

(gentle orchestral music)

(bagpipe music)

â O Canada â

â Our home and native land â

â True patriot love in all of us command â

â With glowing hearts we see thee rise â

â The True North strong and free â

â From far and wide, O Canada â

â We stand on guard for thee â

â God keep our land, glorious and free â

â O Canada, we stand on guard for thee â

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(upbeat music)

- Welcome graduates, family
members, and friends.

We are happy to have you join us

for the Spring 2021 Convocation Ceremony.

My name is Brenda Whiteside,

and I am the Interim
Director of Administration

and Student Services at the
University of Guelph-Humber.

Today is a very special day.

Today is the day of your graduation,

and I'm so proud to be here

to celebrate this significant
milestone with you.

We hope wherever you are
watching from this evening,

that you feel proud, recognized,

and celebrated on this very important day.

My hope for you,

as you embark on the next
phase of your journey,

is that you've been
inspired during your studies

at the University of Guelph-Humber,

and that you will pave your own path

and leave a positive mark on the world.

Over the last few years during
your undergraduate studies,

you've become an engaged thinker,
a critical problem solver,

and an impassioned leader.

Bravo!

While things may look different
than what we had expected,

Convocation is always a time to celebrate,

to celebrate your years
of hard work, dedication,

and overall success,

to celebrate the impact you
have had on our communities

and will have as you
embark on your next steps,

whether that be postgraduate studies

or entering into the workforce.

Convocation is an important
milestone in your life.

And I hope you are truly proud

of your academic accomplishments,
your perseverance,

and your resilience.

On behalf of the University
of Guelph-Humber community,

I want you to know how inspired we are
by your accomplishments.

Congratulations, University
of Guelph-Humber graduate.

To begin our convocation ceremony,
let us recognize the land

where the University of
Guelph-Humber is located.

And I now welcome Jason Seright,

Dean of Indigenous
Education and Engagement

to provide the territorial
land acknowledgement.

Boozhoo, Anin, Tawaw.

- Welcome.

As a visitor to this territory,

it's important for me
to acknowledge and honour

the ancestors who originally
inhabited these lands.

As the Dean of Indigenous
Education and Engagement,

I want to acknowledge and honour
that traditional territories

that the University of
Guelph-Humber Campus is located on.

The University of Guelph-Humber

is located within the
traditional and treaty lands

of the Mississaugas of the
Credit known as Adoobiigok,

the Place of the Alders.

In Mississauga language, the
region is uniquely situated

along the Humber River Watershed,

which historically provided
an integral connection

for Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee,
and Wendat peoples.

Between the Ontario Lakeshore
and the Lake Simcoe Georgian Bay regions,
now home to people of numerous nations.

Adoobiigok continues to
provide a vital source

of interconnection for all.

Miigwetch, Kinanaskotomin, Nia:wen.

Thank you.

- Hello everyone.

I'm Dr. George Bragues,
Interim Vice-Provost.

Today you will be presented
and admitted to your
respective degree and diploma.

I invite Dr. Charlotte Yates,

President and Vice-Chancellor
of the University of Guelph,

and Dr. Chris Whitaker, President
and CEO of Humber College

to confer your degree
and diploma in absentia.

(soft music)

- Welcome graduands,
family members, and friends

to this special celebration.

I am Charlotte Yates, the
President and Vice-Chancellor

of the University of Guelph.

I have the great honour of
conferring your degree today.

By virtue of the authority vested in me

and in the University of Guelph,

I hereby accept you in absentia
for admission to your degree

with all the rights, privileges,

and obligations appertaining there too.

Today I am deeply honoured

to celebrate your hard
work and accomplishments.

I encourage you to remember this moment

and use it as a reminder of
your perseverance, talent,

and your ability to
overcome any challenge.

Congratulations, University
of Guelph-Humber graduates.

We are all so proud of you.

- Welcome graduands,
family members, and friends

to this special celebration.

I'm Chris Whitaker, the President
and CEO of Humber College.

Today I have the great honour
of conferring your diploma.

By virtue of the authority
vested in me and Humber College,

I hereby accept you in absentia

for admissions to your
diploma with all the rights,

privileges, and obligations
appertaining there too.

I am proud to join you for this
special Convocation ceremony

and mark this very important day for you,

a day which recognizes all

your hard work, commitment,
sacrifice, and resilience.

You have demonstrated remarkable
flexibility and adaptation

completing your program during
these unprecedented times.

Your dual credential and
unique experience at UGH

have prepared you well
for whatever lies ahead.

And we look forward to hearing
about your continued success.

Good luck and congratulations,

University of Guelph-Humber graduate.

- Congratulations, class of 2021.

It has been a difficult year,

and I'm so sad to have
to say goodbye to you

without being able to physically see you

proudly walk across the
stage of Convocation

and take the next step in
your professional journey.

I am wearing my academic regalia

to honour you and your achievement today.

I want you to know how proud I am of you.

You made it through.

Sometimes it was hard
and you needed to fight,

and sometimes it was fun and
inspiring and you could flow.

This is the journey of your life,

the ups and downs you will go through.

What you have proven to

yourself is that you can do it.

You can fight and flow.

You can play and persevere.

You can do anything you set
in your heart and mind to.

Believe in yourself,
say yes to your dreams

and where life takes you.

Most importantly, live your life.

Enjoy every part of your journey.

Sending you a big hug and
wishing you all the best.

(soft instrumental music)

- Thank you for joining us today

to celebrate your graduation,

and congratulations on this
extraordinary achievement.

I hope you've been able
to reflect on your time

at the University of Guelph-Humber

and thank the people who have helped you

throughout your academic career.

To all the family members,
friends, and supporters,

thank you for joining us today

and for the support and guidance

you've provided to our graduates.

I would like to take this
opportunity to encourage you,

our newest alumni, to stay
connected with the University

and look for opportunities

to engage with the alumni community.

Following the ceremony,

I invite you to join our Live Reception

hosted by our Alumni Services Department.

The University of Guelph-Humber

is honoured to have you
as part of our legacy,

and we wish you all the best
in your future endeavours.

Congratulations, University
of Guelph-Humber graduates.

I can now announce, the
Convocation is dismissed.

I look forward to seeing
you at the Reception

taking place at 6:00 p.m.

(upbeat music)