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INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

# Photobook

SPRING 2026

We acknowledge and respect the Ləkʷəŋən (Songhees and Xʷsepsəm/Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Ləkʷəŋən and ƵSÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

# Indigenous Recognition Ceremony



The Indigenous recognition ceremony is a unique celebration incorporating a traditional Coast Salish blanketing ceremony. The ceremony provides an opportunity for graduates, their families, friends, Elders and the university community to come together, share a meal and to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Indigenous students who have reached this significant milestone in their academic journey.

The Spring 2026 Indigenous Recognition Ceremonies recognized a record-breaking 73 Indigenous graduates. From doctoral degrees to completion certificates, this number reflects the dedication and resilience demonstrated by each individual.

The Indigenous Recognition Ceremonies are a place for celebration, love and the many smiles you will see throughout this photo book.

SPRING 2026



Monday, June 8

Faculty of Education

Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

Faculty of Science















SPRING 2026



Wednesday, June 10

Faculty of Fine Arts

Faculty of Humanities

















SPRING 2026



Friday, June 12

Faculty of Health

School of Nursing

Faculty of Social Science

















# Congratulations Graduates!

## EDUCATION

- Qwul'stun'a'wat, Danielle Alphonse - Cowichan
- Kristy McLeod - Métis Nation of BC/Métis Nation of Greater Victoria
- Thanyehténhas, Nathan Brinklow - Kanyen'kehá:ka
- piyēsiw asiniy iskwīw, Charlotte Ross - Montreal Lake Cree Nation
- Yola Willie - Kwakwaka'wakw & Haiḷzaqv
- Kiminaq, Madelyn Agviaq, King Island Inupiaq, Nome Alaska
- XLAXELWET, Kiona Bob - W̱SÁNEĆ and pauquachin
- Donna Camsell - Tłı̨chq̓ from Behchok̓q̓
- Miali Coley-Sudlovenick - Inuk from Iqaluit, Nunavut
- Ts'òotsakuwá kak'a, Janelle Crane-Starlight - Tsúū't'ínà Nation
- Adaahl, Torah Harding-Laman (Zamora) - Tsimshian/Ts'msyen
- ḥakaλ, Christina John - ʔiiḥatisʔaṭḥ
- Medweanakwedokwe - Velma Noah-Nicholas - Eelunaapeewi Lahkeewiit/ Delaware Nation
- Ato'olgasw, James Nyce - Gitxsan and Haisla
- Kławaṭinak Paḷki· Sa'tahtaki, Aiyana Twigg - Ktunaxa & Niitsítapi

## EDUCATION

- Jennie Vandermeer - Déḻṉe Got'̱ṉe Government
- Jordan Aylard - Esquimalt First Nation
- Sabrina Diertens - Lil'Wat Nation
- Brooke Hall-Eckes - Tsartlip First Nation
- Madeline Lucier - Métis

## ENGINEERING

- Ericka Boggs - Nlaka'pamux Nation/ Lower Nicola Indian Band

## SCIENCE

- Brooklyn Batch - Métis Nation of British Columbia
- Anakin Bennett - X̱s̱éps̱am Esquimalt
- Layla George - Tla'amin Nation
- Mara Radawetz - Métis
- Paul Reid - Gwich'in
- Anuxum, Colorado Sandoval - Nuxalk Nation, Bella Coola
- Ocean Van Mierlo - Tahltan





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## FINE ARTS

- Roy Henry Vickers - Tsimshian, Haida, Heiltsuk, Wuikinuxv
- askiy iskwew, Kylie Fineday – nakawaciw/  
Sweetgrass First Nation
- Jeannie Chips - SC'IA'NEW Nation
- Mary-Jane Laronde - Bonnechere Algonquin
- Andrew Coles - Red River Métis/ Norway House Cree
- Dylan Syrnyk - Métis
- Rylan Laurillard - Skwah First Nation

## HUMANITIES

- Alana Sayers - Hupačasath
- Emma Antoine-Allan - Anishinaabe from Sharbot Lake
- Raijana “Anagya” Durocher - Cree (House Family) and Métis (Curocher Family)
- Kang Ga Jaada, Taylor Lund - Haida Nation
- Janessa Swan - ʔaahuusʔaḥ
- Kali Jane Jones - Squamish
- Jaida Shaw - Sucker Creek First Nation
- Migizi Agawatese Inini, Nakoda Ward - Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
- Wandering Spirit, Phoenix Charlie - Spune'luxutth Tribe

## HUMANITIES

- John Amos - Mowachaht First Nation Yahulthuht,
- Margaret Amos - Mowachaht
- Nasookokus, Tracy Amos - Mowachaht
- ʔaayik, Dawn (Michelle) James - muwačath  
mačłaaḥ First Nation
- Joni Johnson - muwačath mačłaaḥ First Nation
- Chantelle Knighton - Tsesaht
- Kayla Savey - Mowachaht/Muchalaht

## HEALTH

- Caitlin Alder - Naotkamegwanning First Nation
- Samantha Delacherois - Westbank First Nation
- Tisa Keller - Métis Nation of Alberta (Otipemisiwak, Métis, Government) Nose Hill Métis District
- Denika Lyall - Nunatsiavut
- Waase-Giizhigook, Waseyaa/ Nancy Simpson - Gakijiwanang / Lac La Croix First Nation
- Munalhiye, Alicia-Lynn Gray-Thorne - Quwutsun, Diitiidaaxt, Haida
- Yvonne Parent - Métis Nation British Columbia
- Danika Telfer-Martin - Métis
- Corinne Van Solkema - Métis
- Gabriella Rayo - Salt River First Nation





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## **NURSING**

- Reilly Douglas - Mi'kmaq
- Cailean Switzer - Métis
- Qwulti-st-ah, Rebecca White - Cowichan Tribes

## **SOCIAL SCIENCES**

- Hannah Gentes - Saulteaux-Métis
- Grace Hennebery - Red River Métis
- Tłakweł'ganaxw, Natalya Wilson - Kwakiutl / Kwagu't
- Taylor Devine - Métis Nation BC
- Íumx̄alaqs, Madeline Kelson - Haisla
- Wasigay Binaysew Quay, Annabelle Brass - Yellowquill Anishinaabe Nation
- Fly Away Girl, Jadelyn Crow Shoe - Piikani Nation
- Lillian Sayers - Métis





# Hay'sxw'ga / Thank You

## **OPENING PRAYERS**

May Sam  
John Rice

## **WELCOME TO THE TERRITORY**

Terri Barnhard  
Alicia Thomas  
Brianna Bear

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Marion Buller, Chancellor  
Qwul'sih'yah'maht, Robina Thomas, President  
Angela Jaime, Vice-President Indigenous  
Elizabeth Croft, Vice-President Academic and Provost

## **SPEAKERS**

SDEMOXELTEN, Ian Sam  
TELTÁLEMOT, Ivy Seward





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