

Convocation

BURMAN UNIVERSITY

*Friday, the Twenty-seventh of April to
Sunday, the Twenty-ninth of April,
Two Thousand and Eighteen*

*Presiding: Noble Donkor, PhD
Vice-President for Academic Administration*

*College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church
on the Campus of Burman University*

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Graduation Motto

I can and I will

Graduation Aim

Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. - Philippians 1:6

Saturday Graduate Reception

Graduates and their families are invited to join with the faculty for fellowship and a light supper at 5:30 p.m. in the College Heights Christian School gymnasium. Invited guests include families, faculty, administration, and board members. Please feel free to take the opportunity to mingle throughout the reception.

Convocation services are streamed live on the web at livestream.com/burmanu

Consecration

Friday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

Song Service.....	F.R.E.E.
Invocation.....	Nyadoar Guet
Welcome.....	Noble Donkor Vice-President for Academic Administration
Tribute to School and Teachers.....	Ellecia Cousins and Tsholofelo Sebetlela
Tribute to Families.....	Gloria Osei and Shannon Armbrister
Musical Selection “Blessed and Highly Favoured”.....	Sabrina Eugene and Gloria Osei featuring: Unspoken Testimony
Address “Remember, God’s Leading in your Life”.....	Tennyson Samraj Professor of Philosophy, Burman University
Prayer of Dedication.....	Caitlyn Brousson (Business) Mark Bulahan (Arts) Timothy Miller (Science) Tristan Willauer (Education)
Act of Consecration.....	Joshua Bradburn and Jessica Richter
Postlude.....	F.R.E.E.

Sabbath School

Saturday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.

Song Service.....	Sarah-Kay Smart and Friends
Welcome.....	Andrew Dobbin
Prayer.....	Elsy Cornejo
Musical Selection.....	Angelica Cornejo
Scripture Reading.....	Mike Andrade
Call for Offering.....	Laura Domke
Lesson Study.....	Daniel Innocent and Zlatan Ljuljurovic
Benediction.....	Fred Nahirny

Baccalaureate

Saturday, April 28, 11:40 a.m.

Prelude “Allegro”	W. Hayes
Invocation	Wanda Swensen Parent of Graduate
Welcome	Loren Agrey President
Hymn “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!”	No. 167
Prayer	Steve Brousson Parent of Graduate
Call for Offering	Sonja Bradburn Parent of Graduate
Offertory “Adagio”	D. Bédard
Scripture <i>Philippians 1:6 and 1 John 4:4</i>	Sheeba Abraham Parent of Graduate
Musical Selection “Prayer”	R. Vaughn Williams Lucinda Dixon, mezzo-soprano
Sermon “Greater!”	Honey Todd Pastor, Mountain View Seventh-day Adventist Church
Hymn “Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah”	No. 538
Benediction	Teca Z. Cousins Parent of Graduate
Recessional “Allegro Vivace”	D. Bédard

Organist: Wendy Markosky

The congregation will be seated during the recessional.

Evensong

Saturday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

Welcome.....	Kaylie Copeland
Invocation.....	Edwin Darius
Worship Thought & Musical Selection	Emmanuel Vedoya
Worship Thought & Musical Selection.....	Raene Bell
Worship Thought.....	JP Deximo
Musical Selection “Cello Suite no. 2 Prelude”.....	J. S. Bach Nicolas McMillan, Double Bass
Benediction.....	Sydney Bell

Commencement Announcements

Commencement seating is for ticket holders only. Graduates’ invited guests are encouraged to arrive early with their tickets. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Seating is not guaranteed for those guests that arrive late. Additional guests are invited to the basement of the church where the service will be available through live streaming.

Because the class provides photographs of each graduate taken at the time of the degree presentation and because the service is being streamed live, guests must at all times remain behind the last row of graduate seating.

Commencement

Sunday, April 29, 10:00 a.m.

