

# To call & together convocation 2017

Convocation is both a time of solemn formality and celebration. The word 'convocation' comes from the Latin word 'convocare,' which means to call and come together. The ceremony dates back to medieval times. When the student is presented on stage by faculty, it is a sign to the student and society that a degree of proficiency has been attained.



#### GRADUATES, WE HONOUR YOUR

## success

Today we celebrate your achievements as graduates of Mount Royal University. This is a time to reflect on your accomplishments, appreciate the people who helped you and look ahead with anticipation toward the future.

# • THE EXHILARATING 101111CV AHEAD IS YOURS TO DISCOVER





Moved to South Africa to educate citizens about the power of being a girl

BCMM grad



Opened the doors to his 
own small business

BBA grad



Engaged to his university sweetheart (They met in GNED 1201)

BN grad



Accepted to MSc program ► studying neuroscience



BSc grad



 Working dream job with the nonprofit organization she worked for during her second work term

BA grad

## velcome Graduates' guests: **Convocation participants Platform Party:** and volunteers: We are so happy you could share As leaders, your presence is a strong signal of support for our graduates as this celebration with us. You are here Many people, including employees, because your encouragement and they go into the workforce, pursue students and alumni, shared their time assistance played a pivotal role in our further education and give back to their and talents to make today a memorable students arriving at this day. Please communities as responsible citizens. occasion. Thank you for your support. know, you are always welcome here.





#### A message from the President

Convocation has always been one of my favourite days of the academic year. It is with great pride that I hoist up my bagpipes to skirl you in and out with pomp and ceremony. Seeing you walk across the stage with that beaming smile, and shaking your hand, is rejuvenating.

Mount Royal University's vision is to provide an exceptional undergraduate educational experience. Your path to graduation likely had some unexpected twists and turns. You had times when you were thrilled with new ideas, along with moments when you just had to grind out that essay in time for the deadline. Both ends of the spectrum were and will continue to be valuable

As well, your path to graduation was more than intellectual. Faculty and staff worked hard to create a welcoming place where you connected with others and grew in many other ways. I hope you take these lessons of respect, health, wellness and inclusiveness with you, because your local, provincial, national and global communities need responsible, engaged citizens.

Admittedly, there is also a tinge of sadness and fear today. You are going into the next unknown. Your loved ones are watching you take the next step, reminiscing about the child you once were. Mount Royal faculty and employees will miss engaging with you on a daily basis in classes and on campus.

There is an easy solution for all of us missing you. First, please take a moment to clearly show your appreciation to family, friends, instructors and staff. They were there to push you on and encourage you. They instilled within you a sense of lifelong learning and intellectual curiosity. They took the extra time you needed. They created a place where you could belong.

Second, stay in touch. There are many ways we can help alumni reach their full potential, whether you are in the workforce, looking for employment, continuing your studies or pursuing other personal goals. You can participate in alumni chapters, take in a Cougars game and receive regular communication about what is going on at Mount Royal. Come back to visit, use our facilities, mentor students and take courses.

When it comes to feeling nervous about the future, let me share something with you about playing the bagpipes. Even though I practice, I still make mistakes, hitting the wrong note or losing my breath. I discovered over time to recognize the moment, learn from it and carry on. It will be the same for you as you go forward.

Remember you will always belong in the Mount Royal University community.

David Docherty, PhD, President Mount Royal University

# WE'VE COME ALL THIS WAY, LET'S APPRECIATE OUR 115101

Founded in 1910, Mount Royal is one of Alberta's oldest post-secondary institutions. Our roots go back to starting as a Methodist, and then a United Church of Canada, institution, growing into a vibrant college in the 1930s and evolving into a mid-sized university with a greater focus on four-year degrees in 2009.





#### Our history (con't)

1995

started first two applied baccalaureate degree programs 1999

set up third campus on the site of former Holy Cross Hospital

2002

opened Recreation finished facility and East B but (Bissett S

2003

finished East B building (Bissett School of Business) and west residences 2006

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completed Roderick Mah Centre for Continuous Learning 2007

introduced first baccalaureate degree in nursing 2008

initiated bachelor's degrees in arts — criminal justice, business administration, communication and science







# to the class of 2017 Congratulations!



# To call & together come together spring convocation 2017

#### ORDER OF CEREMONY

#### **Academic Procession**

#### Platform Party and Faculty

Please remain seated and silence your cell phones.

