

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

14TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY - MAY 5, 2023

CLASS OF
2023



FDU

Vancouver Campus



The Centre
777 Homer Street, Vancouver, British Columbia



WELCOME TO THE 2023

**COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY**



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PROGRAM

Procession.....	Darren Yelton and Eugene Harry <i>Squamish First Nations</i>
Grand Marshal.....	Lu Wang <i>Assistant Professor of Finance and Economics</i>
“O Canada”.....	Gerta Heba <i>See page 41 for lyrics</i>
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Invocation.....	Eugene Harry <i>Squamish First Nations</i>
Talking Stick Narration.....	Darren Yelton <i>Squamish First Nations</i>
Welcome.....	Michael J. Avaltroni <i>President</i>
Keynote Speaker.....	Khristine G. Cariño <i>Strategic Partnerships, Axon55 Technology Solutions Inc.</i>
Campus Executive’s Address	Wilfred Zerbe <i>Campus Executive, Vancouver Campus</i>
Presentation of Student Pinnacle Award.....	Wilfred Zerbe <i>Campus Executive, Vancouver Campus</i>
Remarks.....	Divya Kanabar <i>Pinnacle Award Recipient, BSIT Program</i>
Conferring of Master Degrees.....	Michael J. Avaltroni <i>President</i>
Conferring of Bachelor Degrees.....	Michael J. Avaltroni <i>President</i>
Student Representative of Graduate Programs.....	Nga Ting (Sheila) Chan <i>Graduating Student, MSACS Program</i>
Alumni Welcome.....	Mauricio Silva <i>Alumni - Vancouver Campus, MAS 2017</i>
Recessional.....	Darren Yelton and Eugene Harry <i>Squamish First Nations</i>



Dear Graduate,

Today you will stand shoulder to shoulder with your fellow graduates as we celebrate your outstanding accomplishments. As well, you will be recognized by your family, friends, professors, and classmates who are here in-person or watching virtually. This formal and important moment commemorates your hard-earned achievements. We are honored that you chose FDU as a place of discovery, curiosity, and knowledge. Commencement is not the end of your journey, but simply the beginning. Go out into the world and pursue excellence. Your alma mater will always support you.

Congratulations class of 2023! Take pride in what you have achieved.

FDU-Vancouver Campus



THE PRESIDENT



“Michael J. Avaltroni was appointed interim president on January 1, 2023. In April 2023, Dr. Avaltroni was officially named as the ninth president in the history of Fairleigh Dickinson.”

Michael J. Avaltroni is a 1999 graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University, receiving a B.S. in chemistry, summa cum laude. He went on to complete an M.A. in chemistry in 2001 and a Ph.D. in chemistry in 2003, both from Princeton University. His research interest is in surface science, specifically focused on surface modification of titanium materials to facilitate cell attachment, biomineralization and interfacial adhesion in biomedical devices. His research in this area has led to multiple publications and 10 United States patents. In addition, the technology he has created in this field of study has been licensed for the creation of two biotechnology companies, Orthobond, Inc., Princeton, N.J., and Aculon, Inc., San Diego, Calif.

Since joining the University in 2003, Avaltroni has worked in a number of different capacities, including as a faculty member and chair of the department of chemistry and pharmaceutical sciences. He was instrumental in the process to create the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. In 2009, he began building the school’s curriculum, experiential learning and programmatic infrastructure as associate dean for academic affairs. He took over as interim dean in 2012 and was appointed permanently to the position of dean in spring 2013.

Since creating the blueprint for the school in 2009, he saw the program accept its first class, worked to put together a first-rate team of faculty and staff, built strong relationships with the pharmacy and healthcare communities across the state and the region and moved the program through full accreditation status with the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). He also led efforts to expand health-science offerings across the University through programs in public health, physician assistant studies, occupational therapy, physical therapy and social work.

Avaltroni was appointed University provost and senior vice president for academic affairs in January 2022. In this role, he led the academic affairs subcommittee of the

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) Advisory Council; laid the groundwork for new community-college partnerships; presided over the development of the Hispanic Center (which this year had two of its programs nationally recognized by *Excelencia* in Education); and coordinated the formation of a new academic leadership team. He further created the Transformational Excellence Awards to honor those faculty and staff who have gone beyond the ordinary to serve FDU students.

