



*Convocation Ceremonies
June 2015*

Message from the **CHANCELLOR**

Congratulations to our graduates on this very special day. I am honoured to celebrate this milestone in your lives – with you, your family and friends.

Convocation recognizes the commitment and energy needed to attain this great achievement. As you have learned over your student experience, education is hard work. While among you there are many different dreams, they have in common the challenges that ask you for all the dedication, sacrifice and effort you have to give. Today is the beginning of the return on your educational investment, and it is wonderful to anticipate where the future will take you.

I encourage you to be adventurous and have confidence in your ideas. Surround yourself with valued mentors and friends. Hike the paths that extend your limits, both physically and in every endeavour you undertake. Recognize that new technologies offer innovative possibilities to take the lead in defining new businesses, improving services and professional practice, and enriching the quality of our interactions.

Remember that a university education has value for the opportunity it provides to create a future not just for yourselves but for others, in your own unique way, with the knowledge you have gained and the talent and character you possess.

From the moment you cross the stage today, you are a symbol of everything your university represents. Ryerson is renowned for giving you an awareness of the world, and preparing you to contribute with understanding, spirit and strength. All the best on your journey.

Lawrence S. Bloomberg, C.M., O.Ont.



Message from the **PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR**

The graduating class of 2015 is taking Ryerson forward at a dynamic time. I am proud to congratulate you, and welcome your guests on this wonderful occasion.

Your achievement is part of our rising reputation as a university where great things happen. This year Ryerson opened its gateway on Yonge Street with the Student Learning Centre, launched the Ryerson Law Practice Program, expanded innovation with entrepreneurial zones in Design Fabrication, Fashion, Transmedia and Social Ventures, and was ranked among top employers in the Greater Toronto Area.

Ryerson was recognized with Emmy and Fulbright Awards, the Governor General's Literary Award, and an international award for Diversity and Innovation. We have two new Canada Research Chairs bringing the total to thirteen, and three Ryerson researchers were selected by the Royal Society of Canada as inaugural members of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. Competitive distinction took Ryerson to the podium in business ethics, baseball analytics, social innovation, architectural design, environmental sustainability, and public policy. The Ryerson Rams made history with a record number of teams making the playoffs, and men's basketball winning bronze at the Mattamy Athletic Centre with the national championships hosted in Toronto for the first time.

This is your Ryerson experience, and your legacy. You have built the university over your time with us, and we are a reflection of your participation and spirit. Our new Academic Plan, entitled *Our Time To Lead*, sets the pace advancing innovation in programs, research, city-building and community engagement. As our graduates, we are proud to say "this is your time to lead too" in exploring your own path and taking Ryerson with you wherever you go.

It is a joy to recognize your lifelong connection and vital share in our progress, and wish you all the very best.

Sheldon Levy



Message from the **PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC**

Convocation is a proud moment: a time to celebrate and reflect. At Ryerson you made choices and friendships that shaped you. People close to you can see the difference, and it is partly this transformation that we honour today. Your earlier choice – to be part of the Ryerson community – meant for some of you and your families a major change, even a risk. I would like to thank all of the people who got you here and supported you – the ones who helped you find new options, trusted your judgment, and saw the point of your ambition.

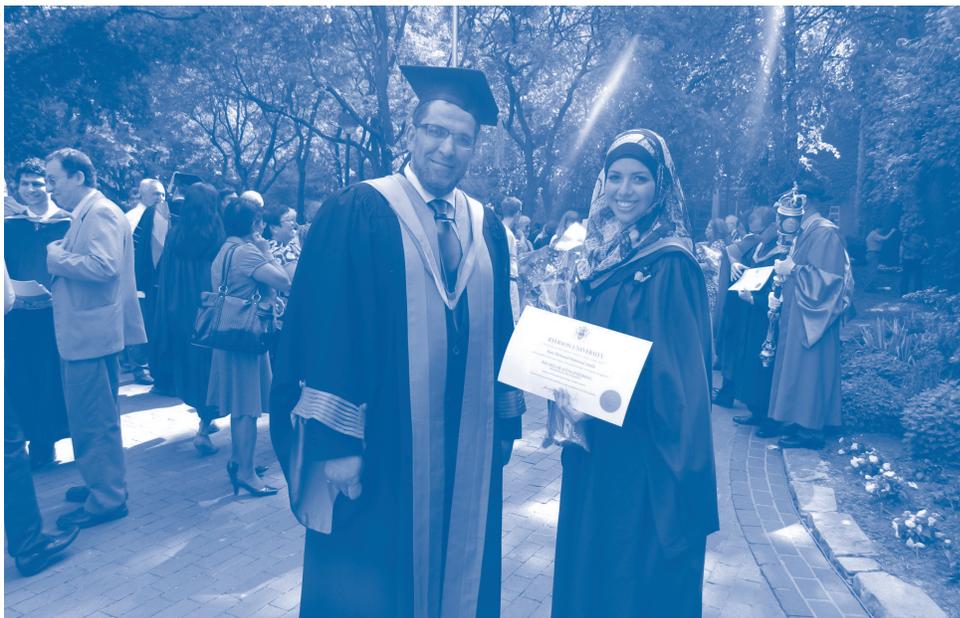
Today, we celebrate your achievement. I am deeply proud of our students. In the past year alone, you built a large-scale light sculpture for the TIFF Bell Lightbox, volunteering 2,000 hours of your time for a child-centred exhibit; you conducted research on cognitive aging; you developed a website to help homeowners make informed decisions about solar panels; you started a fundraising campaign for Doctors Without Borders; you won bronze in the CIS Final 8 men's basketball tournament; you placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Rotman Corporate Social Responsibility Case Competition; your work on zebrafish is contributing to research on traumatic brain injury; and you went to the Bahamas to learn first-hand about social justice and development issues while volunteering at the Every Child Counts School. You have made countless events a success. Ryerson is committed to providing an excellent educational experience – and our idea of what that means is due in large part to your own energetic response. Thank you.

Many of you will be leaving Ryerson – with a clear plan or some uncertainty about the next step. In time, I know that you will make a great contribution to our world. You have a coveted base of knowledge and experience. You are informed, ardent, and skilled. If you are staying for further studies, you are joining a vibrant body of scholars.

Either way, I hope that you will continue to see Ryerson as a home.

With my best wishes for a bright future,

Mohamed Lachemi







**JEAN-PAUL
BOUDREAU**

Dean, Faculty of Arts

On behalf of the professors and staff in the Faculty of Arts, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you, the members of the Class of 2015, on your accomplishments.

I also want to convey a special thanks to this year's Arts graduates, in appreciation of what you, as a group, have contributed during your time at Ryerson. Through your engagement and enthusiasm, you have enriched us in countless and diverse ways. I am confident each of you will show the same passion and imagination in the years ahead, as you apply the knowledge and skills you have learned here at Ryerson to the choices you make in your careers and personal lives. The professors and staff you have come to know will take delight in celebrating your future accomplishments. After all, helping you achieve such success is the reason we are here and the reason why this ceremony is such a significant moment, not just for you, but for us as well.

We hope all of you will continue to feel a special bond with this university, with the Faculty of Arts, and with your academic program. By staying connected and getting involved in alumni affairs, you will help us enhance the experiences of those who follow in your footsteps.

The Faculty of Arts is emerging from a phenomenal period of growth as evidenced by a greater number of undergraduate and graduate programs, and a SRC agenda that continues to gain momentum and external recognition. Why? Quite simply, because in everything we do, we stay relevant.

Our commitment to relevance underscores our scholarly and pedagogical efforts and outcomes. Our responsiveness keeps us nimble, tuned-in, and focused on how the humanities and social sciences can address the emergent needs of our ever-changing society. Relevance is the context for our research and scholarly activity, and the domain of our graduates. It also drives the Faculty's mission to activate the intersection of mind and action. We unite academic excellence with transformative change in response to the needs of students and society.

The reality is that the pace of change is increasing and we need changemakers to move ideas to impact. To this end, we will continue to incubate social change in the SocialVentures Zone – a multidisciplinary co-working space that provides opportunities for learning through social enterprise. It is also fueled by progressive and impactful scholarly research and creative activity, enhanced by sustainability initiatives, and complemented by community and industry partnerships.

Partnerships are key to our success: they allow us to extend our teaching, research, and service into our vibrant community and they reflect Ryerson's mandate to provide career-focused education that meets important societal needs. We look forward to continued partnerships with our alumni, community, government, and industry in the region and beyond.

In Arts, we continue to challenge ourselves to ensure the highest quality education for our students. Together we are making a difference.





GERD HAUCK

Dean, Faculty of
Communication & Design

On behalf of everyone in the Faculty of Communication & Design (FCAD), I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to the graduating class of 2015. Today is indeed a milestone that recognizes both your achievements while a student at Ryerson and the entry into your professional career.

The Faculty of Communication & Design is as unique as each of you. As a graduate of one of our nine schools offering programs of study in creative industries, fashion, interior design, image arts, graphic communications management, journalism, professional communication, theatre, radio, television and media studies, you are entering the marketplace with a one of the most sought-after educational experiences in Canada.

Recognized for both their quality and diversity, our professionally oriented undergraduate programs are indeed unique – working closely with a multitude of professional bodies within the city and region, while producing an academic environment where students and faculty can realize their artistic and academic aspirations. Beyond the classroom, three of our schools now offer Zone Learning, where students can explore extracurricular projects through research, collaborative partnerships and entrepreneurial activities.

At the graduate level, FCAD has continued to embrace excellence through graduate research and advanced studies. In partnership with the Yeates School of Graduate Studies, graduates in our programs in communication and culture, documentary media, fashion, journalism, media production, professional communication, as well as film and photographic preservation and collections management are exceptionally placed to lead their chosen field of study both locally and globally.

Whether through our undergraduate and graduate programs, or through zone learning, the Faculty of Communication & Design provides much of the emerging talent for Canada's cultural industries – with many of our alumni having an extraordinary impact on their respective disciplines, both in Canada and beyond.

To be part of the Faculty of Communication & Design is to be a member of a passionate, talented community of students, faculty, staff and alumni. You are now one of those alumni. Today each of you marks a tremendous achievement as a member of that community. No doubt, the path ahead of you will always be changing and challenging, but you are now well equipped to meet those challenges with the knowledge and skills you have acquired in our Faculty.

