

2023

Fall
Convocation





New Dawn Staff Of Place And Belonging

Dalhousie's New Dawn Staff of Place and Belonging is carried into the convocation ceremony by the University Beadle at the head of the graduate procession and placed onstage to signal the start of the celebration, then carried back out to mark the end. Through its mix of symbols, materials and textures, the New Dawn Staff of Place and Belonging reflects the rich diversity of individuals who make up the Dalhousie community today and their collective history in this place that we share together.

The New Dawn Staff was designed and created by artists Alan Syliboy of Millbrook First Nation and Mark Austin of Colchester County, with guidance from the university and in collaboration with a team of artists and craftspeople from diverse communities across Nova Scotia.

To learn more, visit dal.ca/newdawnstaff

Dalhousie University

Fall 2023 Convocation

Order of Proceedings

October 3, 2023 at 9:00am

Academic and Graduate Processions

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President and Chancellor's Installation

Chancellor's Remarks

Conferring of Degrees

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October 3, 2023 at 12:30pm

October 4, 2023 at 9:00am and 12:30pm

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We recognize the inspiring role of our faculty in the education of our graduates, enhanced by the tremendous support of our staff and administrators.

While too numerous to list, we celebrate the impactful contributions of these individuals alongside university leadership.

Dr. Kim Brooks

President and Vice-Chancellor

President's Installation Ceremony

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 9:00am



Dr. Kim Brooks began her five-year term as Dalhousie's 13th President and Vice-Chancellor in August 2023, after serving as Acting Provost and Vice-President Academic. She previously served as Dean of the Schulich School of Law from 2010-15 and as Dean of the Faculty of Management from 2020-22.

A 3M Teaching Fellow, Dr. Brooks has held the H. Heward Stikeman Chair in the Law of Taxation at McGill University and the Purdy Crawford Chair in Business Law at Dalhousie in addition to academic appointments at Queen's University and the University of British Columbia. Prior to entering the academy, she worked as a tax lawyer with Stikeman Elliott in their Toronto and London (UK) offices. Among her numerous board and professional roles, she has been Chair of the Halifax Public Libraries Board, President of the Canadian Centre for Legal Innovation in Sexual Assault Response, President of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers, and Chair of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund.

Dr. Brooks holds a PhD from the University of Western Australia, a LL.M. from York University, a LL.B. from UBC and a BA from the University of Toronto.

Dr. Rustum Southwell, O.N.S. Chancellor

Chancellor's Installation Ceremony

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 9:00am



Dr. Rustum Southwell is Dalhousie University's ninth Chancellor.

One of Nova Scotia's most prominent community and business leaders, Dr. Southwell is best known as the founding CEO of the Black Business Initiative (BBI). Originally from Saint Kitts / Nevis, Southwell arrived in Halifax in 1972 and has been contributing to Nova Scotia's business landscape ever since.

Dr. Southwell began his business career in the food industry as one of the province's first Black franchise owners. After several years managing restaurants, he moved on to become executive director of the African Canadian Business Development Centre, precursor to BBI.

In 1996, Dr. Southwell became founding CEO of the BBI. His leadership has resulted in 25 years of unprecedented growth and impact. BBI has created over 1,500 jobs and has provided business training to over 1,000 aspiring entrepreneurs. Recently, he led the organization into its next phase of growth by expanding across the Atlantic Provinces. He is also renowned nationally and internationally for his work on Black Entrepreneurial and community development, as a co-founder of the FACE coalition and the Supporting Black Canadian Communities Initiative.

In addition to business excellence, Dr. Southwell has demonstrated his commitment to community. He has served as co-chair of the African Heritage Month Committee, and as the first chair of Hope Blooms Youth Ventures Inc. He has also served on many boards including the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, the Waterfront Development Corporation (now Develop Nova Scotia), and United Way Halifax. He served as a member of the Board of Governors of Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC), the Black Loyalist Heritage Society, and the Community Consultative Committee of the Halifax Stanfield International Airport Authority (HSIAA).

