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It is my pleasure to help bestow honorary degrees on such an esteemed group.

Receiving an honorary degree is a testament to the significance and impact of your work. As an honorary degree holder, you join the ranks of others around the world who inspire our graduates while reflecting the values of our institution.

This virtual celebration recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to society, made outstanding contributions in their fields, and have been friends to Dalhousie University.

Our honorary degree recipients are a source of great pride for the university. While I wish we were able to celebrate your accomplishments in person as we normally would, I am so glad that we have this opportunity to honour you now.

Congratulations on this significant achievement, and welcome to the Dalhousie family.

Dr. Deep Saini
President and Vice-Chancellor, Dalhousie University
Receiving an honorary degree is an immense honour and a fitting recognition of your years of leadership, service, citizenship, and impact.

The honorary degree recipients we are recognizing through this event are highly accomplished in academia, politics, health, human rights, and more. You have each demonstrated exceptional commitment in your respective fields, and through your tireless endeavours, you have contributed to the betterment of society.

Despite the extraordinary circumstances we currently find ourselves in, I am thrilled to have this opportunity to celebrate the achievements of such an outstanding group of individuals alongside your friends and family.

As a fellow alumnus and Chancellor of Dalhousie University, it is my pleasure to welcome you to this great institution's alumni community.

Congratulations!

The Honourable Scott Brison
Chancellor, Dalhousie University
It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you, our newest Honorary Degree recipients to the Dalhousie alumni family — a network of over 150,000 Dalhousie graduates around the globe. Your accomplishments are a reminder to us all of what is possible when you follow your passions, challenge yourself, and persevere over obstacles. You are an inspiration for both our new graduates, and our extended alumni communities.

Perhaps now, more than ever, the global pandemic has presented a unique set of challenges in our neighbourhoods, provinces, countries, and the larger global community. Your stories of determination and perseverance demonstrate to us the passion and drive required to make a difference in these times and beyond. As we usher our new graduates into the next phase of their journeys, it is my distinct privilege to also welcome you, our newest Honorary Doctorates, into our alumni family. On behalf of the Dalhousie Alumni Association and Dalhousie alumni around the world, we are honoured to count you among us, and we thank you for the contributions you have made to our world beyond Dalhousie’s campuses.

Please accept our sincere gratitude and warm welcome!

Dr. Brian Johnston
President, Dalhousie Alumni Association
In conferring honorary degrees, Dalhousie University seeks to honour individuals whose accomplishments and achievements demonstrate a standard of excellence that will inspire our graduates and the University community. The awarding of an honorary degree honours both the individual and the University and contributes to the recognition and celebration of excellence in society in a manner that reflects the University’s character and values within the community and the world.

Universities characterize honorary degrees as the highest honour the institution can bestow, and describe them as an opportunity for the university to:

- recognize excellence in intellectual, or artistic achievement or in distinguished public service;
- provide a model for leadership and act as an inspiration to graduating students; and
- bring honour to both the recipient and the institution.
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Dr. Guy Berthiaume

Dr. Rachel Thibeault
On the occasion of the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) upon Dr. Guy Berthiaume

“Dr. Berthiaume has been an inexhaustible supporter of Canadian culture, Canadian society, and the cultural heritage community. His enthusiasm, his passion, and his commitment to the preservation and dissemination of cultural heritage have been widely recognized... [he] is highly deserving of an honorary doctorate from Dalhousie University in recognition of his tireless work to revitalize the work of Library and Archives Canada and to preserve, document, and celebrate Canadian cultural heritage.”

Vivian Howard
Associate Vice-President Academic
Dalhousie University

Dr. Guy Berthiaume, photo credit Library and Archives Canada
When Canadians seek to understand who we are — as a country, as communities and as individuals — one crucial source of knowledge is Libraries and Archives Canada, the custodian of our distant past and recent history. Dr. Guy Berthiaume, Librarian and Archivist of Canada Emeritus and former head of that national institution, is an internationally recognized leader whose passion and commitment to the preservation of our cultural memory is unparalleled. A highly regarded historian specializing in the study of classical antiquity, Dr. Berthiaume is an accomplished scholar and administrator, inexhaustible and enthusiastic in his efforts to increase access to Canadian cultural heritage. Under his leadership, Libraries and Archives Canada became an internationally recognized institution, but more importantly, it became a collaborative and accessible destination, both physically and virtually, to all who seek to know Canada.

