



## HONORARY DEGREES / DIPLOMAS / CERTIFICATES

### Spring 2024

**Roy Bear Chief, social worker, residential school survivor, Siksika Nation elder**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Eleanor Chiu, entrepreneur and philanthropist, CFO of Trico Homes**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Wayne Chiu, entrepreneur and philanthropist, founder and CEO of Trico Homes**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Hon. Ron Ghitter, lawyer, businessman, past MLA and Canadian senator, and human rights advocate**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Gord Gillies, news anchor and radio talk show host, mental health advocate**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Hon. Lois Mitchell, businesswoman, philanthropist and former Lieutenant Governor of Alberta**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Charles Osuji, entrepreneur, CEO & Managing Partner, Osuji & Smith Lawyers**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

### Spring 2023

**Donald Baker, former President of Mount Royal College**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**General John de Chastelain, retired Canadian army officer and diplomat**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Cheryl Foggo, award-winning author, playwright, and filmmaker**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Leslie O'Donoghue, Corporate Director DYE and Durham and Independent Director Pembina Pipeline Corporation**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Nancy Southern, Chair & Chief Executive Officer of ATCO Ltd.**

Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Bruce Starlight, Tsuut'ina Language Commissioner**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

### Spring 2022

**Jann Arden, Singer, Songwriter, Author and Actor**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Harnarayan Singh, Sports Broadcaster**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Elder “Grandmother” Doreen Spence, Human Rights Activist**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Don Taylor, Philanthropist and Business Leader**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Cathy Williams, Community Connector, Business Leader and University Builder, former MRU Board Chair**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

### Spring 2021

**Louise Bernice Halfe-Sky Dancer, internationally-renowned poet and Indigenous elder**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Hal Kivle, leader in oil, gas and utilities, and past Board Chair of Mount Royal University**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Christine Silverberg, past chief of the Calgary Police Service (CPS)**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Clarence V. Wolfleg Sr. (Agar)/ Miiksikaam, elder and advisor**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

### Fall 2020

**David O'Brien, Business Leader, Philanthropist and former president of CP Rail**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Eva Friesen, President and CEO of the Calgary Foundation**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**Beckie Scott, Olympic Gold Medalist Cross-Country Skiing**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

**George Brookman, Businessman, Volunteer, City Booster and past president and chairman of the Board of the Calgary Stampede, past chairman of Tourism Calgary, past director of Travel Alberta and past president of the Downtown Rotary Club of Calgary**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws

#### **Fall 2019**

**Mary Anne Moser, PhD, President and CEO of Telus Spark; co-founder of Beakerhead**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws.

#### **Spring 2019**

**Dawn Farrell, Chief Executive Officer of TransAlta Corporation; accomplished business and community leader**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws.

**Ann McCaig, prominent Philanthropist; a committed supporter of Mount Royal's Military Memorial Bursaries, a member of the Order of Canada and the Alberta Order of Excellence**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws.

**Marg Southern, Spruce Meadows Founder; member of numerous corporate, community and non-profit boards locally, nationally and abroad**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws.

**Don Braid, Political Columnist; Subjects of his reporting and columns have included every Alberta government since Peter Lougheed's and every federal government since the original Trudeaus.**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws.

**David Johnston, former Governor General of Canada; Governor General of Canada from 2010 to 2017, the 28th since Canadian Confederation. He is also a revered academic, media personality and author.**  
Honorary Doctor of Laws.

