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**WELCOME TO THE
2024**

**COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONIES**

First Ceremony Program 12 p.m.

Procession	Darren Yelton and Eugene Harry Squamish First Nations
Grand Marshal	Isabella Krysa Assistant Professor of Management
“O Canada”	Glory Chinaeleobi Godswill See inside back cover page for lyrics
“The Star-Spangled Banner”	Glory Chinaeleobi Godswill See inside back cover page for lyrics
Invocation	Darren Yelton and Eugene Harry Squamish First Nations
Welcome	Michael J. Avaltroni President
Campus Executive’s Address	Wilfred Zerbe Campus Executive, Vancouver Campus
Presentation of Student Representative of Graduate Programs	Wilfred Zerbe Campus Executive, Vancouver Campus
Student Representative	Syeda Iram Zainab
of Graduate Programs	Graduating Student, MAS Program
Conferring of Master’s Degrees	Michael J. Avaltroni President
Recessional	Darren Yelton and Eugene Harry Squamish First Nations

Second Ceremoy Program 3:30 p.m.

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Remarks	Helen Ham Pinnacle Award Recipient, B.S. Program
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Conferring of Bachelor’s Degrees	Michael J. Avaltroni President
Recessional	Darren Yelton and Eugene Harry Squamish First Nations



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 remotely 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 2024! Take pride in what you have achieved.

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Vancouver Campus



THE PRESIDENT



Michael J. Avaltroni was appointed the ninth president in Fairleigh Dickinson's history on April 26, 2023. A long-time faculty member and administrator, he had previously been serving as Interim President since January 1, 2023.

Dr. 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 ten 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, Dr. Avaltroni has worked in a number of different capacities, including as a faculty member and Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and he was instrumental in the process of creating 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 health-care 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 and social work. Dr. Avaltroni was appointed University Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs in January 2022. In this role, he led the academic affairs subcommittee of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) Advisory Council; 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's students.

Since becoming president, Dr. Avaltroni has led many important initiatives including engaging the FDU 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 its capital campaign “One University Many Dreams,” which raised approximately \$90 million, easily surpassing its original goal of \$75 million. The University introduced a new fund-raising campaign, “Students First,” focusing exclusively on raising money to help students have access to and better afford an FDU education.

In 2023 and 2024, 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* 2023 Education Power 50 honoree. Over the past several years, he also was selected by *NJBIZ* as one of New Jersey’s 40 Under 40 and the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences was recognized multiple times by *NJBIZ* magazine as the leader for the #1 Best Place to Work in New Jersey. Additionally, he has received awards from the New Jersey Pharmacists Association, the New Jersey Society for Health Systems Pharmacists, the *NJBIZ* Healthcare Heroes event and by SmartCEO Magazine for its Corporate Culture Awards. He currently resides in Marlboro, N.J., with his wife, Jill, and their three children.



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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. More than 12,000 students from 37 states and 88 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 N.J., today the University offers more than 100 degree programs at the associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels. FDU strongly emphasizes an international component in its curriculum and provides its students with a global and multi-cultural perspective.

The University has consistently been an innovator, adapting to the changing educational demands of the students it serves. Responding to the need for higher education in northern New Jersey, the college expanded to a four-year curricula in 1948.

In 1954, the first graduate program — a master's degree in business administration — was offered, and Bergen Junior College in Teaneck, N.J., was purchased as a second campus. In 1956, Fairleigh Dickinson attained university status. One year later, the beautiful 178-acre Vanderbilt-Twombly estate in Florham Park and Madison, N.J., 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. Formerly a 13th-century abbey, Wroxton College is now a beautifully restored and modernized Jacobean mansion.

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: to prepare students for world citizenship through global education.

In addition to Wroxton College, 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 over 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 17 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 Advanced Education's Degree Quality Assurance Board to grant degrees in the province.

