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## University of Lethbridge graduates ready to walk the stage at Spring 2023 Convocation

This week, the University of Lethbridge will celebrate the achievements of 1,358 students as they cross the stage at Spring 2023 Convocation. In addition, members of the 2020 and 2021 graduating classes who did not have the opportunity to participate at an in-person event due to pandemic restrictions, are welcomed back to campus to cross the stage.

This spring's graduating class is exceptional, representing a new generation of talented, critical thinkers prepared to contribute to communities near and far. The class showcases more and more students who have participated in work-integrated-learning opportunities throughout their educational journey, while students continue to utilize applied study, co-op and research opportunities and take advantage of career coaching to get a head start on their post-academic careers.



“Our talented alumni, which will soon number more than 55,000, makes its mark throughout the world every day,” says Dr. Mike Mahon, ULethbridge president and vice-chancellor. “Our graduates, many of whom have already significantly contributed to society through their academic pursuits, are ready to showcase their talents and we are eager to see what the future holds for them.”

This week's convocation marks the final ceremonies of Mahon's 13-year tenure at ULethbridge. As well, alumnus Terry Whitehead (BA '94) will officially be installed as the University's 15th chancellor during Thursday's first ceremony.

Ceremonies take place Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2 at the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. each day.

All four ceremonies are free of charge and open to the public and media. Following is the convocation schedule for the week.

### **Thursday, June 1**

**Ceremony I – 9:30 a.m.** – School of Graduate Studies (PhD and MSc); Faculty of Arts & Science (BASC, BSc); Installation of Chancellor Terry Whitehead; Speaker Research Award: Dr. Trushar Patel; Honorary Degree: Timothy Caulfield

**Ceremony II – 2:30 p.m.** – School of Graduate Studies (MA and MN); Faculty of Arts & Science (BA); Faculty of Health Sciences (BHSc, BN and BTR); University of Lethbridge Volunteer Award: Dr. Marta Gerasymchuk (PhD '22); Honorary Degree: Dr. Esther Tailfeathers

**[Chancellor's Dinner](#) – 6 p.m., Science Commons Atrium** – A dinner to honour all award recipients

### **Friday, June 2**

**Ceremony III – 9:30 a.m.** – School of Graduate Studies (MC, MEd, MFA, MMus); Faculty of Education (BEd); Combined Degrees with Education; Faculty of Fine Arts (all programs); Board of Governors Teaching Chair: Dr. Christopher Mattatall; Excellence in Teaching Award: Dr. Devon Smither

**Ceremony IV – 2:30 p.m.** – School of Graduate Studies (MHSM and MSc (Mgt)); Dhillon School of Business (all programs); Combined Degrees with Management; Honorary Degree: Fred Bradley

Media representatives wishing to interview any of the honorary degree recipients or award winners are invited at the following times and locations:

Honorary Degree – [Timothy Caulfield](#) – Thursday, June 1, at 8:45 a.m., A610

Speaker Research Award – [Dr. Trushar Patel](#) – Thursday, June 1, at 8:45 a.m., A610

Honorary Degree – [Dr. Esther Tailfeathers](#) – Thursday, June 1, at 1:45 p.m., A610

University of Lethbridge Volunteer Award – [Dr. Marta Gerasymchuk](#) – Thursday, June 1, at 1:45 p.m., A610

Excellence in Teaching Award – [Dr. Devon Smither](#) – Friday, June 2, at 8:45 a.m., Theatre Foyer

Board of Governors' Teaching Chair – [Dr. Christopher Mattatall](#) – Friday, June 2, at 8:45 a.m., Theatre Foyer

Honorary Degree – [Fred Bradley](#) – June 2, at 1:45 p.m., Theatre Foyer

Additional interview opportunities are available following the conclusion of each

ceremony (approximately 11:30 a.m. for morning ceremonies and 4:30 p.m. for afternoon ceremonies). Due to time constraints, there is **NO AVAILABILITY FOR THE CONVOCATION ORGANIZING TEAM PRIOR TO CEREMONIES.**

Graduands and platform guests will be assembling in University Hall, Level 6, prior to each procession. Processions begin at 9:20 a.m. and 2:20 p.m.

For complete Spring 2023 Convocation information, as well as profile stories on a number of shining graduates, please visit: [www.uleth.ca/convocation](http://www.uleth.ca/convocation).

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