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University of Lethbridge ready to celebrate graduates at Fall 2018 Convocation

The University of Lethbridge is excited to celebrate the culmination of years of hard work and achievement of its newest group of graduates at the Fall 2018 Convocation ceremony, scheduled to begin at **10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018 in the 1st Choice Savings Centre gymnasium.**

The U of L will award a total of 249 degrees, diplomas and certificates at the ceremony, with close to 200 students expected to participate in person. The public is welcome to join the festivities, either in person or by watching the streaming version at <https://livestream.com/u leth>.

Graduands will be assembling in University Hall starting at 8:30 a.m. The academic procession from University Hall to the 1st Choice Savings Centre begins at 9:50 a.m. Media are welcome to interview graduands between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m. in University Hall's sixth floor hallway, or following the ceremony. Media are also invited to attend the ceremony, which includes the bestowing of an honorary degree, the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year and Young Alumnus of the Year awards.

Arlene Dickinson, venture capitalist and Canadian entrepreneur, will be bestowed a doctor of laws, honoris causa. Dickinson is one of the most successful women entrepreneurs in Canada, going from humble beginnings as the child of immigrant parents to becoming one of the country's most renowned marketing communications entrepreneurs. In addition to her business savvy, she is a generous philanthropist who supports numerous worthy causes. **Dickinson will be available to media for a 15-minute scrum only in PE264 (across hall from Tim Horton's), 10 minutes following the conclusion of the ceremony.**

The U of L Alumni Association (ULAA) will recognize Bill Spenceley (BSc '81) as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Spenceley, a chemistry graduate who joined Flexahopper Plastics Ltd. shortly out of school, has guided his local company to worldwide success, all while taking a leading role in environmental sustainability and empowering the next generation of University of Lethbridge students through collaborative projects and ventures.

The ULAA will also recognize Young Alumnus of the Year, Bryn Hewko (MFA '16). Hewko has quickly made a name for himself in the cinematic industry through his startup company OUTPUT Media, all the while giving back to his community and creating opportunity for the next generation of U of L graduates.

More information: [Fall 2018 Convocation](#)

To view online: <http://www.uleth.ca/unews/article/university-ready-celebrate-graduates-fall-2018-convocation>

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