Prelude “Light Classics” *J. S. Bach, G. F. Handel, W. Hayes*

Processional “Grand March” *L. Lefebure-Wely*

Marshal
Graduates
Faculty and Administration
Board of Trustees
President and Platform Party

Invocation *Mark Johnson*
Chair, Board of Trustees

Welcome *Loren Agrey*
President

Musical Selection *Jessica Richter, violin*

Address “Winter Wheat” *Lisa Beardsley-Hardy*
Director of Education, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Presentation of Candidates *Noble Donkor*
Vice-President for Academic Administration

Conferral of Degrees *Loren Agrey*

Presentation of Degrees *Loren Agrey*
Assisted by *Lawrence Murrin*, Registrar

Presentation of Presidential Medals of Excellence *Noble Donkor*
Loren Agrey

Presentation of Class Gift *Officers of the Graduating Class*

Alumni Recognition *Adam Deibert*
President, Alumni Association

Recognition of Emeritus Faculty *Loren Agrey*

Benediction *Wanda Johnson*
Director, Sakala Student Success Centre

Recessional “Allegro vivo” *P. Benoit*

Postlude “Allegro” *O. King*

Organist: Wendy Markosky, Professor of Music
Marshal: John Connors, Professor of Psychology

Guests must at all times remain behind the last row of graduate seating

The congregation will remain seated during the recessional

Family and friends may greet the graduates immediately following the service at the Alumni Plaza in front of the Administration Building.

Candidates for Graduation

Burman University Programs

Bachelor of Arts (Three-Year)

Andrew William Abel (Adventure Based Counselling)* ‡ *cum laude*

Mike Robin Padua Andrade (Religious Studies)

Mariel Azucena De Castro (General Studies) ‡

Jerry Lane Lambert II (Business Administration)

Renae Elizabeth Lightbody (General Studies)

Juneile Rosana Maxi (General Studies) †

Alexandre Phillippe Pluviose (General Studies)

Bachelor of Arts (Four-Year)

Benjamin Jr Amoah (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track)

Mark Bacomo Bulahan (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track)

Mikyla Marie Bunnett (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track)

Miguel Arcangel Chaparro (Religious Studies) ‡

Shenda Chimwaso (Behavioural Science) †

Kaylie Dawn Copeland (Behavioural Science)

Edwin Paul Darius (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track)

Jonathan Paul Deximo (Religious Studies)

Tamara Lee Hyde-Mosher (Religious Studies) †

Daniel Innocent (Religious Studies)

Jamie Kyle Joseph (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track)

Zlatan Ljuljdjurovic (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track)

Nicolas Zane Levi McMillan (Music)

Fred Alan Nahirny (Religious Studies) † *cum laude*

Angelo Nugent (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track)

Keron Hezron Ottley (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track) ‡

Jessica Rochelle Richter (Music) † *summa cum laude*

Tsholofelo Sebetlela (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track)

Sarah-Kay Sashae Smart † (Behavioural Science)

William Marshall Swensen (Adventure Based Counselling)

Sean David Jordan Todd (Religious Studies: Pre-Professional track)

Emmanuel Vedoya (Religious Studies: Adventure Based Youth Leadership)

Sarah Rochelle Mary-Ann Wallace (English) † *summa cum laude, Burman Scholar*

Austin James Woyke (Behavioural Science) † *magna cum laude*

Bachelor of Business Administration (Four-Year)

Caitlyn Dayle Brousson (Management track)

Sabrina Anastasia Eugène (Management track)

David Gordon Laing (Accounting track)

Anton Nosov (International Business track) *cum laude*

Bachelor of Education (Four-Year)

Latoya Amanda Anderson (Elementary)
Shannon Phillis Armbrister (Elementary)
Eric Timoneer Bakewell (Secondary Social Studies) †
Raene Anneliese Bell (Secondary Biology) *cum laude*
Lauren Borgny Blabey (Secondary English)
Laura Angelica Cornejo (Elementary)
Lucinda Essalee Dixon (Secondary English and Secondary Music) *magna cum laude*
Christine Goguen (Elementary) *cum laude*
Jessica Sophie Heroux (Elementary)
Damian Allen Hoffmann (Elementary)
William Kaytor (Secondary Math)
Shawna Marie MacFadzen (Elementary)
Gloria Osei (Elementary)
Sasha Raine Rusk (Elementary)
Lauren Victoria Wark (Elementary) *magna cum laude*
Tristan Alexander Willauer (Secondary Social Studies)

Bachelor of Education After Degree (Two-Year)

Karel Blankenfeldt (Elementary)
Amy Dawn Hamilton (Elementary) *summa cum laude*
Blandine Armande Hounhanou (Elementary) †
Antonette Latoya Hudson (Elementary)
Nelson Joseph Joseph (Elementary)
Victoria Ann Pierre (Secondary)
Christopher M Pugh (Elementary)*
David Friedrich Tejkl (Secondary)
Karl Alexander von Tettenborn (Secondary) *magna cum laude*

