

Vancouver Campus

16TH Commencement



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Dear Graduate,

Today marks a significant milestone in your journey, where you stand side by side with your fellow graduates, celebrating the remarkable achievements you've accomplished. Among you are family, friends, professors, and classmates, both present in person and virtually, all eager to acknowledge your dedication and success. 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 2025! Take pride in what you have achieved.

Fairleigh Dickinson University-Vancouver Campus







THE PRESIDENT



Michael J. Avaltroni was appointed the ninth president in the institution's history on April 26, 2023. A longtime faculty member and administrator, he had previously been serving as interim president since January 1, 2023.

Avaltroni is a 1999 graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University, receiving a B.S. in chemistry, summa cum laude. He is the first FDU graduate to serve as the institution's president. 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 laid the groundwork for new community-college partnerships; presided over the development of the Hispanic Center (which recently 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.

Since becoming president, Avaltroni has led many important initiatives including engaging the community in the strategic-planning process that led to the development of the plan titled "FDU Will Soar." Driving the planning process has been a renewed emphasis on putting students first and on prioritizing those items and initiatives that will most significantly and positively impact students. FDU also successfully concluded the capital campaign "One University Many Dreams," which raised approximately \$90 million, easily surpassing its original goal of \$75 million. The University has introduced a new fundraising campaign focusing exclusively on raising money to help students have access to and better afford an FDU education.

Among other notable recent initiatives during his tenure, the University created FDU Health, a new division uniting programs in the health sciences. It also established Lifelong Learning at FDU, an initiative to educate across the lifespan. And this year Avaltroni announced the launch of FDU Health Path Forward, a new strategic initiative that will build a coalition of institutions to help develop healthcare-related programs, enhance workforce training, foster innovation in the sector and position the campuses as hubs for lifelong learning, health and wellbeing.

Active and influential in the higher education sector in support of the need for changes to meet the challenges of today, Dr. Avaltroni now also serves as the chair of the New Jersey Presidents' Council. In 2023, 2024, and 2025, he was named to the ROI Influencers: Higher Education Power List and cited as an "Outspoken new leader who brings new perspective to higher education. Simply put, he's not afraid to say the sector needs to modernize."

He was selected as an *NJBIZ* 2024 Education Power 50 honoree and in that year was named to Innovate New Jersey's "Innovate 100 List." Also in 2024, the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce honored him as "Educator of the Year."

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 Director of Lifelong Learning

THE UNIVERSITY

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 and offers more than 100 degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels. More than 13,000 students from 48 states and 66 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 to respond to the need for higher education in northern New Jersey, the college expanded to a four-year curricula in 1948. In 1954, Bergen Junior College in Teaneck was purchased as a second campus. In 1956, Fairleigh Dickinson attained university status. One year later, the 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.

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: "Fairleigh Dickinson University is a center of academic excellence dedicated to the preparation of world citizens through global education. The University strives to provide students with the multidisciplinary, intercultural and ethical understandings necessary to participate, lead and prosper in the global marketplace of ideas, commerce and culture." 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 more than 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 18 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 Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills' Degree Quality Assurance Board to grant degrees in the province.

Each University campus has developed a unique character and vitality. The Metropolitan Campus, located in Teaneck and Hackensack, 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. The Florham Campus in suburban Madison and Florham Park, offers a classical undergraduate and graduate experience for the contemporary world in a small college setting.

Fairleigh Dickinson University has enjoyed special partnerships with prominent institutions around the globe. For example, the University has been associated with the United Nations since it was founded in 1945 and has earned special designations with the world body that provide unique learning opportunities for students and faculty.

With the depth and breadth of its faculty and programs, Fairleigh Dickinson University has transformed the lives of its students and positioned itself as a quality, comprehensive private university serving the citizens of New Jersey and beyond.

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

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 it also 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 and 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. It 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 are 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 images 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, Ethiopia, 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, New Zealand, 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 and Zimbabwe.



STUDENT PINNACLE AWARD



Fatima Farag Hussein Alharazi is a proud Yemeni Ethiopian woman whose multicultural roots have shaped her worldview, ambitions and passions. Born in Saudi Arabia to parents from Yemen and Ethiopia, Fatima grew up immersed in rich traditions, diverse perspectives and the understanding that borders are merely lines on a map. This foundation led her to Vancouver, where she embarked on her academic journey at Fairleigh Dickinson University as a transfer student, a decision that would transform Fatima's life in ways she never imagined.

Throughout her Bachelor of Science in business administration program with a concentration in international business, Fatima has maintained a 3.8+ GPR, earning consistent recognition on the Honors List and the distinct privilege of being inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma in 2024. Furthermore, Fatima is graduating *magna cum laude*. These achievements represent not just academic success but also her unwavering commitment to excellence and growth.

