

ATHABASCA UNIVERSITY – HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

| YEAR | NAME | AWARD | CONTRIBUTION |
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| 2017 | Michael G. Moore | Doctor of Athabasca University | Outstanding contributions to the discipline and practice of distance education |
| 2016 | Antonio D’Alfonso | Doctor of Letters | Outstanding contributions as an editor, translator, publisher and creative artist, to Canadian culture. |
| 2016 | Gabriel David Tuccaro | Doctor of Laws | Business leadership and dedication to enriching the lives of indigenous people. |
| 2015 | Claire Clark | Doctor of Laws | Ongoing commitment to community and mentorship of aboriginal women and youth. |
| 2015 | David Hancock | Doctor of Laws | Outstanding contributions to public service and ongoing commitment to community development. |
| 2014 | Dr. William J. Byrne | Doctor of Laws | Commitment and dedication to the preservation, interpretation and development of Alberta’s historical resources. |
| 2013 | Sylvain Voyer | Doctor of Laws | Contributions to the Arts in Alberta. |
| 2013 | Robert (Bob) McDonald | Doctor of Science | Ongoing contributions to public awareness of science in Canada. |
| 2012 | Dr. Nyameko Barney Pityana | Doctor of Laws | Ongoing commitment to human rights. |
| 2012 | John (Jack) Brink | Doctor of Laws | Contributions to the field of archaeology, specifically PreContact Archaeology of Alberta and the Northern Plains of North America. |
| 2012 | Dr. John Willinsky | Doctor of Athabasca University | Advocacy of open access, particularly the free and widespread dissemination of knowledge through Open Educational Resources. |
| 2011 | Dempsey Bob | Doctor of Laws | Historical and cultural significance of his art and his commitment to the preservation of Tahltan-Tlingit artistry |

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| 2010 | Hon. Raymond Charles Lee | Doctor of Laws | Dedication to fostering understanding, openness and good relations between Asian and non Asian Canadians. |
| 2010 | Bill St. Arnaud | Doctor of Science | Technical leadership in the design of Canada’s national research network and his tireless efforts to promote its use. |
| 2010 | Prof. Lawrence Lessig | Doctor of Laws | Outstanding work in advocacy and global leadership in copyright reform. |
| 2009 | Dr. Jean Linse Pettifor | Doctor of Laws | Lifelong commitment to breaking down barriers to education, mentoring, and her scholarship and leadership in professional ethics. |
| 2009 | Ovide William Mercredi | Doctor of Letters | Outstanding contribution to public service and lifetime commitment to the peaceful preservation celebration of Indigenous peoples’ rights. |
| 2009 | Neil Reimer | Doctor of Laws | Outstanding contribution to the betterment of the lives of working people. |
| 2008 | Patricia Anne Monture | Doctor of Laws | Commitment to academic excellence in research and teaching. |
| 2008 | Dr. Janice Morse | Doctor of Science | Impact on scholars in the fields of nursing and the health sciences. |
| 2008 | Dr. Mary Lou Jepsen | Doctor of Athabasca University | Contributions to education in the developing world. |
| 2007 | Prof. Mandla Makhanya | Doctor of Athabasca University | Outstanding leadership at the University of South Africa and his contributions as a distinguished scholar in distance education. |
| 2007 | Johnsen Sewepagaham | Doctor of Laws | Leadership in education, public service, social services, health and resource development and his support of post-secondary learning. |
| 2007 | Albert Karvonen | Doctor of Science | Accomplishments as a wildlife filmmaker of national and international stature. |

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| 2006 | Marie Smallface-Marule | Doctor of Letters | Service to aboriginal community development and education. |
| 2006 | Peter Homulos | Doctor of Laws | World digital environments, enabling communities to preserve and to develop their social, cultural and economic aspirations. |
| 2005 | Gwendolyn Hooks | Doctor of Letters | History of black settlers in Alberta and her promotion of learning. |
| 2005 | Frank Appleby | Doctor of Athabasca University | Service to Athabasca University, his contribution to education, and his community advocacy and development in Alberta. |
| 2004 | Dr. Tony Bates | Doctor of Athabasca University | Scholarly contribution to open and distance education. |
| 2004 | Pamela Wallin | Doctor of Letters | Contribution to Canadian broadcasting and journalism. |
| 2003 | Robert Stollery | Doctor of Laws | Lifetime contribution to industry and his philanthropic dedication to higher education. |
| 2003 | Vicki Gabereau | Doctor of Letters | Contribution as a Canadian broadcaster and her ongoing dedication to and promotion of the arts. |
| 2002 | James Shapiro | Doctor of Science | World leadership in the treatment of diabetes through islet cell transplantation. |
| 2002 | Joseph Schwarcz | Doctor of Science | Commitment to public awareness of science and the responsible use of scientific information. |
| 2001 | Holger Petersen | Doctor of Letters | Canadian music, public broadcasting and the Canadian arts industry. |
| 2001 | Maria Campbell | Doctor of Letters | Lifelong learning endeavours to promote Metis culture, traditions and politics and advanced Metis peoples' issues, concerns and priorities in Canada. |