Over the past several years, he was selected by *NJBIZ* as one of New Jersey's 40 Under 40, and the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences has been recognized multiple times by *NJBIZ* Magazine as the leader for the #1 Best Place to Work in New Jersey. Additionally, he has received awards from the New Jersey Pharmacists Association, the New Jersey Society for Health Systems Pharmacists, the *NJBIZ* Healthcare Heroes event and by *SmartCEO* Magazine for its Corporate Culture Awards.

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THE UNIVERSITY

Fairleigh Dickinson University looks back with tremendous pride to the accomplishments achieved and looks ahead to even greater levels of excellence.

Founded in 1942 by Dr. Peter Sammartino and his wife, Sylvia (Sally), Fairleigh Dickinson University has grown into the largest private university in New Jersey. More than 12,000 students from 37 states and 88 other countries are enrolled on FDU's two campuses in New Jersey and its overseas campuses in Wroxton, England, and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Beginning as a two-year junior college in Rutherford, today the University offers more than 100 degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels. Fairleigh Dickinson University strongly emphasizes an international component in its curriculum and provides its students with a global and multi-cultural perspective.

The University has consistently been an innovator, adapting to the changing educational demands of the students it serves. Responding to the need for higher education in northern New Jersey, the college expanded to four-year curricula in 1948.

In 1954, the first graduate program — a master's degree in business administration — was offered, and Bergen Junior College in Teaneck was purchased as a second campus. In 1956, Fairleigh Dickinson attained university status. One year later, the beautiful 178-acre Vanderbilt-Twombly estate in Florham Park and Madison, New Jersey, was acquired to serve as another campus.

FDU became the first American university to own a campus in England when it acquired Wroxton College from Trinity College, Oxford University. Opened in 1965, Wroxton College offers American students an array of graduate and undergraduate programs as well as an enriching cultural experience. Formerly a 13th century abbey, Wroxton College is now a beautifully restored and modernized Jacobean mansion.

Established in 1998, the Anthony J. Petrocelli College of Continuing Studies addresses the special educational needs of nontraditional students, including adult learners.

Over the years, Fairleigh Dickinson University has maintained its commitment to broadening global horizons and fostering greater international understanding. In 2000, the Board of Trustees adopted a newly focused mission for FDU:

to prepare students for world citizenship through global education.

In addition to Wroxton College, the University opened its second international campus in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada in fall 2007.

The Vancouver Campus offers three undergraduate degree programs in Information Technology, Business Administration and Individualized Studies as well as three master degree programs in Administrative Science, Hospitality Management Studies and in Applied Computer Science. Since first opening in 2007, students from over 82 countries have benefited from FDU's mission to prepare world citizens through global education. In FDU's intensive, student-centered learning environment, Vancouver students grow as citizens of an increasingly interconnected and interdependent world.

The Vancouver Campus is located in Yaletown, a vibrant and diverse district surrounded by the hustle and bustle of downtown life. In twelve years, FDU has made strong inroads in establishing itself as a part of the educational landscape of the province of British Columbia, where it is the first non-Canadian university to receive the distinction of permission of the Ministry of Advanced Education's Degree Quality Assurance Board to grant degrees in the province.

Each of the University campuses has developed a unique character and vitality. The Metropolitan Campus, located in Teaneck, features a university atmosphere with an international perspective attracting nearly equal numbers of graduate and undergraduate students from throughout the United States and around the world. Fairleigh Dickinson's Florham Campus in suburban Madison offers a classical undergraduate and graduate experience for the contemporary world in a small college setting.

With the depth and breadth of its faculty and programs, Fairleigh Dickinson University has positioned itself as a quality, comprehensive private university serving global citizens throughout the world.

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THE ACADEMIC COSTUME

The academic regalia worn by University officials and faculty at today's commencement ceremony are infrequently seen outside of formal academic occasions.

The gowns, caps and hoods once were regular apparel of European university students and faculty during the Middle Ages. At that time, both faculty and students were considered part of the clergy and were required to don the ecclesiastical dress, *roba* and *caputum*, patterned after the habit of the Benedictine Order. The regalia also served a practical purpose, providing warmth in the unheated stone buildings of most medieval universities.

