



Cape Breton University

Spring Convocation 2025

Music for Convocation

Bagpiper

Cameron MacNeil

Drumming Ensemble

Heritage African Drummers

O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.

Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix.
Ton histoire est une épopée,
Des plus brillants exploits.

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

**Unama'ki espi-kina'matno'kuom etek Mi'kma'ki,
wla na no'kamanaq aq maqamikewminu
mena'qiknmuetuk.**

**Cape Breton University is located in Mi'kma'ki,
the ancestral and unceded territory
of the Mi'kmaw People.**



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Message from

The President

On behalf of the Senate, the faculty and staff of Cape Breton University, I share with you our warmest congratulations on your graduation from Cape Breton University. We are honoured to celebrate with you as we mark this monumental occasion in your lives.

Graduation is a significant day. It is the culmination of your hard work, commitment and determination to achieve a goal you set for yourself. These are skills you will carry with you and use in all that you do going forward. Be proud of what you have accomplished. I trust you will use what you have learned to make a difference in your communities, work toward growth and inspire others to create positive change.

As you celebrate convocation, take a moment to enjoy this special time with your fellow graduates. As you embark on the rest of your journey, the time you spent together will be a lasting memory of all you have overcome.

As you commence the next chapter of your life, wherever it may take you, I wish you the very best of luck. Congratulations to the spring graduating class of 2025!

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David C. Dingwall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

David C. Dingwall, P.C., K.C., ICD.D
President & Vice-Chancellor
Cape Breton University

Message from

The Board of Governors

To the Cape Breton University spring graduating class of 2025,

Congratulations on this exceptional achievement in your educational journey. You have adapted, persevered, stayed strong and employed innovative strategies to overcome challenges. These are qualities that will serve you well wherever life takes you and that embody the spirit of Cape Breton University.

With this credential, you have proved that you are not only ready to enter today's highly competitive and ever-changing world, but you are ready to thrive in it. As you embark on this new chapter of your life, do so with courage and the excitement of possibility and opportunity.

On behalf of the Cape Breton University Board of Governors, we wish you good health, happiness and success as you begin your next stage of life as a graduate of CBU. We know you will continue to make the CBU community proud and that you will leave a positive mark on this world.

We are pleased to be able to call you one of our own. Congratulations! You earned it.



Denise Allen
Chair, Cape Breton University Board of Governors





Message from

The Chancellor

My heartfelt and admirable congratulations to each of you, the Cape Breton University spring graduating class of 2025.

I want you to know that I am extremely proud of each and every one of you for completing this great achievement. Convocation Day represents your success and acknowledges years of dedication and hard work. This is a day to celebrate what you have worked toward and looked forward to for many years. Today marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

Many of you may be new to Canada and Cape Breton. As a first-generation Canadian, I believe your future is bright. To my fellow Cape Bretoners and all graduates, no matter where you hail from, know that your options are endless when you aspire to seek out new opportunities, use creativity and strive for innovation in all that you do.

When you leave CBU, some of you will begin your work life, and others will continue your studies. I invite all of you to boldly follow your dreams into new horizons. Wherever your paths may take you, I hope you reflect proudly on your time at CBU and are always aware of the ever-changing world around you. Use your resources and tenacity to face challenges and to seize opportunities.

Today is not a goodbye but a time to say “until we meet again.” Today is a day to be proud, be strong and to show the world what you are made of.

Theid Dichioll Air Thoiseach – Perseverance Will Triumph.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Verschuren". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Annette Verschuren
Chancellor

Message from

The Alumni Association President

Dear Graduates of 2025,

Congratulations on reaching this incredible milestone! On behalf of the Cape Breton University Alumni Association, it is my honour to welcome you as the newest members of our alumni family.

This year marks a special chapter for all of us. In 2025, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the CBU Alumni Association. Since becoming an independent organization in 1985, we've grown into a dynamic global network of more than 40,000 alumni and friends in over 80 countries. Today, you strengthen that legacy.

Your time at CBU has been shaped by resilience, growth and discovery. You've contributed to our campus and communities and brought your own perspective to the evolving story of this university. Now, you help carry that story forward, through the unique lenses of alumni voices across generations and geographies.

