

23rd Annual

# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Celebrating the Class of

# 2023

Saturday, April 29

A stylized graphic of a dove in flight, rendered in white and black. The dove is shown from a side profile, with its wings spread wide. The background is a gradient from light grey at the top to dark grey at the bottom. The dove's body is white, and its wings are black with white highlights. The tail feathers are also black with white highlights. The dove is positioned in the lower half of the page, above the university name.

**CANADIAN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY**

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# Graduation Verse | Ecclesiastes 3:1 and 4 (New Living Translation)

*For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven...  
A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance.*

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## PAX Award 2023: César García

César García is General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference (MWC), an organization that serves some 1.5 million members worldwide and 110 national denominational bodies in the Anabaptist tradition. García is from Bogotá, Colombia. He has been a church planter, pastor, and professor of Bible and theology. Before his election, García was chair of the Iglesias Hermanos Menonitas de Colombia (Mennonite Brethren Churches of Colombia) and the MWC Mission Commission secretary.

CMU is inspired by César García and Mennonite World Conference as a whole in nurturing a global communion of churches. The MWC Shared Convictions are formative for CMU as a learning community that is rooted in the Anabaptist faith tradition through the coming together of over ten Anabaptist denominational bodies and thirty other church and faith communities. CMU faculty and students participate directly in MWC commissions and events through the Peace Commission, the Global Anabaptist Higher Education Network, and global Assemblies.

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## Academic Dress

*The commencement procession is a colourful affair, with faculty and staff dressed in various robes, gowns, and hats. This academic dress is a tradition that dates back to the first universities in the Middle Ages, which in turn was derived from the dress worn by clerics of that day. At universities today, the different academic dress represents the attainment of a bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, and the colours of the hoods indicate the graduate's or professor's field of study. At CMU, principal colours for graduates are white (arts), pink (music), yellow (science), brown (business), and scarlet (theology).*

# CMU Convocation Service

Bethel Mennonite Church | Saturday, April 29 | 2:30 PM  
465 Stafford Street

## Processional

### Welcome and Prayer

Dr. Cheryl Pauls, President

### Congregational Song | *Praise with Joy the World's Creator* Voices Together 428

### Scripture | Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Marissa Koop

### CMU Singers | *Okâwimâw Askiy* Sherryl Sewepagaham

### Valedictory Address

Anna Schwartz, Undergraduate  
Freda Tong, Graduate

### CMU Singers | *Nothing Gold Can Stay* Stephanie Martin

### CMU PAX Award 2023

### Convocation Address

Mr. César García

### Congregational Song | *Could it be that God is Singing* Voices Together 42

### Conferral of Degrees

Ms. Stephanie Penner, Registrar  
Dr. Jonathan Dueck  
Vice-President Academic

### President's Medals

### Prayer of Blessing

Dr. Dan Epp-Tiessen  
Associate Professor of Biblical  
and Theological Studies

### CMU Chamber Choir | *All Together We Are Love* Katerina Gimon

### Benediction

### Recessional



# CMU Graduating Class of 2023

## Bachelor of Arts, Four-Year

Ruby Eloise Anderson Major: Environmental Studies | Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Shirliz Mary Apiyo Major: Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Angela Therese Marie Bergeron Major: Psychology | Minor: Biology

Kayla Melissa Chartrand Major: Psychology | Minors: English, Biblical and Theological Studies

Grace Emerson Cudmore Major: Psychology | Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Mikayla Rachel Doerksen Majors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Social Sciences, Counselling Studies

Ana Tereza Matos Martiniano Major: Psychology  
Dos Santos Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Jubilee Sarah Dueck Thiessen Major: English | Minors: Philosophy, Biblical and Theological Studies

Erin Danielle Everley Major: Social Science, Counselling Studies  
Minors: History, Biblical and Theological Studies

Bryn Michael Friesen Epp Major: Philosophy and English  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Arial Giesbrecht Major: Psychology  
Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Sociology

Melissa Sharon Christie Gilbert Major: Environmental Studies  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Cotte Cedric Ilias Gode Major: Business and Organizational Administration  
Minors: Communications and Media, Biblical and Theological Studies

Julie Rachelle Godin Majors: Biblical and Theological Studies, English (3-year)

Melissa Kelly Hamm Major: English  
Minor: Psychology

Nicholas Franklin Pauls Harder Major: Public Policy  
Minor: Philosophy

Lyn Marie Schellenberg Hildebrand Major: English | Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Abigail Mankell Hill Major: Social Science  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Lindsay Kathleen Hofer Major: Psychology  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Kaitlyn Pamela Janzen Major: History  
Minor: English

Timothy Kalevi Juvonen Major: Environmental Studies  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Gode Katembo Major: Social Science  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Marissa Janelle Koop Major: Social Science, Counselling Studies  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Caroline Nguamo Kyoon Major: Social Science, Social Service

Seth McKenzie Major: Psychology  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Justin Thomas Neudorf Major: History  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Thalia Taylor Rempel Neufeld Major: Mathematics  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Logan Benjamin John Nyman Major: History  
Minor: English