As you embark on new adventures, please know how very proud we are of all that you have accomplished while you were a student in our Faculty. We share your sense of achievement, and we truly look forward to your future success.



Whether at performances, exhibits, installations or special projects with cultural and public partners — the work of our students continues to garner public attention and praise. These talented youth quite simply are our leaders of tomorrow.



USHA GEORGE
Dean, Faculty of
Community Services

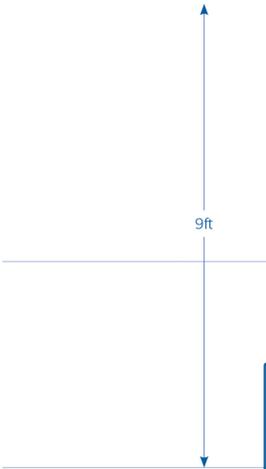
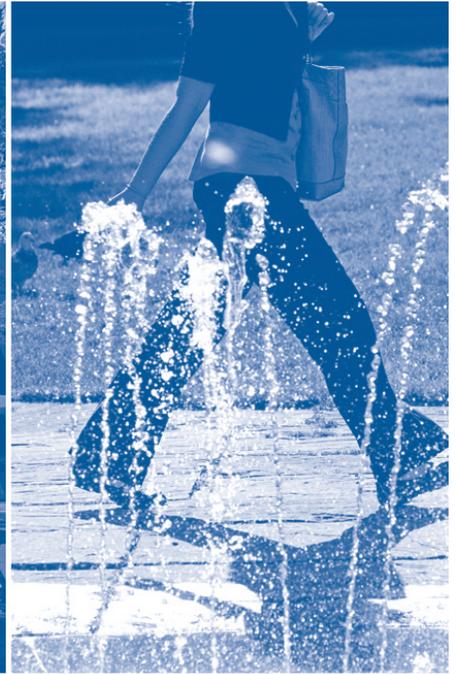
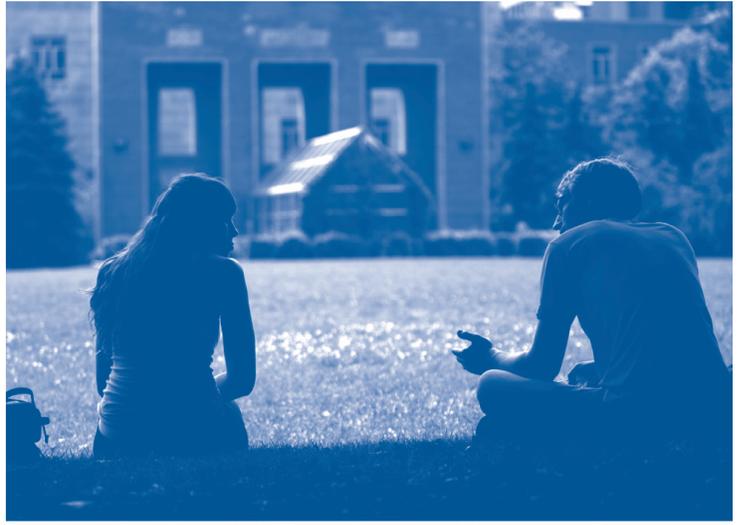
Greetings to the graduating class of spring 2015. I take this opportunity to congratulate all of you on the completion of your studies in the Faculty of Community Services at Ryerson University.

The nine schools within the Faculty of Community Services – Child and Youth Care, Disability Studies, Early Childhood Studies, Midwifery, Nursing, Nutrition, Occupational and Public Health, Social Work, and Urban and Regional Planning – all offer undergraduate programs leading to bachelor degrees. Graduate programs are in place for Early Childhood Studies, Nursing, Nutrition, Social Work, and Urban and Regional Planning. Schools within the faculty also participate in interdisciplinary graduate programs such as Master of Environmental Science and Master of Immigration and Settlement Studies.

The Faculty of Community Services is committed to providing an enriching and high-quality experience for our students, who will enhance the quality of life of individuals, families and communities. Our programs are delivered by highly qualified and dedicated instructors members who integrate research and practice experience into their teaching, leading to better learning outcomes for our students. The programs at the faculty provide structured opportunities for students to experience active learning. We endeavour to provide transformative learning to our students so that they can become the changemakers of tomorrow.

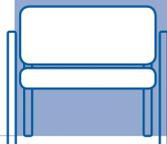
Post-secondary education is increasingly recognized as an essential driver of Canada's economic growth and social well-being. University graduates should possess transferable knowledge and skills to effectively function in a highly competitive global economy. Creativity, innovation and technological expertise are critical to achieving excellence in the new economy. It is our sincere belief that we have been successful in preparing you to identify and occupy the special spaces suitable to your interests. Certainly you share our deep commitment to the values of social justice, diversity and inclusion, as you address the health and social needs of Canadians.

I encourage you to treasure your positive experiences at Ryerson University and to be great ambassadors for your programs and the schools. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors and hope that you stay in touch.



**FACULTY OF
COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

- CHILD AND YOUTH CARE
- DISABILITY STUDIES
- EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES
- MIDWIFERY
- NURSING
- NURSING POST-DIPLOMA
- NUTRITION AND FOOD
- OCCUPATIONAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH
- SOCIAL WORK
- URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING



**PUSH BOUNDARIES
INSPIRE ENGAGEMENT
CREATE IMPACT
PURSUE EXCELLENCE
TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES**



THOMAS DUEVER,
P.Eng.

Dean, Faculty
of Engineering and
Architectural Science

It is with great pleasure that I have this opportunity to congratulate each of our graduates from our various engineering and architectural science programs.

As you prepare to embark on your professional career, I urge you to take a moment to enjoy what you have achieved so far. Your journey through your challenging academic program was not easy, but through hard work, motivation, perseverance and commitment, you did it. This is truly a special moment, full of personal triumph and accomplishment, so please take a moment to enjoy it – you earned it!

Your choice of engineering or architecture as a career is commendable. There are no other professions I can think of that make such an immense difference in the world. Engineering and architecture as career paths are about innovation, problem-solving and being able to think outside the box. They're about connecting the missing dots, predicting the right outcomes and calculating the right decisions. But most of all, engineering and architecture are about humanity. They're about making our lives better, longer, healthier, safer and more enjoyable. I urge you to always remember this in your work.

As an engineering or architectural science graduate, you hold in your hands the promise of making a tangible difference in the future of humanity. Our faculty and staff are so proud to have armed you with the tools necessary to make a difference. The world is waiting for your ideas – we can't wait to see what you will do!

Best wishes for continued life-long success to every one of you.



Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science

The Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science (FEAS) at Ryerson University inspires innovation. Our programs focus on solving problems and designing ingenious solutions to real-world issues. Our students, graduates, and researchers translate big ideas into next-generation advancements and solutions that improve the quality of lives around the globe. And with a new ecosystem to support students in entrepreneurial pursuits, our students gain the knowledge and experience to launch their own businesses and take the technologies they develop in the classroom to the market.

Our commitment to excellence is reflected in the accreditation of our engineering programs by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board, and the accreditation of the Ryerson program in Architecture by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board. We house one of only a few undergraduate aerospace engineering programs in the country, and the first and only stand-alone accredited undergraduate biomedical engineering program in English Canada.

In FEAS, we pride ourselves on preparing our students for life after graduation. Our students and graduates serve as catalysts for change, touching lives with whatever projects they undertake.

As the university moves forward, FEAS remains committed to excellence in education, innovation and research. We will continue to develop new programs and student experiences, establish and strengthen national and international partnerships, and improve the Ryerson student experience.

1. At Toronto's annual Canstruction competition, architectural science students unveiled their Canosaurus, a dinosaur built strictly out of canned goods.
2. Biomedical engineering students tweak their design of a memory aid for elderly persons.
3. To celebrate National Engineering Month, students on the Ryerson Rams Robotics team designed and built a basketball-shooting robot, the RamsBot, and unveiled it on court at the Air Canada Centre following a Toronto Raptors game.
4. Engineering students come together each year at the Engineering Expo to showcase their designs and relay their Ryerson experiences to future students.
5. At the Stand Above the Rest conference, students learned from industry guests how to differentiate themselves in their future careers.
6. Engineering students in Ryerson's Thrill Club learn hands-on at the CNE each year. During construction week, the students shadow show operators and certified amusement device inspectors to learn about amusement ride technology, design of rides and attractions, and most importantly, safety.



Ryerson University
FACULTY OF SCIENCE



IMOGEN COE
Dean, Faculty of Science

On behalf of everyone in the Faculty of Science, I extend sincere congratulations to all the graduates of our science programs. Your contributions and hard work have been part of the lifeblood that has helped build this new faculty. Each one of you should be very proud of your accomplishments, and we celebrate with you, your families and your friends in achieving this milestone.

We are confident that the skills you have acquired during your time with us will serve you well in your future endeavours, and we look forward to hearing about your new adventures and achievements. Now, go and change the world!

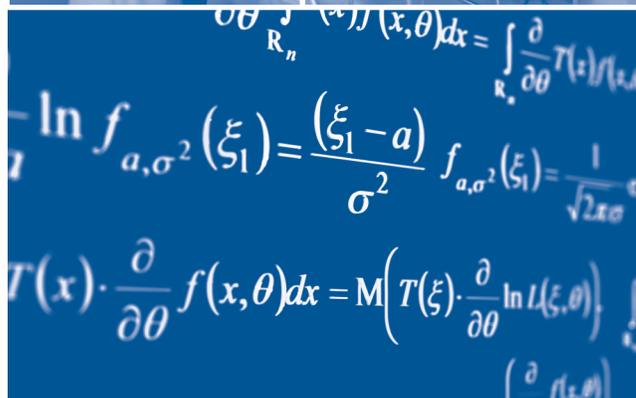


Faculty of Science

The Faculty of Science (FOS) is Ryerson University's newest faculty, having come into existence in 2012. It is the only new faculty Ryerson has launched in over 40 years. Our guiding principles are to promote humanity in science, support social innovation, develop scientists and leaders, aspire to quality and agility in all our offerings and ensure access to – and the impact of – all our activities.

