O CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons 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! Terre de nos aîeux
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l’épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits!

Et ta valeur, de foi trempée
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.

ODE TO NEWFOUNDLAND

When sun rays crown thy pine-clad hills,
And Summer spreads her hand,
When silver voices tune thy rills,
We love thee smiling land.
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee, smiling land.

When spreads thy cloak of shimm'ring white,
At Winter’s stern command,
Through shortened day and starlit night,
We love thee, frozen land.
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee, frozen land.

When blinding storm gusts fret thy shore,
And wild waves lash thy strand,
Through sprindrift swirl and tempest roar,
We love thee, wind-swept land.
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee, wind-swept land.

As loved our fathers, so we love,
Where once they stood we stand.
Their prayers we raise to Heaven above:
God guard thee, Newfoundland!
God guard thee, God guard thee,
God guard thee, Newfoundland.
MEMORIAL’S MISSION

Memorial University is an inclusive community dedicated to creativity, innovation and excellence in teaching and learning, research and scholarship, and to public engagement and service. We recognize our special obligation to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Memorial welcomes students and scholars from all over the world and contributes knowledge and shares expertise locally, nationally, and internationally.

For more information on Memorial’s plans and activities, view the Strategic Plan at www.mun.ca/strategicplanning and the President’s Report 2008 at www.mun.ca/2008report.
Official Visitor to the University
His Honour the Honourable John C. Crosbie, P.C., O.C., O.N.L., Q.C., B.A.(Hons.), LL.B., LL.D.
Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland and Labrador

SPRING CONVOCATION 2009
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College
May 15

PRESIDING OFFICERS
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Chancellor
H.E.A. (Eddy) Campbell,, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D.
Acting President and Vice-Chancellor

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UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

COLLEGE REGISTRAR
Sharon Noftall-Bennett, B.S.W., M.Ed.

UNIVERSITY ORATOR
Ivan Emke, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

MACE BEARER
Carolyn Parsons, B.B.A., M.Ed.

PIANIST
Gary Graham, O.N.L., L.Mus., B.Mus., B.A.(Mus.)

TRUMPETER
Darren Hancock

This ceremony at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College is the first of nine sessions
of Memorial University’s Spring Convocation 2009.
While most students receiving their degrees at this session have completed their programs of study
at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, a number have completed programs offered at the St. John’s campus.
UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

Other university officials participating in the Convocation ceremony may include:

Mr. Robert Simmonds
Chairman, Board of Regents

Dr. Christopher Loomis
Vice-President (Academic) Pro Tempore

Mr. Kent Decker
Vice-President (Administration and Finance)

Dr. Ray Gosine
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Dr. Doreen Neville
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Dr. Grant Gardner
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Dr. Gary Gorman
Dean, Faculty of Business Administration

Dr. David Dibbion
Dean, Faculty of Education

Dr. John Quaicoe
Dean Pro Tempore
Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Dr. James Rourke
Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Mark Abrahams
Dean, Faculty of Science

Dr. Noreen Gofman
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Dr. Tom Gordon
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Dr. Alice Gaudine
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Dr. Linda Hensman
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Dr. Mary Bluechardt
Director, School of Human Kinetics and Recreation

Dr. Shelly Birnie-Lecovitch
Director, School of Social Work

Dr. Lilly Walker
Dean, Student Affairs and Services

Mr. Glenn Blackwood
Executive Director, Marine Institute

Dr. William Iams
Acting Vice-Principal, Grenfell College

Dr. Wade Bowers
Associate Vice-Principal (Research), Grenfell College

Ms. Mary Sparkes
Co-ordinator of Student Services, Grenfell College

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Academic Procession heralds Convocation, the most significant gathering of the university community. The Academic Procession will enter the hall at ten o’clock in the morning. The audience is requested to stand while the Procession enters and leaves the hall, during the anthems, and at other times as noted in the Proceedings. Entering the hall, the Procession may include:

