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Celebration of new graduates, medal winners and honorary degrees at Fall 2015 Convocation ceremony

The University of Lethbridge is looking forward to celebrating the hard work and achievements of its newest group of graduates at this fall's convocation ceremony scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17.

The U of L will award a total of 267 degrees, four diplomas and two certificates. About 200 students are expected to participate in person and the public is welcome to join the festivities, either in person or by watching the streaming version at <http://new.livestream.com/uleth/events>.

Graduands will be assembling in University Hall starting at 8 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 9 and 9:30 a.m. in University Hall's sixth floor hallway. Media are also invited to attend the ceremony, which includes the bestowing of two honorary degrees, the Speaker Research Award, and the Alumnus of the Year award.

Chief Victor Buffalo, a distinguished businessman, statesman, diplomat and former Samson Cree Nation chief, will receive a Doctor of Laws degree for his achievements in enhancing the prospects of Aboriginal people in Canada.

Cor Van Raay, a southern Alberta agricultural innovator and entrepreneur, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws for his contributions to the local community and the future of the agriculture industry.

The Speaker Research Award will honour Dr. Igor Kovalchuk's work in plant genome stability. His pioneering research has established the U of L as an internationally respected research institution in the field of epigenetics, which examines how individual genes are expressed by environmental factors.

The U of L Alumni Association will honour Andrew Staniland (BMus '00) with the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award for his professional achievements as one of Canada's leading contemporary classical music composers. Staniland's work will be

featured in a special concert event on Friday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in the University Recital Hall.

More information: [2015 Fall Convocation](#).

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