The four FOS departments number over 80 full-time faculty members and are home to the foundational science disciplines of biology and chemistry (combined in one department), computer science, mathematics and physics. In our eight undergraduate and five graduate programs, students acquire deep understanding of the world and how to apply that knowledge to develop real-world solutions to local and global challenges. The FOS continues to use evidence-based approaches to continually improve and innovate teaching at all levels and has a special interest in science literacy and outreach. We also have a long history of nationally and internationally recognized research, including Canada Research Chairs and two new research centres: the Ryerson Urban Water Centre and the Privacy and Big Data Institute. Our researchers are actively engaged with local community partners in Toronto and with many organizations and institutions further afield.

The acronym with which we have chosen to define ourselves – FOS – can mean many things other than “Faculty of Science,” such as “foundations of science” or “full operating system” and even “fructo-oligosaccharide”. But, most significantly, in Greek, FOS ($\Phi\omega\varsigma$) means light. Science illuminates our world and allows us to understand ourselves better. As the late astrophysicist and popularizer of science, Carl Sagan, often said, science is a candle in the dark. Our faculty burns brightly, and we look forward to developing further and expanding our vision for outstanding and innovative teaching and research.





**MARIE
BOUNTROGIANNI**

Dean, The G. Raymond
Chang School of Continuing
Education

Congratulations on an exceptional achievement!

Today, we celebrate your commitment to pursuing your passion and enhancing your credentials – a commitment that has resulted in the successful completion of your certificate program. Today, you graduate.

Your journey to this point began with the spark of an idea: that continuing education could help you achieve your personal and career dreams and transform your life. You made the life-changing decision to follow your passion and invest in your future, supported by the breadth of lifelong learning opportunities offered by The Chang School.

With determination and dedication, you balanced life and work priorities to attend classes or participate online, complete assignments, and prepare for tests. You learned from your instructors and opened yourself up to a diversity of insights from your fellow students. In the end, you acquired fresh perspectives and career-advancing knowledge that will help to enhance our economy, our workplaces, and our communities.

At The Chang School, one of our highest priorities is delivering continuing education that is relevant and accessible. Our close collaboration with Ryerson University faculty, industry partners, subject matter experts, and government representatives results in outstanding programs across many disciplines. We see it as our role to equip lifelong learners with high-quality instruction that enables them to do what they love to do – better than ever.

Whatever path you choose from here, we wish you the very best. We hope you will encourage family, friends, and colleagues to pursue educational opportunities at The Chang School as well. And we look forward to welcoming you back when you decide to further enhance your skills as your life and career objectives evolve.

By making lifelong learning a priority, you have set yourself up for personal fulfilment and professional success. Thank you for partnering with The Chang School to reach your unique goals!

The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education

“Learning is a lifelong process of keeping abreast of change.”

– Peter Drucker, author and management consultant, 1909–2005

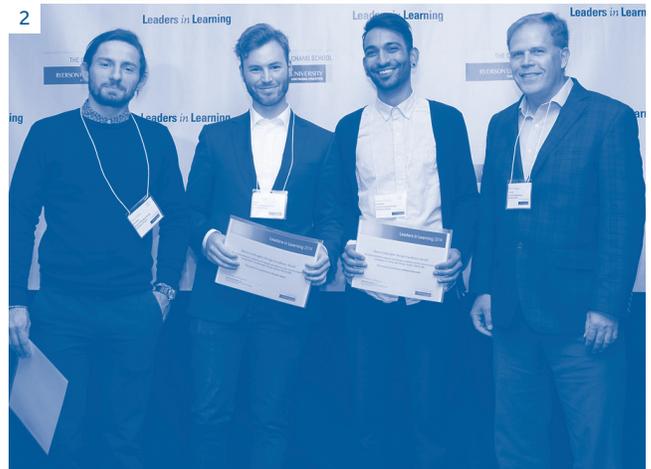
Continuing education is essential in a rapidly evolving business environment, where acquiring today’s and tomorrow’s qualifications is the key to success. Ryerson University is deeply committed to providing flexible access to university-based continuing education that empowers enthusiastic learners like you to achieve their life and career goals.

Last year, The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education celebrated the success of more than 600 graduates in 88 certificate programs. This year, we continue to recognize the accomplishments of graduates who chose The Chang School as their destination for upgrading skills, changing career paths, or exploring new areas of interest.

At the same time, we are expanding our programs of study. This is critical to meet the demands of a changing world and the broadening horizons of graduates who regularly return to build on their knowledge and skills. In the fall of 2014, we are launching the Certificate in Data Analytics, Big Data, and Predictive Analytics in collaboration with the Faculty of Science and Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science. We are also launching the Certificate in Caribbean Studies in collaboration with the Faculty of Arts.

Investing in lifelong learning now and in the future will give you the tools you need to succeed, no matter which direction you take in your life and career. The return on your continuing education investment is you.

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1. Heaslip House, The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education
 2. L-R: Marco Colturi, Vincent Javet and Rohan Lilauwala, SEER design collective, recipients of The Shawn Gallagher Design Excellence Award with Shawn Gallagher, Principal, Shawn Gallagher Design and instructor of Landscape Design at The Chang School. Photo credit: Jacklyn Atlas
 3. Dean Marie Bountrogianni speaks about embracing new practices in continuing education at inaugural ChangSchoolTalks event
 4. ‘A Study in Grayscale’ – Photo by Nadia Romain-Gonzalez, Award Winner, 2014 Chang School Photography Exhibition





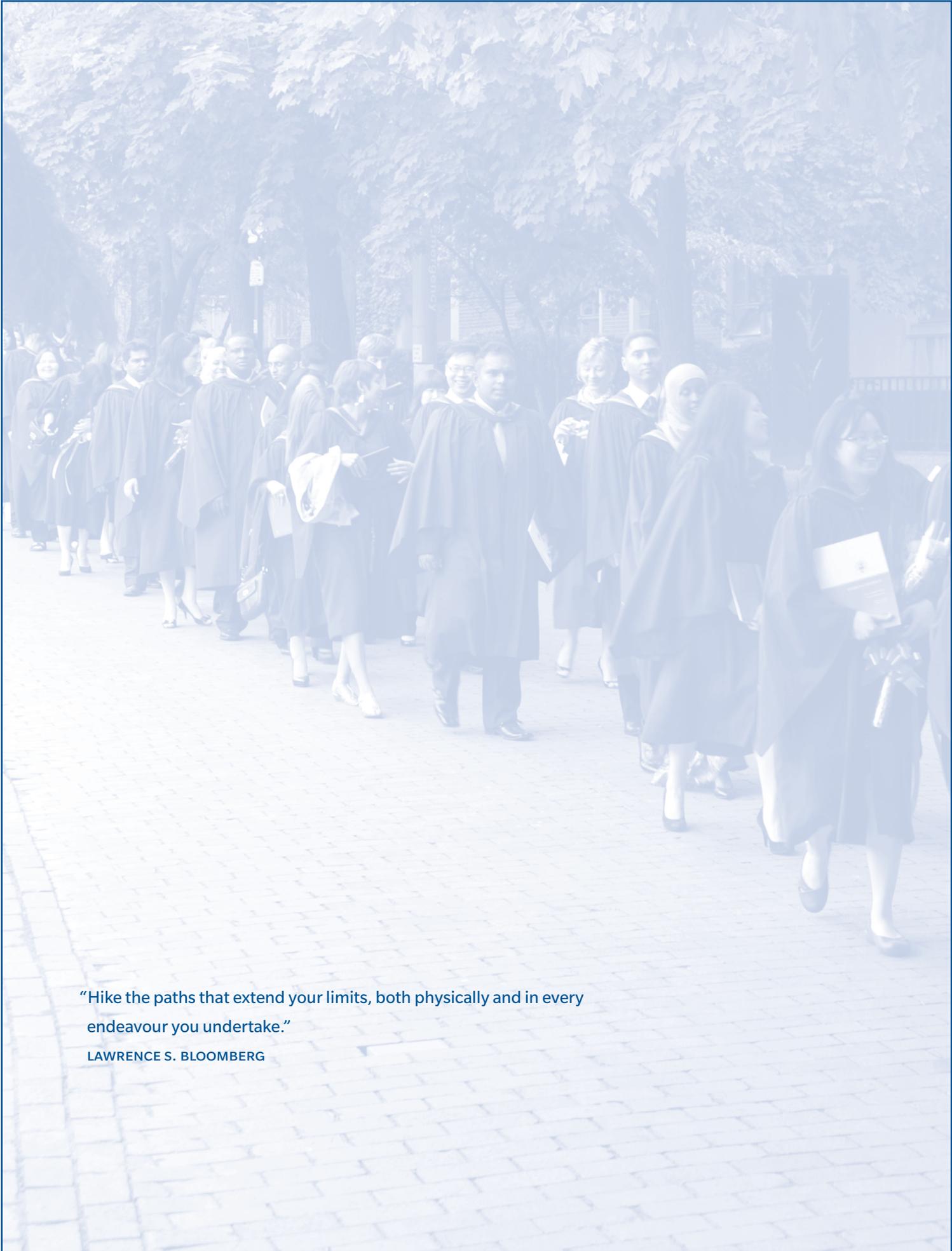
**JENNIFER
MACTAVISH**

Dean, Yeates School
of Graduate Studies

It is my privilege to extend congratulations to each of you as you celebrate the earning of your graduate degree. You should be extremely proud, as this is a tremendous academic achievement. As you sit here today, surrounded by other graduates, it is easy to forget that you have earned a distinction not readily accessible to, or attainable, by all people. Take time to think about this and to celebrate the significance of your accomplishment. I hope you also will reflect on your experience as a graduate student – the personal attributes that made you successful, those who contributed to your intellectual growth, and the special people in your life who shared and supported your journey.

Today you join a burgeoning community of graduates who represent the extraordinary growth in graduate education at Ryerson over the past decade. The visionary leadership of Dr. Maurice Yeates, who served as Dean from 2002 to 2010, parlayed three master’s programs and 50 students in 2000, into the present-day complement of nearly 2,500 graduate students enrolled in 35 master’s and 13 doctoral programs. These leading-edge programs span diverse areas: engineering, science and technology; media, communication and design; management and finance; health; public sector administration; and service provision. Creative, connected and entrepreneurial, graduate education at Ryerson fuses theoretical and practical knowledge in addressing real-world issues.

In closing, you are graduating from a university with a unique tradition in graduate education. With your degree in hand and your reflections about your time here in mind, I trust that you are poised to enhance that tradition as you move forward and make your mark. We at Ryerson are proud of you and wish you a future filled with continued success! Be and do well!