We invite you to stay connected, not just with fellow alumni, but with the wider CBU community of supporters and friends. Whether through events, mentorship, volunteering or simply staying in touch, your involvement makes our shared network stronger and more meaningful.

You are ambassadors of CBU's past, present and future. We're proud of you, and we're excited to see where your next chapter leads.

Welcome to the family, Class of 2025.

Warm regards,

Sarah Hines
President, CBU Alumni Association

Descriptions of Degree, Diploma, Certificate and Regalia

The colours approved for University regalia are orange, green and white. The inside lining of all undergraduate hoods, therefore, utilizes these colours with the white centering the green and orange, providing a unique arrangement of colour and design for Cape Breton University. The edging of the hood for all bachelor's degrees is two inches wide. The academic program is distinguished by the colours of this velvet edging. The diploma and certificate programs are distinguished by the outside colour of the stoles.

Degrees

Bachelor of Arts	White
Bachelor of Arts Community Studies	Light Green
Bachelor of Arts and Science in Environment	White and Gold with Black Piping
Bachelor of Business Administration	Russet
Bachelor of Education	Light Blue
Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management	Russet with Royal Blue Trim and Gold Piping
Bachelor of Technology Information	Russet/Green
Bachelor of Science	Gold
Bachelor of Science Community Studies	Gold
Bachelor of Science Nursing	Apricot
Bachelor of Health Sciences	Sage
Bachelor of Emergency Management	Green
Bachelor of Engineering Technology	Green
Master of Business Administration	Russet with Maroon and White Lining
Master of Education in Sustainability, Creativity and Innovation	Light Blue with Royal Blue Trim and Gold Piping

Diplomas and Certificates

Post Baccalaureate	Outside Russet; Inside Orange
Education	Outside Blue; Inside Orange
Emergency Management	Outside White; Inside Green
Public Administration & Management	Outside Orange; Inside Green
Government Management	Outside Orange; Inside Green
Engineering Technology	Outside Green; Inside Orange
Engineering	Outside White; Inside Green
Certificates	Outside White; Inside Orange

Graduand A candidate for a degree, diploma or certificate for whom the Senate has approved one or more credentials.

Graduate An individual who has successfully completed an academic program of study and upon whom the Senate has conferred at least one degree, diploma or certificate.

Graduation That point in the convocation ceremony marked by the receipt of a parchment indicating conferral of a degree, diploma or certificate. A graduate need not have attended Convocation for conferral of their credential(s).

Convocation The ceremonial gathering of an assembly for the conferral of degrees, diplomas and certificates.

Chancellor The titular head of the University and the presiding officer of convocation. As the ceremonial head of the University, the Chancellor confers all degrees, diplomas and certificates on behalf of the University.

Congratulations

to the Spring Graduating Class of 2025

Cape Breton University is proud to acknowledge our high-calibre faculty members and university leaders for their role in inspiring this year's graduates. We would also like to thank our dedicated staff members who provide services and support all year long to enhance each student's experience.



Bilynda Whiting
University Registrar



Dr. Rod Nicholls
Interim Academic Vice-President (Provost)



Catherine Arseneau
Dean, Library and Cultural Resources



Laurianne Sylvester
Dean, Unama'ki College

Congratulations

to the Spring Graduating Class of 2025



Dr. Ellyn Lyle
Dean, School of Education and Health



Dr. John Nadeau
Dean, Shannon School of Business



Dr. Kimberley Lamarche
Dean, School of Nursing



Dr. Andrew Parnaby
Dean, School of Arts and Social Sciences



Dr. Stephanie MacQuarrie
Dean, School of Science and Technology

Honorary Degree Recipient

Mr. John Gracie

Cape Breton University is delighted to honour and recognize an acclaimed singer-songwriter who promotes the spirit and culture of Cape Breton and Nova Scotia through his music, Mr. John Gracie.

John Gracie is a multiple award-winning singer-songwriter and JUNO nominee, born and raised on North Street in Glace Bay, just a stone's throw from the Atlantic Ocean. Deeply shaped by Cape Breton's rugged coastline and cultural richness, his music reflects the spirit of the sea, the coal mines and the people of Cape Breton and Nova Scotia. As the son of a coal miner, John's early songs paid tribute to the working-class heroes of his hometown.