A native of Montréal, Dr. Berthiaume began his studies there, earning a Bachelor of Arts in 1972 from the Université du Québec à Montréal. He went on to complete his Master of Arts at Université Laval in 1973 and his Doctorate from Université Paris VIII in 1976. After 20 years working at the Université du Québec and Université de Montréal, he became Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec in 2009.

In 2014, Dr. Berthiaume took the helm at Libraries and Archives Canada. He successfully reimagined this important national institution by strategically shifting its view outwards and connecting to an increasingly diverse public. Through his work, Libraries and Archives Canada was revitalized, expanding its use of innovative technology and fostering crucial partnerships among the entire galleries, libraries, archives and museums sector, including here at Dalhousie University. He forged productive and respectful relationships with Indigenous communities through the formation of the Indigenous Advisory Council, the creation of positions for seven Indigenous Archivists across Canada, and the launch of the “Listen, Hear Our Voices” oral history program for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities to record their stories, among other initiatives. He elicited wide participation from Canadians in the Archives’ public programming and interactive activities such as Co-Lab, a crowd-sourcing tool which allows users to transcribe, tag, translate and describe digitized images in the Archives’ collection.

Dr. Berthiaume has been recognized for his accomplishments with numerous awards, including Knight of the Ordre des Palmes académiques of the French Republic, the medal of the Centre Jacques Cartier, Officer of the Ordre des Artes et des Lettres of the French Republic and the Award for Distinguished Service to Research Librarianship from the Canadian Association of Research Libraries. He has been granted honorary doctorates from Université Jean Monnet in Saint-Étienne, France and the University of Ottawa. He is a member of the Order of Canada and has held senior roles in a number of national and international boards and organizations in his field.

In recognition of his work leading Library and Archives Canada and its attendant partner institutions into a world where both instant digital access and enduring preservation of Canadian cultural heritage is guaranteed to all, Dalhousie University is pleased to present Dr. Guy Berthiaume with an honorary degree.
On the occasion of the conferring of the posthumous degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) upon

The Honourable John Buchanan

“Mr. Buchanan [was] a dedicated son of Nova Scotia and well known throughout the province... a true people’s person... [he was] an Ambassador of Good Will for Nova Scotia. He probably [knew] every village, town, and city in the province intimately.”

Ernest B. Johnson, MD
**A master political campaigner.** Nova Scotia's longest-serving Conservative premier. A dedicated member of numerous service organizations. Cape Bretoner. Champion of Nova Scotia's Acadian population. Hospital builder. Canadian constitution repatriator. Advocate of this province's energy self-sufficiency. Husband of Mavis, father of five, grandfather of 10. Storyteller and down-to-earth charmer. Senator. There are many ways to describe the late Honourable John Buchanan, but perhaps they are all well captured with these three words: “Proud Nova Scotian.” Today, Dalhousie is proud to honour that proud Nova Scotian with a posthumous honorary degree.

John Buchanan was born in Sydney, Cape Breton, one of five children of Murdoch and Flora Buchanan. He worked at the Sydney Steel Plant as he pursued his Bachelor of Science in Engineering at Mount Allison University. Following his graduation in 1954, he studied metallurgy at the Nova Scotia Technical College before studying law here at Dalhousie, graduating in 1958. He practiced law in Halifax and was director of the Legal Aid Society for five years. But John Buchanan is best known for his life in politics: elected in 1967 in the provincial government of Robert Stanfield, he embarked on the path that would see him spend the rest of his career in service as an elected provincial politician and later an appointed federal Senator.

John Buchanan was renowned for his personal warmth and ability to connect with voters. It was often remarked that he was late for events because he stopped to talk to so many people on his way in, and then was the last to leave because he lingered in conversation until the final guest departed. With his wife Mavis at his side, he campaigned across this province, winning four elections as premier before departing provincial politics for a Senate appointment. There, he served his province and his country for a further 16 years.

During his time in office, John Buchanan placed a priority on controlling domestic energy costs and positioning Nova Scotia for greater energy self-sufficiency, tapping traditional energy sources while seeking to develop new ones such as piloting tidal electricity with the first tidal power plant in North America at the Annapolis Basin in 1984. He was a champion of Nova Scotia's Acadian population, promoting francophone school boards and education rights and the delivery of government services in French in Acadian communities. When Canada sought to repatriate its constitution in 1982, Premier Buchanan was one of the “Gang of Eight” premiers whose advocacy for provincial powers resulted in the inclusion of the “notwithstanding” clause in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

John Buchanan has been recognized for his contributions to this province and this country by many, including five previous honorary degrees. He was the recipient of the Canadian Centennial Medal, the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal. In 1972, he became a Member of Her Majesty's Queen's Counsel, and in 1982, along with the other Canadian premiers who participated in the negotiations for patriation of the Canadian Constitution, he was made a Member of Her Majesty's Privy Council.