Among his many accolades are the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond and Platinum Jubilee Medals. He has received honorary doctorate degrees from Dalhousie and Saint Mary's universities, and an honorary diploma from NSCC. Recently, he was inducted into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame and the Order of Nova Scotia.

Messages to Graduates

Chancellor's Message

It's my pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to all graduates, as well as their families and supporters.

Graduation is a significant achievement, made possible only by the remarkable effort you have invested in your education. Earning a university degree is always commendable, but doing so against the backdrop of a global pandemic and the environmental and societal challenges we have collectively faced over the past few years is testament to your dedication, persistence, and fortitude.

As you embark on the next steps of your journey, I hope that Dalhousie has not only provided a solid foundation for your career but has also played a pivotal role in shaping you into a global citizen, ready to contribute to creating a better world.

These are my first Convocation ceremonies as Dalhousie's Chancellor, and I cannot help but reflect on what a privilege it is to join you for this significant milestone – a milestone that not only represents the culmination of your hard work at Dalhousie, but also to the promise of your future. I have every confidence that the Class of 2023 will achieve incredible things, with each of you making indelible impacts in your communities, the region, and around the world.

Once more, please accept my sincere congratulations, and enjoy this well-deserved moment of celebration. Go on, go out into the world, and show us all the good that you can do.



Dr. Rustum Southwell, O.N.S.
Chancellor
Dalhousie University

President's Message

Watching our graduates cross the stage at Convocation is one of the greatest joys of working at Dalhousie. Congratulations on completing your degrees and diplomas.

I hope that during your time at university, we've supported you in gaining the skills, competencies, talents, and knowledge that you need to enjoy meaningful careers and lives.

It can be easy to forget that this celebratory moment sits on top of many grueling moments. I know well the immense effort required to get here. And when you encounter more of life's harder moments, I hope you can draw on the experience you've already gained to know that you can meet challenges with determination, tenacity, and perhaps even a sense of humour.

Class of 2023, I know there are good things to come. I have high expectations of you, and I know that you are going to invent and create and make possible a better world. We are in urgent need of your talents.

Thank you for spending some of your time at Dalhousie. It has been a pleasure for many of us connected with the university to get to know you. We are so incredibly proud of you.



Dr. Kim Brooks
President and Vice-Chancellor
Dalhousie University

Congratulations Graduates

Graduate and academic honour lists can be accessed via mobile using the QR codes below,
or by visiting dal.ca/academics/convocation/fall_grads

Graduate Lists by Ceremony



Academic Distinctions and Class Prizes



Convocation and Ceremonial Elements

Convocation

Convocation is a celebration where students transition to alumni, celebrating their achievements as they cross the stage to receive their degree.

New Dawn Staff of Place and Belonging

Dalhousie introduced the New Dawn Staff of Place and Belonging on May 10, 2019. The Staff officially replaced the University Mace as the ceremonial object used to open and close Convocation ceremonies. Like the Mace before it, the New Dawn Staff is carried into the ceremony by the University Beadle at the head of the graduate procession and placed onstage to signal the start of the celebration, and carried back out to mark the end.

The New Dawn Staff of Place and Belonging was designed and created by artists Alan Syliboy of Millbrook First Nation and Mark Austin of Cumberland County with guidance from the university and in collaboration with a team of artists and craftspeople from diverse communities across Nova Scotia.

Dalhousie is one of the first universities in North America to replace its traditional mace with a new ceremonial object. Through its mix of symbols, materials and textures, the New Dawn Staff reflects the rich diversity of individuals who make up the Dalhousie community today and their collective history in this place that we share together.

Symbols and materials integrated along the shaft signify Dalhousie's location in Mi'kma'ki and important on-going relationships with Mi'kmaq communities. Descendants of early European and international settlers, Acadians, Peoples of African descent, persons with disabilities, all genders and the LGBTQ2S+ communities are acknowledged with Staff elements in an effort to convey inclusion, diversity, and equity. Contributions by artists from Mi'kmaq, African Nova Scotian and other communities celebrate that Dalhousie is part of a larger geographic and cultural place of diversity and inclusion.