Deputy Marshal
Students
Staff
Faculty
Deputy Marshal
Members of the Board of Regents
Honorary Graduates
University Marshal
Heads
Directors
Honorary Graduand
Orator
Associate Vice-Principal
Vice-Principal
University Registrar
College Registrar
Associate Deans
Deans
Principal
Associate Vice-Presidents
Vice-Presidents
Representative(s) of Provincial Government Cabinet
Chairman, Board of Regents
Heads of Sister Institutions
President and Vice-Chancellor
Mace-Bearer
Chancellor
Lieutenant Governor, the Official Visitor to the University

While the order and composition of the Procession generally remains the same for each session of Convocation, certain officials may not attend all ceremonies.
PROCISIONAL
   Ceremonial Music, Opus 62 ......................................................... Michael Parker

ANTHEM  O CANADA

THE CHANCELLOR WILL DECLARE CONVOCATION OPEN

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS
   H.E.A. (Eddy) Campbell, Acting President

REPORT TO CONVOCATION
   Holly Pike, Acting Principal, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES
   The College Registrar will present the candidates
   The Chancellor will confer the degrees
   The Principal will place the hoods

CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES
   The College Registrar will present the candidates
   The Chancellor will confer the degrees
   The Principal will place the hoods

PRESENTATION OF SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE TEACHING AWARD
   William Iams, Acting Vice-Principal, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College
   Matthew Janes

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY GRADUAND
   Ivan Emke, University Orator

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE UPON
   Ben Arne Hansen
   The Degree of Doctor of Laws

DR. HANSEN WILL SIGN THE REGISTER AND ADDRESS CONVOCATION

THE CHANCELLOR WILL DECLARE CONVOCATION CLOSED

ANTHEM  The Ode to Newfoundland

RECESSIONAL
   Ceremonial Music, Opus 62 ......................................................... Michael Parker

Reception: Pepsi Studio: Nursing graduates
            Pepsi Studio foyer: all graduates
            Sponsored by the Memorial University Alumni Association
University Medals for Academic Excellence

English
   Dan Flavius MONAFU

Environmental Science
   Patrick Justin CASHIN

Environmental Studies
   Simon James GALLAGHER

General Science
   Jason Donovan LANZA

Historical Studies
   Mary Diana SECORD-KAESER

Nursing-BN
   Amy Ruth WARREN

Psychology
   Cindy Marie BOLAND

Theatre Arts
   Sarah Jennifer KOEHN

Visual Arts
   Nancy BRUBACHER JACOBSEN
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)

Cora Elizabeth DURNFORD .............. Burgeo
Mary Imelda Micheline HUGHES ........ Corner Brook
Debbie Lynn INDER .................... Robert’s Arm
Nikita Ann NOSEWORTHY .............. Paradise

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jillian Renee ANDERSON ............... Corner Brook
Stephen Alexander BOLT .............. Corner Brook
Heather Ellen BUCHANAN ............. Ottawa, Ont.
Michelle Ann BURKE .................. St. John’s
Joseph Edward CARROLL .............. Corner Brook
Amanda Nancy FELTHAM ............... Rattling Brook
Simon James GALLAGHER ............. Inglewood, Ont.
Laura HARVEY ........................ Middle Arm
Annette Catherine HISCOCK .......... Corner Brook
Matthew John Clifford HOYLES ........ Deer Lake
Kristyelle Irma KEEPING ............. Burnt Islands
Leigh Annette KELLOWAY .............. Paradise
Heather Dawn KING .................... Walton, N.S.
Ryan Patrick KING .................... Deer Lake
Krista Mee Gin KUNG ................. Fort McMurray, Alta.
Maria MAKOWSKA ..................... Coquitlam, B.C.
Andrew Benjamin MARKS .............. Corner Brook
Dan Flavius MONAFU ................. Corner Brook
Erikalyne NELSON ..................... Moncton, N.B.
Kimberly Jean OLSON ................. Halifax, N.S.
Lexie Christine PARSONS ............. Norris Point
Garette Alexander QUILTY ........... St. David’s

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS)

Cindy Marie BOLAND ..................... Corner Brook
Patricia Justin CASHIN ................ Corner Brook
Melissa Lynn CREASEY .................. Acton, Ont.
Alyssa Cerinna Anne FOLEY ........... Conche
Tyler Albert John HOUSE ............. Hughes Brook
Victoria Joyce Lucy JENNINGS ....... Corner Brook
Jason Donovan LANZA .................. Corozal Town, Belize