One of his most personal songs, *Seabird's Cry*, was inspired by time spent with his father at the Glace Bay wharf, watching the seagulls and talking about life, simple moments that quietly shaped his path and his perspective. His mother, hearing her five-year-old singing behind the coal stove, recognized his talent and put money away weekly so he could attend vocal lessons.

After university, John began performing across Cape Breton, including unforgettable nights at Cape Breton University, then known as UCCB. He fondly recalls nights at the campus pub where the music, laughter and energy of the crowd cemented his love for performing and connecting with people through song.

His talent soon took him across the globe, appearing on national television and proudly sharing the music and stories of his home region with international audiences. He has released 15 albums in genres including Folk, Americana, Country and Swing Jazz, along with best-selling Christmas projects.

John has long used his music as a force for good, writing songs to support food banks, promote social justice and honour frontline heroes. He was commissioned to write *I'll Be Your Voice*, a moving tribute to nurses and healthcare workers, which resonated deeply during the pandemic.

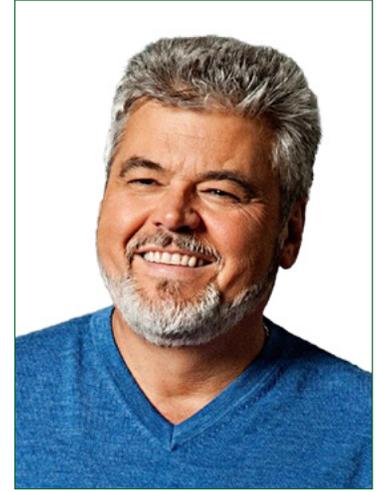
His powerful ballad *Kiss Me* brings attention to the often-overlooked reality of homelessness, shining a compassionate light on the struggles faced by those living on the streets. The song highlights how mental illness and addiction are at the heart of this crisis, urging listeners to look beyond stereotypes and see the human beings behind the hardship.

His highly reviewed album, *A Gene MacLellan Tribute*, also reflects his deep respect for Canadian songwriters.

One of John's most beloved songs, *Cape Breton Christmas Morn*, sparked a beautiful tradition at Wentworth Park, where he launched an annual Christmas concert that continued for over a decade. His goal was always simple: to help families of Industrial Cape Breton create new memories in the same place where generations before them had gathered.

Now living in Dartmouth, John remains deeply connected to Cape Breton. He is married to Andree Morrison Gracie and is a proud father to John Coady, Samantha and Nash.

Today, Cape Breton University confers the degree Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, on a man who has used his voice not just to sing, but to tell stories that matter, to make people feel seen, to bring comfort and to shine a light on causes close to his heart, Mr. John Gracie.



Honorary Degree Recipient

Ms. Laura Lee Langley

Cape Breton University is delighted to honour and recognize a talented and dedicated public servant who has spent her career promoting and building Nova Scotia's reputation across the country and around the world, Ms. Laura Lee Langley.

Ms. Langley has a wealth of experience in public sector management. Before joining Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency on July 2, 2024, as President, she served for 27 years in the Nova Scotia Public Service, most of that time in the senior ranks. Since 2016, she has served as Deputy Minister of the Office of the Nova Scotia Premier, Deputy Minister of Treasury Board, Clerk of the Executive Council, Nova Scotia Public Service Commissioner, Head of the Nova Scotia Public Service and CEO of Communications Nova Scotia, concurrently. Prior to this, she led various other departments in a Deputy or Associate Deputy Minister role.

She has demonstrated success in engaging employees while working in complex systems, tackling complex problems and driving a whole-of-government, citizen-centred approach to developing public policy. She is interested in transforming how we work in Westminster's model of government while advancing the modernization of public service.

Ms. Langley is a sought-after speaker on leadership, workplace communication and leading in complex systems, and is a certified facilitator in understanding and seeing organizational systems. She has a Master of Public Administration from Dalhousie University (2002) and a Master of Arts in Leadership from Royal Roads University (2015). She joined the Nova Scotia public service after more than 15 years as a journalist, working for both CTV and Global News.

Ms. Langley has served as a board member for various professional and community organizations and is a known advocate for diversity and inclusion. She has been recognized by the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission as a Champion of the Workplace. In 2018, she was recognized as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women as a strategic and engaging public-sector leader. In 2024, she received the Public Policy Forum's Frank McKenna Award for her leadership in public service and the King Charles III Coronation Medal. In 2025, she was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Administration.