The arrival of the Platform Party will be signalled by the Conservatory String Quintet (Yan Li – violin, Angela Ryu – violin, Eric Auerback – viola, Haena Lee – cello and Edward Choi – piano), playing *Century*. The piece was composed by Conservatory faculty member John Abram for the University's centennial in 2011.

#### Graduands

Please rise when the pipers enter and remain standing until the conclusion of the national anthem.

The graduands will be led in by pipers Bill Hawes and Jeanie Hawes Schultz, along with drummer Ryan Sullivan.

#### **Singing of the National Anthem**

Stephanie Hradsky

#### Welcome

Bryan D. Pinney, Chair, Board of Governors

#### **Presentation of Professor Emerita**

Jeff Goldberg, Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic, presents Kelly Hewson with Professor Emerita.

#### **Presentation of Honorary Degree Recipient**

Jeff Goldberg, Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic presents honorary degree to Todd Hirsch, assisted by Bryan D. Pinney, Chair of the Board of Governors and Phil Warsaba, Secretary of the General Faculties Council.

#### **Honorary Degree Recipient Remarks**

Todd Hirsch, Bachelor of Arts — Policy Studies

#### **Provost's Address**

Jeff Goldberg, Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic

#### **Presentation of Graduands**

Please do not take photos at stage front. Professional photographs will be available after Convocation.

#### **Valedictorian Address**

Oluwademilade Okuboyejo, Bachelor of Arts — Policy Studies

#### **Tassel Toss**

Jeff Goldberg, Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic

#### **Academic Recession**

Please rise and remain standing. Graduates will meet guests on the upper gym level.

Graduates exit, and the Platform Party and faculty are led out by the pipers and the drummer.

## Kelly Hewson

#### PROFESSOR EMERITA

Dr. Kelly Hewson has earned the respect of her peers for her teaching, scholarship and wide-ranging service to Mount Royal.

Hewson joined Mount Royal in 1992 when she was appointed as a full-time instructor in the Department of English. She subsequently became a tenured professor, recognized for her expertise in postcolonial literature.

Hewson served on numerous committees, including the Board of Governors. She also reinvigorated programs in English and General Education, including the Writer in Residence program, by enlisting the Giller Prize-winning Canadian author Austin Clarke. In 2003, Hewson brought the prestigious Commonwealth Book Prize event to Mount Royal.

Her list of recognitions includes being a Nexen Scholar, a Distinguished Faculty Award recipient and a SAMRU Teaching Excellence Award winner.

Hewson's passion for teaching and pedagogy is evident in her scholarship. She is currently doing research on the intersection of film studies pedagogy and Canadian identity.

### Todd Hirsch

#### HONORARY DEGREE

Todd Hirsch is considered one of the most prominent economists in Alberta and is in high demand as a public speaker and an authority on economics and public policy. He regularly provides commentary for news outlets throughout Canada.

Since 2007, Hirsch has been the chief economist at ATB Financial. Previously, he held positions in economics and policy with the Canada West Foundation, Canadian Pacific Railway and the Bank of Canada. His public policy interests and roles are diverse. Hirsch has served as chair of the Alberta Premier's Council on Culture and the Calgary Arts Academy, and is currently a member of the Alberta Economic Development Authority. A regular volunteer at Mount Royal, he participates in many events organized by the Department of Economics, Justice and Policy Studies, and the Mount Royal Alumni Association.

Hirsch is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for outstanding contributions to the country and the community. In 2012, he was named one of Alberta's 50 Most Influential People by *Alberta Venture* magazine.

He has authored three books; his latest, published this spring, is Spiders in Space: Successfully Adapting to Unwanted Change.

## Oluwademilade "Demi" Okuboyejo

#### VALEDICTORIAN

Oluwademilade "Demi" Okuboyejo began studying at Mount Royal in 2014, having spent the previous two years at the University of Alberta. An accomplished and well-rounded student, she leaves Mount Royal with a 3.90 cumulative GPA. Okuboyejo earned a Bachelor of Arts with a Policy Studies major and minors in Business and Political Science. She was on the Dean's Honour Roll over the past six semesters and made the President's Honour Roll for the past two years. Active on campus, Okuboyejo was the president of the Policy Studies Students' Society and secretary of the Afro-Caribbean Students' Society. She participated in the Alberta Intercollegiate Model United Nations Conference at which she received an award for her opening speech. Okuboyejo was also the recipient of the prestigious General John de Chastelain Scholarship for superior academic achievement and contributions to the community.