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Christopher Lemont BAKER .......... Corner Brook
Jerry Daniel BALL ..................... Deer Lake
Joatham Timothy BESSEY ............. Laurenceton
Andrea Michelle CAVE .......... Corner Brook
Jason William DAWE ................. Corner Brook
Kathleen Frances GALE ............... Corner Brook
Michael Wayne GILLAM .............. Woody Point
Paul HARE ........................ Burgeo
Beverley Lynn HUNT ................. Port au Port
Matthew HUNT ......................... Summerside
Charlene Nicole KINSELLA ........... St. Anthony
Christine Teresa MARTINEZ .......... San Ignacio, Belize
Samantha Lynn MEANEY .............. Corner Brook
Jaclyn Beatrice MERCER ............. Grand Falls Windsor
Jessica Denise PARK ................. Corner Brook
Joshua Aaron PENNEY ............... Corner Brook
Caroline Elizabeth SWAN ............. College Station, Tex.
Katelyn Louise TURNER .............. Carleton Place, Ont.
Jamie Marcus WARREN ............... Corner Brook

DEGREES

SPRING CONVOCATION 2009 | 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 15 |
BACHELOR OF NURSING

Katrina Mary ALYWARD ............. Port au Choix
Deborah Deanne ANSTY .............. Deer Lake
Kathryn Florence BRETT ............ Springdale
Christy Mae BUSSEY ................ St. Lunaire
Sara Kimlen CANNING .............. Deer Lake
Katrina Ashton CASSELL ............ St. Anthony
Lindsey Danielle CHAFE ........... Corner Brook
Michelle DEAN ..................... St. Anthony
Lynette Kathy DICKS .............. Springdale
Rebecca Julie FUDGE ............... Brighton
Sara Jane GAVIN .................. Seal Cove, W.B.
Patricia Lois GILL ................. Botwood
Joy Annette GREEN ................ Channel Port aux Basques
Lindsay Amanda Nora GRIFFIN .... Corner Brook
Joanne Sara HANCOCK ............. St. Anthony
Janice Rose HANN .................. Corner Brook
Kerri Lynn HANN ................... Burgeo
Beverley Margaret HARVEY ....... Stephenville
Jeanette Ann HEPDITCH ............ Stephenville
Coraliee Barbara HILLIER ......... Conception Bay South
Alexandria Shawna HOUSE ......... Parson’s Pond
Angela Helen HOUSE .............. Port Saunders
Megan Ivy HULAN ................. McKay’s
Tiffany Jean HUTCHINGS .......... Cow Head
Danielle Frances HYNES .......... St. Andrew’s
Maryanne Alice JEDDORE .......... Glenwood
Amy Jean KENNEDY.............. Steady Brook
Lois Annette LANE ............... Channel Port aux Basques
Kayla Joyce LECOURE ........... Kippens
Trina Ashley LEWIS .......... Corner Brook
Meghan McAuley MATTHEWS ...... Corner Brook
Robyn Kimberly NEWMAN ........ Fort McMurray, Alta.
Meghan Anne O’BRIEN .......... Corner Brook
Megan Nicolette PIKE ........... West St. Modeste
Samantha PILIPCHUK .......... Brent’s Cove
Patricia Deanna PITTMAN .......... St. Pauls
Edna Gail SAVOURY ............ Burnt Islands
Vanessa Jean SCEVIOUR .......... Botwood
Trula Frances SEAWARD ....... Channel Port aux Basques
Victoria Marjorie Gladys SIMMS .. Burgeo
Katie Marie STRICKLAND .......... Stephenville
Angela Tracey TILLER .......... Corner Brook
Natalia Venence VERGE .......... Parson’s Pond
Amy Ruth WARREN ............... Westport
Erica Elizabeth WHITE .......... Stephenville Crossing
Jessica Marie WHITE .......... Stephenville
Michelle Nicole WISEMAN .... Mount Moriah

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (POST-SECONDARY)

Deborah Anne WHEELER .......... Corner Brook

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY/ELEMENTARY)