Bachelor of Science (Three-Year)

Sandhya Karen Abraham (Wellness)
Regine Bianca Bah (Psychology)
Sydney Lauren Bell (Psychology) ‡
Elsy Beatriz Cornejo (General Studies) †
Laura Donna Maria Domke (General Studies)
Nyadoar Guet (General Studies)
Min Hah Ham (Wellness)
Andrea Katie Laskowski (Wellness) *summa cum laude*

Bachelor of Science (Four-Year)

Joshua Grant Bradburn (Biology: Bio-Medical track) *cum laude*
Tyrone Anthony Campbell (Psychology) ‡
Ellecia Hope Cousins (Psychology)
Nicolas Santiago Cruz (Biology: Bio-Medical track)* †
Andrew Jonathan Dobbin (Biology) *cum laude*

Eunice Ha Eun Kim (Biology) *magna cum laude*
Angie Denise McAmmond (Biology: Bio-Medical track) *summa cum laude*
Timothy Robert Miller (Biology) *summa cum laude*
Michel Renée Pelletier (Psychology) *
Nathan Anthony Abonita Sawchuk (Biology) *summa cum laude*
Lindy Marie Schaffrick (Biology)
Lee Arthur Springer (Biology: Bio-Medical track)

* In Absentia

‡ December 2017 Conferrals

† August 2018 Conferrals. Six credits or less to be completed in the summer.

Commencement is a celebration of an academic milestone and does not necessarily confer a degree. A degree will not be granted until all requirements for receiving a degree have been met.

La Sierra University Program

Master of Education

Samantha Dingman (Administration and Leadership)

Brenda Knight (Curriculum and Instruction)

The Speakers

Tennyson Samraj, PhD

Professor of Philosophy, Burman University
Lacombe, Alberta

Tennyson Samraj is a professor in the philosophy department. He teaches in both the philosophy and religion department at Burman University. He started his studies in India, where he earned a BA in Religion from Spicer University, and an MA in History and a PhD in Philosophy from Pune University.

His notable contentment is being in the classroom. He strongly believes that “all education is for application.” Students are first in his life. He teaches students to define and defend not only their point of view but define and defend others point of view or paradigm. He sees students at Burman University as being intelligent, talented and committed to serve others. He views the university campus as a conducive environment to work in. He sees himself privileged to serve with a committed staff and faculty dedicated in providing the best for the students.

Dr. Samraj has travelled with his students around the world studying various paradigms that define different cultures. His travels have taken him to all the continents including setting foot on Antarctica. His hobbies include painting portraits of important people who have contributed much to society. He believes that when we see God’s hand in everything that happens in life such a life is worth living.

Honey Todd, MSc

Pastor, Mountain View Seventh-day Adventist Church
Calgary, Alberta

Honey Todd, forgiven child of God. I experienced God's saving grace powerfully when I was 15 and it gave me life! God has blessed me with a wonderful amazing family. I am the wife of Clinton, for the last 32 years. Clinton introduces himself to visitors at church, "Hi, I'm Clinton, I'm the Pastor's wife." I am truly blessed. Mother of Rhian and Sean, and now Kalie, Sean's beloved wife.

The Lord called me to ministry in 1978 when we didn't have any women in ministry in Australia. I responded immediately and it has been quite the ride. The Lord has opened the way for me thus far to minister with Him as a Religious Studies teacher at Sydney Adventist High School in Australia, as a Registered Psychologist in Australia, and as a Pastor in Alberta, in Lacombe and Calgary. God is with us every step of the way. Responding to God's love and call - BEST DECISION EVER! My purpose in life is to reach out to touch other's lives to share God's love and joy bringing healing one heart at a time.

Lisa Beardsley-Hardy, PhD, MPH, MBA

Director of Education, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Silver Spring, Maryland

Lisa Beardsley-Hardy is Director of Education at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists World Headquarters where she oversees the work of education worldwide.

She studied theology, public health, educational psychology and management, and holds NAD ecclesiastical endorsement as an associate chaplain in healthcare and as an educational chaplain.

Dr. Beardsley-Hardy has been an educator since 1980, having taught at primary, secondary and tertiary levels in public and private schools in Finland and the U.S. She chairs the board of the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities and has served on over 100 accreditation site visits.

She is a citizen of the UK, USA and Finland. She enjoys collecting mushrooms and playing flute with her husband, Dr. Frank Wilton Hardy who plays violin and viola. Their daughter is married to a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and they have two grandchildren. Dr. Beardsley-Hardy is also the proud aunt of two graduates of Burman University: Jeffrey and Joshua Bradburn.