#### FACULTY OF ARTS

#### Dean

Jeffrey Keshen, PhD

#### **Associate Dean**

Shane Gannon, PhD

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Jennifer Pettit, PhD

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Helen Evans Warren, MEDes.

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Evelyn Field, PhD

#### **Sociology and Anthropology**

Tom Buchanan, PhD

#### **Bachelor of Arts**

#### **Anthropology (Honours)**

Kostashuk, Tessa Kathryn

#### **Anthropology**

Arancibia, Michelle Kathrina
Bassie, Elizabeth Anne
Bennett, Courtney Alanna
Cooper, Jessica Denise
Egler, Cameron Jay Robin
Kavanaugh, Joshua Wayne
Kowaluk, Alicia Eileen
LaMontagne, Matthew James
Mackenzie, Kelsey Gail
Marshall, Kelly Angela
Pryde, Kelly Jean
Rust, Vanessa Nicole
Schultz, Larissa Nicole Ann
Scott, Megan Anne
Strachan, Jessica Mae

#### **English (Honours)**

Brachman, Kraig Thomas
Howard, Ashley Diane
Lahd, Celia Quinn
Lockhart, Amanda Corrine
Lundy, Jessica Dawn
Montpetit, Nathalie Danielle
Pollon, Logan Allen
Sherriff, Laurel Allison
Spangler, Samuel Charles
Treppenhauer, Emily Constance

#### **Enalish**

Botheras. Maxwell Jefferson\* Dada, Anuradha Daley, Lauren Elizabeth Drefko, Danielle Jean\* Dunphy, Daniel Jared Elkadri, Hananne Empey, Clayton Mitchell Gordon, Brendan Hauser, Karley Lauren Haustein. Alexander Franz Kostiuk, Danita Joanne Lambert. Zoe Claire Maguire, Jared Daniel Mayson, Carley M. McCrea, Nicole Marie Pratt, Selby Anne Shannon, Jeremy D. Sreeiit. Nivedh Uffelman, Jared Michael Yuen, Vivian \*Graduating with double major

#### **History (Honours)**

Botheras, Maxwell Jefferson\* Clarke, Frances Moira Lilley, Steven Frank Russell, Kaitlin M. Say, Timothy \*Graduating with double major

#### **History**

Bardsley, Andrew Devlin Bertelmann-Hunt, Tegan Marie Daniels, Leah Marie Drefko. Danielle Jean\* Gill. Justine Jane Haga, Sarah Elizabeth Homer, David Douglas Jansen van Doorn, Jacqueline Ann Joshi, Stephanie Christine Kelsey, Jennifer Elyse Scott, Allison Claire Stadlwieser, Jake Robert Stewart, David Douglas Susnjar, Andjelka Katarina Tran, Kameko Yellow Face, Ashley Wade \*Graduating with double major

#### **Policy Studies (Honours)**

Green, Sam Thomas

#### **Policy Studies**

Aramouni, Iskandar Nick Chang, Micheal Le Clayton, Kent Alexander Hassan, Zack Leo Klironomos, Kristopher Noel, Michael Dean Okuboyejo, Oluwademilade Oluwaseyi

Serrano Andres, Carolina

Shephard, Taylor Allan Takahashi, Michael Kazuyuki Thomas, Caitlin Rae Thon, Majur Mayan Tran, Martina Williamson, Jenna Ashleigh

#### **Psychology (Honours)**

Brazier, Jenna Joanne
Falardeau, Charis Amanda
Ford, Nicola Lucie
Joseph, Jessica Jean
Kopciuk, Misha Lee
O'Reilly, Kathleen Anne
Sehgal, Anika
Shields, Robyn Erin
Stewart, Joshua Peter
Vos, Sally Teresa
Wellspring, Ian Robert

