



UNIVERSITY OF
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INDIGENOUS GRADUATION CELEBRATION

SPRING 2024

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The University of Calgary, located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3 (districts 5 and 6). On this land and in this place, we strive to learn together, walk together, and grow together "in a good way."



II' TAA'POH'TO'P

The University of Calgary's Indigenous Strategy, *ii' taa'poh'to'p*, guides our parallel journey on our path towards transformative reconciliation. The cultural model for UCalgary's Indigenous Strategy, represented on the cover, tells the story of the strategy from a unique symbolic perspective. The cultural model was designed and transferred to the Indigenous Strategy by Traditional Knowledge Keeper and ceremonial Elder, Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Hon. LLD'01. The Métis sash is a symbol of Métis culture, heritage, and identity.

Learn about UCalgary's Indigenous Strategy, ii' taa'poh'to'p, at: ucalgary.ca/indigenous



BEADED MEDALLION

The Beaded Medallion is presented to all Indigenous graduates at the University of Calgary in honour of the hard work and dedication that they have demonstrated. This beautiful piece of personal adornment serves as a reminder of this momentous achievement.

BLANKET

Blankets are presented as a gift to Indigenous graduates in honour of their significant individual achievements. The gifting of a blanket can also honour a relationship or be representative of the Knowledge Bundle a graduate now embodies.

THE MÉTIS SASH

The Métis Sash is both a festive piece of clothing, and an important tool for the Métis. While serving many unique purposes, it is a significant symbol of Métis culture and identity that is presented to Métis Graduates.

ULU

Plural: uluit; sometimes referred to as “woman’s knife” is an all-purpose knife traditionally used by Inuit. The gift of an Ulu is presented to Inuit graduates of the University of Calgary in celebration of their success and achievements.

EAGLE FEATHER

The Eagle Feather is a symbol of the highest honour. It is the most sacred gift and is presented to Indigenous graduates receiving Doctorate degrees, and award winners.

INDIGENOUS GRADUATION CELEBRATION JUNE 7, 2024.

GRAND ENTRY

**UNIVERSITY
OF CALGARY
HONOUR SONG**

**PRAYER FOR
GRADUATES**

**OPENING OF
CELEBRATION**

*ELDER REG
CROWSHOE*

REMARKS

*EDWARD
MCCAULEY,
PRESIDENT
AND VICE-
CHANCELLOR*

*SHAWNA
CUNNINGHAM,
ACTING
VICE-PROVOST
(INDIGENOUS
ENGAGEMENT)*

TREATY 7

*MÉTIS NATION
OF ALBERTA*

INTERMISSION

*MÉTIS DANCERS
AND MUSICIANS*

REMARKS

*JON CORNISH,
CHANCELLOR*

**PRESENTATION
OF AWARDS**

**HONOUR
SONG AND
RECOGNITION**

**ROUND DANCE
& GIVE AWAY**



WELCOME TO THE UCALGARY ALUMNI COMMUNITY.

Congratulations, Class of 2024! Find a special welcome message from Dr. Marie Delorme, PhD'12 – 2022 Distinguished Alumni Arch Award for Lifetime Achievement recipient and Member of the Order of Canada – below.

Dear Graduates,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone in your journey! As you stand on the threshold of a new chapter, remember that you are equipped with knowledge, skills and resilience forged through your academic pursuits.


As you step into the world beyond these walls, embrace the uncertainty with courage and curiosity. Each challenge is an opportunity for growth, and every setback is a chance to rise stronger than before.

Believe in the power of your dreams and let your passion be the compass guiding you towards success. Remember that the path to greatness is rarely linear, but it's the detours and unexpected turns that shape the most remarkable stories.

May you continue to learn, to lead, and to inspire those around you with your unwavering determination and compassionate spirit.

Congratulations, graduates! The future awaits, and it's brimming with endless possibilities.

**In spirit,
Dr. Marie Delorme, Métis
CEO, The Imagination Group**



WHEREVER LIFE TAKES
YOU, WE'LL BE THERE.

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