Ms. Langley is from Sydney and currently lives in Oakfield, Nova Scotia, with her family.

Today, Cape Breton University confers the degree Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, on a trailblazer for women in leadership and a deep-rooted, life-long commitment to all Nova Scotians, Ms. Laura Lee Langley.



Honorary Degree Recipient

Ms. Nancy Regan

Cape Breton University is delighted to honour and recognize a celebrated television personality and trusted media professional who credits much of her strong sense of community, storytelling and authenticity to her family ties to Cape Breton, Ms. Nancy Regan.

Currently the host of *Showing Up* on Eastlink TV, Nancy started her television career on CTV Atlantic. She built her reputation and profile over 15 years at the helm of *Live at 5*, a highly-rated news magazine that dominated the Maritime television market for the duration of her tenure, averaging a nightly audience of 350,000 viewers.

In this role, Nancy had the opportunity to connect with people from every walk of life on the East Coast of Canada. She also interviewed many of the biggest stars in the entertainment industry, such as Oprah, Madonna and Harrison Ford, to name a few. She served as the national host of *That News Show* and *Good Morning Canada* while it was based on the East Coast.

Nancy began acting while studying English at St. Francis Xavier University, and her passion led to professional roles on stage at Halifax's Neptune Theatre and in many television and film productions such as *Haven*, *The Trailer Park Boys* and *Reversible Errors*.

During the pandemic, Nancy wrote her first book, which became a National Bestseller within two weeks of its release. *From Showing Off to Showing Up* is a disarmingly honest account of a life spent mainly in the spotlight. The subtitle, *An Impostor's Journey from Perfect to Present*, hints at her personal path from carefully concealed insecurity to confidence.

This path has also led to her new TV endeavour, *Showing Up*, in which she joyfully profiles people in our region who are living their lives in dynamic, authentic ways, driven by purpose and passion rather than the expectations of others.

Contribution is a guiding principle in Nancy's life, and over the decades of her career, she has donated her time and talent to countless charitable organizations in Halifax and beyond. She was a long-time co-host of the *Christmas Daddies Telethon* and the *IWK Telethon*. She is the host of *Holiday Magic*, an annual televised fundraiser for Dartmouth General Hospital. She has even gone so far as to step into the ring for a celebrity boxing match, raising money and awareness for Shelter Nova Scotia.

Above all, she is a dedicated mother of three whose family inspires her ongoing growth as a communicator and leader.

Today, Cape Breton University confers the degree Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, on an inspirational role model for Maritimers and a true advocate for authenticity and finding your life's purpose, Ms. Nancy Regan.



Convocation Ceremonial Elements



Cape Breton University Coat of Arms

The Cape Breton University Coat of Arms, imprinted on all of our parchments, is a multi-cultural design based on our Mi'kmaw and Celtic heritage. The fox, the eagle and the rich greenery are native to Cape Breton Island and are a reference to the University's beautiful surroundings. The fox is known for its intelligence and indicates the intellectual pursuits involved in acquiring a degree. It is a reference to the University's founder, Dr. Donald F. Campbell, known as the "silver fox." The eagle represents intelligence and idealism. It also honours the unique connections between Cape Breton University and the Mi'kmaw community.

The Canterbury Cap is symbolic of higher learning. The mayflowers are the floral emblem of Nova Scotia.

THEID DÌCHIOILL AIR THOISEACH: This is a Gaelic phrase meaning "Perseverance will Triumph."

The Cape Breton sloop is taken from the Great Seal of the Colony of Cape Breton (1784-1820) and honours the University's location. The wavy bands of blue and white suggest the ocean and the Bras d'Or Lake. The spruce boughs honour the First Nations who were the first inhabitants of the Island, and the maple leaf refers to Canada. The keys and the open book allude to the idea of unlocking knowledge.



Valedictorian

CBU has a longstanding tradition of electing a high-achieving student who embodies CBU's Graduate Attributes and has made significant contributions to the CBU community during their studies as the valedictorian. This distinguished individual will deliver the valedictory address at the CBU Convocation ceremony. In this address, they will reflect on their educational journey, instill hope for the future and express gratitude to all those who supported them along the way. Derived from the Latin phrase meaning "to bid farewell," the term valedictorian encapsulates a unique opportunity to represent, inspire and bid farewell to one's graduating class.

