



SFU

Indigenous Student Centre

HONOURING FEAST

Celebrating First Nations, Métis and Inuit graduates
October 8th, 2025

SFU 50 YEARS

#SFUIndigenous

We raise our hands and give thanks to recognize and honour that we are on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷə́yəm (Musqueam), Sk̓w̓x̓wú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), sə́lilwə́taʔɬ (Tsleil-Waututh), ǵíćə́y (Katzie), kʷíkʷə́łəm (Kwíkwetlem), Qayqayt, Kwantlen, Semiahmoo and Tsawwassen peoples on whose unceded traditional territories our three campuses reside.

PROGRAM

Chris Syeta'xtn Lewis, Audrey Heath and Treena Chambers
Masters of Ceremonies

1:00 PM
Doors open

2:00 PM
Formal Program Begins with Graduate Procession Entry

Squamish Ocean Canoe Family

Elder Syexwaliya and Elder Jackie
Opening Words of Welcome and Prayer

SFU President Joy Johnson

Tiara Cash
Graduate Student Speaker/Performer

Asma-na-hi Antoine
Graduate Student Speaker

James Houle
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association Speaker

Recognition of Graduates

Lilliana Armstrong
Undergraduate Student Performance

Closing Remarks

Unkie Pixie Wells
Closing Words

Reception

Congratulations

On behalf of the Indigenous Student Centre, heartfelt congratulations on your graduation! Today's Honouring Feast is a celebration not only of your academic success but of your entire educational journey and the meaningful contributions you've made to the ISC and SFU community. Your presence has helped reclaim and create space for Indigenous ways of knowing in places not originally built to include them, paving the way for future generations. As you move forward, may you carry the teachings of Hands Back... Hands Forward—honouring the wisdom of those before you and sharing that knowledge with those yet to come. Your education is a powerful tool for change, and we know you'll continue to make a lasting impact. Congratulations, and may your next chapter be filled with endless opportunities, meaningful connections, and continued growth.

OCTOBER 2025

SFU INDIGENOUS, FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT GRADUATES

Total credentials conferred on Indigenous students

11 GRADUATE STUDENTS

6 Doctoral Degrees

- 1 Doctor of Fine Arts, *Honoris Causa*
- 1 Doctor of Laws, *Honoris Causa*
- 4 Doctor of Philosophy

4 Masters Degrees

- 3 Master of Education
- 1 Master of Science

1 Graduate Diploma

- 1 Graduate Diploma in Education

38 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

17 Bachelor Degrees

- 1 Bachelor of Applied Science
- 13 Bachelor of Arts
- 2 Bachelor of Business Administration
- 1 Bachelor of Environment

11 Undergraduate Diploma

- 10 Diploma in First Nations Language Proficiency
- 1 Post Baccalaureate Diploma (Education)

13 Undergraduate Certificates

- 11 Certificate in Indigenous Language Proficiency
- 1 Certificate in Indigenous Studies Research
- 1 Certificate in Police Studies

**DOCTOR OF FINE ARTS,
HONORIS CAUSA**

Zacharias Kunuk

**DOCTOR OF LAWS,
HONORIS CAUSA**

Cindy Blackstock

**FACULTY OF
APPLIED SCIENCES**

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Nick Chu

**FACULTY OF ARTS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Tiara Cash

Michaela McGuire

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lilliana Armstrong

Clairissa Charlie

Shirley Charlie

Vernadean Douglas

Mary Henry

Darlene Jim

Barbara Louie

Rachel McCoy

Haley McLean

Clayton Qwulshemut

Adam Thomas

**CERTIFICATE IN INDIGENOUS
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Sose Aleck

Noli Eastmure

Candace Jack

Mundy Joe

Angela Johnson

Justin Johnson

Monica Primozić

Nevaeh Rufus

Mariann Seward

Mary Jane Smith

Judy Ventry

**CERTIFICATE IN INDIGENOUS
STUDIES RESEARCH**

Jessica Kingfisher

CERTIFICATE IN POLICE STUDIES

Rachel McCoy

**DIPLOMA IN INDIGENOUS
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

Clairissa Charlie

Larissa Dixon

Maureen Harris

Nadia Humchitt

Roberta Joe

Ashley Louie

Janelle Paige

Jennifer Rosbourough

Elizabeth Tom

Alvin Walkus

BEEIDIE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

**BACHELOR OF BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**

Karen Lidder

Sean McCloskey

**FACULTY OF
COMMUNICATION,
ART AND TECHNOLOGY**

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ryan Leong

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Asma-na-hi Antoine

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Shanelle Bath

Dianne Natrall

Jessica Rainey

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION

Krista Boyes

POST BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA (EDUCATION)

Hanna Tolton

FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Skye Augustine

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jessica Kingfisher

BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENT

Ellen Watters

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Kiera Tsakonas

Thank you for supporting the October 2025 Honouring Feast Ceremony

The Indigenous Student Centre staff would like to thank our SFU family for all of the wonderful support provided.

HONOURING FEAST WORKING GROUP

Elizabeth Adams, Coordinator, Indigenous Student Life, Indigenous Student Centre

Treena Chambers, Coordinator, Indigenous Student Life, Indigenous Student Centre

Jeffery Chau, Data Coordinator, Ceremonies & Events

Neil Gatpandan, Event Coordinator, Ceremonies & Events

Audrey Heath, Coordinator, Indigenous Administration & Events, Indigenous Student Centre

Heidi Kwong, Acting Associate Director, Ceremonies & Events

WE ALSO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR HELPFUL SUPPORT

SFU Elders and Knowledge Sharers

SFU Indigenous Student Centre

First Nations, Métis & Inuit Student Association

SFU Ceremonies & Events

SFU Communications & Marketing

SFU Staff, Student and Community Volunteers

SFU Indigenous
Student Centre



Office for
Indigenous Peoples



SFU First Nations, Métis
& Inuit Student Association