“Hike the paths that extend your limits, both physically and in every endeavour you undertake.”

LAWRENCE S. BLOOMBERG



STEVEN MURPHY

Dean, Ted Rogers School of Management

I am grateful for having been a part of your experience here at the Ted Rogers School of Management (TRSM). You all should be exceptionally proud of this achievement which represents the culmination of years of hard work and sacrifice. This is the day many of you have been dreaming of. Congratulations, you are ready to move on and in the words of Ted Rogers, “the best is yet to come.”

I would especially like to congratulate you all on your accomplishments over the course of your time here and we look forward to being a part of your success in the future. Our alumni are a valued part of our community and we are committed to staying in touch with you, and utilizing your talents to ‘pay it forward’ to the next class of students. Please continue to share your accomplishments with us. Your journey in the classroom may be over, but that doesn’t mean our relationship will end after today.

It continues to be an awe-inspiring experience working in a school with such a vibrant atmosphere. Our faculty, staff and students work incredibly hard at creating an environment that has a strong focus on achievement. The Ted Rogers School of Management is much more than a business school. This is a place of passion, motivation, growth and success.

I would like to thank all of our Distinguished Visitors for their time and contributions to the Ted Rogers School of Management. These individuals link our theory with real world practice and provide valuable advice and networks for our graduates. The 2014/2015 visitors included; Diane Francis, Brian Segal, Hershell Ezrin, Peter C. Newman, David Dingwall, Buzz Hargrove, Ralph Lean, Jim de Wilde, Navdeep Bains, Tom Anselmi and Grant Buchanan.

With a warm and welcoming atmosphere, an open-doors policy that includes accessibility to faculty, deans, directors, executives-in-residence, and a building that is open from early in the morning into the late evening, there is always an exciting energy about the Ted Rogers School of Management. It is a one-of-a-kind school that feels like a second home. The school captures the intimacy of a smaller institution while catering to a large number of students.

Based on the strength of the exceptional programs and the remarkable achievements of our students and faculty, the Ted Rogers School of Management truly has earned its place as the distinctly urban, globally connected and motivated management school of Toronto.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our students, faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year, while wishing you all the best in your future endeavors. Please continue to stay engaged with us as you enter the job market and become valued alumni.

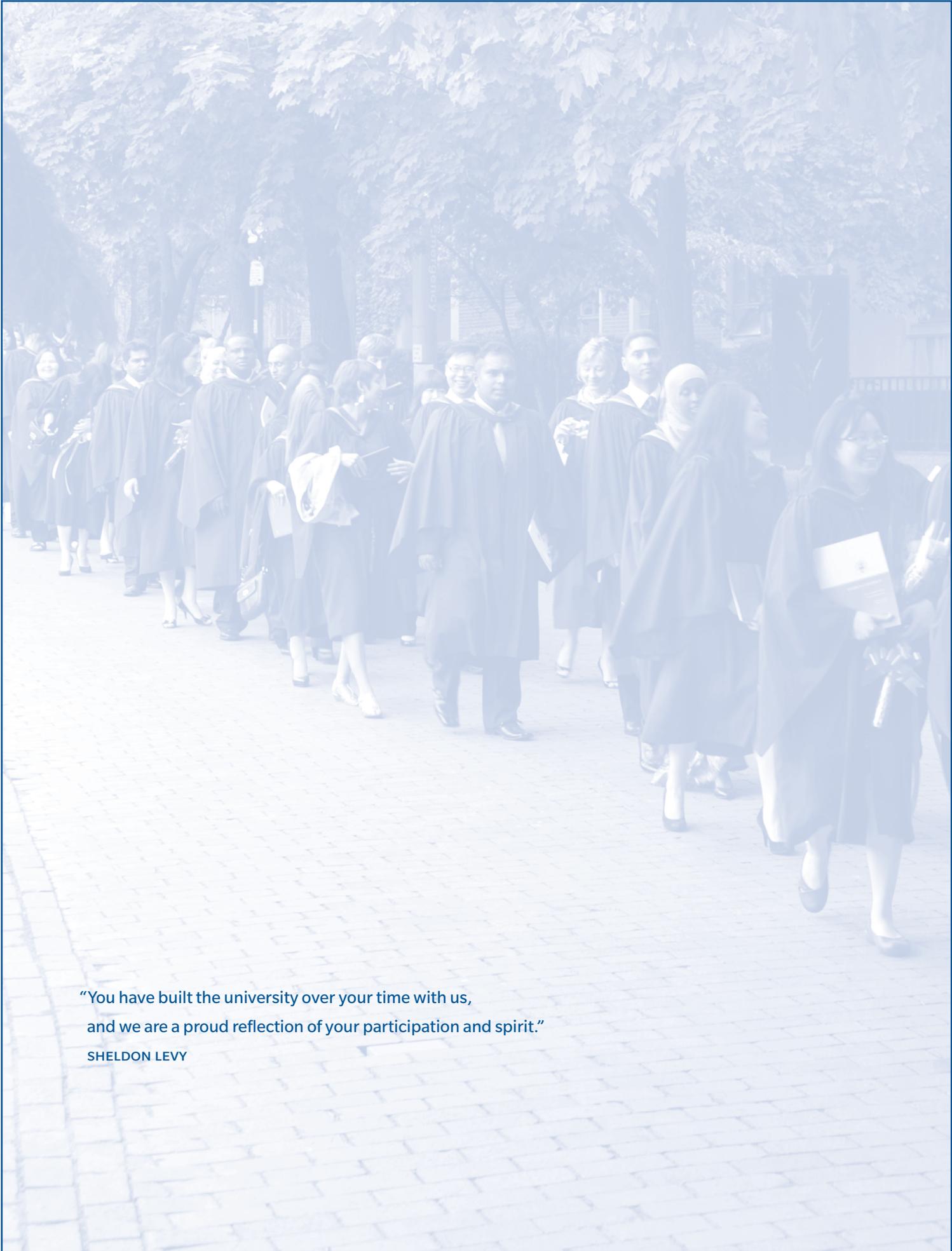
The 2014/2015 school year was an exciting and eventful one for the Ted Rogers School of Management. The school received many accolades and we are very proud of the achievements of our students, especially their dedication to succeeding and representing TRSM and Ryerson so admirably.

Ted Rogers School of Management highlights of 2014/2015 include:

- The Ryerson MBA at the Ted Rogers School of Management has been overwhelming successful this year. Our teams participated in seven events and placed in five of them. The results are especially noteworthy because 58 of our students participated in the competitions, while other schools generally relied upon the same four to eight students for each competition. The team swept the podium at the Rotman Case Competition taking 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. This is unprecedented in MBA competitions. Our MBA students continue to build the reputation of the graduate programs offered at the Ted Rogers School of Management.
- Enactus Ryerson recently competed at the 2015 Regional Exposition in Mississauga against post-secondary institutions across central Canada. The Ryerson business team scored the championship title in the Scotiabank EcoLiving Green challenges. As a result of their winning performance, Enactus Ryerson will move onto the national level of competition at the 2015 Enactus Canada National Exposition in Toronto.
- The Ted Rogers Management Conference was once again an enormously successful three-day event organized by the Ryerson Commerce Society. This year the theme of the event was “CR3ATE: Connect – Disrupt – Impact”. This conference allowed students from across the country to explore the business style and work ethic of the late Ted Rogers by listening and interacting with industry leaders from various industries.
- The first full cohort of students in the Top 200 Program offered by the Careers and Employment Partnerships Centre at the Ted Rogers School of Management graduate this year. They are our first students to complete this unique two year program and we are thrilled with their accomplishments. The Top 200 Program is a specialized development experience designed to accelerate the growth of personal, professional, leadership and career development skills for third and fourth year students at the Ted Rogers School of Management.
- Dr. Avner Levin, Chair of the Law and Business department, ran another extremely successful lecture series with Distinguished Visitor, Ralph Lean. The series is a part of the “Law, Business, Politics: The Real World” course taught in collaboration with both Dr. Levin and Ralph Lean. Ralph utilized his extensive network to bring some of Canada’s most successful and prominent leaders from industry and government into the classroom. The Honourable David Peterson, Paul Beeston, Ken Taylor, and Mayor John Tory were part of Ralph’s fourth annual speaker series panel.



2015 Enactus Regional Champions
in Central Canada



“You have built the university over your time with us,
and we are a proud reflection of your participation and spirit.”

SHELDON LEVY

Ryerson University
CONVOCATION CEREMONY

FAMILY AND FRIENDS are requested to rise when the academic procession enters, and remain standing until the conclusion of the invocation.

After the Convocation Address, the graduands will rise for the General Presentation of Candidates. After this ceremony they will resume their seats. The graduands will then be called and presented for the awarding of the certificates, and undergraduate and graduate degrees.

At the end of the ceremony, the audience is invited to join in the singing of O Canada. After the singing of the national anthem, the audience is asked to remain standing until the completion of the academic recession.

O CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all thy sons 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.

Ryerson University

HONORARY DOCTORATE

Ryerson has bestowed honorary awards on a regular basis since 1979. In 1996, the University began awarding honorary degrees, with the first being presented to His Excellency, The Right Honourable Roméo LeBlanc, then Governor General of Canada.

Candidates for honorary degrees are selected on criteria that include: an outstanding contribution to society; a significant achievement in the use of an interdisciplinary approach to university education; noted accomplishments and/or applied research in a field related to Ryerson; enhancement of Ryerson's image, at home or abroad; and the promotion of Canadianism in the arts, science, business, public service or communications. Preference is given to those whose achievements have not previously received wide public attention. The list of more than 100 past recipients of honorary awards from Ryerson includes Justice Rosalie Abella, James K. Bartleman, Jean Beliveau, Jane Goodall, Roberta Jamieson, Tak Wah Mak, Nelson Mandela, Deepa Mehta, Julie Payette, Ted and Loretta Rogers, Isadore Sharp and David Suzuki.

For a complete listing of Ryerson's Fellowship and Honorary Doctorate recipients go to www.ryerson.ca/convocation/hondocs/.



Facade of the Upper Canada Normal School, built in 1852 and home of the first teacher-training facility in Ontario.



ADEL SEDRA
O.ONT.
DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING
Honoris Causa

Adel Sedra holds a bachelor of science from Cairo University in Egypt and a master of applied science and PhD from the University of Toronto (U of T). All the degrees are in electrical engineering.