Erica Lynn CONDON .......... Labrador City

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (THEATRE)

Jennifer Theresa Valentine BROWN ............................................. Upper Amherst Cove
Andrew CRAWFORD ............... Happy Valley Goose Bay
Jennifer Kathleen FURLONG .......... St. John’s
Jessica Anne HOWELL .......... North Vancouver, B.C.
Élise Franceline JORDAN ROBICHAUD .................................... Sherbrooke, N.S.
Sarah Jennifer KOEHN .......... Kingston, Ont.
Johnell Sara MCCLELLAND .......... Prince George, B.C.
David Duayne NAUGLE .......... Sackville, N.S.
Nichelle Kate PENNEY .......... St. John’s
Melissa Kristie RUSSELL .......... Corner Brook
Owen William VAN HOUTEN .... Toronto, Ont.
Krista Loretto Ann WILLIAMS .. Pouch Cove

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (VISUAL ARTS)

Hope Elizabeth CLARKE .......... Prince Edward County, Ont.
Jonathan Robert COHLMeyer .......... Corner Brook
Kristen Rose DOYLE ............. Sydney, N.S.
John Thomas Warburton FOSTER ........ Saint John, N.B.
Lenore Margaret GALE .......... Stephenville
Nancy Brubacher JACOBSEN .......... Corner Brook
Robyn Janelle NEWHOOK ........ Old Shop
Nancy Linda PENTON .......... Joe Batt’s Arm
Danielle Dawn REARDON .......... Clarencville
Erika Katherine Firstbrook REID .. Miles Cove
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HONOURS)

Nancy Heather HULL .................. Corner Brook  William James NEWELL ................ Corner Brook

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Stephanie Mary BENNETT ............ Corner Brook  Adam James Maxwell MOSHER ........ Corner Brook
Gina CAINES.......................... Bartlett’s Harbour  Mufaddal Noman MOTIWALA .... Dhaka, Bangladesh
Melissa May CRANE .................. Vernon River, P.E.I.  Ian Dwight MURLEY .............. Frenchman’s Cove
Ryan Alexander DELANEY .......... Stephenville Crossing  Danielle Flora NORTH .......... Corner Brook
Julie GOULD ......................... Port Saunders  Alan Richard O’BRIEN .......... Corner Brook
Jennifer Nora HARTLEY .......... Corner Brook  Jonathan Joseph PENNEY .... Corner Brook
Tosan Omoruyi IGHO OSAGIE .... Lagos, Nigeria  Lane SPECKER ............... Corner Brook
Scott Harold JONES ........ Lourdes de Blanc Sablon, Que.  Ashley Diane STONE .......... Corner Brook
Guilaaz MEHDI .................. Dhaka, Bangladesh

BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY

Hedy Marie DALTON KENNY ........ Corner Brook  Newton Charles PRITCHETT ...... Corner Brook
Allan John PARK .................... Corner Brook

BACHELOR OF KINESIOLOGY (HONOURS)

Alison Elizabeth COLEMAN ........ Corner Brook

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Caryn Yvonne SMITH ................. Sydney, N.S. - Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Aubrey Joseph SANDERS .............. Corner Brook - Educational Leadership Studies
Lisa Darlene SHEARS SMITH ........ Norris Point - Educational Leadership Studies
CELEBRATING THE 100TH REGULAR SESSION OF CONVOCATION

Spring Convocation 2009 marks a special milestone in Memorial University’s convocation tradition. The first regular session of convocation – a gathering of the university community usually held for the conferring of degrees – took place in 1950, and apart from a few special convocations held to celebrate extraordinary events over the years, [Collins, Victoria] today’s convocation is the 100th regular session.

To commemorate this milestone, two special projects were commissioned.

- Shane O’Dea, public orator and professor of English, compiled a selection of orations -- the special introductions used to present our distinguished honorary graduands. The book features the writings of an impressive cadre of university orators who have performed this unique role since Memorial conferred the first honorary degree in 1960.

- A suite of ceremonial music was created especially for convocation. Renowned composer and retired classics professor, Michael Parker, was selected through a competitive process to undertake the commission. Evocative of the music of Newfoundland and Labrador, the suite for organ/piano and brass premieres at this convocation.

