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Message from the President



For the past six years, I have had the privilege to serve as president of Trinity Western University. Given my apparent lack of qualification and experience, this was an unlikely calling. But, because this school had made an immeasurable impact on my life, it was not a burden. Forty-nine years have passed since I first set foot on this campus, but the passage of time has not dimmed my affection for this place.

When I began my presidency, I felt like a freshman all over again, totally unprepared for how much there was to learn. As the saying goes, “You don’t know what you don’t know.” But over the years, like you graduates, I learned a great deal.

One of the first things I quickly recognized was that God uses obviously flawed people like you and me to achieve His purposes. Others may seem more qualified. But as He led us through difficult valleys and overwhelming challenges, we found that we can trust God for the outcome. It was only because of the Lord’s wisdom, strength, and grace that any success was possible. We recognize that we cannot take any credit, but rather must give Him thanks for it all. It is difficult to summarize the years gone

by and all the pathways that have led to the graduation of each student crossing the platform today. There have been fears conquered, tears shed, loneliness met with acceptance, struggles overcome, hearts broken and mended again, and dreams given flight despite discouragement. Thank you for sharing some of those experiences with me.

Perhaps, as we move forward into a new chapter of life, we might share the challenging words of advice found in Philippians 4:8, 9, paraphrased in *The Message*: “Summing it all up, friends, I’d say you’ll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.”

来自校长的消息

在过去的六年里，我有幸成为西三一大学的校长。原本由于我经验不足，自认为难以担此重任。但是，由于这所大学对我的人生产生了不可以估量的影响，所以这并不是一个负担。自从我第一次踏入这个校园以来，已经过去49年了，但是时间的流逝并没有淡化我对西三一大学的情感。

当我开始担任校长时，我感觉自己再次变成了一名大一新生，完全没有准备好需要学什么。俗话说得好，“你不知道自己不知道什么”。但是，多年后，就像你们毕业时那样，我受益匪浅。

我很快就意识到的第一件事就是上帝使用像你和我这样不完美的人来实现他的目的。虽然其他人似乎更有资格和能力。但是，当上帝带领我们走过艰难险阻的山谷和渡过前所未有的挑战时，我们发现我们可以信靠上帝的结果。只有因为上帝的智慧，力量和恩典，任何成功都是可能的。认识到真理就意味这我们不能居功自傲，而是要感谢上帝所做的一切。

我很难用语言描述岁月的流逝以及学生一路走来的心路历程。你们克服畏惧，流过泪水，经历孤独，在困境中挣扎、心碎，但仍坚持梦想。感谢你们与我分享这些经历。

也许，当我们进入生命的新篇章时，我们或许可以引用圣经中腓立比书4章8-9节中提到的挑战性的建议：“弟兄们，我还有未尽的话。凡是真实的，可敬的，公义的，清洁的，可爱的，有美名的。若有什么德行，若有什么称赞，这些事你们都要思念。”

Program

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP IN GRADUATION

PRESIDING

Eve Stringham, Ph.D.

VICE PROVOST, RESEARCH AND GRADUATE
STUDIES

SONG LEADER

Joel Tranquilla, D.M.A.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MUSIC AND
DIRECTOR OF CHORAL ACTIVITIES

PRELUDE

David Antoniuk

PIANO

PROCESSIONAL

NATIONAL ANTHEM

O CANADA!

O Canada!

Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
the True North strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada,
we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

INVOCATION

Nancy Bennett, B.S.

PARENT

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY, AND WELCOME

Patricia Victor, M.A.

UNIVERSITY SIYA:M; STÓ:LŌ NATION

READING OF SCRIPTURE

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Leanne Schroeder

PARENT

INTRODUCTION OF COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Lorne Jacobson, J.D.

CHAIR, BOARD OF GOVERNORS

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

YOU ARE MY INSPIRATION

Robert G. Kuhn, J.D.

PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR

HYMN OF PRAISE

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee

Thou changest not, Thy compassions,
they fail not

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

CHORUS

Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed thy hand hath provided

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me
Summer and winter and springtime
and harvest

Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

REPEAT CHORUS

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer
And to guide
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

REPEAT CHORUS

PROVOST'S REMARKS

W. Robert Wood, Ph.D.
PROVOST

PRESENTATION OF THE DAVIS DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Phillip Laird, Ph.D.
VICE PROVOST, TWU EXTENSION

PRESENTATION OF THE PROVOST INNOVATIVE TEACHING AWARD

Phillip Laird, Ph.D.
VICE PROVOST, TWU EXTENSION

PRESENTATION OF THE VALEDICTORIAN

Rick Sutcliffe, M.Sc.
INTERIM DEAN, FACULTY OF NATURAL AND
APPLIED SCIENCES

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Carly Magnuson

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SILVER MEDAL AWARD

Grant V. McMillan, M.A.
UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Richard Taylor, M.A.
VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENT LIFE

PRESENTATION OF GRADUANDS

W. Robert Wood, Ph.D.
PROVOST

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Robert G. Kuhn, J.D.
PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR

SONG OF PRAISE

10,000 REASONS

CHORUS

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul
Oh my soul, worship his holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies
before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

REPEAT CHORUS

You're rich in love and you're slow
to anger
Your name is great and your heart
is kind
For all your goodness, I will keep
on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart
to find

REPEAT CHORUS

And on that day when my strength
is failing
The end draws near and my time
has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

REPEAT CHORUS 2X

ALUMNI WELCOME

Brady Schlecker, M.B.A.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TWU ALUMNI
ASSOCIATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION

HEBREWS 13:20, 21
Carson Pue, M.A.
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

RECESSIONAL

David Antoniuk
PIANO



ROBERT G. KUHN, J.D.

