



Lakehead
UNIVERSITY

60th CONVOCATION

2025
ORILLIA, ONTARIO

Greetings from **LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**



Congratulations to you, our graduating class of 2025!

As you cross the stage at your convocation ceremony, I invite you to reflect on this transformational moment.

You are not simply walking across the stage to a roar of applause from your friends, family, and supporters; no, this milestone is much more profound. Crossing the stage and obtaining your hard-earned degree signifies stepping into the next phase of your bright and brilliant future.

Whether your goal is to begin working in your chosen field or to continue your education by pursuing advanced studies, completing your degree at Lakehead University has bestowed upon you the gifts of choice and opportunity.

From this moment forward, the key to unlocking your future is in your hands. I know that your journey from the first day of orientation to convocation was not easy. You have grown as a person, you have expanded your mind, built your skill sets, and you are well-prepared for what comes next.

On behalf of our faculty and staff, and alongside your friends, family, and supporters, I offer my heartfelt congratulations. The entire Lakehead community is proud of all you have accomplished, and we are honoured to be part of your life's story.

Dr. Gillian Siddall
President and Vice-Chancellor
Lakehead University



Congratulations and Power to the Class of 2025

Your class is in the unique position of graduating into a world that is suffering from extremely negative uses of Power and Privilege. Power is used now to wage trade and armed wars. Power is used now to attack education, health, the press, and the arts. Power is used now to belittle and demean individuals, groups, and countries.

However, class of 2025, you are in an equally unique position to counter these negative forces, and I have every confidence that you will. I join you in thanks for the power given to you by your support teams of family and friends. You are Empowered, and will continue to cultivate your partnerships of faculty and classmates. You are Empowered by your scholarship and abilities to find real solutions to real problems. You are Empowered by understanding the urgent need for truth and reconciliation, and by your active compassion for the demeaned. You are Empowered by your crucial involvements in education, health, the arts, and your love of Canada.

You are ready and need not be afraid. Greetings. Congratulations. Thank you.

Rita Shelton Deverell
Chancellor
Lakehead University

Thursday, June 5, 2025 - 11am

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Graduate and Undergraduate Credentials to be Conferred:

Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Engineering*, Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences, Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies*, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

**includes graduates from the Lakehead University-Georgian College Partnership*

Prelude	Orillia Silver Band
Processional - Pomp and Circumstance by E. Elgar	Orillia Silver Band
<i>The audience is asked to stand as the Academic Procession begins</i>	
O Canada	Milli Kent
Honour Song	Honour Song by local Drum Group
Invocation	Elder Lorraine McRae
The Chancellor - "I hereby declare this Convocation open."	Chancellor Rita Shelton Deverell
Introduction of the Platform Party	Dr. David Richards, Interim Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
Greetings from the Chief of the Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Chief Ted Williams, Chippewas of Rama First Nation
President's Address	Dr. Gillian Siddall, President & Vice-Chancellor
Recognition of the Recipients of the Emeritus Title	Dr. David Richards, Interim Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
Conferring of the Honorary Degree Candidate	Brandon Rhéal Amyot, Senate Honorary Degree Committee Chancellor Rita Shelton Deverell Dr. Gillian Siddall, President & Vice-Chancellor
Convocation Address	Dr. Ligaya Byrch
Conferring of the Title of Fellow of the University	Cathy Tuckwell, Chair of Lakehead University's Board of Governors
Presentation of the Civitas Award	Dr. Linda Rodenburg, Principal
Message from the Class of 2025	Elizabeth Adams
Presentation of the Candidates for the Conferring of Credentials and Medals/Awards	Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo, Assistant Dean, Faculty of Education
Credentials Granted in Absentia	Andrea Tarsitano, Vice-Provost (Students) & Registrar
Greetings from Georgian College	Dr. Yael Katz, Vice President, Academic
Message from the Alumni Association	Paul Popo-Ola, President, Lakehead University Alumni Association
Chancellor's Remarks & Closing Remarks "I hereby declare this Convocation closed."	Chancellor Rita Shelton Deverell
Recessional	Paul Connell

The audience is asked to kindly wait until the graduates have exited the venue and to then make their way to the reception for refreshments, photos, and conversation.



Follow along as we acknowledge our graduates and this year's medal recipients.





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The Arms of the University were granted by the Earl Marshal, the Duke of Norfolk, on June 20, 1959.

The heraldic description is:

Coat of Arms

"Barry wavy of six Argent and Azure on a Chief Gules in front of a rising Sun issuant from the base of the Chief Or between two Candles enflamed proper each surmounted of an open Book also proper edged and bound Gold a Portcullis chained Sable"

Crest

"On a Wreath Or and Azure on Water Barry wavy Argent and Azure in front of a Rock growing therefrom a Pine Tree a Canoe paddled by an Indian Brave and Canadian Trapper."

Motto

Ad agusta per angusta
Achievement through effort