

2024

Spring
Convocation



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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

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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.

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 2024 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 2024, 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

Honorary Degree Recipients

Brian MacKay-Lyons

Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*)

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 9:00am

Our built surroundings are more than just shelters comprising a roof and four walls — they can be an expression of place, of material, of culture. This is rarely more evident than it is in the work of Professor Brian MacKay-Lyons, whose world-renowned designs pay homage to the vernacular building styles of the Atlantic region.

Prof. MacKay-Lyons was born in the Nova Scotian village of Arcadia and earned his Bachelor of Architecture from the Technical University of Nova Scotia (now Dal's Faculty of Architecture & Planning) in 1978. He went on to study extensively abroad—including in the United States, Italy, China, and Japan—but felt drawn to return to his home province to combat the “brain drain” and contribute to the local culture in a meaningful way. Since 1985, the practice first of MacKay-Lyons Architecture Urban Design, which eventually became MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple, has embodied design excellence, winning over 160 awards and featured in over 100 exhibitions internationally. Prof. MacKay-Lyons also taught architecture at Dalhousie for nearly four decades, holding 18 endowed academic chairs. His famous Ghost Lab, which ran from 1994 to 2011, served as a different kind of architecture school on his family farm — an experimental retreat and meeting place for an international group of architects who shared a commitment to landscape, making, and community.

Prof. MacKay-Lyons's awards and honours include the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Gold Medal — the top award in Canada for lifetime contribution in architecture. He is a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, an International Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and a Member of the Order of Canada.



John G. Paul

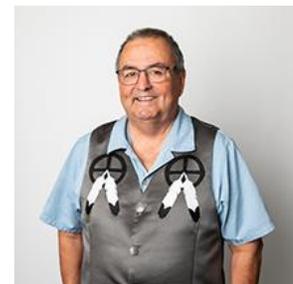
Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*)

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 4:00pm

Over the past three decades John G. Paul has been instrumental in providing services, policy, and administrative support for 33 First Nation communities across Mi'kma'ki. His accomplished career has been defined by his work as a dedicated champion, leader, and advocate for Indigenous communities throughout Nova Scotia and beyond.

Mr. Paul was raised in Membertou on Unama'ki/Cape Breton Island. In 1980, he graduated with his Bachelor's in Community Studies from Cape Breton University (CBU) before going on to earn his Master's in Public Administration in Financial Management from Dalhousie. He began his career in his own community in Membertou, working in administration and economic development before turning toward work for the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat. There, Mr. Paul co-created the Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Integrated Research Program, a collaboration with 15 of the Atlantic region's academic institutions, including Dalhousie. He was instrumental in changing the electoral process for Chief and Council through the First Nation Election Act, proclaimed in 2014. He also helped to develop the Atlantic First Nations Water Authority, furthering Indigenous self-determination and working to protect a resource that is critical to the health and well-being of communities and the environment.

Mr. Paul has on the Board of Governors of First Nations University of Canada in Regina and of CBU, and he has served on numerous national committees with both the federal government and the Assembly of First Nations in such diverse areas as fiscal relations, economic development, health services, fisheries, education, land claims, and many others.



Dr. Michael Gray

Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*)

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 9:00am

In the 1950s and '60s, one particular theory of how the mitochondria in our cells came to be, evolutionarily speaking, was considered preposterous: the endosymbiont hypothesis. That same theory is now considered textbook fact thanks to the work of Dalhousie Professor Emeritus Dr. Michael Gray, one of many impressive accomplishments Dr. Gray has achieved over the course of a storied career.

Dr. Gray began his career in biochemistry in 1962 at the University of Alberta, where he first earned his undergraduate degree, swiftly followed by his PhD. After postdoctoral work at Stanford University, he accepted a position at Dalhousie in 1970 where he remained until his retirement in 2008. During that time, he published nearly 300 papers, with his work being cited more than 24,000 times. He is known as an effective collaborator and leader who has stewarded the graduate work of many stellar students. He was instrumental in helping to establish Dal's Centre for Comparative Genomics & Evolutionary Bioinformatics and led two pan-Canadian DNA sequencing projects for Genome Canada, where he was also Chair of the Science and Industry Advisory Committee.