In the United States, caps and gowns had been in limited use by colleges and universities since Colonial times. It was not until a century later that a widespread student movement resulted in the formal use of the attire at commencement ceremonies. Faculty members readily accepted the return to a dignified and traditional dress for graduations and soon extended the custom to other formal academic functions. By 1895, a uniform code for academic dress had been adopted in the United States, and although no formal worldwide standards have ever existed, certain basic and traditional elements are evident in most academic attire.

THE GOWNS

Participants in academic ceremonies are expected to wear the regalia to which they are entitled by virtue of the highest degree they hold. Gowns worn by those with bachelor's degrees are distinguished by a semi-stiff yoke, long pleated front, intricate shirring across the shoulders and back and long pointed sleeves open at the wrists. The gown must be worn closed.

Master's degree holders wear a similar gown of either silk or wool with the same yoke effect as the bachelor's degree robe. The master's gown may be worn either open or closed in the front. Other variations in the master's degree gown include oblong and square cut sleeves closed at the wrists and an arc-like section of material in the front of the garment.

The doctor's gown, also worn either open or closed, is usually made of silk and velvet with full and rounded sleeves open at the wrists. These gowns are distinguished by long velvet panels down the front of the gown and three horizontal velvet sleeve bars, which may be either black or the color distinctive of the academic discipline in which the individual holds the doctoral degree. Although the color of these gowns is traditionally black, some institutions have adopted robes in their school colors.

THE CAPS

The most familiar item of academic regalia is the Oxford or mortarboard cap with its distinctive tassel. Explanations of its origin include suggestions that its shape was inspired by the quadrangular Oxford campus or by the actual master workman's mortarboard. Perhaps a more plausible theory is that it was designed flat and about the size of a scholar's book for ease in carrying. Material for most caps varies from serge and broadcloth to rayon and silk, although caps worn by doctoral degree recipients may be of velvet.

The most distinctive feature of the cap is the tassel, which is positioned to hang from the left front quadrant of the cap. The tassel is black for bachelor's and master's degree holders, but gold for Ph.D.s and the primary governing officials of an institution. While the mortarboard cap is used by the vast majority of institutions around the world, some schools have adopted a soft, square-topped cap, but still retain the tassel.

THE HOODS

The most distinctive feature of academic attire, the hood lends color and definition to academic ceremonies. Once used as a head covering a shoulder cape and even a receptacle for collecting alms in medieval times, the hood is now a purely ceremonial black shell of varying sizes and colored borders suspended from the shoulders and worn down the back.

The significance of academic hoods is symbolized in their varying lengths and the colors and thicknesses of their velvet linings and trim. Master's degree recipients wear a hood three-and-a-half feet long with a three-inch border. Doctoral hoods are four feet long and have a five-inch-wide border.

More distinctive, however, are the colors of the hoods' inner linings and outer trim. The colors of the inner lining correspond to the colors of the institution conferring the degree, while the colors of the border designate the academic discipline in which the degree was granted. A representative listing includes:

Architecture.....	Maize	Music.....	Pink
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White	Nursing.....	Apricot
Commerce, Accountancy, Business....	Drab	Oratory (Speech).....	Silver Gray
Dentistry.....	Lilac	Pharmacy.....	Olive Green
Economics.....	Copper	Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Education.....	Light Blue	Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Engineering.....	Orange	Public Administration, Including Foreign Service.....	Peacock Blue
Fine Arts, including Architecture....	Brown	Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
Forestry.....	Russet	Science.....	Golden Yellow
Home Economics.....	Maroon	Social Work.....	Citron
Journalism.....	Crimson	Theology.....	Scarlet
Law.....	Purple	Veterinary Science.....	Gray
Library Science.....	Lemon		
Medicine and Allied Health.....	Green		

THE TALKING STICK

The Talking Stick is a ceremonial carving that is commonly used by First Nations peoples during gatherings and meetings to determine who has the right to speak. Only the person holding the Talking Stick has the right to speak. All others should remain silent and listen to the speaker. When that person finished speaking, the stick would be passed to the next person. It is used to help people work together, and helps to ensure everyone has the opportunity to express their opinions in a fair and open way. Sometimes an Eagle feather would be tied to a Talking Stick which would give the person the courage and wisdom to speak wisely and truthfully. It is considered a great honor to hold the Talking Stick.

