CONGRATULATIONS
CLASS OF 2021
A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of everyone in the department of economics, I offer you my sincerest congratulations. We are proud of what you have achieved, as should you be. You’ve done exceptionally well. The last mile of your journey to graduation has undoubtedly been unusual and you are graduating at a challenging moment in time. Out of these uncertain times will emerge new opportunities and I am confident that you are well prepared to seize them.

Good luck to you in your next endeavours. Never be shy to let us know what you are up to and how you are doing – we always love to hear from our alumni!

Class of 21

Daniel Rondeau
Chair
Department of Economics
Congratulations to all of you for all your hard work in making it to this milestone in your lives.

- Alan Chaffe
ECON 204, 312, 327
GRADS - CONGRATS!

Wishing you an exhilarating take off, glorious flight, and happy landing.

Cheers,
Merwan Engineer
(ECON 104, 305, 333, 435, 437, 453)
CONGRATULATIONS
DREAM BIG!

VIVIAN CHENARD,
SOCIAL SCIENCES ALUMNI RELATIONS
CONGRATULATIONS 2021 GRADUATES FROM YOUR ECONOMICS ALUMNI COUNCIL.

Welcome to the world of Economics! What an exciting time for you to develop your career. Your inspiration, passion and knowledge will be valued as you enter into your chosen field.

We have over 20,000 UVic Economics alumni, living all across the country and around the world. Our alumni go on to do incredible things and you are now part of the UVic alumni family.

Our goal is to create a strong and active network supporting one another in our fields of work. The Economics Alumni Council brings a wealth of knowledge and experience, and plans a wide range of activities for the benefit of alumni and current students. We have missed having in-person alumni engagement over the past year, and look forward to being able to engage with alumni, current students and the Department when it is possible to do so in the year ahead.

LINKEDIN: UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT ALUMNI.
KEEP IN TOUCH AT HTTPS://WWW.UVIC.CA/SOCIALSCIENCES/ECONOMICS/ALUMNI/INDEX.PHP
Congrats new grads!
Best wishes,

Nilanjana Roy
ECON 320, 365, 366
JCURA PARTICIPANTS
Aidan Ormond, Jon Loeppky, Maryjane Brown, Sam Seshadri, Alyssa Russell.
Explore their projects here.
Congratulations to all of you on your graduation from the University of Victoria!

I know this isn’t the kind of graduation that you expected and that this is a difficult time to enter the workforce or graduate school. But it is also a time of solidarity, of putting service to your neighbour first, and of thinking boldly in what we can build together.

As the next generation of economists, I believe that you will play an important role in helping us build something new in the months and years ahead.

I am so excited to see what you all accomplish.

Rob Gillezeau
ECON 327 & 410A
What an exciting time for you as women to enter into the world of Economics. You will go on to experience a career path that will impact your communities in a significant way.

The Women in Economics Affinity Group was formed in 2016 to empower the diversity in the economics profession. The group supports women in their pursuit of higher education and career in the economics field through mentorship, networking and funding opportunities. This group of dedicated women have established a scholarship that recognizes an outstanding student with a passion working in our communities and has strong leadership qualities in striving to make the world a better place.

Our goal is to create a strong and active Women in Economics Affinity Group well into the future. We invite you to become part of this dynamic group of women and continue the work supporting each other in the field of Economics.

Keep in touch at: https://www.uvic.ca/socialsciences/economics/alumni/home/staying-involved/index.php Contact: soscalum@uvic.ca
Chris Willmore

- Instructor for ECON 180, 317, 309 (formerly 310B), 321, 416

Congratulations! All of you have shown tremendous strength, perseverance and resilience in reaching this milestone. Each of you brings a unique and valuable perspective to the world, and I can't wait to see what you'll achieve in the years to come.
It has been a pleasure to instruct many of this year’s grads during their time at the University of Victoria.

The energy and enthusiasm of the students has made my job so fulfilling, challenging and pleasurable.

Thank you!!

I wish all the graduates luck in their next phase of life. May you achieve what makes you happy and successful.

Congratulations on your accomplishment. You now join me as an economic UVic alumnus. I hope you will keep in touch and send me updates on how you used your statistics!
Congratulations on your achievement!

I hope that each of you will find a way to celebrate this important milestone in a meaningful way, even during these exceptional times. I doubt there will be any other time during our lives when the role of government in the economy will be more widely debated than it is today. In a way, I think this is one of the most interesting times in history to be an economist.

Whether you are pursuing further studies, heading into the labourmarket, or taking a well-deserved break to re-charge, I trust that your time at UVic has helped prepare you for the future.

Thank you to those who studied Public Economics with me, especially those who shared their thoughts, experiences and perspectives during our course. All the best and congratulations again to all of you!

Shannon Pendergast, Econ 312 & 325
Congratulations to you all on the completion of your undergraduate degree!

I hope that what you learned in your ECON courses will be useful in your job, in making informed decisions as a voter, and in your personal life.

If you have a spare minute drop us a note, let us know about the next stage of your career, and maybe give us some advice we can pass on to our current students.

Elisabeth Gugl, Associate Chair, Undergraduate Advisor
UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI AWARD
AWARDED TO STUDENT WITH STRONGEST PERFORMANCE ACROSS FOURTH-YEAR ECONOMICS COURSES

Undergraduate Alumni Council Coordinator Ken Stewart nominates:

**Samual Seshadri**
BSc Honours Economics

*In his 4th year of studies, Samuel Seshadri earned an average course grade of 94% across ECON 400, 401, 452, 457, 468, and 499. (Samuel effectively took 7 courses at the 400-level because ECON 499 is the Honours Seminar which effectively counts for two courses.) He completed these courses in the Winter 2020/21 session with an outstanding Sessional GPA of 8.90. His cumulative undergraduate GPA is 8.41. Samuel has excelled in our most challenging upper-level courses and throughout his undergraduate degree. Samuel has completed all the course requirements for an Honours BSc in Economics and is graduating in June 2021.*
LEONARD LAUDADIO PRIZE
AWARDED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS.

Winner: Chuwei Zhang
BA Major Economics, Finance Option

“Chuwei received the highest score on both midterms, and on the final exam, in ECON 481. On all three exams they scored over 90%, finishing well ahead of any other student overall. They are a deserving recipient of the Laudadio prize.”  
- Peter Kennedy
“Alyssa’s research derives estimates of the social cost of carbon emissions over the period 2020-2100. Estimating the social cost of carbon is critical to assessing the economic impacts of climate change and determine an appropriate level of policy intervention. Alyssa’s original research combines the results of alternative bio-physical carbon and economic growth projections derived under different mitigation scenarios and economic damage functions. Her results make it possible to evaluate the compatibility of these independently derived biophysical and economic scenarios. Her estimates of the social cost of carbon over time are then used to evaluate the optimality of interventions assumed in economic growth scenarios. Finally, Alyssa’s work helps us better quantify the range of uncertainty in the projected costs of climate change to society.”
AIDEN ORMOND

Aidan has a remarkable desire to truly get to the heart of any policy topic he tackles. His work highlighting the limits of the Canada Workers Benefit relative to the minimum wage as an effective tool to redistribute income showed an understanding of administrative complexity that is so rare for anyone who has not worked in the civil service.

- Rob Gillezeau

JACK FORGRAVE

Throughout his studies, Jack has repeatedly shown a mature, analytical policy lens. He brings a thoughtfulness to his policy engagement and has a natural ability to write about complex policy with the style and flow of a professional.

- Rob Gillezeau