Dr. Gray is an elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the American Academy of Microbiology, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was also the Canada Research Chair in Genomics and Genome Evolution from 2001 to 2008. He was inducted into Sigma Chi, The Scientific Honor Society, in 2024.



Dr. Una-May O'Reilly

Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*)

Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 12:30pm

What do the optimal layout of turbines in a wind farm, the frequencies and characteristics of the heartbeats of thousands of cardiac patients, and IRS tax records all have in common? They may appear as collections of data points almost too large to handle, an information overload. But for Dr. Una-May O'Reilly, a world-leading computer scientist in the field of evolutionary computation, they're an opportunity to help us solve some of the world's big problems.

At MIT, Dr. O'Reilly heads a group within the Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Laboratory that applies tenets of biological evolution to machine learning. Their projects include cyber security, clinical medicine knowledge discovery, and educational data mining, among others. She has served as chair of the largest international evolutionary computation conference, the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO), and in 2013 won the EvoStar Award for Outstanding Achievements in Evolutionary Computation.

In a field where women still tend to be underrepresented, Dr. O'Reilly, who has been at MIT since 1996, is described as an "energetic trailblazer" who endeavours to pave the way for future women computer scientists. She is cofounder of the Women in Evolutionary Computation Group for GECCO, a place where students and junior researchers from under-represented cohorts can come together to connect with those established in the field, and she's appeared on PBS's SciGirls, a program aimed at inspiring young girls to learn about science and tech. She holds a BSc from the University of Calgary, and a master's in computer science and a PhD from Carleton University in Ottawa.



Dr. Estella Atekwana

Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*)

Friday, May 31, 2024 at 9:00am

Dr. Estella Atekwana once described her pioneering work in biogeophysics — the study of how plants, microbes, and other organisms effect the make-up of the earth — as “discovered by accident and developed by serendipity.” But her contributions to the earth sciences, as well her impact on her students and colleagues, are certainly no accident but, rather, the result of her vision, dedication, and leadership.

Dr. Atekwana, who grew up in Cameroon, is a Dalhousie PhD graduate in Geophysics who came to Halifax after her bachelor’s and master’s studies at Howard University in Washington, DC. She is currently dean of the largest college at UC Davis, the College of Letters and Science, where she endeavours to ensure success for 16,000 students across 37 departments and academic programs. Her extensive work in tectonics, near-surface geophysics, and biogeophysics has allowed her to contribute more than 150 papers, 134 peer-reviewed articles, two books, and more than 270 conference papers to the scholarly record. Demonstrating her deep commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and student success, she has advised and mentored women and underrepresented minority students, as well as early-career academics, on navigating their studies and careers in STEM.

A Fellow of the American Geophysical Union and the Geological Society of America, Dr. Atekwana has received accolades not only for her groundbreaking scientific work, but for her teaching as well. She received the 2020 Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG) Global Virtual Lecturer award, and Outstanding Educator awards from both the SEG and the Association for Women Geoscientists.



Dr. Austin Mardon

Doctor of Laws (*honoris causa*)

Friday, May 31, 2024 at 12:30pm

Dr. Austin Mardon is a polymathic explorer whose commitment to the fields of astronomy, geography, political history, theology, and medicine, and his mental health activism, have had far-reaching impacts. Born in Edmonton, Alberta, and growing up in Lethbridge, Dr. Mardon completed undergraduate studies in geography at University of Lethbridge and soon headed south — 170 miles from the South Pole as part of an Antarctic meteorite expedition for NASA and the National Science Foundation. Medical complications from environmental exposure on the trip earned him an Antarctic Service Medal but curtailed his aspirations of heading to space.

