



TYNDALE
UNIVERSITY

2023

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
SPRING CONVOCATION

Saturday, May 27, 2023

10:00 am
Tyndale Chapel

3377 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M2M 3S4

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Call to Worship *(please stand)*

Dr. Melissa Davis

Assistant Professor of Music & Worship Arts

Academic Procession *(please remain standing)*

Invocation *(please remain standing)*

Dr. Beth Green

Provost & Chief Academic Officer

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment & Welcome

Dr. Marjory Kerr

President & Vice Chancellor

Graduating Student Address

Sadaf Jamkhandi

Introduced by Dr. Rob Foster, Assistant Professor of Education

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Yvonne Messenger

Assistant Professor of Education

Introduction of Convocation Speaker

Dr. Heather Birch

Associate Professor of Education

Convocation Address: How Did You Come In?

Dr. Joseph Smith

Songs of Worship *(please stand)*

Conferring of Degrees

Harriet Thornhill, *Chancellor*

Dr. Marjory Kerr

Dr. Barry Smith, *Vice President, Student Development*

Prayer of Dedication

Blair Pike

Assistant Professor of Education

Blessing of Program Elder

Dr. Terry LeBlanc

Program Elder, Bachelor of Education Program

Congratulations from the Board of Governors

Ross Clark

Chair, Tyndale Board of Governors

Welcome to the Alumni Association

Kevin Kirk

Senior Vice President, External Relations

Closing Remarks & Benediction

Dr. Marjory Kerr

Academic Recession *(please stand)*

*During the service, please turn off all electronic devices
and keep aisles clear.*

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION GRADUATES

Primary/Junior Track

Andrea Anthony
Anusha Balasingam
Lhenie Barrera
Jasmine Bassingthwaite
Daniel Carr
Kelly Chan
Sarah Dayan
Laura Featherstone
Sara Fiore-Fevgas
Marcelle Fuller
Natasha G Akenten
Tracy Hamlet-Mchome
Jennifer Hillen
Kareem Holder
Joshua Illankeswaran
Patricia Isaac
Helen Israel
Iman Itani
Sadaf Jamkhandi
Naela Jinha
Eleni Karapapas
Sarah Kraljevic
Irena Kravchouk
Lea Lansimaki
Ho Jung Lee
Edwina Luu
Maria Massalin
Kaitlyn Norris
Alexandre Leon Ostrirov
Melissa Pagliuca
Colleen Quigley
Clara Reeves
Anna Rutledge
Daniella Sarides
Diana Spataro
Danielle Stevens
Lisa Talevski
Abi To
Charlotte Williams

Primary/Junior Track *With a Focus on Teaching French as a Second Language*

Moira Burke
Divine-Joy Gadelkarim
Terra Gaspari
Dana Hepditch
Summiyya Islam
Melani McLeod
Rebecca Moïse
Stephanie Salib
Deeana Saminathan
Poornika Wijesundara
Mudiyanselage

Junior / Intermediate Track

Umar Aslam
Rebecca Bantug
Andrea Borshovov
Andrew Briggs
Brandon Burns
Jordana Cardarelli
Isabella D'Angela
Ruth D'Souza
Lynn Davidson
Thomas Gaspar
Jeremy Grzybowski
Christy Hackner
Sonya Ho
Tracey Kennedy
Stephen Krasna
Sabrina Martino
Nicolas Oswell
Jocelyn Punnoose
Jessica Querol
Daniel Rogers
Victoria Sciulli
Rachel Stevenson

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AWARDS

Bachelor of Education Faculty Award

Jennifer Hillen
Victoria Sciulli

Bachelor of Education Faculty Advisor Award

Tracey Kennedy
Edwina Luu

Marion Ahrens Peer Recognition Award

Sadaf Jamkhandi

Bachelor of Education Service Award

Brandon Burns
Kelly Chan
Thomas Gaspar
Sarah Kraljevic
Stephanie Salib
Chloe Sogon

Resilience Award

Poornika Wijesundara Mudiyanselage

GRADUATING STUDENT SPEAKER

Sadaf Jamkhandi

Sadaf Jamkhandi completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto, where she earned her Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in 2020. Shortly after graduating, Sadaf began her journey at Tyndale University with the Bachelor of Education program. From a young age, she knew she wanted to follow in the footsteps of her mother who was a teacher first in India, then in the GTA with the Peel District School Board for many years.