Emeritus Faculty

DonnaLee Lehmann, MPH

Assistant Professor of Outward Pursuits

DonnaLee Lehmann (nee Skoretz) is proud to be a Canadian born in Saskatchewan, but also claims residency in Alberta, Ontario, California, and Colorado. The travel bug hit her early in life in the many interesting trips taken with her family leading to her first trip abroad at age 16 subsequently enjoying visiting over 44 countries, with more to be added!

When in high school trying to decide on a career path, a teacher encouraged DonnaLee to pursue an education degree. However, the Occupational Therapy door swung open and Loma Linda University was the place. An opportunity to complete a Masters degree in Public Health became an important step to follow an interest in health education, which has given many opportunities to serve people worldwide. While she did not choose a direct path to formal teaching, her educational direction and experience gives her a wonderful breadth of knowledge that has helped mold her as a teacher.

After working in the Occupational Therapy field and then working in her favourite career as full-time mom, DonnaLee taught at Burman University for 19 years in Outward Pursuits and in Wellness. During her teaching career, she created six courses along with extensive Practica Handbooks. Assisting in the creation, development, and ensuing changes of all the programs and minors in the Outward Pursuits Department, as well as the Wellness programs, have been a major part of her workload giving another rewarding aspect to a her profession. To aid the Outward Pursuits Department in workplace management for factors such as risk management, field trip preparation, student equipment and gear rental DonnaLee developed the job description and the procedure manual for the Outward Pursuits Administrative Assistant. She loves student advisement and mentoring, finding it rewarding to gain students' trust enough to help them negotiate the tough roads of school, career planning, relationships, and faith in God. She is an excellent teacher, creator and developer, team player, and promoter of the university.

DonnaLee thoroughly enjoys sharing the results of her talents in gardening, reaping, preserving, and then cooking and baking to taste the delectable creations of meals. The many kinds of jellies, jams, pickles, sauerkraut add to the delight. She also enjoys sewing, woodworking, hiking, and traveling the world.

She shares with Paul three children and three grandchildren. Shad is the Associate Director of Education for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and his wife Tara is a graduate of Burman University with BA in Adventure Based Counselling. They have three young children: AylaWynn, Elisha, and Haniah. Jordi is graduating in May with a Masters in Nurse Anesthetist and his wife has a Masters in Nursing - Nurse Practitioner. They will both be working at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Their daughter JindaLee is a singer/songwriter finishing her fourth album. She travels the world and performs in places such as London, Amsterdam, Berlin, Paris, Japan, United States, and Canada. Paul and DonnaLee look forward to spending more time with their family!

Paul Lehmann, MPH

Associate Professor of Outward Pursuits

Paul Lehmann grew up in Rosthern, Saskatchewan and pursued his post-secondary education at Canadian Union College (now Burman University), La Sierra University, and graduate studies from Loma Linda University and the University of Colorado. He started teaching at Canadian Union College in 1975 at the high school. Within four years he was teaching both high school and university classes and in the mid 1980's taught exclusively at the university level. During his time of teaching at the Burman University he has taught at least 38 different classes, many of which he developed the curriculum. He developed, with the support of others on campus, government approval for five degrees under the Outward Pursuits umbrella plus numerous certificates and academic tracks in those programs. Paul developed the first four-year bachelor's degree in Adventure Based Counselling in Canada.

His philosophy includes helping others see and experience their potential through Christ-centered experiential learning. He encourages people to expand their limits and enlarge their comfort zone. Teaching through service and service learning and sharing Christ to students and others around the world is a passion of his. Boredom will not exist when there is another valuable thing to learn, another corner to turn on a hike, another mountain to climb, another country to explore, another person to teach, another place to experience and photograph, another river to paddle, another person to point toward Christ, another child to make laugh and play with, another person to encourage, another place explore, and another story to hear.

Students are so much fun and have such great energy. With 43 years of teaching, he thinks he may have heard, experienced, or seen it all. He eagerly awaits the next 43 years, planning to live that long and longer. If not here, in heaven and beyond. It is his wish that in some way he may have influenced others to be part of the next 1,000 plus years.

Most fun: watching students learn and "get it and get over their fears."

Regrets: none.

Most cherished: DonnaLee and my children, grandchildren, and daughter-in-laws.

