



HONORARY DEGREES / DIPLOMAS / CERTIFICATES

Spring 2025

Rosella Bjornson, Canadian Aviator -first female member of the Canadian Air Line Pilots Association.

Honorary Doctor of Laws

Patti Pon, President and CEO of Calgary Arts Development.

Honorary Doctor of Laws

Cynthia Provost, Piikani First Nation leader, involved in law enforcement and Indigenous communities in Calgary and beyond.

Honorary Doctor of Laws

Bob Steadward, Canadian Educator and Sports Scientist

Honorary Doctor of Laws

Tom Wood, Canadian Academic And Visionary Leader

Honorary Doctor of Laws

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 Hrudehy, 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 (deceased)

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