MICHAEL PARKER
COMPOSER

Michael Parker was born in Toronto. He studied violin and viola at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, in Banff and at Michigan State University. From 1972-76 he was founding member, performer and executive secretary with the contemporary music group, ARRAY (now ARRAYMUSIC) in Toronto.

Parker graduated in 1972 with a masters degree in classical studies from the University of Toronto and completed his Ph.D. from McMaster University in 1991.

In 1976 Dr. Parker moved to Newfoundland where he served as principal violist with the Newfoundland Symphony from 1976-77. In 1977 he was appointed to the faculty of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial University of Newfoundland’s campus in Corner Brook, where he was professor of classics and historical studies. In September 2007, he retired from this post and relocated to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he continues to teach and compose.

Many of his works are traditional in style while others are more avant-garde; but all of his music reflects the established traditions of the various musical periods. His music tends to be well-structured, polyphonic, with unexpected elements.

Parker’s most ambitious work to date is the chamber opera The Visitor. This work was commissioned by Music Canada 2000 and the Newfoundland Symphony to commemorate the millennium of the arrival of the Vikings in Newfoundland in 1000 AD. The Visitor received its world premiere in Corner Brook and St. John’s, in September 2000.

He has won prizes in national and provincial competitions. Several of his works have been recorded on disc. In 1997 he produced a CD, LYRE: Chamber Music for Clarinet, a recording of seven of his works for this medium. In 1999 this CD was nominated for an East Coast Music Award for Best Classical Album.

His music has been performed throughout Canada, and in Amsterdam, London, Paris, Cairo, and throughout France and the United States. It has been performed by such artists and organizations as Lawrence Cherney, Erica Goodman, the Victoria International Festival, the Holland Festival, the Toronto Symphony, the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, the Minneapolis Symphony, and the Newfoundland Symphony.
BEN HANSEN

Ben Hansen is one of Newfoundland and Labrador’s most celebrated and accomplished photographers.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, Mr. Hansen came to Canada in 1953 and worked as a public relations photographer for Canadian Pacific and Canadair in Montréal.

He came to Newfoundland in 1968 and worked as manager of Photographic Services, Division of University Relations, at Memorial University until 1988. He then “retired” and travelled extensively around the province, photographing its people and places. Mr. Hansen has published 12 books of photography.

In 1981 he was named Maritime Professional Photographer of the year and in 1990 he was awarded the title Master of Photographic Arts.

In 1993 he was presented with the Confederation125 medal by the Government of Canada.

He lives in St. John’s with Joyce, his wife of 53 years.

For his role in celebrating and recording the old and the new Newfoundland and Labrador, Mr. Hansen will receive an honorary doctor of laws.

SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE TEACHING AWARD

This award recognizes excellence in teaching, teaching innovation or teaching leadership. This year the award is being presented to Prof. Matthew Janes, lecturer in French. Prof. Janes has taught at Memorial University since 2003 and at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College since 2004.

The selection committee recognized Prof. Janes for making teaching and service to his students his number one priority. In just over four years, Prof. Janes has developed and introduced a minor program in French at Grenfell College, re-established the campus’ connection to the Frecker Program in St. Pierre and promoted the interdisciplinary nature of French and its potential role in other programs. His efforts at Grenfell have culminated in a growth in enrolment in French to the point where the discipline can no longer be taught with only one full-time academic and per-course appointment, as was the case when he arrived.

HONORARY DEGREE

Candidates for honorary degrees may be nominated by any member of the community to the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial which, after due consideration, forwards its recommendations to Senate for approval.

To be considered for an honorary degree, candidates must normally have been benefactors of the university, or persons who have achieved eminence in learning or in the arts, or those who have otherwise distinguished themselves by outstanding public service.
The academic dress for matriculated undergraduates of the university shall be similar to the scholar’s gown of the University of Oxford. It shall be worn whenever the president so directs.

The gowns of the Bachelors shall be of black stuff. The gowns of the Masters shall be of black stuff or silk. The gowns of the Doctors shall be of fine scarlet cloth or silk, or of black stuff or silk.