Samuel Oluwagbenga Olu Agunbiade Major: Business and Organizational Administration  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Jonathan Heppner Pankratz Major: Environmental Studies  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Maia Noel Penner Major: Psychology  
Minors: English, Biblical and Theological Studies

Dante Raphael Regier Major: English

Marc Jon Regier Major: Biblical and Theological Studies  
Minor: International Development Studies

August Nikolai Rempel Ewert Major: English  
Minors: Psychology, Biblical and Theological Studies

Alexander Drake Roncin Majors: Psychology, Music (3-year)

Ysela Joleen Sawatzky Major: Social Science, Counselling Studies  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Lindsay Tanis Scott Major: Social Science, Social Service | Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Emma Katherine Loewen Siemens Major: Social Science | Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Betsega Moges Tefera Major: Business and Organizational Administration  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Savana Alayna Unrau Major: History | Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Emily Dianne Walker Major: Communications and Media  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Peri Cheyenne DeFehr Wiebe Majors: International Development Studies, Biblical and Theological Studies (3-year)

Kyla Jewel Willms Major: Political Studies  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

## Bachelor of Arts, Three-Year

Zachary Steven Bartel Major: History | Minor: Communications and Media

Marguerite Christine Belec Major: Communications and Media  
Minors: Biblical and Theological Studies, Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies

Julia Ruth DeFehr Major: International Development Studies  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Vladyslav Igorevych Dibrova Major: Business and Organizational Administration  
Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

Kara Friesen	Major: Biblical and Theological Studies Minor: Psychology
Janice Maureen Gibson	Major: Social Science, Counselling Studies Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Andrew William Giesbrecht	Major: Business and Organizational Administration Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Zina Salim Hasan Hamu	Major: International Development Studies Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Emily Isobel May Hayhoe	Major: Psychology Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Klaudia Kola	Major: Business and Organizational Administration
Meri Leka	Major: Business and Organizational Administration
Nicholas Edward Loewen	General
Mary Wanjiru Maina	Major: Psychology Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Valbona Marku	General
Precious Isioma Ngbeonyejugboh	Major: Psychology Minors: Sociology, Biblical and Theological Studies
Laetitia Bernadette Nsoh	Major: Business and Organizational Administration Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Victory Nengi Offurum	General
Carrie Breann Schulz	Major: Music   Minors: Psychology, Biblical and Theological Studies
Yeabeen Song	Major: Music   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Brianne Therrien Vielfaure	Major: Psychology   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies
Hannah Jade Suderman Wiens	Major: Social Science   Minor: Biblical and Theological Studies

## Bachelor of Business Administration, Four-Year

Kieran Baydock	Major: Social Entrepreneurship
Chloe McKenna Friesen	Major: Business Management
Shannen Dawn Friesen	Major: Accounting
Andrew James Hutton	Major: Business Management
Elias Naseer Khoury	Major: Business Management
Lindsey Kirsten Knodel	Majors: Business Management, Social Entrepreneurship
Noah Davis Reilly	Major: Accounting

## Bachelor of Music, Four-Year

Katie Anne Anderson	Major: Music Education - Early/Middle Years
Jessica Theresa Baudry	Major: Music Education - Early/Middle Years
Anne Grace Kelm	Major: Performance Concentration - Piano
Anna Lisbeth Schwartz	Major: Comprehensive Concentration
Georgeanne Alix Lawson van Helden	Major: Comprehensive Concentration

## Bachelor of Music Therapy, Four-Year

Emma Grace Cameron
Morgan Stephanie Krause
Erin Andrea Lamb
Federic Josef Donato Rentoria
Jaimie Shellysa Terpstra
Lindsay Elizabeth Thomson

## Bachelor of Science, Four-Year

Tiegan Anne Heinrichs Kroeker	Major: Biology
Malcolm Henry Ratzlaff Reimer	Major: Biology

## Bachelor of Science, Three-Year

Ella-Rayne Always Aguilar	Major: General
Nelsi Ajazi	Major: General
Enriko Marku	Major: General
Rena Iwase Neufeld	Major: General
Hannah Wren Neufeldt	Major: General

## Certificate in General Studies

Orges Hamzi
Brendon Picaku
Anela Prendi
Maria Shuraja

## Master of Arts

Qaisar Ahmed	Major: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Darnell Tyler Barkman	Major: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Lauri Ann Eagles	Major: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Justyna Tolulope Erin	Major: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Matthew Nicholas Halowaty	Major: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Sahlan Mohamed Keinan	Major: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Wing On Tong	Major: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development
Valeen Althea Williams-Walters	Major: Peacebuilding and Collaborative Development

## Master of Business Administration

*(in collaboration with three other Mennonite institutions)*

Cynthia Good Kauffman (from Goshen College)
Julia Ingram La Grange (from Goshen College)
Mark Landes (from Goshen College)
Maria D. Martinez Diaz (from Eastern Mennonite University)
Erika Joyce Miller
Rajapaksha Prathirajage Ruwanthika Dilni Prathiraja
Aimee Riemke (from Goshen College)
Amanda Stats (from Goshen College)
Brittany Nichole Williams (from Eastern Mennonite University)

## Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies

Jennifer Ann Gibb
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## The CMU Mission

CMU is an innovative Christian university,  
rooted in the Anabaptist faith tradition,  
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