

**2025 Fall**

# **Convocation**

**December 5, 2025**

**VCC**

## Message from the President

Welcome graduates, family, and friends to VCC's Fall Convocation, a day to recognize and celebrate your achievements. I would like to begin by acknowledging that Vancouver Community College is located on the traditional, unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwx̱ wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples who have been stewards of this land from time immemorial.

Today is your day. A day that marks not just the end of a chapter, but the beginning of something bigger. On behalf of the entire VCC community, I offer you my heartfelt congratulations.

For those graduating this Fall, we celebrate not only individual accomplishments, but the collective strength, diversity, and tenacity to make a difference. We take immense pride in the fact that our graduates come from diverse backgrounds and lived experiences. All of you bring a unique perspective that has enriched our college and will continue to serve you well into the future.

Many of you have already made a difference – through your learning, you've contributed to the well-being of others in our region. From supporting the local economy to solving real-world challenges, your work has helped strengthen our communities. That is the heart of what VCC stands for: real learning for real change.

As you embark on your next chapter, you also join a growing community of VCC alumni who are leaders, innovators, and contributors. Please stay connected and remember that VCC will always be here for you.

Congratulations, Class of 2025.

Now go make real change.

Ajay Patel  
President & CEO  
Vancouver Community College



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## **Order of proceedings**

Welcome to VCC's Fall 2025 Convocation.

### **10 a.m. Convocation ceremony**

#### **Processional**

Led by Tsatsu Staqayu (Coastal Wolfpack)

#### **Traditional Territory Welcome**

#### **Master of Ceremonies**

David Wells, VCC Vice President Academic

#### **O Canada**

O Canada!

Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us 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!

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#### **Greetings from the VCC Board of Governors**

**Greetings on behalf of the Provincial Government** (video presentation)

#### **Opening Remarks**

Ajay Patel, VCC President & CEO

#### **Valedictory Address**

Paige Gidney

#### **Governor General's Academic Medal Presentation**

Flavia Fox

#### **Presentation of Graduates**

- Centre for Continuing Studies
- School of Health Sciences
- School of Trades, Technology and Design

#### **Alumni Welcome**

#### **Recessional**

To honour the graduates, please wait until the platform party and all graduates have left the theatre before exiting.

#### **Refreshments**

Please join us in the VCC Downtown Atrium for a light reception.

## **2:30 p.m. Convocation ceremony**

### **Processional**

Led by Spakwus Slolem (Eagle Song Dancers)

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### **Lieutenant Governor's Medal presentation**

Maira Costa De Oliveira

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- Center for Educational Excellence
- School of Hospitality, Food Studies, and Business

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