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University of Lethbridge recognizing former chancellor Janice Varzari with honorary degree

A champion for the University of Lethbridge on a number of levels, Janice Varzari (BN '90, MEd '02) will be recognized with an honorary degree as part of the University's 2021 Spring Convocation celebrations.

Connected to the University of Lethbridge for greater than 30 years, Varzari has been a steadfast ambassador for the U of L throughout her many roles, from student to alumnus, senator, board member and chancellor.



"I don't believe you could find many people more committed to advancing the goals of the University of Lethbridge and supporting our students than Janice Varzari," says Charles Weaselhead, U of L Chancellor. "When I followed Janice as chancellor, I understood how difficult it would be to fill the role and also benefitted greatly from the wonderful work she had done. We're very pleased to present her with an honorary degree for her longstanding commitment to the University and its students."

Varzari will be conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, at the Chancellor's Reception on Thursday, June 10, 2021.

Janice Varzari

Janice Varzari's connection to the University began with her time as a student, first in the Bachelor of Nursing program, from which she graduated in 1990 with Great Distinction while earning the Gold Medal in Nursing. She returned to the University to complete a Master of Education with Specialization in Counselling Psychology in 2002. In 2008, Varzari was inducted into the University of Lethbridge Alumni Honour Society.

Amazingly, this was just the start for Varzari as she continued to not only stay connected with the University, but sought ways in which she could further contribute to the institution. She began to take on a number of volunteer roles, beginning with terms on both the University Senate and Board of Directors. In 2015, Varzari was appointed by the Senate as the 13th chancellor, the first alumnus to ever assume the post.

As chancellor, Varzari was able to utilize all her skills as an ambassador for the University and was involved in a number of prominent initiatives which further enhanced the profile of the institution. She saw the University through its 50th anniversary celebrations, ushering in a new era of growth and maturity for the U of L, and was dedicated to taking a personal approach in enhancing the experience for all students.

The vice-president and co-owner (with her husband Glenn) of National Salvage Ltd. and National Holdings Ltd., they have continued to show steadfast support for U of L students in particular. In 2021, the couple backed the launch of the Student Wellness Ambassador Program, ensuring a legacy of student support would continue.

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