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YEARBOOK

class of 2021

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grad·u·a·tion

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1. the receiving or conferring of an academic degree or diploma.



We acknowledge that the UBC Point Grey campus is situated on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam).



graduation portraits





Keilah Abello

The past few years brought many challenges, but through it all we were still able to accomplish so much. In the words of Ms. Darbus, "You did it. You graduated."



Marwa Afaneh



Quinn Bachewich

I will always appreciate the time I spent at UBC, and remember fondly the experiences and support I've received throughout my degree. I hope to be back again some day!



Amritpal Bali

After all the hours put in and all the distance travelled, the biggest thing I will take away from this experience will be the experience itself.

"Don't count the days, make the days count."
- Muhammad Ali



Jasleen Beesla

Attending UBC was one of my childhood dreams and now here I am a part of the UBC graduating class of 2021. I have enjoyed the past four years I have spent at UBC and was able to make countless new memories! I look forward to seeing what my future holds. To the graduating class of 2021 I wish you all the best and congratulations we did it with a global pandemic!



Taylor Browne

I just want to thank God, my family, my coaches, and teammates at UBC for their constant support in my journey! It's been a great 5 years getting an education as well as playing on the Varsity Men's Basketball team at UBC but I couldn't have done it without my coaches and teachers. Thank you for helping me out! Congrats to everyone else.

We out!



Yuling (Lisa) Cen

There is no such thing as too late, every second is the best time to start.



Annette Cho

I can't believe that the finish line is here! I would just like to thank my wonderful friends, family, my partner and all the professors and faculty members who have supported me throughout this journey. I would also like to thank everyone who has served on the SSA with me throughout my undergrad, it has been an honour working alongside all of you and being a part of this community. Congratulations class of 2021!



David Cho



Daniel Decolongon

TAke a look, y'all: IMG_4346.jpeg



Yushu (Joyce) Deng

I am grateful that I met so many wonderful people in UBC. It is such a nice experience working, study, and spending time with them. UBC Sociology has taught us some important tools for our future professional and academic journey. I am glad I made it and congratulations to all of you.



Nanaki Dhesi

I cannot believe how fast time flies. Late nights in Irving, Goffman's Econ class, it seems like it was yesterday. Today, as we graduate from home, I would like to thank my parents for providing me with unconditional love and support. I hope that I have made them as proud as they make me. UBC has set me up with the tools and experiences for the next chapter of my life, and as scary as that sounds, I couldn't be more excited to utilize these skills to make notable change in the world. Wish everyone the best in the future!



Lauren Elliott



Nanako Emori

UBC, thank you for everything. I will forever cherish the time I spent as a student here. I don't think it has hit me yet that graduation is happening...

All I can say right now is, thank you to everyone who helped and supported me on this journey. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for all of you! Now, I am excited (and terrified) to see what's next in life! Best of luck to everyone graduating and hopefully, we can gather to celebrate in person in the future.



Elaine Fang

Congratulations.



Yuan Fang

The memories in UBC will never fade, how much sweetness and bitterness, how many joys and sorrows... I am appreciated that I met many knowledgeable professors, nice classmates, and charming views on-campus, for I get so many happiness from you. I am proud that I stepped out of my comfort zone again and again. Graduation is a beginning and let's always have faith in ourselves!



Roshelle Flores

Being a UBC Sociology student taught me a lot about the world, society, and myself. I've become a more conscious global citizen with a better understanding of my place in the world. I have become more confident in my identity and I am so proud to be a woman of colour and a daughter of first-generation immigrants. This knowledge will forever empower me. Thank you to all the individuals I've met in the last three years at UBC. Your words and guidance will have an impact on me for life. Again, thank you Mom and Dad!



Zihan Gao

I don't like a life that is unchanging, and I don't like a future that can be predicted. Because I am full of imagination about uncertain and unknown future in tomorrow, I will be so looking forward to the arrival of every tomorrow.



Marika Gillales



Nichole Goh

It still hasn't really hit me that I'm not going to be a student anymore (I think).

I'm sure it will in a month or two though, but I just want to thank all my family and friends who have been there for me. You all know who you are :) I couldn't have gotten to where I am today without all of you by my side.