In 1969, Sedra became a faculty member at U of T, rising to the rank of professor nine years later. From 1986 to 1993, he served as chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, and was then appointed U of T's vice-president, provost and chief academic officer. He served in that role for nine years, leading the university through two major long-range planning cycles.

Sedra joined the University of Waterloo (U of W) in 2003 and served as its dean of engineering for nine years, leading the faculty through two strategic plans, Vision 2010 and Vision 2015. In 2013, he accepted an invitation from Ryerson University to serve as a distinguished fellow, university leadership. Additionally, he was named a distinguished professor emeritus at U of W last year.

An expert in microelectronics, Sedra has made significant contributions to the field of electrical engineering. His research has focused on the theory and design of circuits for communication and instrumentation systems and has resulted in approximately 150 papers.

He has also co-authored three textbooks, including *Microelectronic Circuits*, which is now in its seventh edition and has been translated into 10 languages. When the book was first published in 1982, it established a new approach to teaching this important technology.

Sedra has served on the research council of the Canadian Institute of Advanced Research for nearly 20 years, and was a member of the Council of Canadian Academies' expert panel that produced the report *The State of Science and Technology in Canada, 2012*.

Sedra has received many honours during his career. A fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society of Canada, he was awarded the Education Medal from IEEE in 1996 and the Award of Excellence from Professional Engineers Ontario in 2002. The recipient of honorary degrees from Queen's University, U of T, McGill University and the University of Victoria, Sedra was appointed to the Order of Ontario in 2014.



ED CLARK
DOCTOR OF COMMERCE
Honoris Causa

Ed Clark graduated from the University of Toronto (U of T) in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He went on to earn a Master's degree and PhD in economics from Harvard University.

Clark joined the federal government in 1974, where he held several senior positions in Finance, the Anti-Inflation Board, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Treasury Board. He was recognized as the Outstanding Civil Servant in 1982. He left the public sector to work for Merrill Lynch in 1985.

Three years later, he was appointed Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Morgan Financial Corporation, a position he held until joining Canada Trust Financial Services Inc. in 1991 as Chief Operating Officer. He became President and Chief Executive Officer in 1994.

Canada Trust Financial Services was acquired by TD Bank in 2000 and Clark became CEO of TD Canada Trust. In this role he oversaw the successful integration of the TD and Canada Trust banking operations. He then served as TD Bank's President and Chief Operating Officer starting in July 2000, and became President and CEO of TD Bank in 2002, a position he held until November 1, 2014.

Clark currently serves as the Chair of the Advisory Council for Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area and Chair of the Advisory Board for the School of Public Policy and Governance at U of T. Additionally, he provides support to WoodGreen Community Services, which helps build sustainable communities in the Toronto area, and to Egale Canada, a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) human rights organization.

In 2014, Clark was elected to the board of trustees of the Brookings Institute, an American public policy organization. He was also appointed by Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne to chair the Premier's Advisory Council on Government Assets. More recently, Toronto Mayor John Tory named Clark to a housing task force that's examining how Toronto Community Housing serves Torontonians and how the organization is governed.

Regularly invited to speak at international events, Clark was named Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year in 2010 and was also appointed to the Order of Canada. In addition to holding honorary degrees from U of T, York University, Mount Allison, Queen's and Western Universities, Clark has numerous other honours to his name. For example, he received the Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the Greater Toronto chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2011, was named to Barron's annual list of the World's 30 Best CEOs in 2012 and 2013, and appeared on the Harvard Business Review's list of the 100 Top Performing CEOs in the World in 2014.

Clark and his wife, Fran, live in Toronto. They have four grown children and nine grandchildren.



CATHERINE ZAHN
DOCTOR OF LAWS
Honoris Causa

Catherine Zahn earned a bachelor of science from York University and a medical degree from the University of Toronto (U of T), where she also completed her residency training in neurology. Additionally, she holds a master's degree in health administration from U of T and has completed the Directors Education Program at U of T's Rotman School of Management.

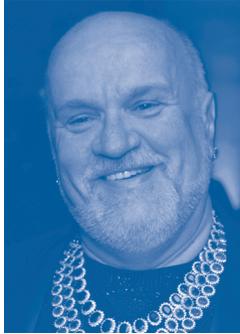
As president and chief executive officer of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), Zahn oversees Canada's leading mental health hospital and largest academic health science centre focused on mental illness. Before joining CAMH, she held senior executive positions at the University Health Network.

During Zahn's tenure at CAMH, the centre has experienced tremendous change. She has led the implementation of a strategy to transform the campus into a modern and respectful hospital facility. In addition, the organization has received multiple "top employer" awards at the local and national levels and has been recognized for diversity employment and health-care workplace quality.

A champion for the integration of psychiatry and neuroscience, Zahn is steering mental health care into the mainstream of medicine. She speaks publicly on leadership and directions in mental health and makes extensive use of social media to raise awareness and promote equitable access to health-care resources for people with mental illness. Zahn has also made numerous contributions to health care in Ontario through her leadership in hospital integration, technology assessment, chronic disease management, stroke care co-ordination, health innovation and mental health-care system improvement.

A professor in U of T's Faculty of Medicine and a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, Zahn is a fellow and former board member of the American Academy of Neurology. Her numerous honours include membership in the Order of Canada, recognition as one of Canada's 25 most influential women by Women of Influence Inc. and the Communicator of the Year Award from the Toronto chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators.

Zahn, who continues to practise in her area of clinical and academic interest, epilepsy and women with epilepsy, sits on the boards of Brain Canada, the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Studies and Upper Canada College. She has been chair of the Health Care/Health Sciences Division of the United Way Campaign Cabinet and serves on numerous committees, including the International Scientific Advisory Committee for the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine and the Ian O. Ihnatowycz Institute for Leadership at Western University's Ivey School of Business.



SALAH BACHIR
DOCTOR OF LAWS
Honoris Causa

Salah Bachir is president of Cineplex Media, and publisher of Cineplex Magazine and Le magazine Cineplex. He also owns the sponsorship/marketing company Phamous Characters Inc.

Bachir is an avid art collector and enthusiastic patron of mostly Canadian art. His diverse collection includes more than 3,000 pieces and features many works by Canadian artists such as Betty Goodwin, Stephen Andrews and Attila Richard Lukacs. He also owns pieces by international icons, including a renowned collection of work by Andy Warhol.

Bachir has donated pieces to the Art Gallery of Ontario (where a room was named in his honour), Oakville Galleries, Canada's National Gallery, Rideau Hall and the Canadiana Fund. Additionally, the University of British Columbia and the Art Gallery of Hamilton have produced shows featuring Bachir's collections.

Best known to many as a philanthropist, Bachir has served on committees and boards for numerous organizations. They include the Canadian Film Centre (founding member), the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Luminato Festival, Business for the Arts, the Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research and the 519 Church Street Community Centre Capital Campaign.

On that note, Bachir has raised more than \$6 million for the 519's expansion project, and in 2010 the community centre's new wing was named in his honour. A strong proponent of equal rights for same sex couples, he supported the "I Do' Means the Same Thing Whether You're Straight or Gay" campaign of Egale Canada, a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender human rights organization. He is also a member of Egale Canada's board of advisors.

Bachir has been awarded many honours for his charitable activities. A recipient of the Heart Award from the Variety Club of Ontario, he was voted grand marshal of Toronto's 25th annual Pride Parade in 2005. A few years later, he was named Man of the Year by Famous People Players and soon after received a lifetime achievement award at the Toronto Pride gala.

In 2010, Bachir was named an honorary patron for life by the 519 Church Street Community Centre, and in 2012 he received the Human Relations Award from the Canadian Centre for Diversity. Bachir has been honoured by the Canadian Civil Liberties Union for excellence in business, and in April of this year he was presented with the MOCCA Award in Contemporary Art 2015, honouring him for his work in the field.



**LOUISE ARCAND
TEMERTY
JAMES C. TEMERTY,
C.M.**

DOCTOR OF LAWS
Honoris Causa

James (Jim) Temerty and Louise Arcand Temerty have devoted their lives to family, business and service to others.

Jim was born in Ukraine during World War II and eventually settled with his family in Montreal, where he completed his education. Following a 15-year career at IBM, Jim and Louise owned and operated a ComputerLand franchise. By the time the Temertys sold their business to Bell, they had expanded the franchise to include 30 stores.

Today, Jim Temerty is chairman and the largest shareholder of Northland Power Inc., a public corporation with a value of more than \$5 billion. When Temerty founded Northland in 1987, the private company was among Canada's first independent power producers.

Currently a member of many boards, Jim was chair of the Royal Ontario Museum's (ROM) board during the Renaissance ROM campaign that raised \$400 million to expand and modernize Canada's premier museum. A member of the Order of Canada, he was named Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2010 and, like his wife, is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Louise holds a business administration diploma from Montreal's College d'Outremont. She was the executive assistant to the president of l'Hopital Ste Jeanne d'Arc before starting her family, becoming an active volunteer, working at Northland Power and pursuing a range of business and philanthropic endeavours.

A director of the Leacock Foundation and a member of the Canadian Opera Company's Volunteers Committee, Louise has dedicated time and energy to several charitable organizations. For instance, she chaired the ROM's Stewardship Task Force and sat on the Donor Relations Committee of North York General Hospital. Now, she is a cabinet member of the hospital's \$150 million Embracing Health campaign.

Jim and Louise are also co-chairs of the Temerty Family Foundation, which has made significant philanthropic contributions toward health care, education and culture. Along with supporting a number of endowments and scholarships at the ROM, the Royal Conservatory of Music and the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine, the foundation has established the Louise Temerty Breast Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Hospital, the James and Louise Temerty Galleries of the Age of the Dinosaurs at the ROM, the Temerty-Chang International Centre for Telesimulation and Innovation in Medical Education at the University Health Network, and the Temerty Centre for Therapeutic Brain Intervention at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.



RALPH LEAN
DOCTOR OF LAWS
Honoris Causa

Ralph Lean earned a Honors BA in Business Administration from the University of Western Ontario in 1968 and three years later, he graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School at York University. Called to the bar in 1973, Lean is now counsel in the Toronto office of Gowlings.

Named one of Canada's most influential business people by the National Post, Lean is a highly regarded business lawyer and a trusted adviser to clients that range from start-ups to global corporations. He also has strong connections within the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government.