#### **Fall 2018**

**Murray McCann, Chartered Accountant, Business Leader and Philanthropist; driving force behind Calgary's Field of Crosses initiative and donor of the Rosedale Hospice and Homes for Heroes**  
Honorary Bachelor of Nursing

#### **Spring 2018**

**Barbara Jean Fraser, retired Social Worker; former MRC Board Chair**  
Honorary Bachelor of Education (Elementary)

**Dr. John Lacey, retired Oil & Gas Executive; Chair of Mount Royal Conservatory Advisory Committee**  
Honorary Bachelor of Arts (Policy Studies)

**Paul Brandt, Country Music Singer/Songwriter; Mount Royal Alumnus; Mount Royal Storyteller-in Residence**  
Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration (General Management)

**Bret Hart, retired Professional Wrestler; Spokesperson, Fundraiser, Ambassador for Non-Profit Organizations**

Honorary Bachelor of Health and Physical Education (Physical Literacy)

#### Fall 2017

**Kelly Hrudey, Sports Commentator, SportsNet; Former NHL Goaltender**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)

#### Spring 2017

**Elder “Grandmother” Doreen Spence, Traditional Healer, RN, Author**

Honorary Bachelor of Nursing

**Even Hu, Serial Entrepreneur**

Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration

**Todd Hirsch, Chief Economist, ATB Financial**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts (Policy Studies)

**Mark Tewksbury, Principal, Great Traits; Former Olympic Athlete**

Honorary Bachelor of Communication (Public Relations)

#### Fall 2016

**Elder Clarence V. (Agar) Wolfleg Sr. (Miiksika’am), Siksika Nation**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)

#### Spring 2016

**Cassie Campbell Pascall, Canadian Hockey Player, Sports TV Commentator, Analyst, Interviewer**

Honorary Bachelor of Communication

**Will Ferguson, Canadian Author**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts (English)

**Sheldon Kennedy, Lead Director, Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre and Co-founder of Respect Group Inc.**

Bachelor of Child Studies

#### Fall 2015

**Hunter Wight, former VP University Advancement, MRU**

Honorary Bachelor of Communication

#### Spring 2015

**Co. (Ret’d) the Honourable Donald S. Ethell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)

**Dr. Dave Marshall, former President, MRU**

Honorary Bachelor of Education

#### Fall 2014

**Richard Shaw, Lawyer, Richard A. Shaw Professional Corporation**

Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration

#### Spring 2014

**Ken King, President & CEO, Calgary Flames Hockey Club (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Health and Physical Education

**Hal Wyatt, Banker (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts

#### Spring 2013

**Chief Rick Hanson, Calgary Police Service**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts – Justice Studies

**Gregg Saretzky, President & CEO, Westjet**

Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration

#### Fall 2012

No honorary degrees awarded

#### Spring 2012

**David Bissett, Founder of Bissett Investment Management & Philanthropist**

Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration

#### Fall 2011

**Simon Preston, Classical Musician**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts

[withdrew due to illness – degree not granted]

#### Spring 2011

**Dr. Richard Light, Director, Harvard Seminar on Assessment**

Honorary Bachelor of Education

[granted in absentia]

**Sam Switzer, Philanthropist (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration

### Fall 2010

**Dr. Camille Dow Baker, President & CEO, Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST)**

Honorary Bachelor of Science

### Spring 2010

**Dr. Fraser Mustard, Canadian Physician & Scientist (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Child and Youth Studies

**Ms. Sharon Pollock, Playwright (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration

### Fall 2009

**Mr. Hal Kvisle, former Board Chair and President & CEO, TransCanada Pipelines**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts

### September 2009

**Mr. Norman Kwong, former Lieutenant Governor (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Arts

### 2003

**Mr. Darrel Janz, Broadcaster**

Honorary Bachelor of Communication – Journalism

### 2002

**Ms. Ruth Ramsden-Wood, President of the United Way of Calgary and Area**

Honorary Bachelor in Applied Nonprofit Studies

**Ms. Kathleen Sendall, Senior Vice-President, Western Canada, Petro-Canada**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Industrial Ecology

### 2001

**Mr. Peter Lougheed, Former Alberta Premier; lawyer; grandson of Senator Sir James A. Lougheed, member of MRC's founding Board of Governors (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Policy Studies

**Dr. Rafael Rangel, President of Mexico's Monterrey Technical University System**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Business and Entrepreneurial Studies (International Business)