Fatima's professional journey reflects her boundless curiosity. Before pursuing business, she spent her formative years as a kindergarten teacher, discovering the profound impact of education and the joy of nurturing young minds. This experience instilled in Fatima patience, adaptability and emotional intelligence—qualities she later applied in B2B and C2B sales, where she mastered negotiation, relationshipbuilding and strategic thinking.

Beyond academics and career, Fatima is deeply passionate about fashion, self-care and exploring the world. Traveling to different countries

has broadened her perspective, allowing her to appreciate diverse cultures, cuisines and lifestyles. Cooking is another creative outlet for Fatima, blending flavors from her Yemeni Ethiopian heritage with global inspirations. These experiences have reinforced Fatima's belief in the power of cultural exchange and holistic well-being.

What excites Fatima most is what lies ahead. She dreams of a career without borders, working across continents in management and marketing roles, absorbing business practices from different cultures and ultimately launching her own sustainable enterprise. Sustainability is at the heart of Fatima's vision; she aims to build a company that not only thrives economically but also contributes positively to the environment and society.

However, success to Fatima is meaningless without purpose. Her deepest motivation is to give her parents financial freedom, honoring their sacrifices and unwavering support. She is equally committed to paying forward the opportunities she has received by supporting educational initiatives in underserved communities and empowering others to pursue their dreams, just as her parents empowered her.

Fairleigh Dickinson University has been more than an academic institution—it is where strangers became family, where challenges became triumphs and where Fatima discovered that her mixed heritage is not just her background but her superpower. As she steps into the next chapter, Fatima carries with her the lessons learned, the relationships forged and the determination to foster inclusivity, innovate sustainably and create lasting global impact. Staying connected with her professors has been pivotal to Fatima's growth, providing invaluable guidance and support as she navigates her academic and professional journey.

With every new endeavor, Fatima remains inspired by the knowledge that her journey is not just hers alone—it is a reflection of the sacrifices made by her family, the support of her mentors and the dreams of the generations that came before her. The road ahead is full of opportunities, and Fatima is ready to forge a path that honors her heritage, her education and her passion for a better world.

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE



Foroozan Firoozan was born and raised in Kerman, a vibrant city in Iran known for its rich history and strong cultural heritage. Growing up, she developed a strong passion for learning and problem-solving, particularly enjoying the challenge of solving mathematical problems at school. These interests drove her to earn her bachelor's degree in computer engineering from Bahonar University in Iran, with a specialization in information technology. She achieved the honor of graduating as the second top-performing student among the alumni of the program.

Seeking new opportunities for growth, she moved to Canada to do her Master in Administrative Science degree at FDU. She maintained a high CGPR during her studies and was recognized as a recipient of the Graduate Academic Distinction Award. In addition, she was awarded the Gold Medal in the Global Engagement Olympiad in 2025 as a result of her outstanding contributions to both FDU and the Metro Vancouver community.

Her life journey has shaped her growth mindset, always seeking new opportunities and believing that each experience contributes to personal and professional development. It inspired her active volunteer participation in various projects at FDU during her studies, such as mentoring during career services networking events, assisting in various events and job fairs, as well as supporting the administration and content creation of the University's social media platforms, and contributing to marketing initiatives as a student ambassador. Additionally, she found it fulfilling to give back to the Metro Vancouver community by volunteering at local community centers regularly. She dedicated part of her spare

time to social services, including serving as a CVITP volunteer during tax season, and assisting with community events.

In her free time, she enjoys exploring the latest tech advancements in the news. Outside of her academic and professional commitments, she is also a pianist who thrives on performing classical music. To unwind, she takes pleasure in discovering new culinary recipes and trying different cuisines.

After graduation, she looks forward to applying her technical expertise, creativity and multidisciplinary experience in impactful and dynamic ways in her future career.

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 2025 are:

Helen Ham Masum Billa Shakil Husnat Hridoy Nabat Osman Yingnuo Yan



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:

Gold

Sara Alaviyeh Yanran Cao Foroozan Firoozan Gnyana Priyanka Kuruma Nabat Osman

Silver

Jaimini Dinesh Kumar Patel Palak Prakashchandra Shah



VANCOUVER CAMPUS DEGREE CANDIDATES

The candidates from the Vancouver Campus, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, who have qualified for their degrees during the 2025 academic year are recommended to the Board of Trustees by the Faculty of Fairleigh Dickinson University for the degrees indicated.

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. 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.