Talking Sticks are carved representing the images of the group it represents. The Fairleigh Dickinson University Talking Stick has been carved by Squamish First Nations artist, Darren Yelton. It incorporates images used by the Squamish people to depict the vision and mission of Fairleigh Dickinson University and its Vancouver Campus.

THE EAGLE

The Eagle is the ruler of the sky and has the ability to transform itself and has the closest connection with our creator. It has great intellectual abilities. The Eagle is a sacred, wise and noble creature representing power and prestige, is one who oversees things and represents the global perspective. The gift the Eagle shares is the ability of foresight, and an indication of good times to come.

THE WELCOME MAN

The Welcome Man is depicted by the Squamish First Nations people with hands pointing out to welcome all people to their community and to promote peace and understanding.

THE GRIZZLY BEAR

The bear symbolizes family, strength, vitality, courage and health. It symbolizes how Fairleigh Dickinson University is like a family, and students should draw courage and strength through their association with the University. It also conveys a wish to all who are associated with the University to have courage and good health.

THE KILLER WHALE

The Killer Whale is the protector and guardian of the seas and symbolizes kindness, intelligence and compassion. The Whale or Orca is known as the guardian of the sea and guardian of travel and can also be a symbol for unity and goodness.

THE SALMON

The Salmon symbolizes instinct, determination and persistence. Salmon is also a symbol of abundance, wealth and prosperity because the Salmon is the primary food source for the people of the Northwest Coast. It is also symbolic of dependability and renewal representing the provider of life. Salmon in pairs is good luck.

THE PRESIDENT'S MEDALLION

Along with the traditional academic regalia and trappings common to colleges and universities throughout the United States, most institutions also possess some unique or distinctive symbol of the presidential office that is conveyed through succeeding administrations. Fairleigh Dickinson University commissioned the design and crafting of a President's medallion for the inauguration of Robert H. Donaldson on March 29, 1985.

The President's Medallion is in the form of a hexagonal shield, a variation of the University "Shield of Arms." In the center of the Medallion is the gold-plated coat of arms. The motto, *Fortiter et Suaviter* (Bravely and Pleasurably), is engraved above the shield, and around it are engraved the words "Fairleigh Dickinson University 1942"). The gold-plated frame of the Medallion is surmounted by a crest consisting of buildings symbolizing the campuses.

Kurt J. Matzdorf, professor of gold and silversmithing emeritus at the State University of New York at New Platz, and internationally known for his ceremonial and religious silver, designed and created the President's Medallion.





INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

The international flags displayed represent the countries of origin of the FDU-Vancouver students. International students come from over 83 countries that include:

Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast), Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Somalia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

STUDENT PINNACLE AWARD



Divya Kanabar was born and raised in Hyderabad, India, a city renowned for its vibrant culture and booming technology industry. Before attending FDU-Vancouver in January 2019 at the age of 17, she lived with her parents and younger brother. She will now graduate Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Information Technology with minor in Business.

From her childhood, she discovered her interest for classical dancing, specifically Bharatnatyam, one of India's oldest classical dance forms. By the age of six, she began participating in various dance events and was awarded several accolades. She also excelled academically, consistently receiving distinc-

tions from grade one to grade eight.

In addition to dancing and academics, she is a self-taught guitarist and enjoys spending time hiking in the woods, working out, painting at the beach, and spotting dogs at the dogs' park. She also finds great pleasure in stargazing and solving Leetcode problems, which are both activities that help her unwind. She had been an active member of her high school's debate team and competed in the inter-school competitions, which helped develop her critical thinking and public speaking.

Her interest in programming began in her eighth grade when she had to choose between Arts, Java, and Business. Initially, she chose Business, but soon realized that she was more interested in Java. She had to teach herself the syllabus, which was challenging but extremely rewarding, and it was then that she realized her passion for programming.