Lean's guidance is often sought when a business or legal challenge requires a timely, innovative and strategic solution. To that end, he has a great deal of experience and expertise in several areas, including public-private partnerships and infrastructure projects, aerospace, health care, commercial real estate, telecommunications, energy and government relations.

A member of the Canadian and Ontario Bar Associations, Lean is a distinguished counsel in residence at Ryerson, where he teaches the courses Law, Business, Politics: The Real World and Regulation, Government and Socially Responsible Management. His courses have featured several notable guest speakers, including Paul Beeston, president and chief executive officer of the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club, Ken Taylor, former Canadian ambassador to Iran, and Arlene Dickinson, chief executive officer of Venture Communications and an entrepreneur on CBC-TV's Dragon's Den.

Certified by the Institute of Corporate Directors, Lean serves or has previously served on the boards of many Canadian public and private companies, as well as several charities, foundations and civic groups. Those organizations include Electrovaya Inc., Score Digital (formerly Score Media), B'nai Brith Canada, the Justin Eves Foundation, the Portage Program for Drug Dependencies Inc., the Right to Play Foundation, the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, the World Film Festival of Toronto, the Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, the Molson Indy and Exhibition Place.

An honorary consul to the Kingdom of Morocco, Lean is the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.



STEVE GUPTA
DOCTOR OF LAWS
Honoris Causa

Steve Gupta was born in Punjab, India and came to Canada in 1971. Today, he is chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Gupta Group and president and CEO of Easton's Group of Hotels Inc., but his entrepreneurial career began with a truck stop in Port Hope, Ont.

Gupta turned the truck stop into Canada's highest-volume gas station and added a hotel and numerous restaurants to the property. This marked a turning point for Gupta, leading him into the hospitality and real estate industries.

Gupta has built a new hotel every year since 2004, and he now owns and operates more than a dozen hotels under the banners of Marriott, Hilton, Westin and the Intercontinental Hotels Group. Earlier this year, he opened two new hotels – Courtyard by Marriott Markham and TownePlace Suites Marriott Markham. Collectively, Gupta's properties include more than 3,000 suites and employs 1,500 people.

Gupta has earned the Developer of the Year Award from every hotel brand in his portfolio. In 2010, he became the first Canadian and only South Asian to win the Marriott Horizon Award, and he also received the Hotel Association of Canada's Humanitarian Award for his ongoing support of local, national and international initiatives. A member of the Tourism Industry of Canada's Hall of Fame, he was honoured as the Ernst & Young Ontario Entrepreneur of the Year in 2005.

In the condominium industry, units in Gupta's 47-storey Dundas Square Gardens project sold with record-breaking speed as soon as they hit the market. The project has received two honours from the National Association of Home Builders: the Gold Award for Best Architectural Design of an Attached Community - High Rise in North America; and the Silver Award for Attached Community of the Year - High Rise in Canada.

In 2014, the Gupta Group acquired 4050 Yonge St., a prime site in uptown Toronto that will feature condos, retail space and a hotel. Last year, Gupta was also recognized as the Top High-Rise Builder in the Greater Toronto Area by RealNet Market Report.

A dedicated philanthropist, Gupta has funded five camps in India where 11,000 people have been treated and cured of various eye ailments. He is also a sponsor of the Toronto International Film Festival and a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Ryerson University
FACULTY SPEAKER

To be invited to deliver a Convocation address to a graduating class is both an honour and a daunting task. Faculty speakers are chosen because they are leaders in their field. Whether they come from within Ryerson's own ranks or from the community at large, their speeches are sure to arouse students with parting words of wisdom and inspiration.

We sincerely thank each of them for the time they are sharing with Ryerson's graduating class of 2015.





MEDHAT SHEHATA
Professor, Department of
Civil Engineering

Medhat Shehata began his career in 1986 as a junior civil engineer. While working on major international projects, he developed an interest in the behaviour of construction materials, and specifically in the durability of concrete.

After eight years working in industry, Shehata decided to specialize in construction materials and become a concrete expert. He returned to school and completed his graduate studies by obtaining a PhD from the University of Toronto (U of T) in 2001. He then worked as a postdoctoral fellow and instructor at U of T until becoming a faculty member at Ryerson University in 2002.

A professor in Ryerson's Department of Civil Engineering and the Teaching Chair of the Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science (FEAS), Shehata has received two awards in recognition of his work – the FEAS Teaching Excellence Award and the Teaching Excellence Award of the Group to Renew and Enhance Effective Teaching.

During his years at Ryerson, Shehata has played an active role in enhancing student engagement and the learning environment at the university. For example, he has served as a faculty advisor for a number of student engineering competitions in which Ryerson has been ranked among the top major North American and international universities.

Shehata also supervises a team of graduate and undergraduate students carrying out research projects on concrete durability and sustainability. That said, the results of Shehata's research studies on alkali-aggregate reaction and concrete recycling have been incorporated into national and international concrete specifications.

Shehata currently sits on Ryerson's Academic Standards Committee and served on the Research Ethics Board for two terms. From 2009 to 2013, he chaired the Engineering Mechanics and Materials Division of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering and is a member of the Canadian Standards Association. He is also a member of the American Society for Testing and Materials and has served as a reviewer for major Canadian and European grant agencies.



**HONORABLE
JEAN AUGUSTINE
P.C., C.M., C.B.E.**

Jean Augustine was born in Grenada and came to Canada in 1960. She attended the University of Toronto where she earned a bachelor of arts degree followed by a master of education degree. She then went on to become an elementary school principal with the Metropolitan Separate School Board in Toronto and later chaired the Metro Toronto Housing Authority.

In 1993, Augustine became the first African-Canadian woman to be elected to the House of Commons, serving the riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore until 2006. During her time in political office, she served as parliamentary secretary to the prime minister, minister of state for multiculturalism and the status of women, and was a deputy speaker. In March 2015, she completed her tenure as the first fairness commissioner for Ontario, a position that she had held since 2007.

A former national president of the Congress of Black Women of Canada, Augustine has been a member of several community boards. Those organizations include York University, the Hospital for Sick Children, the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Harbourfront Corporation.

Every year, Augustine improves young women's futures through the Jean Augustine Scholarship, which helps single mothers attend George Brown and Centennial Colleges in Toronto. Additionally, she has scholarships at Humber College and York University.

Augustine has donated her archival and parliamentary materials to York University's Faculty of Education. This donation, in turn, has helped establish an innovative academic position, the Jean Augustine Chair in Education in the New Urban Environment.

Honoured by many groups for her leadership and community involvement, Augustine was named one of Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards by the Women's Executive Network in 2009. In addition, the Girls' Leadership Academy of the Toronto District School Board bears her name.

Augustine has received the Luminary Award from the University of the West Indies and been awarded honorary doctor of laws degrees from the Universities of Toronto and Guelph, and McGill and York Universities. A member of the Order of Canada, she is a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal and has been named a commander of the British Empire.

Augustine has two daughters and two grandchildren.



Theresa Agnew, Nursing '81, '90, '00, is the executive director of the Nurse Practitioners' Association of Ontario.

For more than 30 years, Agnew has worked as a primary health-care nurse practitioner in community health centres, northern outposts, university health centres and at the Hospital for Sick Children. An expert clinician, leader, advocate, educator and policy-maker, she has held positions on provincial and national boards including the Nurse Practitioner Implementation Task Team, the Canadian Nurse Practitioner Initiative and the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario. She has also been involved with the College of Nurses of Ontario as a peer assessor for the quality assurance program.

THERESA AGNEW

Executive Director of
the Nurse Practitioner's
Association of Ontario
Ryerson University Alumni
Achievement Award
Recipient

A lifelong learner who is passionate about the advancement of her profession, and enhanced quality of and access to health care, Agnew has made a sustained and exemplary contribution to the development of the nurse practitioner position in Ontario. She is a role model for her fellow nurses and nurse practitioners, and her efforts to achieve primary health-care reform and system change have been recognized with several awards. Those honours include the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, a Ryerson University Alumni Award of Distinction and the Jerry Gerow Nurse Practitioner Leadership Award.



BEN BARRY

Assistant Professor, Equity,
Diversity and Inclusion

School of Fashion
Faculty of Communication
& Design

Ben Barry holds an undergraduate degree in women’s studies from the University of Toronto and a master’s degree in innovation and strategy from the Cambridge Judge Business School. His PhD, also earned at Cambridge University, focused on how models of diverse sizes, ages and racial backgrounds in fashion advertisements influenced the body image and purchase behaviours of women.

Today, Barry is an assistant professor of equity, diversity and inclusion in the School of Fashion at Ryerson University. He is also a visiting scholar at Parsons The New School for Design in New York City.

Currently writing his second book on the need for diversity in the fashion industry, Barry became a champion of the issue at an early age. At 14, he helped a friend who was told she was “too big” to model by sending her pictures to a fashion magazine. When the magazine hired his friend, Barry became her agent and launched a modelling agency. The Ben Barry Agency became the world’s first modelling agency dedicated to promoting models of diverse shapes, ages, backgrounds and abilities. The agency’s models worked for Vogue and Macy’s, and Barry co-produced the first plus-size show at a fashion week in North America.

In Barry’s courses, he teaches students to design a more diverse, just and sustainable world through the power of fashion. His courses make use of social media as a vehicle for discussion and debate, pioneering the use of Twitter as a critical component of large lecture classes.

Barry’s research explores the intersections among gender, fashion and consumption. To that end, his latest project, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, examines how men use fashion to deconstruct and re-imagine their gendered identities.

Barry has served as a special advisor to Quebec’s Minister of Communications and Culture, helping to develop North America’s first policy to encourage the fashion industry to foster body confidence. He was also one of five international experts invited to deliver a presentation to the British Government to support its development of policies on positive body image.

Barry was the first male to receive a Governor General’s Award in Commemoration of the Person’s Case for advancing the equality of girls and women in Canada. He frequently shares his perspective on diversity in fashion with the media, and has been interviewed on Oprah and CNN, and in the Wall Street Journal, New York Magazine and the Globe and Mail.