Each of the University campuses has developed a unique character and vitality. The Metropolitan Campus, located in Teaneck, 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. Fairleigh Dickinson's Florham Campus in suburban Madison offers a classical undergraduate and graduate experience for the contemporary world in a small college setting.

With the depth and breadth of its faculty and programs, Fairleigh Dickinson University has positioned itself as a quality, comprehensive private university serving global citizens throughout the world.



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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	Brown
Forestry	Russet
Home Economics	Maroon
Journalism	Crimson
Law	Purple
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine and Allied Health	Green
Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Occupational Therapy	Rhodes 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	Gray

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, 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. Salmon 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



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 buildings 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 including 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, 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, 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



Helen Ham

Helen Ham was born and raised in Phnom Penh, the vibrant capital city of Cambodia. Amidst the pandemic, in February 2021, she embarked on her journey for higher education in Vancouver, Canada, transitioning from online classes in Cambodia to campus life at FDU. Helen is set to graduate *magna cum laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, complemented by a minor in digital marketing. She has consistently demonstrated excellence in her studies and extracurricular activities throughout her academic tenure. Her high CPGR has secured her a place on the Academic Honors' List for four consecutive years at the Vancouver Campus while earning her a spot in the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society, representing the top 10 percent of the senior business class across three FDU campuses.

In 2023, Helen represented FDU as a delegate for the Model National United Nations in New York, specifically in the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA). Beyond academia, she has been an active member of the Global Scholars program, fostering cross-cultural learning and embracing diverse perspectives. In her free time, Helen enjoys discovering new coffee shops and cuisines around the city and finding inspiration in the richness of different cultures. She also dedicates her time to fitness at the gym, finding the balance between her academic pursuits and personal interests. Upon graduation, Helen is eager to pursue a career in the marketing sector, leveraging her expertise to drive growth and innovation. She plans to expand into the real estate sector and apply her strategic marketing initiatives to contribute to the industry's advancement.



GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE



Syeda Iram Zainab

Syeda Iram Zainab, a mother of two beautiful children, has a Doctor of Medicine with diverse clinical and voluntary work experience in India and Dubai. She graduated as a physician from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Science, after which she moved to Dubai and worked as a pediatric resident with the Dubai Health Authority. While juggling parenthood and a demanding healthcare profession, Syeda never stepped back from social and community work. Her journey towards global health and leadership began over a decade ago when she joined the Medical students' Association of India (MSAI) in 2013, the largest internationally represented non-government organization for and by medical students in India.

She soon went on to become the National Officer for the Standing Committee on Reproductive Health and Rights, including AIDS, where she organized and led nationwide awareness campaigns on issues related to reproductive health and the destigmatization of HIV/AIDS, especially in rural India. She has worked in diabetes awareness and health care campaigns and contributed remarkably during the COVID-19 pandemic in India. She firmly believes in equal human rights and health equity and is focused on embarking on her journey as a physician in the Canadian health care system with these values. Maintaining a high CGPR throughout her course, she aims to utilize her master's degree in administrative science in global health and human services administration to further contribute to the field of global health and to promote health equity in her hometown in south India.



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 2024 are:

Pichsophaneat Dy
Helen Ham
Masum Billa Shakil Husnat Hridoy
Nu Yen Trang Hoang
Thang Hoang
Bao Phuc Nguyen
Huy Long Nguyen
Thang Xuan Nguyen
Sarah Rodriguez Romero

FDU





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

Ali Alaeikerahrudi
Maryam Bayatsarmadi
Srinivas Sai Su Korivi
Raj Prashant Paltanwale
Surya Sharma
Charneshwar Singh
Sunita Tamang
Dina Yolanda Valenzuela Soler

SILVER

Saloni Jindal

BRONZE

Sarker Nadia Ferdous





VANCOUVER CAMPUS DEGREE CANDIDATES

The candidates from the Vancouver Campus, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, who have qualified for their degrees during the 2024 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. These criteria apply to all undergraduate students entering the University as of August/September 2006. Students enrolled prior to August/September 2006 will continue to be evaluated under the criteria of the policy in effect when they enrolled.