Over the course of the 16-month Bachelor of Education program, Sadaf made meaningful connections with her peers, instructors, and other professionals in the field through both her coursework and various practicum experiences. Since finishing classes in November of 2022, Sadaf began her career as an educator with the Peel District School Board. After a short period as an occasional teacher, Sadaf was offered a role as a long-term occasional teacher in a grade 2/3 classroom and has been working at Oakridge Public School as a homeroom teacher since.

Sadaf has also since successfully completed her first additional qualification course, Special Education Part 1, through the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETF0). She hopes to take Part 2 over the summer and is eager to take more Additional Qualifications courses as she continues her journey as an educator.

CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Joseph Smith, PhD

Dr. Joseph Smith is an educator and a community leader who encompasses key notions amongst the disciplines of philosophy, psychology, religious studies, and literature with a focus on the philosophies of self-consciousness within the west and the intellectual background of Black consciousness.

His Bachelor of Education and PhD in Humanities from York University led him to teach at various institutions, from Tyndale University to the Toronto District School Board. In addition to his teaching, he used his gifts and interests to start many not-for-profit organizations. He is the co-founder of the not-for-profit organization Generation Chosen which seeks to interrupt intergenerational cycles of trauma and poverty; he is the founder of Anchored Minds Inc., a charity designed to support not-for-profit in the area of mental health as well as support underserved community members through scholarships and hardship funding; and he is also a founding member of the Foundation for Black Communities which is a philanthropic organization designed to adjudicate grants, develop policy, and liaise with government and the philanthropic sector to serve Black-led and Black-serving not-for-profits and charities.

In 2021, he received the Harry Jerome Award which recognizes and honours excellence in African Canadian achievement. For his work with Generation Chosen, he was selected as the People's Choice for the Metroland Media Toronto's Urban Hero award in the area Health.

Currently, Joseph is a Vice Principal with the Toronto District School Board and concurrently runs Anchoring Minds Inc. He is married to Kimarie J. Smith who is an alumna of Tyndale and is a papa bear to two beautiful children: daughter Wynter-Ray and son Zen Carter.

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HISTORY OF TYNDALE UNIVERSITY

Tyndale University was founded in 1894 as the Toronto Bible Training School. Later it changed its name to Toronto Bible College and in 1968 merged with the London College of Bible and Missions to become Ontario Bible College. The Seminary was established in 1976 to offer graduate theological education. In 1998, the name Tyndale was assumed, honouring William Tyndale (1494-1536), the early English reformer whose commitment to making Scripture available to all persons led him to undertake the first English translation of the Bible from original languages. He is a model for scholarship, faith, and vision.

In 2003, following a robust review by the Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB), Tyndale was granted university college status by the Province of Ontario. In 2007, Tyndale received approval from the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and from the Ontario College of Teachers to offer a Bachelor of Education program. The Seminary's graduate degrees, including the Doctor of Ministry degree, are accredited by The Commission on Accrediting of The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. In early 2020, following another review by PEQAB and their recommendation to the Ministry, Ministerial consent was granted to use the name Tyndale University. Tyndale's name was legally changed in December 2020 through an act of legislation to Tyndale University to clarify its standing as a postsecondary institution that focuses on high-quality academics and professional programs at the undergraduate, seminary and graduate levels.

Undergraduate level options include a BA, BBA, BRE, and BEd degree or a certificate in Christian Studies. Graduate level options include an MA, MTS, MDiv, DMin, post-DMin, or graduate diploma. Tyndale presently serves 1,600 students annually representing more than 40 denominations and 60 ethnic backgrounds. Today, Tyndale alumni are making a difference in the world and are working in private, public and not-for-profit sectors.

MISSION STATEMENT

Tyndale is dedicated to the pursuit of truth, to excellence in teaching, learning and research, for the enriching of mind, heart and character, to serve the church and the world for the glory of God.

