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University of Lethbridge to celebrate student medal winners at 2018 Spring Convocation

The University of Lethbridge is excited to celebrate the achievements of its newest graduates at the 2018 Spring Convocation, May 31 and June 1 in the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness.

Distinguishing themselves among the many outstanding graduates are the U of L's medal winners for 2018. They are as follows:

Gold Medal of the Governor General – Jason Flindall (Ceremony I)

Awarded to the student with the highest academic standing at the graduate level.

Silver Medal of the Governor General – In-Tek Hong (Ceremony I)

Awarded to the student with the highest academic standing at the undergraduate level.

Faculty of Arts & Science Gold Medal (Arts) – Tessa Penich (Ceremony II)

Penich has been involved in many initiatives for creating a safe and accessible community, both at the University of Lethbridge and in the broader community, and as a result has received several awards and multiple certifications.

Faculty of Arts & Science Gold Medal (Science) – In-Tek Hong (Ceremony I)

Hong is keen on helping others and has served as a volunteer for Alberta Health Services, a coach for Medicine Hat Knights Baseball, a buddy for Challenger Division Baseball, and participated twice with the Dominican Starfish Foundation, building shelters, assisting with medical emergencies and clinics and hosting youth outreach programs in the Dominican Republic.

Faculty of Education Gold Medal – Naomi Entz (Ceremony III)

Entz, graduating with the highest academic standing in the Faculty of Education, is known for effective planning and preparation, interesting lessons, professionalism in every area of her conduct, and a willingness to contribute to school life at any given moment.

Alberta Teacher's Association William Aberhart Gold Medal in Education – Michele Loman (Ceremony III)

Loman excelled academically in all of her university courses, as well as in her field experience placements, also involving herself in coaching volleyball and basketball, assisting with school productions and volunteering in a number of areas.

Faculty of Fine Arts Gold Medal – Alyssa Waldner (Ceremony III)

A top-tier academic and vocalist, Waldner completed international Fine Arts internships as well as foreign language and music programs, while her passion for community and volunteerism led her to win the Leaders of Tomorrow Volunteer Scholarship.

Faculty of Health Sciences Gold Medal – Meghan Tompkins (Ceremony II)

An engaged student who brings a collaborative, professional approach to any group she works with, Tompkins will make an exceptional, caring nurse with her bright inquisitive mind, keen sense of humour, strong professionalism, and commitment to nursing.

Dhillon School of Business Gold Medal – Devin Vornbrock (Ceremony IV)

Vornbrock is a quiet, confident student who has the ability to transfer knowledge into a variety of scenarios; generously shares his knowledge with others; is a team player who shows kindness and respect; is humble; combines industriousness with curiosity; and, is both engaged and engaging.

School of Graduate Studies Silver Medal of Merit, Doctor of Philosophy – Pasquale Bosso (Ceremony I)

Bosso is a scientist by nature and his thesis serves not only as a report on important innovations in quantum gravity, but also a valuable reference resource for anyone studying this cutting-edge field.

School of Graduate Studies Silver Medal of Merit, Master of Arts – Brendan Cummins (Ceremony I)

Cummins completed his history thesis early while also serving a year as president of the Graduate Students' Association.

School of Graduate Studies Silver Medal of Merit, Master of Science – Taura Willoughby (Ceremony I)

Willoughby flourished as an independent researcher, and already has several publications that will make a significant contribution to the literature on mechanisms by which sedentary behaviour can influence health.

School of Graduate Studies Silver Medal of Merit, Fine Arts & Music – Jonathan Martin (Ceremony III)

Martin made a significant contribution to the 'repertoire' of electroacoustic music, developing his own original theories, and making a unique contribution to the field with respect to how one might understand abstract electroacoustic music.

School of Graduate Studies Silver Medal of Merit, Master of Education – Dan New (Ceremony III)

New's thesis investigated student experiences with high school redesign, and the 2018 co-recipient of the Canadian Association for the Study of Educational Administration's Margaret Haughey award for the best master's level thesis in Canada.

School of Graduate Studies Silver Medal of Merit, Master of Science (Mgt) – Emma (Lei) Jing (Ceremony III)

Emma's research on the cultural and non-financial aspects of employee embeddedness serves as an excellent foundation for her intended doctoral studies at the intersection of organizational behaviour and human resource strategy.

The University of Lethbridge Spring Convocation ceremonies take place Thursday, May 31 and Friday, June 1 at the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day.

For complete Spring 2018 Convocation information, please visit:
<https://www.uleth.ca/convocation/>

To view online: <http://www.uleth.ca/unews/article/university-lethbridge-celebrate-student-medal-winners-2018-spring-convocation>

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