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# Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and **leave a trail.**

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### Procession

**Spirit Vision Singers and Dancers** 

Welcome message Chief Claire Sault, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

Convocation welcome Provost and Vice President, Academic

National anthem Performed by Zalyzza Govia and Julia Schwartz, Honours Bachelor of Music Theatre Performance

Convocation address President and Vice Chancellor

Valedictorian address

Bronze Medal Award recipient

Conferral of degrees, diplomas and certificates

Samantha Lewis Governor General's Silver Medal Award recipient Valeria Marquez Gallego Governor General's Collegiate

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# Valedictorians



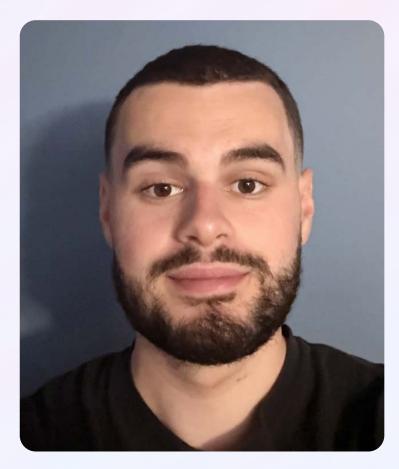
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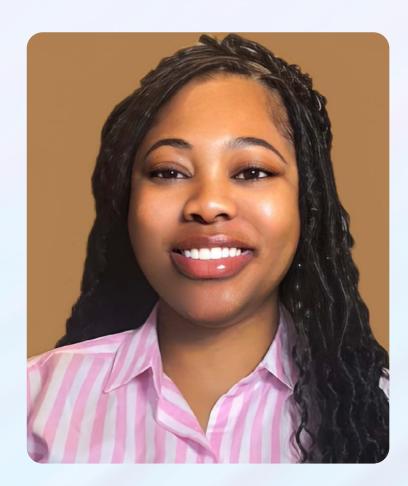
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Tishika Soni

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## The Sheridan mace



For hundreds of years, postsecondary institutions around the world have used maces to symbolize dignity, sovereignty and authenticity. The Sheridan mace features three bent oak wood flutes (one for each campus) that flare out at the top to suggest Sheridan's future. Stainless steel rings that symbolize the College's faculties converge into a top segment representing a united Sheridan. Etched into the top is the iconic Sheridan S.

## The Sheridan mace

Traditionally, the Sheridan mace was carried in the academic procession and placed in its cradle on stage, signalling the start of Convocation. It's important to note, however, that prior to the mace being used in academic traditions, its historical origin as an instrument of violence and control — often within colonial and hierarchical systems — can carry unintended connotations. Given this historical context, some institutions, including Sheridan, are beginning to reflect more critically on the symbolism of the mace. These reflections are part of ongoing efforts to ensure that our traditions resonate with today's values of equity, inclusion and reconciliation.

Learn more about the mace's conceptualization and fabrication

## Tradition of the gown

The tradition of the gown began in the medieval universities of Europe. The practice became more widespread when gowns were established as the official dress of academics in the 14th century. Historians believe the long gowns may have been necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings used by medieval scholars or may reflect the strong ties that existed between academic and religious institutions.

Sheridan faculty in the procession today wear distinctive gowns that signify the institutions from which they graduated and the degrees they have earned. The gown for the baccalaureate degree typically has pointed sleeves, while the gown for the master's degree typically has longer, oblong sleeves. The gown representing a doctorate has large, full sleeves with three bars of velvet on each sleeve. Sheridan graduates wear royal blue gowns.

## Orange honour cord



The orange honour cord is awarded to students who, in addition to completing their undergraduate degrees, have completed the Sheridan Board Undergraduate Certificates in either Creativity and Creative Problem Solving or Resilience, Ethics and Adaptation.

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# Office of Indigenous Engagement and Education



Office of Indigenous Engagement and Education

As a special honorary recognition, the Office of Indigenous Engagement and Education is proud to gift sweetgrass and a beaded thunderbird pin to Indigenous graduates. When used in ceremony, sweetgrass is often braided into three strands which represent mind, body and

spirit. The braid is then tied in a knot, symbolizing the joining of these three aspects into one.

The logo on the thunderbird pin represents the Northwest Coast Thunderbird, and was designed by Madison Johns, an Indigenous student in Sheridan's Faculty of Animation, Arts & Design. The pin was beaded by Katie Chapman.

Katie is a mixed-Mohawk woman from the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory and is a member of the Haudenosaunee Wolf Clan. Beading with purpose, her work embodies life. The thunderbird pins presented today represent power and strength for the Indigenous graduates.

# Spirit Vision Singers and Dancers

#### Dancers

#### **Sharon Johns**

With over 26 years of experience, Sharon Johns is a dedicated dancer who began her journey with the Jingle Dress and now dances as a Fancy Shawl Dancer. The Women's Fancy Shawl Dance, a

relatively recent addition to the powwow trail, originated in the northern regions of Indian Country. This style is known for its vibrant energy, rapid footwork and brightly coloured shawls worn draped over the shoulders. Sharon's dancing exemplifies the strength, grace and expression of this beautiful tradition.