More than thirty materials and twenty processes were used in the creation of the New Dawn Staff and its accompanying stand. Nova Scotian materials were used when possible, including the white ash that serves as the base material for the pole and driftwood that forms the top segment. Textiles from around the world, near-field

chip technology, recycled gold, and several other natural materials were incorporated throughout using processes ranging from wood turning and textile wrapping to laser cutting, wire weaving, and gilding.

At 7'4" (2.24 metres) tall, the New Dawn Staff cuts an impressive figure befitting of a symbol of achievement. But as a walking stick it also symbolizes the idea of a journey — educational and otherwise — and provides functionality as an aid for walking and as a beacon for community. Four distinct grip zones mean the staff can be carried by individuals with different walking or sitting heights.

Artists involved in the creation of the New Dawn Staff of Place and Belonging were Mark Austin, Alan Syliboy, Wendie Poitras, Annie Martin, Mohammed Issa, Jessie Marshall, Mark Hamilton, Matt D'Entremont, Fred Marshall, Lily Volio, Debby Finkbeiner, Arjun Lal, and many unknown makers whose pre-existing work was incorporated for its cultural significance.

With the New Dawn Staff of Place and Belonging, Dalhousie journeys proudly through its third century informed by the past and inspired for the future.

Coat of Arms

The Dalhousie University Coat of Arms, which you see hanging at the back of the stage, is based on the heraldic achievement (commonly called "Coat of Arms") of the Ramsay family of Scotland. The Rt. Hon. George Ramsay, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, founded the University in 1818. Initially the Ramsay family coat of arms was used to identify Dalhousie. But over time, it has evolved, as have most heraldic devices through marriage or political alliances.

The seal used by the University differs from that of the Ramsay family version in three ways. First, through marriage one of the supporters on the Ramsay achievement has now changed to include a greyhound on the right. Secondly, the original Ramsay supporters were griffins (half lion, half dragon), while Dalhousie's are dragons. The third change occurred in 1950 when the Board of Governors changed the colour of the shield from white (silver) to gold, to reflect the University's colours of black and gold.

Since 1987 the university has used the eagle and shield as the basis for its logo.

Academic Dress

Academic dress — also known as academic costume or regalia — is the distinctive gowns and hoods worn by all participants (including faculty members and university officials who sit onstage) during a Convocation ceremony. The lining of the hood identifies the field of study.

The tradition of graduates wearing gowns and hoods dates back to the 12th and 13th centuries. This tradition continues today at Dalhousie University to signify a graduate's academic accomplishment.

During the ceremony, Indigenous graduates may be recognized by Elders with the gift of a traditional handmade **Medicine Pouch**. A medicine pouch is traditionally worn around the neck and carries medicines, such as sweet grass, cedar, tobacco and sage, as well as objects that provide protection to each individual person. It is a sign of strength for all those that carry one and a means of acknowledging the creator.

Indigenous students are welcome to wear traditional dress in a manner that celebrates their heritage along with their ceremonial hood.

In recognition of their heritage, Black graduates of African descent may wear a **Kente Sash**; a symbolic stole, using hand woven material made in Ghana.

Hood color references for Dalhousie degrees:

BA	White silk/white faux fur border	BScRec	Yellow silk/forest green silk border	MEng/ MURP	Peacock blue/gold border
BAgr	Royal blue/gold & blue silk border	BSE	Gold silk/emerald silk border	MES	Copper silk
BArch	Vermilion/white corded border	BTech	Emerald green silk/gold & blue silk border	MFA	Royal blue/burgundy border with white corded piping
BASc	Gold/white corded border with blue piping	BSW	Gold silk/white silk border	MGC	Silver silk/scarlet silk border with white cord
BACS	Emerald green/white border	DDS	Scarlet silk/gold border	MHI	Scarlet silk/emerald green silk border
BCBD	Chartreuse silk/peacock blue silk border with red cording	JD/LLB	White silk/gold silk border	MHA	Sky blue silk/white silk border
BCD	Green silk/peacock blue corded border	MD	Scarlet silk/white silk border	MIM	Mint green satin/white border
BCom	White satin/light blue border	LLM	Purple silk	MITE	Teal green silk/white silk border with gold piping
BCSc	Emerald green/gold border	MA	Crimson silk	MJ	Royal blue/royal blue border with white corded piping
BDH	Deep purple satin/gold border	EMEC	Emerald green/purple border with turquoise piping	MI/MLIS	Mid-forest green silk
BEd	Dark blue satin/white border	MACSc	Emerald green/silver border with white piping	MMM	Navy silk/sea-green silk border
BEDS	White/two parallel strips of white corded border	MAHSR	White silk/sky blue silk border with white piping	MN	Apricot silk
BEng	Gold/white corded border	March	White/two parallel stripes of red corded border	MPlan	Peacock blue/green corded border
BHIM	Peacock satin/white border	March (Post Prof)	White/vermilion border	MPA	Sky blue silk
BHSc	Silver satin/white border	MASc	Sky blue/gold border with white piping	MPer	Gold silk/scarlet silk border
BINF	Emerald green/white border	MASc/ MPlan	Peacock blue/gold border with white piping	MPS	Cobalt crepe satin
BMgt	White silk/teal green silk border	MASc/ MURP	Peacock blue/gold border with white piping	MREM	Copper silk/white silk border
BMus	White satin/lavender border	MAT (French)	Crimson silk/white silk border	MSc	Scarlet silk
BMusEd	Lavender satin/white border	MBA	Turquoise silk	MSW	Citron silk
BN	White silk/royal blue silk border	MCSc	Emerald green/gold border with white piping	MURP	Peacock blue/green corded border
BPE	Sage green silk/white silk border	MDE	Medium blue silk/red scarlet silk border	JSD	Gown of black faced with Olympic blue bordered with yellow, the hood is black corded/lining of Olympic blue and bordered with yellow of the Cambridge design, birretum is black velvet with yellow cord
BRec	Yellow silk/forest green silk border	MDI	Purple silk/emerald green border	PhD	Black gown faced with yellow (gold), hood is black of Cambridge design with yellow, birretum is black velvet with gold cord.
BSc	White silk/scarlet silk border	MEDR	Emerald green/purple border with turquoise piping		
BSc (Agr)	White silk/gold & blue silk border	Med	Royal blue silk		
BScHE	Forest green silk/gold silk border	MENg	White/three parallel stripes of white/vermilion corded border		
BScHP	Forest green silk/gold silk border	MEng/ MPlan	Blue/gold border		
BScK	White silk/crimson silk border				
BScN	White silk/royal blue silk border				
BScOT	Peacock satin/crimson silk border				
BScPh	White silk/purple silk border				
BScPT	White silk/scarlet & gold silk border				

Congratulations!

You are officially an alumnus of Dalhousie, an amazing community of more than 155,000 alumni around the world.

To learn more, visit
dal.ca/grad2023

Alumni benefits

You have access to a variety of benefits, including:

- Preferred rates and special promotions
- Career development and other programs
- Travel and accommodation discounts
- Entertainment and retail specials

To learn more, visit
alumni.dal.ca/benefits

Stay connected

You will always be a part of the Dal community. There are a variety of opportunities to stay connected:

- Keep in touch with your classmates through alumni **events and reunions**
- Influence important university initiatives and decisions through the **Dal Insight Circle**
- Find an alumni mentor through the **Dal Alumni Link**
- Take on a leadership role as an alumni **volunteer**

Be sure to keep us up-to-date on your achievements and successes, as well as your current contact information. We look forward to hearing from you at alumni@dal.ca.

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