In recognition of his life of service to the people of Nova Scotia, his advocacy for this province's role within Canada, and his fierce pride in all things Nova Scotian, Dalhousie University is pleased to posthumously present John Buchanan with an honorary degree.
On the occasion of the conferring of the degree of
Doctor of Laws (honoris causa)
upon
Mary Deacon, CM

“With Mary’s desire to make a difference, she has raised awareness of mental health prevalence and has successfully encouraged Canadians to speak out about their struggles. This increased, national awareness has led to reduced stigma, resulting in more people being open to seek and accept the help they may need.”

Dr. Patricia Lingley-Pottie
President & CEO, Strongest Families Institute | Assistant Professor, Dalhousie University
**Mary Deacon is a conversation starter.** As the architect and Chair of the Bell Let’s Talk mental health initiative, she has created the world’s largest conversation on mental health and the largest-ever corporate initiative of its kind in Canada. Since its launch 11 years ago, the campaign has raised over $120 million dollars to support mental health initiatives. In partnership with more than 1,100 organizations, that funding has helped more than four and a half million Canadians access mental health services. Through Ms. Deacon’s leadership, the campaign has led to a significant shift in Canada’s perception and attitudes about mental health while supporting new mental health research, establishing workplace best practices, improving care and access, and empowering Canadians to combat the stigma around mental illness.

The conversation around mental health is one that Ms. Deacon herself has engaged in with honesty and authenticity. She was a new mother early in her career as a fundraiser when she faced the heartbreaking loss to suicide of her 25-year-old brother David, a medical school student who had hidden his mental health struggles from his family. In the aftermath, Ms. Deacon recognized her own undiagnosed depression and anxiety. Twelve years later, she lost her second brother, Ted, to suicide as well. Her experiences led her to focus her philanthropic work in the field of mental health. She was the inaugural President of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Foundation, where for over a decade she raised funds to support the ground-breaking research and programs of Canada’s largest mental health hospital. There, and later at Bell Let’s Talk, Ms. Deacon established a reputation as a connector and collaborator, skilled at bringing together funders, mental health service organizations and governments to develop innovative programs that transform mental health care services and increase access.

In this visionary role, Ms. Deacon has been a catalyst. Her efforts have advanced mental health awareness, acceptance and action for Canadians of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life. Here in Atlantic Canada, the Bell Let’s Talk campaign has supported the Strongest Families Institute to expand mental health programs for children, youth and their families. It has funded research on innovative treatments for depression at Nova Scotia Health. It has supported the North End Community Health Association in providing mental health services to African Nova Scotians. On the national level, this year has marked the launch of a new Bell Let’s Talk Post-Secondary Fund. This fund will support Canadian colleges and universities in implementing the National Standard of Canada for Mental Health and Well-Being for Post-Secondary Students, a psychological health and safety standard initiated and developed under Ms. Deacon’s leadership.

For her significant accomplishments, Ms. Deacon has been honoured by her alma mater, the University of Guelph, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, as well as by Wilfrid Laurier University. She holds a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal and has been named to the Top 100 Canada’s Most Powerful Women list. A member of the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on Mental Health, in 2019 she was named to the Order of Canada.

In recognition of her extraordinary fundraising, transformative collaboration and unwavering commitment to ending stigma around mental health, Dalhousie University is pleased to present Mary Deacon with an honorary degree.
On the occasion of the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) upon Dr. Steven Strogatz

“[Strogatz] loves to apply the power of mathematics to illuminate life’s mysteries, big and small... He has a great ability to explain his research at a level which everyone can understand. He is able to convey both the usefulness and the intrinsic beauty of mathematics.”

Dr. Jeannette Janssen
Professor and Chair, Department of Math and Statistics, Dalhousie University
Why is it hard to fall asleep a few hours before your regular bedtime? How do thousands of fireflies flash in unison or a flock of birds swirl in the sky as if synchronized? Can we predict the disappearance of a language or understand how new ideas emerge? These may not seem like math questions, but to Dr. Steven Strogatz, they are questions that can be illuminated and explored by looking at the numbers and equations that lie at their very foundation. An extraordinary mathematician, first-class educator and exceptional communicator, Dr. Strogatz has turned his attention to a wide range of topics, displaying a breadth and originality of research that is unmatched, using math to explore questions that, on the surface, may not look like they involve math at all.