### 2000 (Spring)

**Mr. David P. O'Brien, Former President / CEO of PanCanadian Petroleum, Fording and Canadian Pacific Hotels & Resorts; current Chairman, President and CEO, Canadian Pacific**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Business and Entrepreneurship (International Business)

**Mr. Jim Dinning, Vice-President at TransAlta; former Alberta Treasurer; former Chair Calgary Health Region**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Policy Studies

#### **1999 (Fall)**

**Mr. Edward G. Fitzhenry, Founder of Pelorus Navigation Systems Inc.; respected member of the Canadian aerospace industry**

Honorary Diploma in Aviation

**Mr. Ross W. Glen, President and CEO, RGO Office Products; community supporter**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Business and Entrepreneurship

**Mr. John Murrell, Canadian playwright, director (deceased)**

Honorary Diploma in Theatre Arts

**Mr. David G. Wood (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Communication (Public Relations)

#### **1999 (Spring)**

**Mr. Jack Ady, former Minister, Alberta Advanced Education; former Board Chair (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Small Business and Entrepreneurship

**Ms. Madelyn McDonald, Program Manager of the Altadore / Hillhurst Programs, Child Welfare; Program Co-Manager, Exit Street Youth Shelter; Program Manager, Wood's Homes**

Honorary Diploma in Child and Youth Care

**Dr. Jean Watters, Pollution Control Technology '73; former President of Laurentian University; currently President and Vice-Chancellor of Technical University of British Columbia**

Honorary Diploma in Environmental Technology

**Ms. Carolyn B. Tavender, Senior Interior Design Consultant, Burgener Kilpatrick Design International; former sessional instructor, Interior Design; Carolyn B. Tavender Interior Design Scholarship established in 1997 (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Interior Design

**Ms. Maureen Osis**

Honorary Certificate in Gerontology

#### **1998 (Fall)**

**Mr. William F. Gold (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Communications (Journalism)

### 1998 (Spring)

**William Wade Stinson, Former Chairman and CEO of Canadian Pacific Limited**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Small Business and Entrepreneurship

**Andrew Raeburn, President / Artistic Director, Esther Honens Calgary International Piano Competition**

Honorary Diploma in Music Performance (deceased)

**Dr. Robert Church, Educator, medical scientist, cattleman and entrepreneur; over 250 publications for research into developmental genetics, genome organization, gene expression and embryo manipulation (deceased)**

Honorary Diploma in Science

**Peter Gzowski (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Communication

### 1997 (Spring)

**John Simpson, President / CEO of CANA Construction Limited (MRC Campus Expansion)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Small Business and Entrepreneurship

**Barbara Shellian, Director of Facilities Care for Headwaters Health Authority West, Canmore; former President of the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses**

Honorary Diploma in Nursing

**Jim Sinclair**

Honorary Diploma in General Insurance and Business Administration

**Harley Johnson, Former Ombudsman and Information and Privacy Commissioner; public service career with the Calgary Police Service; community supporter**

Honorary Diploma in Criminology

### 1996

**Peter Mansbridge, Chief Correspondent of CBC Television News**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Communications (Journalism)

**Linda Singleton (posthumous), Former Director of Public Affairs, TransAlta Utilities Corporation; former Director of the Public Affairs Bureau in Edmonton; well-known Calgary Public Relations practitioner (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Communication (Public Relations)

**Ron Southern, Chairman / CEO ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Limited; co-chair, Spruce Meadows show-jumping venue; community supporter (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Small Business and Entrepreneurship



## 1995

**Dr. Martha Cohen, Former Board Chair; well-known philanthropist; Cohen Scholarships at MRC in her name; Order of Canada (deceased)**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Communication

**James Gray, Former President / CEO / Chairman of Canadian Hunter; community supporter; headed World Petroleum Congress; Order of Canada**

Honorary Bachelor of Applied Small Business and Entrepreneurship

**Doris (Attwood) Bergman (deceased), Former Mathematics instructor, 1947-1950**

Honorary Distinguished Teaching Award