# Spirit Vision Singers and Dancers

Dancers

Kristen Johns

Kristen Johns has been dancing for over 14 years, beginning as a Traditional Dancer and now performing as a Jingle Dress Dancer.

The Jingle Dress Dance is widely recognized as a healing dance. Women who wear this

dress carry a sacred responsibility and are often called upon to dance for those who are sick, injured or in mourning. The power of this dance is believed to emanate from the jingling sound of the dress cones, which call to the spirits with every movement in harmony with the drum.

Modern Jingle Dress Dancing features rows of carefully placed cones and showcases intricate footwork, poise and spiritual strength. Kristen's presence and performance honour the deep significance of this sacred role.

# Spirit Vision Singers and Dancers

Singers

Jamie Johns and Luke Johns

Together, Jamie and Luke Johns lead Spirit Vision Singers, a drum group with over 26 years of history and more than 50 years of combined experience.

Founded in the spirit of community and

cultural strength, Spirit Vision Singers has always been more than just a name — it's a commitment. The term "Spirit Vision" represents a way of life: staying grounded in our spiritual walk, focused on traditional values and guided by the strength of our ancestors.

Over the years, friends and family have come and gone, but the heartbeat of Spirit Vision remains strong — a drum, a voice and a vision that continues to inspire and uplift all who hear it.

# Sheridan Alumni Class of 2025

Congratulations on your graduation, and welcome to the Sheridan Alumni community!

You are now part of a vibrant network of more than 235,000 trailblazers in business, arts, science, technology, community services and healthcare. Today marks the beginning of your journey to become a catalyst for change and to strive toward limitless possibilities.

We encourage you to take advantage of Forever Blue — an exciting new app designed exclusively for Sheridan graduates. Forever Blue provides you with your digital alumni card and lets you learn and grow through your alma mater. Join now and dive into a world of exclusive benefits, discounts, and access to events and professional growth opportunities.

As you take your next steps, know that Sheridan is always here for you supporting your aspirations and cheering you on every step of the way.

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# Sheridan Alumni

# FOREVER BILLE

From the entire Sheridan Alumni team, we raise a toast to your ongoing success. Your achievements inspire us and today we celebrate you. Welcome to a future of excitement, possibilities and infinite horizons.

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# **Bloom Affirmations**

Poet Laureate poem

I have pinned the past like butterfly to board, meticulously spread out each second to look back on, and still I have never captured soft wingbeats, spiralling heights, a draft rising fast to accelerate flight.

It is easy to dwell on library books, late classes, new friends, on knowledge, expansive, pouring in, but I cannot memorize the precise path I soared. Instead, look forward:

As the brilliance of sun on snow is reincarnated in the glow of fresh trilliums, change does not always mean loss. It is spring, and the dew-beaded petals are opening.

# **Bloom Affirmations**

Poet Laureate poem

I tuck my paper-like wings between them, become indistinguishable from a bloom. I fold myself into the world, and it grows to hold me.

As the umbrellas of dandelions leave the plant but carry the seed, moving on is not letting go.

Everything I've loved lives on in me as rings in the core of a tree. Although I can no longer fit the shell of a chrysalis, I am incapable of forgetting the act of being rearranged. My etchings will not fade.

As the unpulled roots of culled weeds claw up between sealed

# stone fissures, lessons learned reinvent themselves and return.

# **Bloom Affirmations**

Poet Laureate poem

Every studied line inscribed in my mind, every teacher, official or improvised, every assigned challenge will loop back as a guide. I have siphoned truths from ripe orange hearts, from bird beaks, I will use the map they granted me.

For so long I clung to the soft sleeves of study partners, hovered by the blue screen glow of a morning class online, or until 11:59 to the warm wash of lamplight. Because my insect legs held tight, because my many eyes stayed focused, I have learned of the open and endless sky.

I notice all the ways I have been designed to rise on a breeze, to survey, to thrive.

#### Nicola Dodds

# Honours Bachelor of Creative Writing and Publishing, 2025

Monday, June 2 | 4 p.m. **Pilon School of Business Office Administration – Executive Office Administration – Health Services** 

#### Sheridan College at CCTT

**Business Analysis and Process Management** Human Resources Management **International Business Management** Marketing Management Office Administration – Executive **Project Management** 

#### 7:30 p.m.

**Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Applied Creativity and Innovation General Arts and Science** Honours Bachelor of Creative Writing

#### and Publishing

**Pre-Health Sciences Pathway to Advanced Diplomas and Degrees** 

**Teaching English to Speakers of Other** Languages (TESOL Plus)

Monday, June 2 | 7:30 p.m.