The pattern of the Bachelor’s gown shall be similar to that of the Oxford Bachelor’s gown. The pattern of the Master’s gown and the Doctor’s black gown shall be similar to that of the Oxford Master’s gown, except that the Doctor’s gown shall have an edging of black silk braid at the opening of the sleeve. The Doctor’s scarlet gown shall be similar to that of the Oxford Doctor of Divinity’s gown.

The hoods of the Bachelors shall be made of black stuff, the hoods of the Masters of black silk, and the hoods of the Doctors of scarlet silk. They shall be full in shape and lined with the university colours of claret and white. The hoods of the Bachelors shall be trimmed with white fur, the tippets with velvet in the colours distinctive of the faculty or degree. The hoods and tippets of the Masters shall be edged with velvet in the colours distinctive of the faculty or degree. The hoods and tippets of the Doctors shall be edged with silk in the colours distinctive of the faculty or degree; however, the hood of the Doctor of Philosophy shall be of claret silk, lined and edged with claret silk.

The distinctive colours for the degrees shall be:

- B.A., M.A. ......................................................................................... White
- B.A. (Police Studies) ................................................................. Navy Blue
- B.B.A., I.B.B.A. ............................................................................. Nutmeg
- B.Comm., B.Comm.(Co-op.), M.B.A. ........................................... Tan
- B.Ed., B.Ed.(Intermediate/Secondary), M.Ed. ............................... Light Blue
- B.Ed.(Primary), B.Ed.(Elementary), B.Ed.(Primary/Elementary) ...... Royal Blue
- B.Ed.(Native and Northern) ......................................................... Monad Blue
- B.Eng., M.Eng. ................................................................................ Orange
- B.F.A.(Theatre) .............................................................................. Amethyst
- B.F.A.(Visual Arts) ......................................................................... Green Haze
- B.M.S. .............................................................................................. Ocean
- B.Mus., M.Mus. .............................................................................. Pink
- B.Mus.Ed. ....................................................................................... Lavender
- B.N., M.N. ........................................................................................ Coral
- B.Sc., M.Sc., M.A.S.P.(Co-op.) .................................................... Gold
- B.Sc.(Pharmacy), M.Sc.(Pharmacy) .............................................. Clover
- B.S.W., M.S.W. ............................................................................... Ruby Gem
- B.Sp.Ed. ........................................................................................... Teal Blue
- B.Tech. .............................................................................................. Moss Green
- B.Voc.Ed., B.Ed.(Post-secondary) .................................................. Steel Gray
- M.A.S. .............................................................................................. Mean Gray
- M.A.Sc. ........................................................................................... Sunburst
- M.D., M.Sc.(Medicine) ................................................................. Green
- M.Env.Sc. ...................................................................................... Pollen
- M.E.R. ............................................................................................. Chocolate Brown
- M.M.S. (Fisheries Resource Management) ..................................... Emerald
- M.O.G.S. .......................................................................................... Burnt Umber
- M.Phil., Ph.D. .................................................................................. Claret
- M.W.S. .............................................................................................. Purple

The caps of Bachelors and Masters shall be black and of the square shape, with black tassel. The caps of the Doctors shall be similar to the Oxford Doctor’s bonnet.

The academic dress for the Officers of the University shall be as follows:

- **Chancellor** - a silk gown heavily embroidered with gold braid
- **Vice-Chancellor** - a silk gown embroidered with gold braid
- **Pro Vice-Chancellor** - a silk gown embroidered with gold braid
- **University Registrar and other Officers of the University** - gowns of a pattern approved by Senate
In June of 1950 Memorial University held its first convocation, which was a fairly simple affair. Led by Engineering Prof. Jack Facey (who would later perform the role of convocation marshal for 46 years), the students and faculty moved from the Parade Street campus across to St. Patrick’s Hall School for the conferring of undergraduate degrees. The university presented its first graduate degrees in May 1956 and its first honorary degree in May 1960.