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 2024**

Chao Chen

cum laude

Huzaifa Murtuza Sheikh

cum laude

**Bachelor of Arts
February 2024**

Nu Yen Trang Hoang

magna cum laude

Global Scholars

**Bachelor of Arts
September 2023**

Songe Kim

Juhee Park

Yi Wang

**SILBERMAN COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS**

**Bachelor of Science
May 2024**

Helen Ham

magna cum laude

Beta Gamma Sigma

Global Scholars

Thang Xuan Nguyen

Global Scholars

Yuzhao Sun

Sunita Tamang

GEO-Gold

Shifa Anishbhai Thobhani

Camden Jax Wikler

**Bachelor of Science
February 2024**

Samarth Bhandari

Utsav Pareshbhai Dholakia

cum laude

Sarah Rodriguez Romero

cum laude

Global Scholars

Endri Vrapı

**Bachelor of Science
September 2023**

Amanpreet Kaur

Vanshika Khanna

Ting Peng

**LEE GILDART AND
OSWALD HAASE SCHOOL
OF COMPUTER SCIENCES
AND ENGINEERING**

**Bachelor of Science
May 2024**

Bahareh Atarzadeh

Xiaoxuan Chen

Masum Billa Shakil Husnat Hridoy

Global Scholars

Bao Phuc Nguyen

summa cum laude

Global Scholars

Long Bao Nguyen

Shrut Rakeshbhai Patel

Azadur Rahman

Nikhil Sushilkumar Sharma

Gurchetan Singh

Karandeep Singh Sohd

**Bachelor of Science
February 2024**

Pichsophaneat Dy

magna cum laude

Global Scholars

Dhanu Gautam

Thang Hoang

summa cum laude

Global Scholars

Mykhailo Kabanov

magna cum laude

Aref Nasrollah Zadeh

Huy Long Nguyen

Global Scholars

**Bachelor of Science
September 2023**

Shagun Chaudhary

Shreekant Gumanju

Jatin Gupta

Tri Minh Nguyen

Master of Science

May 2024

Vijay Sai Varma Addepalli
Soheila Amirkhizi
Vishnu Vardhan Reddy Atluri
Ketian Bai
Jueqi Cai
Shujie Cao
Xuedong Cao
Phani Sumanth Chakkilam
Taiyu Chen
Zhuangxin Chen
Elaheh Dehghan
Navya Devarapally
Fateme Dorrihabel
Mitra Einabadi
Sharareh Enshaei
Yanqi Fan
Mehdi Farokh Tabar
Eduardo Esteban Flores
Aruna Garnepudi
Aadharsh Geethagovindan
Aida Ghaffarvand
Mahdi Ghanbari
Ahmad Ghasemzadehnamaghi
Sidharth Goenka
Damaso Germanico Granda Hinojosa
Runsheng Gu
Rui Guo
Hui He
Weini He
Yuanchu He
Somaieh Heidari
Xiuqi Hu
Qian Huang
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For the past 10 years, FDU Vancouver has been honored with the presence of Eugene Harry and Darren Yelton, Squamish First Nations, at its annual Commencement Ceremony. Eugene and Darren have inspired many students through their wisdom and compassion towards 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 Nations

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 BC Aboriginal Child Care Society since 2007.



Darren Yelton
Squamish First Nations

Darren was born in North Vancouver, BC, in 1961 and began carving at the age of thirteen with his father and two brothers Jim and Tony.

Darren has developed his own unique West Coast style, incorporating images of animals that come from family crests and legends common to the Coast Salish Community.

Through his art, Darren Yelton has indeed given much to the world and is at the same time preserving his cultural background through his teachings and artwork for future generations.



O CANADA

Justice Robert Stanley Weir

O Canada!
Our home and native land!
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.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



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