#### **Psychology**

Atsu. Nema Elizabeth

Axelson, Emily Bailie, Lisa Christine Barnachea, Crislen Lorraine Biefer, David Billeck, Alexandra Boulet, Colin Bryce Brazier, Brett Richard Calhoun, Kymberley Elizabeth Calpito, Gillianne Vernice Cochrane, Heather Diana Cracknell, Olivia Sarah Croft, Kylie Ann Dang Nguyen, Leanna Dayal, Raminpreet Kaur Delorme-Newsom, Sarah Elaine Dickieson, Jaclyn Anne Donaldson, Gabriella Marie

Drummond, Jenna Leigh Nicole Duhnych, Christina Fasano, Nicole Lynn Gomez Restrepo, David Grant, Caelan Taylor Hamann, Amanda Lynn Hassam, Shazia Henry, William Jordan

Doucette, Karli Shae

Hung Rodriguez, Meylin Rebeca Imbrogno, Patrick Alexander Johnson, Francis Wayne Jukic, Katarina Sofija Kammer, Laura Khateb, Eiad Mustafa

Le, Jessica
Lennon, Emily Jane
Leslie, Gavin Maxwell
Lesperance, Chloe Michelle
Liboiron, Jessica Anne Lillian
Lincz, Leigh-Anne Nelda
Louch, Kelly Meagan
Low, Jessica J.
MacKenzie, Keira Nicole

Malhi, Sandeep Kaur McDonald, Jennifer Leigh McNeil, Georgia Jane Miller, Steven Charles Murray, Sarah

Ndabene, Angela Netzband, Nicole Christine Novofastovski, Victoria Nymark, Brandon Karl Sandher, Manmeet Kaur Schamehorn, Tyler James

Schmit, Jordan Scott, Nathaniel Ray

Singlot, Roxanne Joy Pagteilan

Slifka, Cailea Sarah Sobczyk, Lorne Stock, Jocelyn Anne Swagar, Seranda Lynn Symborski, Shera Lee

Tessier, Ryan

Uittenbosch, Courtney Layne Vespa, Andrew Matthew Wasylyshyn, Taylor Layne Wojcik, Karolina

Wong, Emily

Zerpa Abrahim, Fagmy Catherine

#### **Sociology (Honours)**

McGoey-Smith, Megan Elizabeth Scalf, Jane E.M.

Sinclair, Isabelle Michael

#### Sociology

Adejinle, Folahan Paul

Afzaly, Mursal

Andersen, Sara Jayne Aninakwa, Yaa Boatemaa

Bahad, Atinderpal

Bracco-Callaghan, Benjamin Brian David

Bruss, Vanessa Franka

Carrington, Corie Alexandra Danielle

Clark, Stephanie Sara Cook, Danika Ellen Crosser, Ashley Jeanne Ding, John Irving

Dvorkin, Jennifer Catherine

Forster, Makayla Frazer, Carley Frehlich, Madisen A. Habib, Jewel-Ann Kristian Huber, Morgan Orrinda

Lefebyre, James Christopher

Khouri, Jianna

Leung, Timothy Ho-Yin Lloyd, Taryn Michele Martin, Ashley Marie Lynn McLean, Jesse Mitchell Middlemiss, Fallon Keely Morrison, Kelsey Brooke Nelson, Kirsten Mae Newton, Caitlin Catherine Nunn, Emily Meaghan

Palomares, Marion Jill Duenos

Patel, Nisha Devendra Preddy, Alexandra Glenn

Qamer, Aadil

Quiring, Stephanie Maria Roulson, Imogene Blyth Smith, Isabella Holly Smith, Margo Holly Smuszko, Courtney Leigh Solomon, Tamara Livia Steinhubl. Samantha Elaine

Tahir, Ali Raza

Tolg, Vincent Anthony Wagar, Omaima

Yellow Horn, Anna Marie Rose

Yu, Sung-Ung

Yuckin, Catherine Ann

#### **Spanish**

Ayotte, Allison Marie Di Lorenzo, Giuliana Nidua, Jessica Lakhsmi

## Bachelor of Arts — Criminal Justice (Honours)

Bruneau, Dexter Scott David
Brunet, Cameron Braeden Mitchell
Cunningham, Camille Jody
Dolan, Brenden Lee
Dueck, Hannah Carolina
Eckert, Nicholas Clay
Jobbins, AnnaLise Marie
Kyle, Dana Siobhan
Ly, David
Nanda, Ritika
Neumann, Michelle Christine
Obaseki, Osaro
Porter, Chelsea Grace
Rowland, Andrea