Dr. Mardon’s earthly ambitions were undeterred, however. He went on to earn master’s degrees in education and science, and his PhD in geography from the University of Greenwich in Australia. In the mid-1980s he started the Antarctic Institute of Canada, a non-profit promoting research and exploration, of which he is still the director. He’s authored upwards of 500 articles and books. After his 1992 schizophrenia diagnosis, Dr. Mardon became an advocate for people experiencing mental illness, writing numerous books on the subject and receiving the Canadian Medical Association Medal of Honour.

A Member of the Order of Canada, the Royal Society of Canada and the Royal Geographical Society of Canada, he currently holds adjunct professorships at the University of Lethbridge and in the University of Alberta Department of Psychiatry — the first time someone with schizophrenia has been appointed to such a position. He lives in Edmonton with his wife and frequent collaborator, Dr. Catherine Mardon.



Congratulations Graduates

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

**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.

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
BEEd	Dark blue satin/white border	MACSc	Emerald green/silver border with white piping	MMM	Navy silk/sea-green silk border
BEDS	White/two parallel stripes 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	Crimson silk/white silk border	MSc	Scarlet silk
BMusEd	Lavender satin/white border	(French)	Turquoise silk	MSW	Citron silk
BN	White silk/royal blue silk border	MBA	Emerald green/gold border with white piping	MURP	Peacock blue/green corded border
BPE	Sage green silk/white silk border	MCSc	Emerald green/gold border with white piping	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	MDE	Medium blue silk/red scarlet silk 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	MDI	Purple silk/emerald green border		
BSc (Agr)	White silk/gold & blue silk border	MEC	Emerald green/purple border with turquoise piping		
BScHE	Forest green silk/gold silk border	Med	Royal blue silk		
BScHP	Forest green silk/gold silk border	MEDR	White/three parallel stripes of white/vermilion corded border		
BScK	White silk/crimson silk border	MEng	Blue/gold border		
BScN	White silk/royal blue silk border	MEng/ MPlan	Peacock blue/gold border		
BScOT	Peacock satin/crimson silk border				
BScPh	White silk/purple silk border				
BScPT	White silk/scarlet & gold silk border				

Professional Oaths

The Oral Health Professional Oath

Tuesday, May 34, 2024 at 12:30pm

To be recited by all graduating dentistry and dental hygiene students.

I do hereby solemnly swear to pledge my commitment as an oral health professional.

I will assist my patients in achieving optimal oral health.

Without discrimination, I will treat my patients with honour and respect and will contribute to their overall well-being.

My patients will be actively involved in their treatment decisions, and they can trust that I will compassionately place their needs before my own.

I will always conduct myself in an ethical and professional manner, and will hold myself to the highest standards.

I will not undertake tasks beyond my ability and competence.

I will promote access to care and social justice for those who are most vulnerable. I will protect and preserve the oral health of the public.

I am committed to evidence-based practice and life-long learning. I will strive to contribute to the advancement of dental education for the benefit of my community, patients and colleagues.

These promises I make freely, and upon my honour.

The Hippocratic Oath

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 9:00am

To be recited by all graduating medicine students. In reciting this oath, graduates declare allegiance to an ancient, honourable, and durable tradition, the survival of which is important for the welfare of the sick and of society.

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability and judgment, this covenant:

I will respect the hard-won scientific gains of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures [that] are required, avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.

I will remember that there is art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon's knife or the chemist's drug.

I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. This awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

I will remember that I do not treat a fever chart, a cancerous growth, but a sick human being, whose illness may affect the person's family and economic stability. My responsibility includes these related problems, if I am to care adequately for the sick.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.

If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

Congratulations!

You are officially an alum of Dalhousie, an amazing community of more than 160,000 alumni around the world.

To learn more, visit

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Alumni benefits

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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**
- Grow your professional network through the **Dal Alumni Link** mentorship program
- Support the Dalhousie community as a **Global Alumni Ambassador**
- 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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**Graduate Lists
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**Academic Distinctions,
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