**ANDREW
MCWILLIAMS**

Associate Professor
Academic Coordinator
First Year and Common
Science Office
Chemistry Co-op
Faculty Advisor
Department of Chemistry
and Biology
Faculty of Science
Academic Coordinator
for Chemistry

Andrew McWilliams holds a bachelor of science (honours) from Dalhousie University, and a master of science and PhD from the University of Toronto. A member of the Chemical Institute of Canada, he joined Ryerson University's Department of Chemistry and Biology in 2003 after completing a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Calgary.

McWilliams' research interests focus on two areas. First, creating new polymers to use as chemical sensors or with potential applications in preventing hospital-acquired infections. Second, developing a new concept inventory test to use when evaluating the effectiveness of new teaching approaches and technologies in chemical education.

For the past six years, McWilliams has served as the academic co-ordinator for chemistry and biology in Ryerson's G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education. He is also the academic co-ordinator for the First Year and Common Science Office.

McWilliams is currently a member of the Academic Governance and Policies Committee, the Senate Appeals Committee and the Chemistry Curriculum Committee. He was previously a faculty advisor for a variety of science co-operative education programs, including Biology, Chemistry and Contemporary Science. Additionally, he has been a member of the Senate Sub-Committee on Experiential Learning and has served as chair of the Curriculum Committee for the Molecular Science graduate program.



DAVID SCHLANGER

Chancellor's Award of Distinction Recipient

Professor, Department of Entrepreneurship and Strategy, Ted Rogers School of Business Management

Ted Rogers School of Management

David Schlanger has dedicated his career to inspiring Ryerson University students to be the best they can be.

Previously director of the Ted Rogers School of Business Management, Schlanger is a senior member of the Entrepreneurship and Strategy Department in the Ted Rogers School of Management (TRSM). A Top 20 finalist in TVOntario's Best Lecturer competition in 2010, he was also the students' choice for Convocation faculty speaker in 2011, a recipient of the Deans' Teaching Award in 2012 and was named "A Prof Who Made a Mark" by Ryerson's Student Housing Services in 2013 and 2014.

Schlanger has taught and developed courses in entrepreneurship, strategic management, managerial economics and quantitative methods. He has also taught BUS100: Strategies for Success, a core course in self-discovery and personal development, to nearly every new business management student since 2008. Additionally and in connection with BUS 100, he trains 40 senior students each year to serve as role models and leaders, to facilitate experiential learning and to discuss such topics as goal setting, time management, communication and diversity.

In the 1980s, before Schlanger's academic department existed, he served as director of the Ryerson Centre for Entrepreneurship Education and Research, and as director of the Ryerson Innovation Centre. In 1991, he wrote and hosted 24 episodes of a national radio series on entrepreneurship for Ryerson's Open College. Two years later, he became the host and script advisor for the nationally broadcast TVO series Writing a Small Business Plan. In 1999, he led the development of the entrepreneurship minor at Ryerson, and in 2006, he redesigned ENT526: Entrepreneurial Behaviour and Strategy, the foundation course for students majoring in entrepreneurship.

Throughout Schlanger's three decades of service at Ryerson, he has sat on many committees and panels. He has, for example, mentored new faculty as part of the Departmental Evaluation Committee, and served as a panelist for the Teaching and Learning Office and the Division of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Although Schlanger has consulted for numerous companies, including Bell Canada, Morrison Financial Services Ltd. and the Canadian Society for Club Managers, his greatest fulfillment comes from interacting with students. In addition to his teaching, Schlanger leads multiple workshops and is a faculty advisor to the Ryerson chapters of Enactus, Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship and Toastmasters.

Happily married for 32 years, Schlanger has two daughters, both recent Ryerson graduates. Always and ever the teacher, David's email signature imparts his philosophy: "Positivity first – success to follow!"



MAUREEN REED

President's Award for
Teaching Excellence
Recipient

Professor, Department of
Psychology
Faculty of Arts

Maureen Reed holds a master's degree and PhD from York University. Previously a faculty member at Trent and Wilfrid Laurier Universities, she is now an associate professor in Ryerson's Department of Psychology and a recent recipient of the President's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Reed is a former director of Ryerson's Learning and Teaching Office (LTO), which provides professional development in teaching to faculty members. As part of her work in the LTO, Reed assisted faculty members through mentoring, workshops, resources and programming.

Reed particularly enjoys teaching research methods and statistics at the undergraduate level. Although many students fear taking statistics courses, Reed has discovered these classes enable students to realize their own potential – a process that Reed finds rewarding to support.

Reed is also passionate about research. She is a partner in Collis & Reed Research, a small business that provides statistical consultation to businesses, the health-care sector, government, the nuclear industry and non-profit organizations. In addition, she has multiple academic research interests, including visual perception, human development, higher education, education for non-traditional students and human factors.

To that end, Reed has published papers and delivered presentations on a variety of subjects. Those topics include the impact of road lighting on driving, attitudes toward night driving, self-assessment of driving in older adults, high-intensity volunteering for older adults, understanding the needs of non-traditional university students, and learned resourcefulness (coping) as a predictor for success.

More recently, Reed has launched a program of research focusing on the benefits associated with volunteering. She also has completed considerable work in the area of access and success in higher education for students with disabilities.

A HISTORY OF RYERSON

Ronald Stagg, Department of History, Ryerson University

The Name: Egerton Ryerson, born into a United Empire Loyalist family in Norfolk County, Upper Canada, in 1803, developed a strong interest in Methodism early in life. Accepted on trial as a minister in that faith in 1825, at age 22, he was ordained in 1827. Soon he became recognized as the foremost speaker for the large Methodist sect in its struggle to gain recognition from the provincial government, which favoured the Church of England. While his reputation was established by his writings in the late 1820s and the 1830s, Ryerson is chiefly remembered today for his work in building the Ontario school system. As Superintendent of Education, from 1844 to 1876, he did much to make elementary education universally available and tuition-free. Ryerson also introduced compulsory attendance and teacher training, improved the quality of secondary education, and introduced textbooks which he hoped would provide a high quality education, stressing moral and nationalistic values.

The Location: Under Ryerson's supervision in 1850, a parcel of semi-rural land, St. James Square, was purchased. The noted architect F.W. Cumberland and T. Ridout designed a classical building, with a vaguely Roman look, to house the Department of Education, and the Normal School which trained teachers. In 1857, a model elementary school and, for a brief period, a model grammar school were added to give practical experience in teaching. Also housed in the building were a Department of Education library, an Education Depository which sold school materials at cost to local schools, and a museum and art gallery. The extensive grounds around the building were the site of early agricultural experiments. When the depository was phased out in 1882, an art school replaced it.

In the 20th century, the various activities associated with the building were gradually transferred elsewhere until 1941, when the Normal School was moved, the model school closed, and the building was used for air force training. In 1944, the old building and several temporary buildings erected during the war became the headquarters for a province-wide program which had been established in 1940 to train men and women for the war industry, and to teach service personnel various trades. At the end of the war, H.H. Kerr, who had headed this program, was put in charge of retraining returned service personnel at the Normal School building and elsewhere. In 1948, this program in turn was phased out, but the government decided that technical training was needed to improve the quality of the Ontario workforce. The old building and the wartime structures became Ryerson Institute of Technology, with H.H. Kerr as its first principal. Gradually an innovative curriculum evolved, under Kerr's directions, combining applied training in a field of speciality with



Egerton Ryerson



The original Department of Education/Normal School. When it was demolished, only the facade was kept. It can be found at the Gould Street end of the Quadrangle.



Students at the entrance to the Ryerson Institute of Technology, 50 Gould Street. Circa 1951

information on the broader society in which the skill would be used. Since all of the buildings were decaying, replacement was begun in 1958. In 1963, the original education building, except for the central facade which provides a link with the past, was demolished. Howard Kerr Hall (the Quadrangle) was erected in its place.

The '70s and '80s brought many changes to what became Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in 1964. Several new buildings were built or acquired, including the cleverly situated underground athletics centre. In 1971, Ryerson began to offer degrees. During the succeeding two decades the institute expanded its role in the university sector with the opening of the Centre for Advanced Technology Education and the Ryerson International Development Centre (now the Office of International Affairs), and with an increased emphasis on research.

The early '90s brought perhaps the greatest changes since the beginning of the '70s. The east end of the campus grew with the high technology equipped Rogers Communications Centre and Ryerson's first large student residence. In 1992, six programs in engineering earned the right to grant BEng degrees, in place of the previous BTech degrees, a recognition of the increased qualifications of engineering graduates. This was followed, in June of 1993, with government recognition of the evolution that had taken place in Ryerson's programs as a whole, and in Ryerson's role as a university. This recognition took the form of full university status which brought with it a new name, money to support ever-increasing research and the opportunity to offer graduate programs.

The new century brought with it Ryerson's first graduate programs. Now a wide range of master's and doctoral degrees are offered in fields as varied as engineering, business, the social sciences, community services and communications and design. The university also completed the George Vari Engineering and Computing Centre and opened the

HEIDELBERG Centre – School of Graphic Communications Management building, as well as an addition to Eric Palin Hall (at the eastern end of the campus) to house the Sally Horsfall Eaton Centre for Studies in Community Health. This centre is operated in conjunction with George Brown College and Centennial College. The new Student Campus Centre opened in 2005, the dream of students for a generation. Heaslip House, home of The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education, opened in 2005 and in fall 2006, the Faculty of Business, now the Ted Rogers School of Management, opened the door to its new building. A clever design, symbolic of the modern reality of a downtown campus, it sits on top of two commercial enterprises.

In September 2012 a new facility, the Ryerson Image Centre, to house the famous Black Star photographic collection, as well as other photographic materials and a large gallery space, opened, attached to a reworked School of Image Arts building. At night a glass wall embedded with thousands of LED lights reminds Toronto that Ryerson is a centre of innovation. In the late summer of 2012 the Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC) opened in the upper reaches of the old Maple Leaf Gardens, bringing hockey back to its natural home, as well as providing additional athletic and recreational facilities. Echoing the situation at the Ted Rogers School of Management, the athletic complex sits on top of commercial space, a large Loblaw's store. This co-existence in the reused building highlights the public-private partnership which helped to make the MAC possible. Ryerson's spectacular new Student Learning Centre, provides both space for student study activities and a door for Ryerson on Toronto's major thoroughfare, Yonge Street.

This growth on the campus has not been equalled since the 1970s, and is designed to meet the challenges of a rapidly growing student population. Despite these, and many other changes over the years, Ryerson remains faithful to the educational philosophies of Egerton Ryerson and Howard Kerr, stretching back nearly two hundred years.