Knowing what questions to ask is part of what makes Dr. Strogatz unique, and perhaps one of his most famous questions is this: why is it that when we chat with a stranger, we often find that we have a mutual acquaintance? His foundational paper on “six degrees of separation,” also known as the concept of the “small-world network,” is one of the most-cited papers in science. That work sparked the development of a new field of research, network science, which underlies modern information technology and social networks.

Steven Strogatz’s search for mathematical answers began more than four decades ago. He graduated summa cum laude in mathematics from Princeton in 1980, and went on to study at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was a Marshall Scholar. He completed doctoral work in applied mathematics at Harvard, followed by a National Science Foundation postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard and Boston University. He began his teaching career at MIT, where he taught in the Department of Mathematics from 1989 to 1994, and then joined the Cornell University faculty, where he is today the Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Applied Mathematics.

Dr. Strogatz has made outstanding contributions through both his research and through sharing his enthusiasm for the beauty of math through books, essays, blogs, public lectures, a TED Talk, radio and television appearances, and a podcast. His book The Joy of X has been translated into 17 languages and, more recently, his book Infinite Powers was a New York Times bestseller.

With a lengthy list of awards recognizing his academic work, Dr. Strogatz is a Fellow of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Physical Society and the American Mathematical Society. He has been awarded the highest teaching prizes at MIT and Cornell. And he has been lauded for his public engagement, winning numerous book and writing prizes, including the Lewis Thomas Prize for Writing about Science. In a time when society needs first-rate communicators of scientific discoveries and reasoning more than ever, Dr. Strogatz is an exemplar.

In recognition of his accomplishments as a mathematician, his leadership in the field of nonlinear dynamics and network science, and his outstanding work in communicating the intrinsic beauty and importance of mathematics to a wide audience, Dalhousie University is pleased to present Dr. Steven Strogatz with an honorary degree.
On the occasion of the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) upon Dr. Rachel Thibeault

“Dalhousie has a long tradition of recognizing individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary achievements and leadership through contributions to society and/or humanitarian work. I know Dr. Thibeault to be one of these outstanding individuals.”

Dr. Elizabeth Townsend
Professor Emerita, School of Occupational Therapy, Dalhousie University
A nationally and internationally recognized community developer, humanitarian, activist, justice-seeker and scholar, Dr. Rachel Thibeault has expanded the boundaries of occupational health — a field she has said she chose because it blends science and humanism, intellectual rigour and compassion. She describes her work as grounded in serving, not helping, because “in helping we see weakness, while in serving we see wholeness. We don’t fix people,” she says, “we simply find a way to meaning, balance and justice.”

Dr. Thibeault makes her boundary-expanding approach sound obvious: work with individuals and communities to discover what would allow them to be included, supported and engaged in life and work that is sustainable and meaningful to them. It is an approach she has put into practice in Canada and abroad — with Inuit leaders seeking to improve mental health and elder care services in remote communities; in small business development initiatives using a microcredit approach in working with Canadian soldiers with PTSD; and in programs in Sierra Leone built around using gardening and cooking to enable healing between child soldiers and victims. It has included lending her expertise to Dalhousie Faculty of Health research teams studying peer support with the Transitional Health Clinic, Refugee Clinic and Laing House, and working with Disability International on projects involving people with AIDS in Zambia and leprosy in Ethiopia. In all cases, her inspirational leadership and work recognizes the importance of engaging in the activities of everyday life, and focusing on what she calls the “occupational gifts” — those meaningful activities that foster resilience, hope and belonging in challenging situations.

Dr. Thibeault embarked on her career at Université Laval, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy in 1979. She went on to complete her Master of Science in Psychology at Acadia in 1986, her PhD in Community Psychology at Université de Montréal in 1991, and then pursued postdoctoral work at the University of Southern California and Aarhus Universitet in Denmark. During those years, she also worked as an occupational therapist in Ontario, Nova Scotia, and the Northwest Territories, before joining the University of Ottawa’s School of Rehabilitation Sciences in 1992, where she is now a Full Professor in the Occupational Therapy Program. She has been recognized for her teaching excellence by the university and the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation.