The valedictorian also holds the important responsibility of carrying the CBU Mace during the Convocation Ceremony procession. As both Valedictorian and Mace Bearer, this student will join the procession alongside the members of the stage party at the CBU Convocation and sit on the stage during the Convocation ceremony.

Cape Breton University Mace, Chain of Office and Chairs

The Mace, given by Mr. and Mrs. Irving Schwartz in memory of Mrs. Rose Schwartz, was designed and created by Cape Breton's own jeweller and craftsman, Darryl MacLeod. The shaft of the Mace is formed by a portion of an oak window from Moxham's Castle. The top of the ornate crown is adorned with four diamonds donated by Dr. Robert Morgan in memory of his wife, Barbara, who died in 1993.

The President's Chain of Office, also designed and created by Mr. MacLeod, speaks boldly of Cape Breton University and Cape Breton. The Chain was commissioned in honour of Cape Breton University's twentieth anniversary and was donated by the partners and staff of Deloitte & Touche in honour of Mr. James W. Miller, former managing partner.

Silver thistles and gold fiddles join the Chain. The Chain also has a silver fleur de lis, a replica of a coin from the "Chameau" treasure, and a silver medallion of the Cross and Crescent of the Mi'kmaw flag. CBU's Coat of Arms shares the focal point with the Great Seal of Cape Breton. The Chain is designed to represent our ties with the French and Mi'kmaw cultures, as well as our strong Celtic ties with the Scottish, Irish and Breton settlers.

Cape Breton's best known furniture maker, Leo MacNeil, crafted two chairs for our Institution. The larger of the two chairs is used by the Chancellor during convocation ceremonies. The back of the chair has the Cape Breton University Coat of Arms hand engraved and painted. The second chair is used by the President. Both chairs have been constructed from Cape Breton oak, with green velvet seats to complement the University's colours and the green of Cape Breton.



Meet Our Valedictorians and Mace Bearers

Valedictorian - Ceremony 1

Ahmed Abdullah Mauroof

Hometown: Kandy, Sri Lanka • **Program:** Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Supply Chain Management

"CBU to me is an incredibly special place with numerous memories that I will cherish for a lifetime, especially the CAPERS Men's Soccer team winning the National Title in 2024. My days at CBU were not just restricted to books and classes, and I truly enjoyed it."

Valedictorian - Ceremony 2

Kritica Deol

Hometown: Jalandhar, India • **Program:** Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Healthcare Management

"Being away from your family and your friends is a challenge as it is, but if you have a community like CBU that loves you and welcomes you, it makes it even better. It just makes you feel that you are worth it, you are appreciated, and you can make it big in life."

Valedictorian - Ceremony 3

Samkit Jain

Hometown: Bhopal, India • **Program:** Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Healthcare Management

"When I look back at my time at CBU, beyond academics, I see growth, resilience, knowledge and connections. It has taught me that leadership isn't about standing in the front. It's about lifting others as you climb."

Valedictorian - Ceremony 4

Chika Iwuji

Hometown: Owerri, Nigeria • **Program:** Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Management

"Every experience I have had at CBU has helped me grow as a leader and connect deeply with the community in a truly inclusive environment. CBU gave me a platform to share, lead and learn, for which I am incredibly grateful."

Valedictorian - Ceremony 5

Shivani Padalia

Hometown: Morbi, India • **Program:** Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Management

“Through every challenge, I have learned that success isn’t measured by individual achievements but by how we elevate each other and give back to those who helped us along the way. It is an honour and a privilege to represent the Spring graduating class of 2025.”

Valedictorian - Ceremony 6

Rohan Vajirkar

Hometown: Mumbai, India • **Program:** Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Business Analytics

“I represent a graduating class that has studied hard, worked together and helped each other succeed. From Mumbai to graduating from Cape Breton University, the journey has been nothing short of life-changing. As we graduate, we carry forward our stories of resilience, growth and hope.”

Valedictorian - Ceremony 7

Alyssa Burke

Hometown: New Waterford, Nova Scotia • **Program:** Bachelor of Science, Honours in Chemistry

“The graduating class of 2025 is a remarkable group, resilient, diverse and driven. It’s been inspiring to grow alongside classmates who care deeply about their communities and each other.”

