

2026 Spring **Convocation**

June 17, 2026

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VCC

Message from the President

Welcome graduates, family, and friends to VCC's Spring 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 x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), S^kw^x 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 spring, 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 2026.

Now go make real change.

Ajay Patel
President & CEO
Vancouver Community College



Indigenous Welcome and Blessing



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My name is Jean Wasegijig and I am Anishinaabe-que, Odawa on my father's side and Ojibwe on my grandmother's side, from the Wikwemikoong Territory in northern Ontario. My spiritual name is 'Good Medicine Woman' and I am bear clan.

I welcome the VCC graduates to this ceremony and congratulate them for the motivation, commitment and work they have accomplished to achieve this goal. I raise my hands to honour you and wish you only the best on your journey. You have achieved your goals and you are an inspiration to your families, friends and community.

"Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and it is important to do what you believe and love what you do. Sending blessings and positive thoughts as you follow your dream."

I also welcome the families and friends to witness this wonderful event and thank you for your support. Miigwetch (thank you)

All my relations,
Elder Jean

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Order of proceedings

Welcome to VCC's Spring 2026 Convocation.

10 a.m. Convocation ceremony

Processional

Led by Tsatsu Staqayu (Coastal Wolfpack)

Traditional Territory Welcome

Alec Dan

Elder Blessing

Elder Jean

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

Mark Richard Mosqueda

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 Tsleil-Waututh Nation Warriors

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Gabriel George

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Lucia Delgado

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

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