**Continuing and Professional Studies** 

**Building Environmental Systems Operator** 

Building Environmental Systems Operator – Class 2

**Business Analysis** 

**Commercial Construction Management** 

# Criminal Psychology and Behaviour Digital Photography French – Conversational Proficiency Home Inspection Training Program Human Resource Management

- Management Development Series
- Project Management
- Small Business Bookkeeping
- Visual Design Interior Decorating

**Tuesday, June 3 | 10 a.m. Pilon School of Business** Advertising – Account Management Advertising and Marketing Communications Advertising and Marketing Communications – Management Business – Marketing

# Business Administration – Marketing Human Resources Management Marketing Management

#### 1 p.m.

Business Analysis and Process Management Creative Industries Management Project Management

#### 4 p.m.

**Business** 

#### **Business – Accounting**

**Business Administration – Accounting** 

**International Business Management** 

Tuesday, June 3 | 7:30 p.m. Pilon School of Business Business – Finance Business – Human Resources Business Administration – Finance Business Administration – Human Resources Honours Bachelor of Business Administration (Accounting)

Honours Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance)

Honours Bachelor of Business Administration (Human Resources Management)

Honours Bachelor of Business Administration (Marketing Management)

Honours Bachelor of Business Administration (Supply Chain Management)

**Professional Accounting** 

Wednesday, June 4 | 10 a.m.

Faculty of Applied Health and Community Studies

Animal Care

**Clinical Research** 

Honours Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences (Athletic Therapy)

Honours Bachelor of Health Sciences (Kinesiology and Health Promotion) Personal Support Worker Pharmacy Technician Practical Nursing Regulatory Affairs Veterinary Technician

Wednesday, June 4 | 1 p.m.

Faculty of Applied Health and Community Studies

**Child and Youth Care** 

**Community and Justice Services** 

Honours Bachelor of Community Safety

Honours Bachelor of Social and Community Development

Investigation – Public and Private

Paralegal

**Police Foundations** 

Social Service Worker

Social Service Worker – Gerontology

Wednesday, June 4 | 4 p.m. Faculty of Animation, Arts & Design Art and Art History **Digital Communication** Honours Bachelor of Music Theatre Performance Journalism Media Fundamentals

**Performing Arts – Preparation** 

Public Relations – Corporate Communications

**Technical Production for the** Performing Arts Industry

**Theatre and Drama Studies** 

Faculty of Applied Health and **Community Studies** Early Childhood Education **Educational Support** 

Honours Bachelor of Early Childhood Leadership

Wednesday, June 4 | 7:30 p.m.

Faculty of Animation, Arts & Design

Advanced Special Effects Makeup Prosthetics and Props

Advanced Television and Film

Art Fundamentals

**Digital Product Design** 

**Honours Bachelor of Animation** 

Honours Bachelor of Craft and Design Honours Bachelor of Experiential Design Honours Bachelor of Film and Television Honours Bachelor of Game Design Honours Bachelor of Illustration Honours Bachelor of Interaction Design Honours Bachelor of Interior Design Honours Bachelor of Photography Interior Decorating Makeup for Media and Creative Arts Visual and Creative Arts Visual and Creative Arts – Advanced Visual Merchandising Design

- Thursday, June 5 | 10 a.m.
- Faculty of Applied Science and Technology
- **Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)**
- **Computer Programming**
- Computer Systems Technician Information Technology Infrastructure and Services
- **Computer Systems Technician**
- Software Engineering

Computer Systems Technology – Analysis and Design

Computer Systems Technology – Information Systems Engineering

Computer Systems Technology – Software Development and Network Engineering

**Computer Systems Technology** 

Systems Analyst

Honours Bachelor of Computer Science (Mobile Computing)

Honours Bachelor of Information Sciences (Cyber Security)

#### Interactive Media Management

**Internet Communications Technology** 

Thursday, June 5 | 1 p.m.

Faculty of Applied Science and Technology

**Advanced Manufacturing Management** 

**Bachelor of Engineering** (Electrical Engineering – Honours)

**Bachelor of Engineering** (Mechanical Engineering – Honours)

**Chemical Engineering Technology Chemical Engineering Technology**  Environmental **Chemical Laboratory Technician Computer Engineering Technician Computer Engineering Technology Electromechanical Engineering Technician Electromechanical Engineering Technology Electronics Engineering Technician Electronics Engineering Technology Environmental Control Environmental Technician** 

#### **Internet of Things and Machine Intelligence**

#### Thursday, June 5 | 1 p.m.

**Mechanical Engineering Technician** 

Mechanical Engineering Technician – Design

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Mechanical Engineering Technology – Design

**Quality Assurance** 

Manufacturing and Management

**Technology Fundamentals** 

Sheridan College at CCTT Chemical Laboratory Technician Computer Engineering Technician Plumbing Technician

Thursday, June 5 | 4 p.m. Faculty of Applied Science and Technology **Architectural Technician Architectural Technology Electrical Engineering Technician Electrical Techniques** 

**Electrician Construction/Maintenance Apprentice General Machinist Apprentice/Pre-Apprentice Industrial Electrician Apprentice** Industrial Mechanic Millwright Apprentice Manufacturing Management Mechanical Technician/Techniques – CNC & Precision Machining Mechanical Techniques – Plumbing Plumber – Level 3 **Plumbing Technician Tool and Die Maker Apprentice Urban Design** 

Welding and Fabrication Technician

Welding Techniques

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Welding and Fabrication Technician