The ceremony for that first honorary degree, presented to Monnie Mansfield, who had been Memorial’s registrar for 30 years, served as a dress rehearsal for the most elaborate convocation the university has ever held – that for the opening of the Elizabeth Avenue campus in October 1961. Overseeing the arrangements were Prof. Facey as the marshal of convocation, responsible for the organization, direction and decorum of the occasion, and Dr. G.M. Story as the public orator, responsible for the delivery of the orations about the honorary graduands, a special feature of Memorial’s convocations. Nineteen honorary degrees were conferred on a galaxy of dignitaries local, national and international. That day the public orator and his deputy each had to deliver as many as 10 orations, each a concise but rhetorically lively account of the rationale for conferring the degree.

From 1961 to 1968 convocation was held in the gymnasm of the Physical Education Building. With the opening of the St. John’s Arts and Culture Centre, Memorial in effect acquired a new convocation hall, which became the regular site of the ceremonies after 1970. Designed partially on the ideas of then-Premier Joseph Smallwood, the back of the stage with its descending staircase was developed specifically for Memorial’s convocation. Fall convocation was inaugurated in 1970 to accommodate increasing numbers of graduates and to support the three-semester academic calendar. In May 1992, 23 graduates received degrees in the first regular session of convocation held at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial’s Corner Brook campus.

The ceremonial trappings of convocation began to be developed in the early 1960s. Our academic robes are based on those of Oxford University. The silver mace – the symbol of the university’s authority and the presence of which signals the official opening of convocation – and the marshals’ staves were donated by Chancellor Lord Thomson in 1961. The original chancellor’s chair and a lectern were presented in 1963 by then-Lieutenant Governor Campbell Macpherson. Other complementary birch wood furniture pieces were subsequently commissioned from the St. John’s firm of Clarmanis and Son Ltd.; the chairs bear the university’s coat of arms, hand carved and painted bas-relief. The signing table, gift of the former marshal Dr. Jack Facey, was added in 1996.

In 2002 plans were made to create a second convocation furniture suite so that a complete set would permanently reside at each of the St. John’s and Corner Brook campuses. The design of the new suite, intended to reflect the culture and traditions of the province, was undertaken by retired Memorial University designer Ian Stewart; Paterson Woodworking of Upper Amherst Cove was commissioned to construct the set. The first piece completed in this suite, a black walnut convocation table with a fish-splitting table motif, was presented by then-Lieutenant Governor Edward Roberts in 2003. The kneeler was donated in 2005 by honorary graduate Alan Perry. Hon. Dr. Roberts and his brother Douglas Roberts sponsored the signing table and bench, completed in 2005, as well as the chancellor’s chair and the four companion chairs, which were completed in 2006. They also donated the two speaker’s lecterns, which were completed in 2007. The Roberts’ contributions to the suite of furniture were undertaken in memory of their father, Dr. Harry D. Roberts, a graduate of Memorial University College (’31), an honorary graduate of Memorial University and for many years a member of the Board of Regents.

In 2009, on the occasion of the 100th regular session of Convocation, composer and retired professor of classics at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Dr. Michael Parker, was commissioned to create a special suite of music for convocation ceremonies. The suite, being premiered at Spring Convocation 2009, is dedicated to the late Ferriss Hodgett, vice-principal of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, 1975-1992.

The desire to share the ceremonies beyond the audience seated in the convocation hall led to television coverage of the ceremonies beginning in the 1970s and, more recently, web-casting (by the university’s Distance Education and Learning Technologies unit) which virtually brings the ceremony to the whole world via the university web site at www.mun.ca. Other university units that play a role in convocation include the Office of the Registrar and the School of Graduate Studies, which ensure that students have completed their programs and are certified for their degrees; the Division of Marketing and Communications, which co-ordinates the logistics of this special event and assists the graduands with preparations for the ceremony and the celebrations surrounding it; and the Office of Alumni Affairs and Development, which welcomes graduates into the Memorial University Alumni Association.

Convocation has been a day of pride for thousands of students and more than 500 honorary graduates, resulting in more than 65,000 alumni members worldwide. While our convocation, as a ceremonial occasion, has grown from the practices and procedures of older universities, after more than half a century it has become a distinctive event for all who attend, be they distinguished guests or faculty, honorary graduates or our students who are, as they should be, the focus of the event.