Fall Convocation
November 18, 2021
University of Toronto
Fall Convocation 2021

Virtual Ceremony Program

U of T Welcome Ambassadors

Procession

Land Acknowledgement

Chancellor convenes Convocation

Admission to Degrees \textit{in absentia}

President’s Remarks

Convocation Address to the Class of 2021

Closing Remarks

O Canada

Recession

U of T Divisional Student Ambassadors and Academic Leaders

Scrolling of the names and degrees of the Class of 2021
Chancellor’s Procession

Dr. Rose M. Patten  
Chancellor

Professor Meric S. Gertler  
President

Mr. Brian Lawson  
Chair of the Governing Council

Mr. Andrew Chen  
Student Governor

Ms Mozynah Nofal  
Student Governor

Mr. David Simon  
Organist
Mr. Lesra Martin

Of his eight siblings, Lesra Martin is the only one with a high school diploma. He completed high school as an Ontario scholar in 1983 and received an Honours B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1988. He earned his law degree from Dalhousie Law School in 1997 and was admitted to the British Columbia Bar in 1998.

Lesra began his law career in Vancouver and subsequently served as a Crown Prosecutor in Kamloops, British Columbia. Now, he practices primarily in the area of civil litigation. He is a co-founder and partner at Martin & Martin Lawyers, a practice he shares with his wife, Cheryl Martin. Lesra is a member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Trial Lawyers Association of BC.

Lesra is perhaps most known for his role in assisting to free famous US boxer, Rubin “Hurricane” Carter. Lesra’s life story was co-featured in the Hollywood motion picture, The Hurricane starring Denzel Washington. The National Film Board of Canada has also produced a documentary on Lesra’s life entitled, The Journey of Lesra Martin.

In his keynote presentations to corporate, community, and educational groups, Lesra often shares inspirational life lessons from his book, The Power of a Promise. Lesra has addressed an international convention of world leaders held at Cambridge University. He was also invited to speak to the General Assembly delegates at the United Nations, where he gave an impassioned speech about the devastating effects of illiteracy and poverty. Lesra has been featured on countless television and radio shows, most notably as a special guest on The Oprah Winfrey Show and the Larry King Live Show. The Washington Post, Sports Illustrated and Reader’s Digest Magazine have chronicled aspects of Lesra’s life.

Lesra has received numerous awards and certificates of recognition for his willingness to be a role model and mentor for youth. “The power to make a difference exists in each of us,” he tells audiences.
Credits and Acknowledgements

U of T Welcome Ambassadors

Amna Adnan  
(UTM)

Devlin Grewal  
(UTSC)

Khaled Elemam  
(St. George)

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John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design  
Lily Lawson | Juan Du, Dean

Faculty of Arts and Science  
Prathit Dave | Melanie Woodin, Dean

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St. Michael’s College  
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Victoria College  
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Victoria University

Woodsworth College  
Setareh Malekian Naeini | Carol Chin, Principal
Divisional Student Ambassadors and Academic Leaders (cont’d)

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Faculty of Music, composed the soundtrack music
in honour of the Class of 2021

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**Carillonist** | **Roy Lee** (JD ’04)

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**Carillonist** | **Elisa Tersigni** (MA ’08, PhD ’18)

*Gaudeamus Igitur* (So Let Us Rejoice), traditional graduation hymn,
arranged by Elisa Tersigni

**Organist** | **David Simon** (BMus ’15, MM ’17)

Processional: Grande Marche Triomphale, O. 47, *Alexandre Guilmant*

Recessional: Sonata, Op. 65, No. 4 in B Flat;
Allegro Maestoso e Vivace, *Felix Mendelssohn*

**O Canada**
Composed by Calixa Lavallée (1842–1891)
Arranged by John Fenwick (1932–1993), BMus 1954, MMus 1956
Performed by the University of Toronto Symphony Orchestra and
the University of Toronto Wind Ensemble
Faculty of Music

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