Mattamy Athletic Centre



The Student Campus Centre

The Howard Kerr MEMORIAL MACE

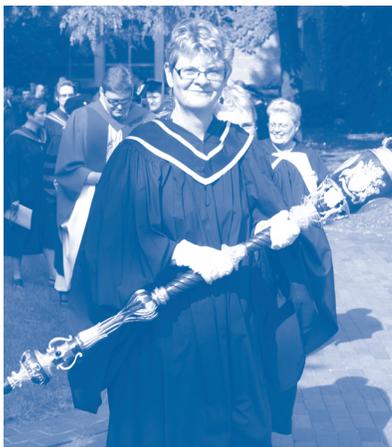
In the ancient European tradition, the mace is the most important symbol of authority. In medieval times, a mace was a formidable weapon, used to defend a king, baron, or bishop. Over the years, it evolved into a symbol. In universities, it now symbolizes the authority of the Chancellor to award degrees; only in its presence can degrees be conferred. The mace plays a major role in all university ceremonies and Convocations, and takes pride of place in processions.

Association of Commonwealth Universities, February 1993

The Howard Kerr Memorial Mace is named in honour of the founder and first principal of Ryerson, who served the institution from its inception in 1948 until 1966 and whose leadership and foresight made possible its evolution from an experimental institute of technology to its current state.

The mace, which is the generous gift of the citizens of Howard Hillen Kerr's hometown of Seaforth, Ontario, measures 53 inches and is made of solid turned walnut, intricately carved protuberances and gilded 23-carat-gold leaf. It was handcrafted as a commission by Nova Scotia artist and sculptor Douglass Morse.

The ceremonial mace is primarily the inspiration of Professor Emeritus Eugen Bannerman, who put forward the design proposals to numerous individuals in Seaforth and at Ryerson, including members of the Kerr family. Like most university maces, it carries a variety of traditional and historic symbols reflecting Ryerson's development and customs.



Ryerson University and Ryerson Aboriginal Student Services EAGLE STAFF

On May 30, 2012, Ryerson University and Ryerson Aboriginal Student Services (RASS) became the first and only university in Ontario to receive a special spiritual honour. During a community ceremony and celebration, they were presented with an Eagle Staff. This powerful instrument offers courage for the teaching and learning of Aboriginal students. It is a major accomplishment for an educational institution to receive and happens once in a lifetime. The staff has important spiritual significance and is the traditional flag of Indigenous peoples, taking precedence over all other flags.

The Eagle Staff will take on a teaching role at Ryerson and within the larger Aboriginal community. It recognizes the leadership Ryerson and RASS have cultivated in creating a strong holistic support system to Aboriginal students. The Eagle Staff will participate in significant events, including convocation.

Especially designed for Ryerson and RASS, this Eagle Staff is made from a wooden pole with a deer antler on top. The cloth banner features Ryerson colours. Attached to the wooden pole are carved pieces depicting the Seven Grandfather teachings: Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth. Footprints sewn into the cloth represent the learning journey that Aboriginal learners embark upon at Ryerson. It ends with a silhouette of a learner beneath a dream catcher, representing the learner's attainment of their goal. The feathers represent the services and programs offered by RASS, the Aboriginal Education Council, Ryerson University and Aboriginal students.



Ryerson University

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDALS

The Governor General's Academic Medal was created and first awarded in 1873 by the Earl of Dufferin. It recognized scholastic achievements and has since become one of the most prestigious awards that a student in a Canadian educational institution can receive. The Governor General of Canada continues this tradition of encouraging scholarship across the nation and recognizing outstanding students. The Governor General's Academic Medal is awarded to the student who graduates with the highest standing in his or her institution.

Today, the Governor General's Academic Medal is awarded at four levels: Bronze at the secondary school level, Collegiate Bronze at the post-secondary diploma level, Silver at the undergraduate level, and Gold at the graduate level. Detailed descriptions of each face of the medal can be found at www.gg.ca.



Ryerson University

GOLD MEDAL



The Ryerson Gold Medal is one of the university's highest awards, given to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and school involvement. The first medal was awarded in 1951 and since then more than 200 medals have been

granted to undergraduate, graduate and certificate students from the Faculties of Arts; Communication & Design; Community Services; Engineering and Architectural Science; Science; The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education; the Ted Rogers School of Management and the Yeates School of Graduate Studies. One student from each faculty and school receives the medal; undergraduates and certificate students at the spring Convocation ceremonies, graduate studies students at the fall ceremonies.

Ryerson University

BOARD OF GOVERNORS LEADERSHIP MEDAL



The Board of Governors Leadership Award and Medal is the university's highest award and was first presented in 2013. The criteria for the award includes outstanding leadership qualities and academic achievements as evidenced by the student's

commitment to leadership through membership in Ryerson committees, extra-curricular activities or involvement in student and/or university affairs, and their final cumulative grade point average.

All Ryerson Gold medalists for the current academic year are eligible candidates so it is truly a challenge for the selection committee to choose one recipient who is the best among the best. The medal is awarded to a continuing education or undergraduate student at the spring Convocation ceremonies and a graduate studies student at the fall ceremonies.

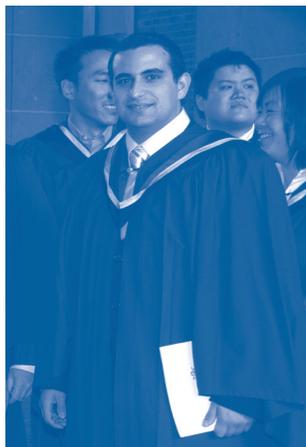
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ACADEMIC COSTUME

In today's academic procession, the Ryerson faculty, administration, members of the board of governors, graduating students and recipients of the Ryerson Honorary Doctorate will be wearing a variety of gowns, hoods and caps. The history of academic costume dates back to the 14th century, from the earliest days of the oldest universities. Then, students and faculty wore long robes and hoods to protect themselves from cold, drafty, often unheated rooms and corridors. Academic costume as we know it today is a survivor of this earlier form of dress.

Modern academic costume has become a means of identifying the honours and other distinctions which exist in the scholarly world. For example, the higher the academic award, the fuller the gown. Also, the fields in which degrees are granted are reflected by specific colours, normally on the hood associated with each degree.

Ryerson's academic costume is in the British tradition, modelled on British precedents and designs but with certain distinctive characteristics. The Ryerson baccalaureate hood is in the style of the hood of the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. The student gown is an "undergraduate" gown in the common style but in a distinctive blue colour. It is worn by recipients of certificates and baccalaureate degrees. Caps are a part of the President's and Chancellor's regalia (both of which include a cap and gown of office), and the regalia of PhD graduates. Generally, other academic costume at Ryerson Convocations reflects the academic awards, earned and honorary, and the university backgrounds of those wearing the regalia.



Egerton Ryerson and

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Ryerson University is named for Egerton Ryerson (1803-1882), a prominent figure in 19th-century Canada who played an influential role in the fields of politics, religion, arts, sciences and perhaps most significantly, education. Egerton Ryerson was instrumental in the establishment of a free and compulsory public education system in Ontario. This was the foundation of the province's modern school system and served to revolutionize education in Canada.

Because of Egerton Ryerson's achievements, particularly in establishing the public education system we know today, the institution that would eventually become Ryerson University was named for him at its founding in 1948.

Ryerson University is proud of its history and of the contribution its namesake, Egerton Ryerson, made to Ontario's public education system. However, while Egerton Ryerson supported free and compulsory education, he also believed in different systems of education for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children. These beliefs influenced, in part, the establishment of what became the Indian Residential School system that has had such a devastating impact on First Nations, Métis and Inuit people across Canada. While Egerton Ryerson did not implement or oversee Indian Residential Schools, his ideas were used by others to create their blueprint. It is important to acknowledge this connection and in so doing emphasize the university's ongoing and proactive commitment to respectful relationships with Aboriginal communities, both within and outside Ryerson University, and to continuing to build and maintain a campus environment that welcomes and respects Aboriginal people.



Welcome to the Ryerson ALUMNI FAMILY

Congratulations on your graduation and welcome to life as a Ryerson University graduate! Although you may be leaving campus, that doesn't mean you're leaving Ryerson. We encourage you to stay connected through the Alumni Relations Office, your partner in maintaining relationships, networking and pursuing your professional goals.

We can help you get in touch with friends and classmates, access career services and counselling, and participate in alumni programs and special events. Whether you stay in Toronto or move across the country, the Alumni Relations Office offers you a number of exclusive alumni privileges.

Among the benefits you will receive are a free subscription to Ryerson University Magazine, as well as a personalized alumni card – your key to an ever-growing suite of discounts and value-added incentives. In addition, consider this your personal invitation to return to campus for Alumni Weekend, the annual celebration for all alumni and their families. Visit the Alumni Relations website at www.ryerson.ca/alumni for complete details.

We are proud of you and your accomplishments and we urge you to stay in touch by keeping the Alumni Relations Office apprised of your current contact information. That way, no matter where life takes you, you will always be connected to Ryerson.



The Tradition of the RYERSON CLOCK TOWER AND CARILLON

With the help of the class of 1964, Ryerson students have graduated to the sound of ringing bells in Kerr Hall quad. The original instrument behind the sounds is the carillon, a keyboard attached to 25 metal rods – not, in fact, bells – located in Kerr Hall West. The man behind the machine is Wayne Detcher, Electrical Technology '64 who has played the carillon at nearly every convocation ceremony for over 50 years.

Set up on a vintage school desk, the carillon keyboard made felt-covered hammers strike musical rods. The vibrations were amplified and sent to three horn speakers in the Kerr Hall clock tower, producing bell-like ringing sounds in the quad.

Donated by the Alumni Association in 1964, the carillon was desperately in need of replacement as it approached its fiftieth anniversary in 2014. A fundraising campaign raised over \$100,000 for a new carillon that resembles an electronic organ in a wood console. Wayne played this beautiful instrument for the first time at the Spring 2014 Convocation ceremonies.

Ryerson's clock and carillon tower is featured atop the southern-most (Gould Street) section of Howard Kerr Hall which was constructed in the early 1960's and housed Principal Howard Kerr's office and the Board Room. The Kerr Hall quadrangle with the clock tower, the Ryerson Hall facade and Egerton Ryerson's statue are the historical focal points of the Ryerson University campus.



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