Valedictorian - Ceremony 8

Rabiat Yusuf

Hometown: Lagos, Nigeria • **Program:** Bachelor of Business Administration

“Looking back at my journey at CBU, I am very grateful for the experience, the challenges and the people who helped me along the way. This graduating class represents the resilience, the growth and sense of community that makes the CBU community very special.”

2025 Awards List

Both inside and outside of the classroom, students grow and develop throughout their university experience. Our award winners exemplify Cape Breton University's Graduate Attributes and have taken full advantage of the opportunities presented to them. They are active and responsible citizens who demonstrate creativity and curiosity. They communicate and collaborate effectively and maintain a strong sense of professional integrity. We are proud to congratulate each of this year's award recipients.

Graduation Awards	Recipients	Description
Judge Allan E. Sullivan Memorial Award	Mya Trimm	Awarded to a graduating student who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the study of Political Science.
Judge Allan E. Sullivan Memorial Award	Mitchell Miller	Awarded to a graduating student who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the study of Political Science.
William "Bill" Bugg Award	Seyedpouria Mousavizadeh	Awarded to the Engineering Technology student with the highest average.
Marjorie S. Jost Scholarship	Samantha Fernandez	Awarded to a student with a concentration or major in Communication who has clearly demonstrated excellence in the discipline.
John J. McCarthy Memorial Award	Kuvashin Moodley	Awarded to the student with the highest average in the final year of the BACS degree.
George Leith Community Studies Award	Mitchell Mersereau	Awarded to a BACS student who demonstrates co-operative pedagogies in their studies, leadership, interest in community issues, and places the interests of the group on an equal basis with their own personal interests.
Angus A. "Gus" Morrison Memorial Award	Lucas Cameron	Awarded to a graduating student demonstrating proficiency in history.
Dr. Donald J. MacKenzie Award	Vincent McDonald	Awarded to a graduating student demonstrating special aptitude in Celtic Studies.
Joy Jewellers Award	Grace MacKinnon	Awarded to a business student who exhibits outstanding leadership and enthusiasm in the field of business entrepreneurship.
Canadian Psychological Association - Academic Excellence	Ariel Coish	Awarded to graduating BA or BSc Honours Psychology student for recognition of excellence in their program.
Canadian Psychological Association - Academic Excellence	Kiyara Letlow	Awarded to graduating BA or BSc Honours Psychology student for recognition of excellence in their program.
Canadian Psychological Association - Academic Excellence	Catherine Morrison	Awarded to graduating BA or BSc Honours Psychology student for recognition of excellence in their program.
EPIC Society Volunteerism Award	Samantha Fernandez	Awarded to a graduating student-athlete demonstrating community involvement and academic excellence.

Canadian Society for Chemistry Medal	Paige Allaby	Canadian Society for Chemistry Medal - in recognition of the highest academic standing in Chemistry in 2025 at Cape Breton University.
Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering Medal	Diya Biju	Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering Medal - in recognition of the highest academic standing in Chemical Engineering in 2025 at Cape Breton University.
Chaplaincy Award	Calmero Edwards	Awarded to a student who has expressed a desire to strengthen our community and has lived the values of service, hospitality and compassion for others.
Murdena Marshall Science Award	Jamey Toney-Gagne	Awarded to a Mi'kmaw student graduating from a natural science or natural science related program.
Wendy MacKenzie Biology Award	Anna Fenton	Awarded to a fourth-year BSc (Biology) student with the highest average in Biology courses.
CBU Alumni Association Graduation Award	Rabiatu Yusuf	Awarded to a graduating student who exemplifies the values of Cape Breton University as they pursue continued academic excellence.
CBU Alumni Association Graduation Award	Nicolas Farrell	Awarded to a graduating student who exemplifies the values of Cape Breton University as they pursue continued academic excellence.
CBU Alumni Association Graduation Award	Madison Headley	Awarded to a graduating student who exemplifies the values of Cape Breton University as they pursue continued academic excellence.
CBU Alumni Association Graduation Award	Brigid Milburn	Awarded to a graduating student who exemplifies the values of Cape Breton University as they pursue continued academic excellence.
Dr. Judith A. Rolls Scholarship	Morgan MacInnis	Award to a Communication student who exemplifies excellence in speech, scholarship and dedication to the discipline.
Dr. Judith A. Rolls Scholarship	Jeffrey Genter	Award to a Communication student who exemplifies excellence in speech, scholarship and dedication to the discipline.
Norm Smith Graduation Trophy & Award	Ava Graham	Awarded to a graduating student advancing to professional or graduate studies, dedicated to building a meaningful career of service and distinction.
C.W. MacDonald Memorial Trophy & Award	Bryanna MacLean	Awarded to a student studying part-time and who exhibits leadership and scholarship.
Allister McIntyre Memorial Trophy & Award	Kiyara Letlow	Awarded to a student with an outstanding record in leadership, scholarship and character.
Glen Patrick Moore Memorial Trophy & Award	Jamey Toney-Gagne	Awarded to a student who displays outstanding leadership, concern for others and contributes to the quality of life at CBU, and who exemplifies the university motto, "Perseverance Will Triumph."
Connor Timmons Memorial Trophy & Award	Carter Brown	Awarded to a graduating student-athlete demonstrating community involvement and academic excellence.

