

The background of the entire page is a blue-tinted photograph of several graduates in white gowns, captured in the moment of throwing their black mortarboard caps into the air. The caps are suspended at various heights, creating a sense of motion and celebration. The scene is set outdoors, with some greenery visible in the background.

Welcome

CLASS OF

2026



Laurentian Alumni
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Learn the Lingo

You've walked the walk, now talk the talk!

ALUMNUS: A male graduate

ALUMNA: A female graduate

ALUMNI: More than one male graduate or a group of mixed male and female graduates

ALUMNAE: More than one female graduate



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Message from the Chancellor

Dear graduates,

As Chancellor of Laurentian University, I have the great pleasure of meeting many of you today on stage as you receive your degrees. As a proud Laurentian University alumnus myself (Hon. B.Sc. Geology '98), I can relate to the unique experience that the convocation ceremony brings. My connection to Laurentian spans generations. My grandparents, Art and Eva Solomon, were instrumental in founding the federated Native Studies Program, and my ties to this campus are both personal and deeply rooted in its history.

In one sense, I was proud of what I had accomplished after many years of studying. In another, I felt uncertain about what lay ahead and which path I would take. What I did not realize was that I had everything I needed to move forward, and so do you. It may or may not feel like it; believe in yourself; seize opportunity and work hard, you will be rewarded. In fact, you might even be back on this stage handing out degrees one day!

Laurentian is more than a place of learning. It is a community shaped by shared experiences, resilience, and a commitment to one another. I felt that as a student, and I continue to live it today.

I look forward to meeting you today, but perhaps even more than that, I hope to meet you again in the future as you chart your course towards success and happiness. I hope to learn of your journey beyond graduation and hear your stories.

You now become part of a wider community of alumni who are happy to support each other. One day, you may be asking for advice as you begin your career, but before you know it, you'll be the one providing it. Our community is a virtuous circle, we all play our role, and we should all be proud to be part of it.

**Dr. Kristan Straub, B.Sc. 1998, Honorary Doctor of Laws, 2025
Chancellor, Laurentian University**

The Chancellor is a volunteer position, appointed by the Board of Governors with the Senate's endorsement, with a term of five years, renewable once, for a maximum of two successive terms.

The Chancellor presides over Convocation and confers all degrees.

The current chancellor is Kristan Straub (2026-) and past Chancellors include Aline Chrétiën (2010-2013) and Steve Paikin (2013-2021).



Message from the President and Vice-Chancellor

Congratulations graduates!

You have earned this opportunity to celebrate your achievements and we are honoured to have you with us for convocation.

I know you will look back with fond memories of your time here at Laurentian University and of your friends and peers who have shared the journey with you. Be assured that you will be leaving an indelible mark on this institution and on those staff and faculty who have had the privilege of supporting your success. As a professor for many years, I can tell you unequivocally that students are what makes our role meaningful and fulfilling.

As you take the next step in your journey, do so with confidence – not simply because of what you’ve accomplished by graduating from your programs, but also because of the personal growth you’ve no doubt experienced over your time as a student at Laurentian. You are ready for the wonderful future that lies ahead!

With Laurentian University alumni all around the world, it gives me great pride to witness the breadth and diversity of careers that you and your fellow graduates will embark upon.

I hope that you will take the opportunity to continue your relationship with Laurentian, to visit us again, and to make an impact on the lives of the next generations of students.

Dr. Lynn Wells
President and Vice-Chancellor, Laurentian University

Welcome to the Laurentian University Alumni family.



Congratulations on this incredible milestone!

Your dedication and perseverance have led you to this momentous occasion and we are incredibly proud to welcome you into Laurentian's ever-growing alumni network. With over 78,000 accomplished graduates, you are now part of a thriving community that shapes industries, drives innovation, and enriches society in meaningful ways.

As you step into new opportunities and chart your own path, your alma mater is here to support your continued success. Take a moment to explore your Grad Handbook and discover the many resources available to you as a valued Laurentian graduate.

Whether you are looking to expand your professional network, continue your growth through life-long learning opportunities such as graduate programs, certificates, or microcredentials, or access exclusive alumni benefits, we are committed to keeping you engaged and informed.

We are dedicated to enhancing connections with graduates through ongoing engagement, from hosting community gatherings, offering alumni meet-and-greets with the president, to securing new perks and partnerships that enrich the alumni experience.

If you have questions or need support, do not hesitate to reach out. We invite you to stay connected! Your insights and involvement strengthen our community, and we look forward to celebrating your future achievements.

Once again, congratulations! This is just the beginning of your journey as a proud member of the Laurentian alumni network—we cannot wait to see all that you accomplish.

Warm regards,

Tracy MacLeod, BA 1995
Chief Advancement Officer, Laurentian University

Laurentian University knows how exciting convocation is and we want to help make the most of it for our newest members.



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Stay Connected to Laurentian

Alumni Events – From Sudbury, Toronto, Ottawa, Edmonton to China and beyond, Laurentian brings alumni together through events across Canada and around the world. Wherever your degree leads you – reconnect, network, and celebrate with fellow graduates in your community.



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Get Involved – Stay involved by sharing your time and experience: join an advisory board, mentor students, support campus events, or help bring graduates together in your community at regional alumni events.

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HONORARY DEGREES

Laurentian University solicits recommendations from the University community for potential candidates for an honorary degree.

The awarding of honorary degrees is an important feature of Laurentian's convocation and is meant to honour both the individual and the University, as well as inspire our graduates, their families and guests.

The University's honorary degree recipients are selected from individuals who:

- Have made outstanding contributions to intellectual advancements in key disciplines offered at Laurentian;
- Reflect the University's values: students first, excellence, academic freedom, respect, alumni, diversity, truth, integrity, inclusiveness;
- Have been or have the potential to be significant benefactors of the University either creatively, materially or financially;
- Have made outstanding contributions to Northeastern Ontario; or
- Have the ability to enhance the reputation of Laurentian University through their outstanding contributions in their fields at the national or international levels.

Nominations are accepted when accompanied by a short biography and rationale for why this person should be considered. If you know of a worthy candidate, please email president@laurentian.ca. Letters of reference are not required at this time. Candidates must not be aware of the nomination.

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Whether you're pursuing one of our 35 Master's or nine PhD programs, enhancing your skills through professional development, or earning micro-credentials and certificates, Laurentian is here to support your lifelong learning and career growth.

Whatever your path, we look forward to welcoming you back.



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