

Awards

Avens Sheila Broders Award

Presented by Frances Bower, Director of Care
Avens Community for Seniors

RNANTNU Academic and Clinical Excellence Award

Presented by Vivian-Lei C. Silverio-Chua BSN RN
President-Elect, RNANTNU

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Faculty Award

Presented by Andy Bevan, Aurora College President



Mission

Demonstrate leadership in the delivery of relevant and meaningful education and research rooted in strong connections to Northern land, tradition, community and people.

2020/2021

CONVOCATION

Yellowknife North Slave Campus

June 10, 2021

Administrator's Message

On behalf of Aurora College, I am pleased to extend our sincere congratulations to the graduating classes of 2020 and 2021. We are celebrating both years together as COVID-19 prevented us from officially recognizing our graduates last year.

Convocation Ceremonies are an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of those who have worked so hard to achieve their academic goals. The dreams of Northerners are as vast and diverse as the north itself, and Aurora College is pleased to play a role in helping students achieve those dreams.

I want to thank all students for choosing Aurora College. We are honoured every year by your drive and by the sacrifices you make to build a better future for yourselves, your families, and your communities.

Congratulations to the Aurora College Graduating Classes of 2020 and 2021!

Denny Rodgers
Public Administrator, Aurora College

President's Message

Congratulations Graduating Classes of 2020 and 2021! You have persevered through an unusual and especially challenging set of circumstances and are now celebrating your success!

The parchment you receive is a testament to the high-quality education you obtained from Aurora College. Be proud as an Aurora College alumnus – you are joining the ranks of thousands of graduates who now successfully contribute to the vitality of NWT.

This ceremony marks the completion of one step on your educational journey, and I encourage you to regularly review your next steps. Even if you are going directly into employment, it is estimated that the average person changes their career at least five times during their working life. Post-secondary education is a lifelong journey, and learning doesn't end just because your program has finished. We look forward to supporting you again as you continue to upgrade your skills, change careers and adapt to evolving technologies. As Aurora College transforms into a polytechnic university, we will offer new and enhanced programs that will continue to prepare Northerners to succeed in their chosen careers.

Thank you for choosing Aurora College to pursue your post-secondary goals. Go forth proudly to help build a stronger and more vibrant territory. Congratulations!

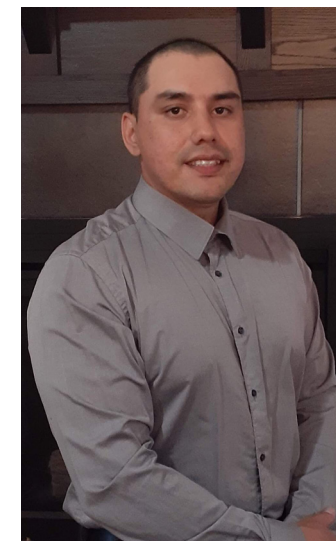
Andy Bevan
President, Aurora College

Valedictorian Biographies

Elycia Ekvana Monaghan

Elycia Ekvana Monaghan was born and raised in Hay River, Northwest Territories, spending her childhood coming to know the value of kindness and generosity inherent to her Inuit roots. After graduating high school in 2015, she knew that the pursuit of truth and purpose came with choosing a helping career. Entering the Diploma of Social Work program at Aurora College proved fateful, as she came to grasp and struggle with the unending legacy of colonialism. It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Patrick, welcoming their miracle son, Eli, shortly after graduating with a Social Work Diploma with Honours.

Always a lifelong learner, Elycia enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program with her 3-month-old son and husband by her side. Coming to appreciate the beautiful altruism of nursing, with its multi-faceted nature for nurturing the holistic wellbeing of clients as individuals, communities, and societies has proved to be a blessing during her four-year tenure. She has been undoubtedly blessed to hold a place among her impressive and determined class of peers in Aurora College's graduating class of 2020-2021.



Kelvin Tyler Kotchilea

Kelvin Kotchilea was born and raised in Behchoko, Northwest Territories. He is married to Leah Rose Chocolate and has three daughters - Mika, Aria and Hailey. In 2019, Kelvin was accepted into the Business Administration Diploma program at Aurora College's Yellowknife North Slave campus. He decided to return to post-secondary after serving eight continuous years of service with the GNWT as a Renewable Resource Officer. Kelvin is also graduated from Aurora College's Environment and Natural Resource Technology Diploma program in 2010. He has always had a passion for the outdoors and excelled in academic subjects such as math and science.

Transitioning from a Renewable Resource Officer to a college student was a complete 180 life changing decision for Kelvin and his family, in terms of career and education. In the last two years, education has been a key part of his life, as a result, a lot of positive changes have happened. Kelvin is honoured to be a part of the graduating class of 2021.

Recipients of Certificates, Diplomas & Degrees

Ceremony 1 - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP

Office Administration Certificate (2021)

Nicole Lamouelle Wekweéti

Office Administration Diploma (2020)

Seanna Menacho Tulit'a
 Tamara Tatti Tulit'a
 Kate Wedzin Yellowknife

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Early Learning & Child Care Certificate (2020)

Maurissa Antle Yellowknife
 Tiffany Bayha Tulit'a
 Dawn Bodnark Yellowknife
 Mary Kaglik Inuvik
 Rita Porter Gjoa Haven
 Stephanie Smutylo Yellowknife
 Cynthia Yakkeina Behchokò

Early Learning & Child Care Diploma (2020)

Leah Abel Łutselk'e
 Samantha Bishop Whati
 Annadette Bouvier Fort Providence
 Crystal Catholique Fort Smith
 Gloria Gaudet Délıne
 Kanayok Cheyanne Klengenber
 Yellowknife
 Joanne Krutko Tulit'a
 Michelle Krutko Tulit'a
 Morine Mantla Behchokò
 Kyla Menacho Tulit'a
 Patricia (M'gee) Moran Fort Smith
 Julia de Pelham Yellowknife
 Natasha Sanguéz Samba K'e