CBU Award of Excellence	David Okeniyi	Awarded to a graduating student with the highest average in Diploma in Public Administration & Management.
CBU Award of Excellence	Remitha Mohan	Awarded to a graduating student with the highest average in Post-Baccalaureate program Diploma in Business Management.
CBU Award of Excellence	Huajun Du	Awarded to a graduating student with the highest average in Post-Baccalaureate program Diploma in Supply Chain Management.
CBU Award of Excellence	Gunika Setia	Awarded to a graduating student with the highest average in Post-Baccalaureate program Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety Management.
CBU Award of Excellence	Julia Hajaj	Awarded to a graduating student with the highest average in Post-Baccalaureate program Diploma in Health Care Management.
CBU Award of Excellence	Zhe Dang	Awarded to a graduating student with the highest average in Post-Baccalaureate program Diploma in Business Analytics.
CBU Award of Excellence	Jing Su	Awarded to a graduating student with the highest average in Diploma in Government Management.

Cape Breton University Silver Medals for Academic Achievement

Highest academic standing	Morgan MacInnis	Bachelor of Arts - 4-year program
Highest academic standing	Faith Pelley	Bachelor of Arts - 3-year program
Highest academic standing	Mitchell Mersereau	Bachelor of Arts Community Studies - 4-yr program
Highest academic standing	Samantha Fernandez	Bachelor of Arts Community Studies - 3-yr program
Highest academic standing	Connie Moon Martin	Bachelor of Business Administration
Highest academic standing	Rashidi Amiri	Engineering Diploma
Highest academic standing	Markus Keller	Bachelor of Engineering Technology
Highest academic standing	Hena Siddique	Bachelor of Health Sciences (Public Health)
Highest academic standing	Babu Ram Khadka	Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management
Highest academic standing	Anna Fenton	Bachelor of Science - 4-year program
Highest academic standing	Lauren McNeil	Bachelor of Science - 3-year program
Highest academic standing	Jennifer Campbell	Bachelor of Arts and Science in Environment
Highest academic standing	Morgan Shusterman	Bachelor of Emergency Management
Highest academic standing	Brooke Collicutt	Bachelor of Social Work

Governor General's Medals for Academic Achievement

The Governor General's Collegiate Bronze Medal	Colby Aucoin
The Governor General's Silver Medal	Kiyara Letlow
The Governor General's Gold Medal	Jennifer Carroll

We Rise Again

Dr. Leon Dubinsky

When the waves roll on over the waters,
And the ocean cries,
We look to our sons and daughters
To explain our lives—
As if a child could tell us why
That as sure as the sunrise,
As sure as the sea,
As sure as the wind in the trees...

Chorus:

We rise again in the faces of our children;
We rise again in the voices of our song;
We rise again in the waves out on the ocean—
And then we rise again.

When the light goes dark with the forces of creation
Across a stormy sky,
We look to reincarnation
To explain our lives —
As if a child could tell us why
That as sure as the sunrise,
As sure as the sea,
As sure as the wind in the trees...

Chorus (twice)

Congratulations

2025 Spring Graduates