

Convocation 2021 | Early Childhood Studies_MASTER

Elena Merenda [00:00:17] Congratulations everyone. I'm so proud of you, I hope you're proud of yourselves too. I'm sorry we can't celebrate you in our traditional way, but please know that wherever life takes you, I hope that you stay in touch. You forever. Have a home with us at Guelph-Humber. Take care.

Alyson Green [00:00:35] Hello Early Childhood Studies online and hybrid students. My name is Alyson and I'm glad that we could finally meet virtually. I am so, so proud of each and every one of you as I know you fought so hard to get to this point and now you can finally say that you are Guelph-Humber graduate. One strength that I think this cohort benefited from is that you were so close to each other and you maintain such a close knit community and I hope you continue to use that community once you leave Guelph-Humber, because I think it helps to strengthen all of us as a whole. On behalf University Guelph-Humber Academic Advising and the Early Childhood Studies department. Again, I would like to say congratulations, go out there and make us proud.

Brenley DiFranco [00:01:15] Hey Early Childhood Studies students, congratulations to the class of 2021. You guys have had a really crazy last year and you work so hard you should be really proud of yourself. So congratulations.

John Irwin [00:01:27] Here we are your last day. Well your last day with me I guess for all of you. I wish you all well. That at the end of the day, that's what I wish for you. I wish that you will all go on you with some of you will go on an education, you'll get the equivalent degree, you'll get a higher degree. You add your life experience to it. You will surpass me in anything I've ever done. The beauty of being where I am in life and watching you is remembering when I was in the place that you are and that looking forward, the hope of what will come, the uncertainty of what will be. You will all get there somehow. I did the others from today Will did as well. But you will. And we can look back and we can know that you will because we can look back on it. And that is probably the greatest claim I can make from the role I played in a small part in your life is that I had some small piece in the future that all of you will take. And that is the greatest reward is to know what will go on beyond me. So today is simply it's your day. I'm not going to go on, as you know, in my class. I can go on way too long sometimes. We'll keep it to the point and say, go on. Be well, do well, be well. Always. You are important. You are important. You are the centre of your world and make that world a big, beautiful one.

Marie Narsoo [00:02:54] Congratulations Early Childhood Studies graduate. You did it. I wish you all the best on your next adventure and I make sure to come by Guelph-Humber to see hi.

Nitin Deckha [00:03:07] Dear graduates, congratulations on the completion of your Guelph-Humber journey. I wish you the very best as your next journey begins. I caution you that it will be bumpy. Have detours take you through some scenic vistas as well, at times it'll be flat and uneventful. But the journey is yours to create and curate. It doesn't have to be Instagrammable. It should speak to your values, your goals, your vision, and be full of your curiosity and hard work. It won't be an easy journey, but I'm rooting for you. Bon courage a bon voyage.

Rob Ludvig [00:03:49] Hello, University Guelph-Humber Early Childhood Studies graduates. I'm Rob and I'm with Library Services. You made it. I wanted to congratulate you on your incredible accomplishment. You're ready and we're proud of you. And again,

congratulations on an amazing accomplishment and wishing you all the best in your future adventures.

Valerie Trew [00:04:10] Well, graduates, I just want to say that I am so impressed by you. I am impressed by all you've accomplished despite the challenges of the past year. I'm impressed by how you've integrated the hardships of post-secondary studies during a global pandemic into your learning and how it has shaped you as professionals and as people. At a time when it can be hard to feel excited. I am excited for your futures and for the wonderful ways you will contribute to the world. I wish you could be celebrating this important milestone in person, complete with the caps and gowns and the well deserved walk across the stage. But this virtual graduation is actually a fitting reminder of the challenges and the hardships that you've overcome throughout your studies. I have no doubt that just as this experience has challenged our teaching and innovation, it has challenged your learning and commitment and will forever be a part of what you take into the world. Congratulations hardly seem sufficient to acknowledge your accomplishment. Look at a world, not even a global pandemic could hold this group back.

Liana Acri-Rosa [00:05:08] Congratulations. Class of 2021. As a proud alumna and staff member at the University Guelph-Humber, I'm excited to welcome you to our alumni family. I can't wait to hear all of the amazing things you're going to do as graduates of the university to make us proud and have fun celebrating.

Cynthia Mckeich [00:05:23] Hello graduates. On behalf of Library Services, I'd like to extend our heartfelt congratulations and a great big woohoo on your accomplishments.

Julia Ciampa [00:05:34] Hello graduating class of 2021. My name is Julia Ciampa and I am your Guelph-Humber student engagement coordinator, over at IGNITE. And I, along with the rest of the team, want to congratulate you on achieving this incredible milestone. We know that this journey hasn't always been easy. And to be honest, it's probably quite different from what you had imagined when you first stepped foot on campus. Many of you experienced the Ontario College strike in your first year of studies, the Student Choice Initiative, plus the transition to online learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Talk about resiliency. These may not have been the things that you have envisioned, nor were they the things that you could have planned for. But the truth is, you cannot plan for life because you don't know everything that it has planned for you. And that's a part of the beauty of it. Your time here at the University of Guelph-Humber has showed how resilient, adaptable and strong willed you are and that you are capable of anything. We hope you keep from doubting yourself, because not only have you succeeded during very difficult circumstances, but you have also excelled. Your journey is just beginning and we are so happy to be able to be a part of it. Congratulations graduates.