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| 2000 | Stephen Murgatroyd | Doctor of Athabasca University | Inspired leadership in developing and launching Athabasca University's innovative and highly successful MBA program. |
| 2000 | Eleanor Wachtel | Doctor of Letters | Literature, arts, and Canadian broadcasting that have enriched understanding of creativity and the arts. |
| 1999 | Gajaraj Dhanarajan | Doctor of Letters | Open and distance education throughout the Commonwealth and contribution to higher education. |
| 1998 | John Daniel | Doctor of Letters | Advancement of distance education throughout the world. Promotion of the appropriate use of technology in education. Contributions to higher education. |
| 1997 | Linda Hughes | Doctor of Letters | Community, journalism and enlightened management. |
| 1996 | Moses Znaimer | Doctor of Letters | Arts and humanities and vision in the use of communication technologies. |
| 1995 | Maureen McTeer | Doctor of Letters | Devotion and preserving work on issues that have a direct impact on Canadian women. |
| 1995 | Eric Newell | Doctor of Laws | Canadian oil sands industry, business and innovative continuous learning opportunities. |
| 1994 | Dr. Ernest J. Wiggins | Doctor of Athabasca University | Heavy and oil sands development. |
| 1993 | Helen Mary Sabin | Doctor of Athabasca University | Dedication and effective leadership in nursing profession in Alberta and Canada. |
| 1993 | Ian Tyson | Doctor of Athabasca University | Growth and appreciation of Canadian music and role in promoting awareness of social issues. |

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| 1992 | Michael J. Miller | Doctor of Athabasca University | Protection of the environment and enhancement of the reputation of Canadian expertise in oil-field firefighting, through improving techniques for controlling oil fires and leading his firefighting team in heroic efforts. |
| 1992 | David W. Schindler | Doctor of Athabasca University | Science of freshwater ecology and Canada's northern ecosystems, which have influenced pollution-control policy decisions and led to a better public understanding of environmental issues. |
| 1991 | Marjorie M. Bowker | Doctor of Athabasca University | Equity, justice and public education in Alberta. Leadership by example in encouraging citizens to play active and independent roles in a democratic society. |
| 1991 | Ted Harrison | Doctor of Athabasca University | Through artistry, teaching and writing, a better public understanding and appreciation of the beauty and heritage of the Canadian North. |
| 1990 | Dr. Josephine M. Brown | Doctor of Athabasca University | Pioneering spirit as a general practitioner for forty years and distinguished and extensive record of public service to the Town of Athabasca. |
| 1990 | Brian Paisley | Doctor of Athabasca University | Tenacity, flair and creativity in promoting and extending access to modern theatre in Alberta, Canada and beyond. |
| 1990 | Anne Wheeler | Doctor of Athabasca University | Through the medium of film, public awareness and understanding of the social and cultural fabric of Alberta and the special role that women have played in the life of the province. |

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| 1989 | Dr. Myer Horowitz | Doctor of Athabasca University | Visionary leadership in education in Alberta and Canada as outstanding teacher, university administrator, humanist and citizen. |
| 1989 | William Patrick Kelly | Doctor of Athabasca University | Labour relations in Canada as union leader, public servant and mediator extraordinaire. |
| 1988 | Dr. Bernard Trueman Keeler | Doctor of Athabasca University | Vision of freedom of association in Canada and commitment to promoting excellence in education. |
| 1988 | The Royal Canadian Air Farce | Doctor of Athabasca University | Canadian culture through humour. |
| 1987 | Maxwell William Ward | Doctor of Athabasca University | Service of Canada's northern frontier and vision in development of aviation in Canada. |
| 1987 | Madeleine Parent | Doctor of Athabasca University | Devotion to workers and the union movement and women's causes. |
| 1986 | Larry Denman Clarke | Doctor of Athabasca University | Commitment to scientific research, guidance and vision in the development of aerospace and communication technology in Canada. |
| 1986 | Chief Walter Patrick Twinn | Doctor of Athabasca University | Leadership in the development of self-government and economic independence for Indian people, continuing support for education. Community service. |
| 1985 | Dr. Northrop Frye | Doctor of Athabasca University | Canadian scholar, author, and educator. |
| 1985 | Ernest C. Manning | Doctor of Athabasca University | Service as a politician and statesman in Alberta and Canada. |
| 1985 | Clarence "Big" Miller | Doctor of Athabasca University | Singer and instrumentalist. Significant contribution to the world of music. |
| 1985 | Lois Hole | Doctor of Athabasca University | Dedication and service to education in Alberta and support of Athabasca University. |
| 1984 | Dr. W.A. Samuel Smith | Doctor of Athabasca University | Service in education. Leadership in the development of distance education in Alberta as President of Athabasca University. |

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| 1983 | Dorothy Livesay | Doctor of Athabasca University | Canadian literature and renowned author and poet. |
| 1982 | Pierre Burton | Doctor of Athabasca University | Historian, writer and commentator. Concern for and dedication to Canada |
| 1982 | Bakhshish Singh | Doctor of Athabasca University | Development of distance education nationally in India at Punjabi University and internationally through the International Council for Correspondence Education. |
| 1981 | Anastasios Christodoulou | Doctor of Athabasca University | Development of distance education in the United Kingdom as Secretary to the Open University. |
| 1980 | Dr. T.C. (Tim) Byrne | Doctor of Athabasca University | Development of distance education in Alberta as founding President of Athabasca University. Service in education in Alberta. |
| 1979 | Fernand Grenier | Doctor of Athabasca University | Development of Distance Education in Quebec as Director General of the Tele-University. |
| 1979 | Lord Perry of Walton | Doctor of Athabasca University | Founding Vice-Chancellor of the Open University. Development of distance education in the United Kingdom and around the world. |