In 2008, she was named an official member of the United Nations International Association of Millennium Development Goals Trainers, an organization comprised of world leaders and experts. In 2012, she was awarded the Order of Canada for her humanitarian efforts, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Society of International Health in 2015, and the Townsend Fellowship in Occupation and Safety at Dalhousie in 2016. She is the recipient of a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and an honorary degree from the University of British Columbia.

In recognition of her inspiring leadership, commitment to collaboration and inclusion, extraordinary scholarship, and advocacy in advancing the participation of vulnerable groups in everyday life, Dalhousie University is pleased to present Dr. Rachel Thibeault with an honorary degree.
Dalhousie’s New Dawn Staff of Place and Belonging was first introduced into use at Convocation in the Spring of 2019, replacing the University Mace as the ceremonial object used to open and close each ceremony. 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 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.

Artists Alan Syliboy (left) of Millbrook First Nation and Mark Austin (right) of Colchester County.
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 in addition to Syliboy and Austin were 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 into its third century informed by the past and inspired for the future.
MI’KMAQ CREATION STORY: The Staff’s lower section depicts the Mi’kmaq creation story through a series of illustrations by artist Alan Syliboy inspired by Mi’kmaq petroglyphs (rock etchings). An eight-pointed star laser-cut in rubber hidden at the base of the staff represents Mi’kma’ki’s seven districts, with an eighth point signifying welcome into the territory.

KNOTTED RAWHIDE BAND: Laid over birch bark and reed, the band symbolizes the exchange of knowledge and welcome shown by the Mi’kmaq to the French upon their arrival to settle the territory. Flags representing Scottish and British settlers are included in the following section as symbols representing conflict and violence, including the expulsion of the Acadians.

BIRCH-BARK GRIP: One of four hand grips integrated along the Staff to provide functionality as an aid for walking. With grips in different locations along the shaft, the Staff can be carried by individuals with different walking or sitting heights.

SANKOFA SYMBOL: African Nova Scotian artist Wendie Poitras contributed several adaptations of Adinkra symbols from West Africa to the Staff. Her version of a Sankofa symbol, centrally placed here, emphasizes the importance of moving forward while reaching back to learn lessons from the past.

ELEMENTS OF THE MACE: The New Dawn Staff pays tribute to the ceremonial mace, replicating some symbols, including the shamrock, thistle and English rose here above the quill band alongside new symbols from various traditions.
QUILT WRAP: Pre-existing works from many unknown makers are also incorporated into the Staff for their cultural significance, including textiles from around the world such as Jordanian keffiyeh material, indigo cloth from Mali, Nigerian batik, Chinese brocade, and Nova Scotian tartan.

“IDENTITIES” AND BRAILLE: A decoupage reproduction of “Identities” by Halifax-born artist Arjun Lal acknowledges our culture’s growing awareness of different identities, while braille for the words “I belong” is embedded in both English and French into the Staff’s wood above and below Lal’s piece, following earlier script of the phrase in Arabic, Dutch, and Chinese.

DRIFTWOOD WITH WIRE WEAVINGS: Thirteen gilded wire weavings by Lily Volio, one for each university Faculty, made up of diverse strands that represent faculty, students, support staff and administration. Set snugly into blackened driftwood, there’s room for more bands should new faculties be created.

RISING “NEW DAWN” SUN: 3D printed at Dal’s Product Design & Development Centre with hard resin and gilded by Mark Austin, co-lead artist on the project along with Alan Syliboy. Inspired by Dal’s 200th anniversary logo, the eye-catching feature is a reference to the Mi’kmaq — also known as the People of the Dawn, given Mi’kma’ki’s location in the east where the sun first hits in North America.
Excellence in academics, leadership, research and innovation

Dalhousie University is located in Halifax, Nova Scotia which is ranked one of the friendliest cities in the world. Founded in 1818, we’re one of Canada's oldest universities, attracting more than 20,000 students from around the world. We make a lasting impact by blending transformative academic programs with pioneering research on Canada’s East Coast.

Our vibrant academic programs are supported by continual innovation in the classroom and a focus on interactive learning. And as Atlantic Canada’s leading research university, we excel in collaboration with industry and opportunity for discovery.

We welcome a diverse mix of students from right here in Nova Scotia, across Canada and around the world. Our students are driven to make a difference and we’re strengthened by the multiple perspectives they bring to our community.

We have three campuses in the heart of Halifax, close to the city’s major amenities. Our Agricultural Campus is located near Truro, Nova Scotia’s hub, connecting the campus and surrounding communities to the rest of Atlantic Canada.

_Dalhousie University is located in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq. We are all Treaty people._