### Bachelor of Arts — Criminal Justice

Alvarado, Xochilt larissa

Yung, Perry Yat

Bayley, Markie Cree Bui, Julie Burrows, Glenna Croyle-John, Sophia Mariah Dinh, Dy Lan Edet, Saviour Nse Elmy, Kennedy Victoria Foggin, Cody Clay Griffin, Dakota Marie Grobowsky, Angela Teresa Horne, Sarah Ellen Jaswal, Ravel Singh Jenniex, Megan Stephanie Jordan, Mackenzie Steven Kelley, Kelsey Jean Khan, Ozair Klooster, Deanna Margaret Knodel, Nathan Landon

Last, Cassandra Anne Lincoln, Ryan Jacob Liu, Charles Zhen Guang Marshall, William Samuel Maryka, Eric Daniel Mazur, James Joesph McCutcheon, Jacqueline Claudia-Rose Miller-Lisowecki, Cory Lynn Moore, Colan James Muthana, Saif Obligacion, Cheyenne korvi Okpala, Kenedy Ogochukwu Pista, Madalina Pratt, Bryce Haden Rebalski, Martha Sidhu, Anant Singh Spafford, Madison Elizabeth Specht, Caitlin Tait, Maria Victoria Thompson, Krystal Kyla Mae Trockstad, Sharla Heather Waiand, Alex Joel Wasiluk, Taylor David Andrew Weber, Megan Rose Weninger, Sarah Breanne Yates, Rachel Alexandra

#### **Bachelor of Applied Interior Design**

Clark, Emily Marie
Fagan, Lauren Kristen
Fraser, Casey Dawn
Gutsell, Michelle Breanne
Madsen, Jennifer Lynn
McDougall, Alexandra Megan
Mimnaugh, Jamie Nicole
Odegaard, Ellen Marie
Pradhan, Sasha Bipin
Rayner, Jennifer Elizabeth Anne
Ryan, Brianna Kennedy
Walker, Katrina Ann

#### CONVOCATION PARTICIPANTS

#### **Officers of Convocation**

Bryan D. Pinney, FCA, Chair, Board of Governors

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Phil Warsaba, MA, Secretary of the General Faculties Council

#### **Platform Party**

Members of the Platform Party include, depending on circumstances:

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President

Provost and Vice-President, Academic

Secretary, General Faculties Council

Vice-Presidents, Mount Royal University

Associate Vice-Presidents, Mount Royal University Academic Affairs

President, Students' Association of Mount Royal University

President, Mount Royal Faculty Association

President, Mount Royal Staff Association

Deans, Mount Royal University Faculties

Associate Deans, Mount Royal University Faculties

Assistant Deans, Mount Royal University Faculties

Directors, Mount Royal University Academic Centres and Institutes

Honorary Degree recipient

Professor Emerita

Board of Governors, Mount Royal University

Valedictorian

Faculty, Mount Royal University

Members of Legislative Assembly, Government of Alberta

Representatives of universities, colleges and schools

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#### **Volunteers**

We would also like to thank the more than 450 volunteers who greet and usher guests, and help our students with gowning.





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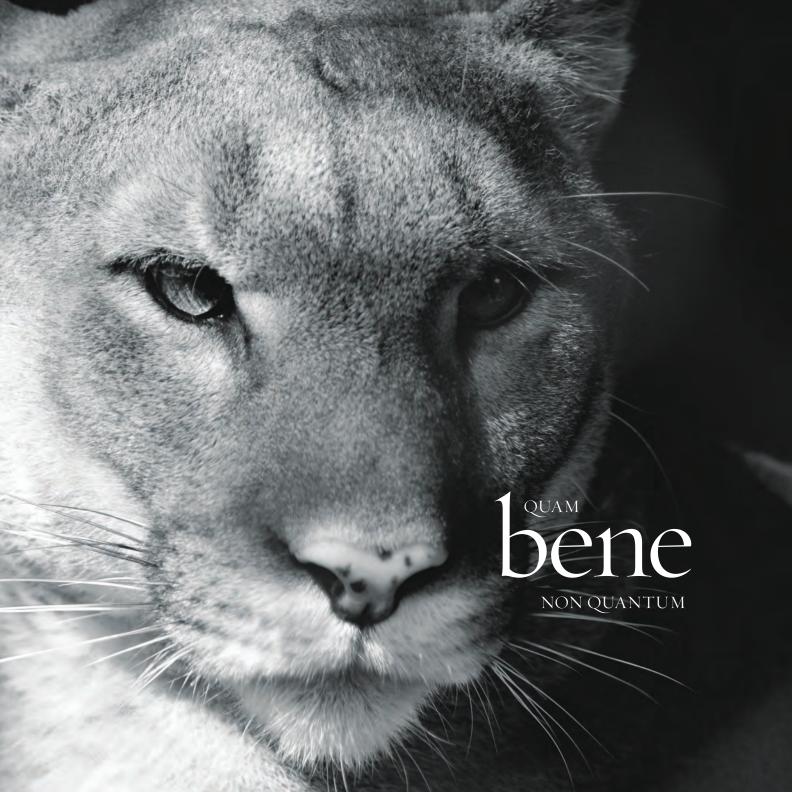