MAXWELL BECTON COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts May 2025

Sai Hang Henson Cheung
Saghar Dabagh Hamedani
cum laude
Chi in Lei
Ke Li
Anh Thuy Van

Bachelor of Arts February 2025

Yingnuo Yan

cum laude

Global Scholars

SILBERMAN COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Science May 2025

Fatima Farag Hussein Alharazi
magna cum laude
Beta Gamma Sigma
Jaydeep Chetanbhai Bhalsod
Gaurav Gandhi
Kaushal Tushar Matalia
Eunhye Seol
Riki Tachibana

Bachelor of Science September 2024

Helen Ham

magna cum laude

Beta Gamma Sigma

Global Scholars

Shifa Anishbhai Thobhani

Camden Jax Wikler

LEE GILDART AND OSWALD HAASE SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCES AND ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science
May 2025
Xiaoxuan Chen
Nabat Osman
cum laude
Global Scholars
GEO-Gold
Jagdeep Singh
Hoang Thinh Tran

Bachelor of Science February 2025

cum laude

Masum Billa Shakil Husnat Hridoy Global Scholars Karandeep Singh Sohd

Bachelor of Science September 2024

Bahareh Atarzadeh Xiaoxuan Chen

Master of Science

May 2025

Sai Ajith Reddy Bureddy

Antonio Ward Cangucu Neiva

Hong Chang

Moxu Chen

Qing Chen

Tiantian Chen

Weilin Chen

Danni Cheng

Xiaohong Cheng

Shengwen Chi

Xiaochen Cui

Zhuoni Dai

Xinze Du

Yiran Du

Lingxi Duan

Kanger Fei

Yilei Fu

Tomohiro Hayata

Xinyue He

Jie Hu

Rui Huang

Yaoyao Huang

K M Saiful Islam

Nusrat Jahan

Mayank Jain

Koteswararao Jammula

Yinuo Ji

Shuihan Jiang

Chuqiao Jin

Ling Ke

Yankit Kumar

Angran Li

Bo Li

Chao Li

Guanyu Li

Jialu Li

Mu Li

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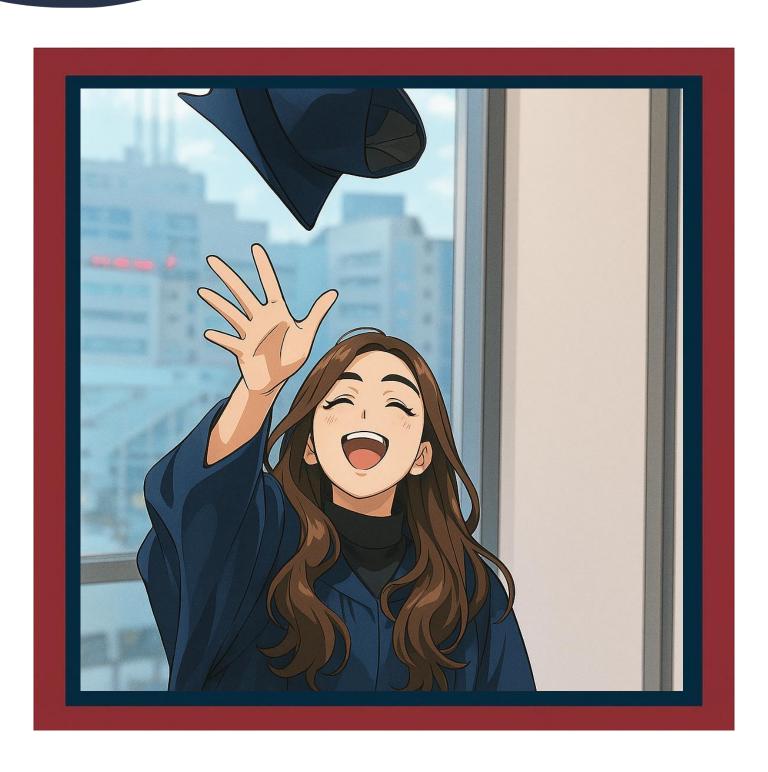
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For the past 11 years, FDU Vancouver has been honored with the presence of Eugene Harry and Darren Yelton of the Squamish Nation at its annual Commencement Ceremonies. Eugene and Darren have inspired many students through their wisdom and compassion toward others. This year they again accompany us in this magnificent event and FDU Vancouver is proud to have them as part of this celebration.

Eugene Harry Squamish First Nation



Elder Eugene Harry (XiQuelem) is a member of the Cowichan Tribes. He is a Shaker Church minister in the Squamish Nation and also works at Vancouver Native Health. For more than 30 years Eugene has ministered at the Indian Shaker Church, a unique meld of aboriginal and Christian beliefs. Also, he has been Cultural Adviser at the B.C. Aboriginal Child Care Society since 2007.

Darren Yelton Squamish First Nation



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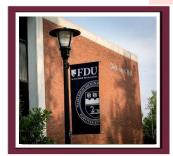
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True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
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