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Fall Convocation set for Oct 4-5

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As students settle into a new semester, more than 2,200 [Simon Fraser University](#) graduands are preparing to celebrate the completion of their degrees at [Fall Convocation](#) on **Thursday Oct 4 and Friday Oct. 5**.

Ceremonies recognizing their achievements will take place each day at 9:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in Convocation Mall at the Burnaby campus.

Thursday morning's ceremony will recognize graduands from the faculties of Applied Sciences, Communication, Art and Technology, and Health Sciences.

The afternoon ceremony will highlight those graduating in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

On Friday morning students graduating from the Beedie School of Business and the Faculty of Science will be recognized, followed in the afternoon (2:30 p.m.) by those from the faculties of Education and Environment.

Honorary degrees will be conferred on three distinguished individuals:

Thursday morning: Martha Nussbaum, a prominent American philosopher, classics scholar and faculty member of the University of Chicago's law school, philosophy department and divinity school;

Friday morning: A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the former president of India and an aerospace engineer, writer and world statesman, and an internationally renowned scientist;

Friday afternoon: Kim Baird, the youngest elected female chief of the Tsawwassen First Nation, first elected in 1999 at the age of 28.

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