#### REGALIA

The tradition of academic gowns, hoods and caps (called regalia) dates back to the Middle Ages. You will notice the Platform Party members wear unique regalia representing their university, level of academic achievement and area of knowledge. Academic dress is prescribed by Oxford and Cambridge. It is the Cambridge gown style that is worn by our graduates.

The hood goes back to the Middle Ages when begging friars placed goods into the hood. Mount Royal follows the Oxford hood style. The borders of the hood display a colour associated with the degree being conferred.

The headwear is known as a mortar board and hails from Ancient Greece when a felt hat was worn on top of a skull cap. The current style comes from Oxford and Cambridge.





#### OUR COAT OF ARMS

**Arms:** The design was created in 1912 by Vincent Massey, likely with Alexander Scott Carter. The original colours were replaced by the University's blue and white colours. Our name is reflected in the mace, which symbolizes royal authority, and the triangular shapes, which reflect mountains.

**Crest:** The bighorn sheep is Alberta's provincial animal and the book indicates the University is a place of learning. The dove alludes to our origins as a Methodist and United Church college.

#### Motto — Quam bene non quantum:

In place since the University's foundation, the motto means, "How well, not how much."

**Supporters:** The cougars refer to the names of Mount Royal's sports teams. The base of the Rockies and the maces refer to the University's name.

**Original concept:** Vincent Massey (arms) and Bruce Patterson, Deputy Chief Herald of Canada (crest, supporters and colours), assisted by the heralds of the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

Painter: Linda Nicholson

Calligrapher: Shirley Mangione

# Knowledge comes from Wisdom comes rom living.

— Anthony Douglas Williams



#### The Mount Royal University Alumni Association

Well done graduating class of 2017 and welcome to the Mount Royal University Alumni Association (MRUAA). You are automatically a member of a growing community of more than 90,000 alumni in 42 countries around the world.

As a member, you receive special benefits and services, and can stay connected to the University and each other. While it is fun to look back on the past, being an alumni member is also about future possibilities and opportunities. Alumni programs help you continue to learn, be inspired and grow professionally.

Whatever path you choose, you will always be Mount Royal University alumni and belong in our community. We sincerely hope that, wherever you go, you will stay connected and engaged with us and your fellow alumni.

Today we celebrate convocation. As alumni, please continue to let us know about and celebrate your lifelong successes.

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Join the Mount Royal University Alumni LinkedIn Group

#### The Mount Royal University Foundation

Congratulations on your graduation from Mount Royal University! We wish you continued success in your personal and professional pursuits.

The Mount Royal University Foundation advances the University's vision of providing an exceptional undergraduate educational experience by building long-term relationships and raising funds for the University's priorities. These priorities include helping students with scholarships and bursaries, enabling Institutes and Centres to develop innovative programs and initiatives, expanding and enhancing learning spaces on campus and supporting Cougar Athletics teams. In all cases, you are making a difference in the lives of Mount Royal students.

There are many ways to make a meaningful contribution to Mount Royal University, no matter what your capacity to give. Please contact the Foundation at 403.440.7700 or visit our website at mtroyal.ca/giving.



# We made it!

#### MEMORABLE

# moments...

Invite your classmates, instructors, staff, friends and family to autograph here.