Upon completing high school, she knew that she wanted to study abroad. Despite the initial reluctance of her parents, she managed to convince them, and she is now the very first person in her family to move abroad to pursue higher education at the age of 17. During the past four years, she has maintained a position in the Honor's list every semester since January 2020, and was fortunate enough to secure a software engineer internship at Intellyon Inc. She has also been working as a student IT assistant on campus since September 2021.

As a child, she was always fascinated by the natural world. After moving to Vancouver, she spent much of her time exploring the nearby hike trails and parks. This curiosity led her to develop a deep interest in wildlife conservation, and she has since dedicated herself to learning more about how we can protect the world's endangered species.

As a wildlife enthusiast, she believes that her true passion lies in wildlife conservation. While she enjoys programming, she hopes to start her journey as a wildlife conservationist, using her skills and knowledge to help save and protect animals from extinction. She strongly believes that we should all be their voice and hopes to contribute to making this world a better place.

In conclusion, she believes that it is our responsibility as individuals to use our skills and resources to help those in need, and she is committed to making a positive impact in the world. She hopes to connect with other people who share her passion for wildlife conservation and to work together to create a brighter future for our planet.

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE

Nga Ting (Sheila) Chan from Hong Kong is a data analytics professional with 10 years of experience working with multi-national companies. As a Master's degree holder in Applied Computer Science, Sheila consistently maintained a high GPA while also volunteering and participating in a variety of campus events. Throughout her career, she has leveraged her passion for data analytics to make a positive impact on people's lives. For example, she once used her analytical skills to identify high-potential customers for marketing campaigns, which led to a significant increase in revenue for her company. Now, as she prepares to graduate, Sheila is eager to continue helping organizations make data-driven decisions that benefit their customers, employees, and communities.



ALUMNI GUEST SPEAKER

Marcio Teixeira da Silva: Senior Development with BC Housing. Marcio has 20 years of experience working with affordable housing and market developments. Marcio has a Master's Degree in Administrative Science (Vancouver, 2017), a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from Universidade Federal Fluminense (Brazil, 2007), and MBA Executive by Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (Brazil, 2006). Marcio has extensive Project Management experience and has supported the development of more than 1,500 affordable housing units in British Columbia in the last five years.





2023 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Khristine G. Cariño is a community connector and change catalyst. Social justice, anti-racism and inclusion are the cornerstones of her leadership. She draws on lessons learned overcoming the challenges put in front of her as a leader and an immigrant. In everything she does, in every organization she works with, Dr. Cariño strives to increase the visibility of immigrants and amplify the voice of racialized women.

As CEO of Axon55 Tech Inc and consultant for non-profits, she provides strategic advice on board development and governance, community engagement and membership growth, communications and events management, and fundraising.

As a social entrepreneur, she championed mothers relaunching careers at Empower.Mom; increases access to enriched learning experiences in science and tech for local school aged children at East Van Kids Learning; and coaches PhD's and postdoctoral fellows exiting academia for careers in industry.

As a leader, Dr. Cariño always commits to serving with integrity, accountability, transparency and excellence. She is co-founder of Tech2Step, Ambassador for Women in STEM at Immigrant Networks, Director for Stakeholder Engagement at the Centre for Intellectual Excellence, Director and Treasurer with the Women in Cybersecurity (WiCys) Western Canada Affiliate, and Community Board Member of the Cedar Cottage Neighbourhood House. She also served on the board for several years and as immediate past president of the Society for Canadian Women in Science and Technology (SCWIST). She is also active in the Filipino-Canadian community, co-organizing cultural heritage events for families with young children, and currently lobbying for the construction of a Filipino Cultural Centre in Vancouver.

For several years, Dr. Cariño worked as a dentist and managed her own dental clinic while simultaneously teaching at the University of Baguio Faculty of Dentistry in the Philippines. She then moved to Japan after competitively obtaining the prestigious Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (Monbukagakusho) scholarship and completed a PhD in Dental Sciences at Tokyo Medical and Dental University. Her research in dental epidemiology and behavioural sciences was recognized with awards from the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). She first came to Canada for a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of British Columbia. Khristine has now called Vancouver (unceded traditional territories of the x^wməθk^wəy^{əm} Musqueam Indian Band, Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh Squamish Nation, and səliłwətał Tsleil-Waututh Nation) home for over 15 years with her husband, Reynato, raising three children who are being primed to be inclusive global leaders.



GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The concept for our Global Scholars Program was inspired by Fairleigh Dickinson University's founding mission as an institution that is "of and for the world."

Global Scholars are part of a distinctive community of learners who are committed to world citizenship and to developing a global perspective as tomorrow's leaders. The four-year selective Global Scholars Program is an organized and integrated course of study that combines an intensive multi-disciplinary learning environment with a cross-spectrum of cultural experiences on and off campus.

The Global Scholars for the class of 2023 are:

Bich Van Dang
Chi Dang
Ho Linh Van Nghiem
Cong Khanh Nguyen
Kimsear Sor
Nguyen Mai Thy Tran
Le Phuong Tran
Khoa Trinh



GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Global Engagement Program (GEO) is a structured way for students to document their global education and receive formal recognition for their global engagement at Fairleigh Dickinson University. This program allows students to earn points through completion of various courses and activities toward a Global Engagement Certificate. Since points are awarded on a wide and diverse range of activities and courses selected by the student, under the guidance of an assigned faculty adviser, the program is flexible enough to enable any student to participate.

The Vancouver Campus is proud to announce the recipients of these awards:

Sharareh Ghamkhar Sheshkal – Gold Medal
Rupanya Ghanta – Gold Medal
Queen Ijeoma Amadi – Bronze Medal
Farid Karami – Gold Medal
Parneet Kaur – Gold Medal
Alisha Madan – Gold Medal
Surbhi Sachdeva – Gold Medal
Poonam Sharma – Gold Medal

DEGREE CANDIDATES

Note: An undergraduate student whose cumulative grade point ratio (CGPR) for four years is 3.85 will receive his or her degree summa cum laude; if the CGPR is 3.67, magna cum laude; if the CGPR is 3.33, cum laude. Only weighted grades will be included in computing honors. Only the credits taken at Fairleigh Dickinson University, a minimum of 54 credits, will be used in this evaluation. These criteria apply to all undergraduate students entering the University as of August/September 2006. Students enrolled prior to August/September 2006 will continue to be evaluated under the criteria of the policy in effect when they enrolled. Due to time constraints associated with the issuing of the program, the honors listed therein were determined as of the end of the fall semester. The final listing for the commencement period will include those honors earned as of the completion of the spring semester, and diplomas will reflect this achievement. This program does not represent an official list of certified graduates.

VANCOUVER CAMPUS DEGREE CANDIDATES

The candidates from the Vancouver Campus, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, who have qualified for their degrees during the 2023 academic year are recommended to the Board of Trustees by the Faculty of Fairleigh Dickinson University for the degrees indicated.

MAXWELL BECTON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts May 2023

Najla Salman M Alshehri

Songe Kim

cum laude

Juhee Park

cum laude

Mai Nhat Phan

Le Phuong Tran

cum laude

Global Scholars

Bachelor of Arts February 2023

Jiyeon Choi

Harumi Hosogai

Joohyun Kim



Lut Ka Poon
Haoyang Zhang

Bachelor of Arts
September 2022

Renyuan Zhang

SILBERMAN COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS

Bachelor of Science
May 2023

Bao Chi Dang
cum laude
Global Scholars
Egor Golopeatov

Pavitra Ramdev Kambariya
Amanpreet Kaur
Vanshika Khanna

summa cum laude

Kaiqing Ma

Ho Linh Van Nghiem

summa cum laude

Beta Gamma Sigma

Global Scholars

Cong Khanh Nguyen

cum laude

Global Scholars

Ting Peng

Kevin Jayantibhai Rijiyaa

Yashar Shahi

Endri Vrapii

**Bachelor of Science
February 2023**

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Bich Van Dang

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O CANADA

Justice Robert Stanley Weir

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
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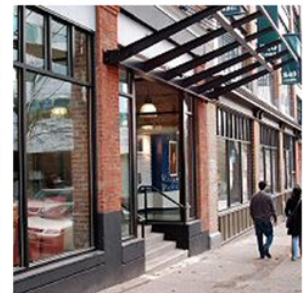
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