply shape the way she approaches her work. She holds a black belt in martial arts and says that the grueling and empowering process of earning it taught her strength, persistence, and balance — values that continue to guide her in life and in her professional practice. She enjoys riding her motorcycle, travelling, and spending time with her husband, children, and dogs.

Her professors say that she is grounded, thoughtful, and humble, and that she uses humour and inspiration to connect with others in an inclusive manner.



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Mwenda Dyck, Bachelor of Agriculture Science, Horticulture major

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Robert (Bob) Hauser

Doctor of Technology

Life is a carnival to Bob Hauser. In fact, he grew up on the midway. In the outdoor amusement industry, you're "in it" if you're committed to working the carnival circuit, and "for it" if you love the lifestyle that accompanies it.

As the longtime leader of West Coast Amusements, Bob is definitely "for it." He and his wife Wendy have derived great joy from bringing fun and entertainment to communities across western Canada for more than 60 years.

And he's a big believer in giving back. Bob and Wendy are quiet supporters of food banks, sports organizations, and local causes in the communities they visit and the ones they call home. And in recent years, they've developed a bond with the University of the Fraser Valley through its golf team, supporting student athletes with a scholarship and hosting the annual Nick Taylor Charity Golf Tournament gala that raises funds for several causes, including UFV's golf team.

West Coast Amusements is a local business success story, employing more than 40 people year-round and 400 when its multiple touring units head out across Western Canada each year.

"I enjoyed my entire career." Bob notes, having stepped back from the business in recent years. "We derive a lot of joy out of providing entertainment to communities across Canada. It's great seeing how hard people worked with us to make that happen. And we made lifelong friends."



STUDENT SPEAKER

Mwenda Dyck

Bachelor of Agriculture
Science, Horticulture major

Mwenda Dyck is graduating with his Bachelor of Agricultural Science with a specialty in horticulture. Mwenda grew up in a farming family in Manitoba and came to UFV eager to learn more about diverse forms of agriculture. He quickly developed a passion for vertical agriculture. He chose to focus on vertical agriculture in his research projects, and then put his knowledge into action with the development of South Central Gardens, his own microgreens business.

Mwenda served as student researcher and coordinator with the UFV Food and Agriculture Institute, facilitating connections with industry partners and community organizations. He also participated in an agri-food technology hackathon competition in Winnipeg, competing as an undergraduate against master's and doctoral-level students.

In the classroom, Mwenda demonstrated leadership in discussions and group projects, engaging in respectful debate with peers and bringing an applied knowledge of agrifood systems. He also served as an ambassador for the UFV Agriculture program, volunteering for outreach events and such as UFV's annual Open House.

Mwenda is working in the agriculture industry already and is planning on pursuing his Professional Agrologist designation.



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Each ceremony is approximately two hours long. To keep disruptions to a minimum, we ask graduates to stay for the entire ceremony and guests to remain seated during the ceremony.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Each graduate will have their photo taken by Artona Photography. Family members and friends will have photo opportunities with their graduate after the ceremony. As professional photographs will be available, family members and guests are encouraged to enjoy the ceremony and remain in their seats.

ALUMNI CELEBRATION PLAZA

You are invited to celebrate the class of 2026 with faculty and staff at an informal gathering at the Alumni Celebration Plaza, outside the south end of the UFV Student Union Society (SUS) building. Thank you, UFV Alumni Association, for hosting our post-convocation celebrations!

REGALIA (GOWNS)

Graduating students and faculty are reminded to return their gowns following the ceremony and reception.

SERVICES

Both prior to and following the ceremony, you will find the following services outside and in the UFV Student Union Society building:

- UFV Bookstore pop-up shop for alumni merchandise, graduate gifts, parchment frames, and more
- Parchment framing station
- Fresh-cut floral bouquets by Simply Perfect Flowers