PRESIDENT AND VICE CHANCELLOR

Bob Kuhn's passion is living the God-given faith adventure called life, which has included working as a fireman, ambulance attendant, travel agent, and, for the past 39 years, a lawyer. In his spare time, he has served on boards of non-profit and charitable organizations, and enjoyed long-distance motorcycle riding, tennis, scuba diving, travelling around the world, and blogging.

In 1998, Bob started a law firm, which has grown as a well-respected legal team now known as Kuhn LLP, with offices in Vancouver and Abbotsford. In July 2013, driven by a deep sense of gratitude for the transformation he and his wife experienced as students at Trinity Western University (TWU), he accepted the challenge and adventure of stepping into the senior leadership role as president of TWU. No stranger to leadership roles at TWU, Bob served as Student Association president in 1972, chair of the School of Business Leadership Advisory Council (2003 – 2013) and president of the TWU Alumni Association (2012/13).

Motivated by his 2006 diagnosis with Parkinson's Disease, Bob has been active

in speaking, writing, and fundraising to increase awareness and encourage those battling this disease. He speaks regularly throughout North America on the topic of living well with Parkinson's Disease and has garnered acclaim for his influential blog, positivelyparkinsons.com. He was chosen by the World Parkinson Congress (WPC) organizers to be an international Ambassador for its triennial event in Montreal in October 2013 and was a keynote speaker at the 2013 WPC Congress, participated on panels, and spoke, and led several interactive sessions at both the 2013 and 2016 WPC symposia. He has been profiled in two documentaries dealing with Parkinson's disease, *Undeafated* (2013) and *Today We Ride* (2016).

Bob was born in Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, and in 1974 married his College sweetheart, Renae (TWU '72). They live in Langley, British Columbia, near TWU. They have three adult children and one grandson. In addition to an Associate of Arts degree from TWU, he holds a BA and JD from the University of British Columbia, as well as having received a Doctor of Laws (honoris causa) from TWU in 2012.

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THE PRESIDENT

TWU HONORARY DOCTORATES

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| Dr. A. Jacob Epp (1987) | Dr. Carson Pue (2001) | Dr. Raymond J. Nelson (2008) |
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| Dr. Brian Stiller (1995) | Dr. John A. Cherrington (2005) | Dr. Robert G. Kuhn (2012) |
| Dr. Maxine Hancock (1996) | Dr. Stanley J. Grenz (2005) | Dr. J. Calvin Dyck (2013) |
| Dr. Benno W. Friesen (1996) | Dr. Michael Walrod (2005) | Dr. Kevin J. Jenkins (2014) |
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| Dr. Thomas G. Addington (2001) | Dr. Earl Stevick (2006) | Dr. Peter W. Flint (2017) <i>(posthumously conferred)</i> |
| Dr. D. Malcolm Seath (2001) | Dr. Glen Shepherd (2007) | Dr. Preston Manning (2018) |

Academic Dress

The history of academic dress dates back to the early days of the oldest universities, when everyone wore long robes simply to keep warm. A statute of 1321 required that all Doctors, Licentiates, and Bachelors of the University of Coimbra (Portugal) wear gowns. Most authorities believe academic regalia originated chiefly in ecclesiastical rather than in civilian dress.

Originally, the hood was a shoulder covering, worn by begging friars in the Middle Ages. It also served as a head covering. When caps came into fashion in the fifteenth century, hoods became ornamental and were draped over the shoulder and down the back.

The practice of wearing academic dress in North America dates from 1754 when King George II chartered King's College (now Columbia College) and transplanted to the Colonies many of the regulations of Oxford and Cambridge. During most of the nineteenth century, North American colleges and universities had no standard style of academic dress. Many faculty wore gowns from European universities where they received their degrees or gowns of local origin. In 1885, an intercollegiate code standardized the academic costume in the United States and this code, with some modifications, is still in use today.



DESCRIPTION OF CREST

The shield contains the historical Trinity Cross rising from the BC sun. Below the crest is a banner with the Latin phrase “Turris Fortis Deus Noster,” which means “A Mighty Fortress is Our God.”



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APPRECIATION

The President, Board of Governors, Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students of Trinity Western University express appreciation to all attending today's commencement ceremonies. A particular welcome goes to the parents, family, and friends of the graduands. Thank you for coming and sharing in this important occasion in the lives of our students.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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godly Christian leaders: positive, goal-oriented
university graduates with thoroughly Christian minds;
growing disciples of Jesus Christ who glorify God
through fulfilling the Great Commission, serving God
and people in the various marketplaces of life.