Time spent sleeping in a tent, shelter, or something less comfortable than home or a hotel: roughly three solid years of my life. It was worth it! "Oh my back!!!"

Number of days away from home in a typical year: somewhere past 90 days.

Best place in the world: Canada but each place has special memories with amazing things created by God.

Hardest to deal with: when students lose family members. In addition, when students give up on themselves or faith in God.

Best students: the ones eager to learn, share and make a difference for others.

Worst student: the ones who did not want to learn or advance themselves.

Number of mountains climbed: Physically or mentally?... It does not matter!

From here, he plans to continue with a variety of his passions. These include the outdoor adventure programs, health education, and working with organizations that assist under-served and at risk populations.

Retiring Director

Wanda Johnson, MSc

Director, Sakala Student Success Centre

Wanda Johnson has a Master's Degree in Marital and Family Therapy from Loma Linda University (Burman University campus). Before coming to Burman University she owned a private practice specializing in abuse issues for individuals, couples and families. While in private practice she had contracts with several employee assistance programs offering crisis intervention services. She has also developed and presented numerous programs dealing with anger management, healing from abuse and marital improvement. As a marriage and family therapist Wanda has worked in two government funded agencies in Red Deer Alberta. She is currently a member of the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association, which qualifies her to practice psychotherapy with individuals, couples and families. She is also a Canadian Certified Conflict Coach. Wanda's clinical orientation is eclectic, mainly utilizing cognitive-behavioural, client-centered, and relational approaches.

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Academic Costume

The pageantry and costume of commencement have been inherited from the European universities of the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Academic life as we know it today began in medieval times, first in the church and then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts where the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master, and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility. Rather early it became necessary for colleges and universities to set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of academic dress. Today, most institutions adopt a distinctive design for academic attire.

GOWN: Academic gowns come in a variety of designs and colours. These designs, particularly the sleeves, reflect the level of the academic degree of the wearer. While most gowns are black, many universities use gowns of other colours for doctoral degrees.

HOOD: In general, the size and complexity of the hood reflect the level of the degree of the wearer ~ the longer and more complex the hood, the higher the degree. The interior colours of the hood are generally the colours of the degree-granting institution, while the border colours represent the academic discipline.

CAP: Traditionally, the cap has had a square, solid design and is known as a “mortar board.” Some universities use a round or octagonal tam for doctoral degrees. Sometimes, the colour of the tassel indicates the academic discipline. A gold tassel is often used for doctoral degrees.

Academic Honours

Where merited, Burman University confers degrees with three levels of academic honours: cum laude for honours (red cords), magna cum laude for high honours (red and gold cords), and summa cum laude for highest honours (gold cords). The academic honours published and announced during the convocation ceremonies are based on the graduate’s academic record as of January 1 of the year of convocation. The academic honours, as printed on the official transcript and parchment, include all course work completed during the term of study immediately prior to the convocation ceremonies and, therefore, may be different from the previously announced designations.

Burman University Scholars is a competitive program offered as an alternative to the general or breadth education requirements for Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees. Scholars is geared towards students that are intellectually curious and who wish to engage with others in cultivating the life of the mind. Established on the belief that knowledge is profoundly interconnected, Scholars is committed to integrated, interdisciplinary education designed to transcend the barriers between such traditionally separate fields as art, history, science, theology, and philosophy. Courses are team-taught by faculty from differing disciplines.

University Mace

The Burman University mace was commissioned to honour the May 1, 2015 institutional name change. University registrar, Mr. Lawrence Murrin, designed the mace, while Mr. Gerald Whitehead, a retired Canadian Union College and Parkview Adventist Academy instructor, translated the design into a black walnut and brass work of art. The disc at the top of the mace holds on both sides the crest of Burman University. The brass holder of the disk bears the symbol of the Seventh-day Adventist church. The four-sided head of the mace bears medallions that trace the history of the university. Three brass rings encircle the shaft, each engraved with one clause of the university's mission statement: think with discernment; believe with insight and commitment; act with confidence, compassion, and competence.

In medieval times, the mace symbolized authority over life and death and was held by a dignitary's bodyguard at ceremonial functions. Today the mace represents the power of knowledge.

The Burman University mace symbolizes the university's contributions to the creation and dissemination of knowledge. It also marks the university's values of excellence, service, spirituality, integrity, and community. During formal university convocations, the marshal carries the mace before the university president and places it in full view of the assembly during the proceedings. Between convocations it is kept in a display case in the President's Office.