Vanessa Sanguéz
 Debbie Siakuluk
 Edie Smith
 Rachel Ann Yakkeina

Jean Marie River
 Hall Beach, NU
 Behchokò
 Behchokò

SCHOOL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Personal Support Worker Certificate (2020)

Ketty Beaverho Behchokò
 Delores Betsina Łutselk'e
 Kate Handley Yellowknife
 Kirstalynn Jerome Fort McPherson
 Jessy Jimenez Yellowknife
 Jolene Kenny Délıne
 Edren Mendoza Yellowknife
 Priscilla Smith Inuvik
 Victoria Wedzin Behchokò

Social Work Diploma (2020)

Candace Apples Gamèti
 Candice Ferdinand Délıne

Ceremony 2 - 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP

Business Administration Certificate (2020)

Adina Nicolau Yellowknife
 George Bailey Behchokò
 Rolando Dela Cruz Yellowknife
 Summer Desjarlais Yellowknife
 Kaylene Elizabeth Mabbitt Délıne

Business Administration Diploma (2020)

Jesulen Bogacia Yellowknife
 Dexter Castada Yellowknife
 Violet Fodor Yellowknife
 Kashini Hansika Jankur Yellowknife

Jiovanna Leonardis Yellowknife
 Grace Nchangnwin Yellowknife
 Claire Perpetua Yellowknife
 Kate Vincent Yellowknife

Business Administration Diploma (2021)

Alice Zoe-Chocolate Behchokò
 Cheryl Chocolate Gamèti
 Marta Goodwin Yellowknife
 Tye Hand Yellowknife
 Luke Heal Yellowknife
 Kelvin Kotchilea Behchokò
 Maha Fatima Rizvi Yellowknife
 Kristopher Wendehorst Yellowknife
 Yehan Xiong Yellowknife

SCHOOL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Personal Support Worker Certificate (2021)

Evarister Mayomi Adekanle Yellowknife
 Karin von Allmen Yellowknife
 Shyla Boyce Hay River
 Tina Carmody Yellowknife
 Roberta Charlo Behchokò
 Nancy Falcunitin Yellowknife
 Cheri Lee Fisher Yellowknife
 Taylin Gibeault Yellowknife
 Eduardo Jo Yellowknife
 Berinda Mackenzie Behchokò
 Leah Mandeville Yellowknife
 Miraquel Manuba Yellowknife
 Vusumuzi Moyo Yellowknife
 Diana Mukungu Yellowknife
 Trista Nault Hay River
 Teresa Simon Fort Resolution
 Mellow Jane Tibayan Yellowknife
 Krystin Tuccaro Yellowknife

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Education Degree (2020)

Darla Rabesca Whati

Ceremony 3 - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (2020)

Rana Jallil Aga Yellowknife
 Robyn Anderson Yellowknife
 Margarita Badilla Yellowknife
 Bovina Beaudoin Yellowknife
 Ashley Borschneck Yellowknife
 Stephanie Sweet Castro Yellowknife
 Paisley Day Inuvik
 Marie-Pier Dion Yellowknife
 Whitney Fisher Yellowknife
 Allison Forbes Yellowknife
 Tracey Foster-Debaie Yellowknife
 Brittany Haggerman Yellowknife
 Robyn Hall Fort Smith
 Kelsey Hobbs-Peddle Yellowknife
 Julie Loomis Yellowknife
 John-Mark Mabilog Yellowknife
 Joanna Macisaac-Laprieur Yellowknife
 Huzaifa Malik Yellowknife
 Catherine Peterson Yellowknife
 Mathew Pontin Yellowknife
 Andrea Thiverge Yellowknife
 Fatima Ullah Yellowknife
 Dana Webster Hay River
 Nadia Wood Yellowknife

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (2021)

Erica Abel	Yellowknife
Crystal Andersen	Fort Smith
Jenna Margaret Blanchard	Inuvik
Jessica Chenkie	Yellowknife
Roselle Constantino	Yellowknife
Sara Elizabeth Lorna Gibbons	Hay River
Jillian Grobbecker	Stratford, ON
Emily Hamm	Yellowknife
Ling Luo	Yellowknife
Geraldine Maloney	Yellowknife
Charlene Venus C. Masa	Yellowknife
Marisa McArthur	Yellowknife
Kaitlyn Miklas	Yellowknife
Elycia Monaghan	Hay River
Angela Pond	Yellowknife
Brianne King B. Refugia	Yellowknife
Amy Rose	Yellowknife
Pureza Dajuya Tenebro	Yellowknife
Christal Tesselaar	Yellowknife
Jennifer Tregidgo	Hay River
Xinying Wu	Yellowknife

Community Health Representative Certificate (2020)

Lily Alanak	Uluhaktok
Marlene Wolki	Paulatuk

Community Health Representative Certificate (2021)

Crystal Menicoche	Fort Simpson
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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Certificate of Adult Education (2021)

Donna-Lynn Baskin	Yellowknife
Sandy Burns	Yellowknife
Charles Joshua MacDonald	Yellowknife
Jason Messier	Yellowknife
Kathryn Barry Paddock	Yellowknife

Program of Events

Processional

Prayer Song

Elders Jimmy B. Rabesca and Marie A. Rabesca

Master of Ceremonies

Dr. Perez Oyugi, Director,
Yellowknife North Slave Campus

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President's Address

Andy Bevan, President,
Aurora College

Presentation of Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees

Presentation of Awards

Valedictory Address

Elycia Ekvana Monaghan
Kelvin Tyler Kotchilea

Closing Remarks

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