Oh, and also, Netflix. Can't forget Netflix. Thank you for making procrastination just so easy :)



Renite Gosal



Lebin He



Christy Huang

Despite a difficult past year, we finally made it to the end of another important stage in our lives. A big thank you to my peers, friends, and family for their support — I'm so grateful you've stuck around through my highs and lows. Congratulations and good luck to the class of 2021! May your roads be smooth and your burdens be light.



Taylore Jones

Thank you to my family and teammates for getting me through the past 5 years! So grateful for all of the amazing memories.



Kritika Joshi

This was not what I had envisioned for my graduation. But, while the year has been unpredictable and isolating, I am very grateful for the moments that I was able to spend with myself reflecting on the beauty of little things. Additionally, I want to thank my family and the sociology department for being a constant pillar of support even amidst a pandemic. Finally, congratulations to the class of 2021!



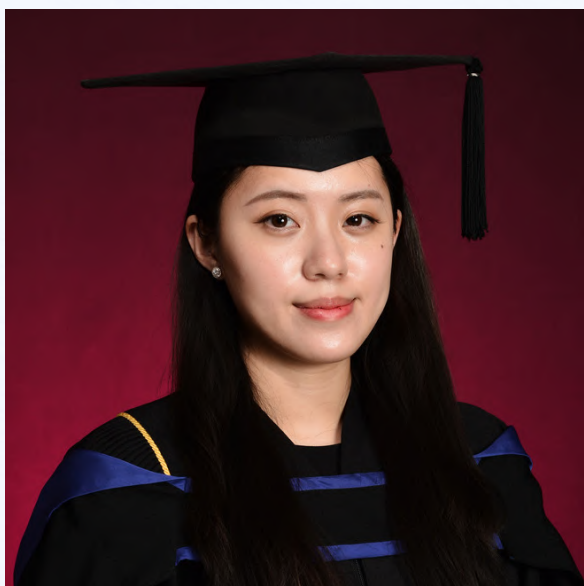
Robin Kennedy

Thank you UBC for all the memories and new friends that I made! Vancouver will always be a special place for me!



Ella Kim-Marriott

I'm thrilled to be graduating with an Honours degree in Sociology and a minor in Environment and Society. I am grateful to my peers, professors and the sociology department for making my undergraduate experience so fulfilling. Sociology is a special field because along with my degree, I'm taking away so many lessons about what it means to be a positively contributing member of society. My time at UBC has sparked my interest in environmentalism and social justice and I am excited to pursue these topics in future studies as well as in my everyday life as an activist. I wish all members of the UBC community good luck in their future endeavours!



Capri Kong

Congratulations to the Sociology Class of 2021! You rock!



Simirin Lally

I'd like to thank my family for all their love and support over these past four years. I am incredibly grateful to be graduating from my dream university with a major in Sociology and a minor in Law and Society. My area of study has taught me a lot about the world around me and I am eager to apply all that UBC has taught me in my future endeavors. UBC will always hold a special place in my heart, from the beautiful campus, the friends made, and the passions sparked, I will forever be grateful for all the memories and experiences.



Thomas Lejeune

After 4 years of studying, I can confidently say: we do indeed live in a society.



Jamie Lozano

Although this is a bittersweet farewell, I just wanted to say that I'm so grateful for the friends, mentors and professors that I've met throughout the last five years at UBC. I'd also like to thank my family for unconditionally supporting me in my academic endeavors.

Lastly, congratulations to the graduating class of 2021! Whatever your next journey may be, I wish you all the best! May the next be as memorable and rewarding as the last.



Sophia Magana

I am forever grateful to UBC for giving me the opportunity to be a part of something so incredibly valuable. It has given me so much more than a degree. For the past 5 years, this institution has been my home. It has been a vessel for my learning both through failure and success. It introduced me to brilliant minds and genuine hearts. I am a first-generation graduate, daughter of immigrants who was privileged enough to learn and grow on this unceded land. Today, my ancestors smile and rejoice alongside my family, friends & mother. Gracias por todo mamá.



Hillary Metcalfe

I cannot believe my five years has come to an end. I would not of been able to do this without the support of my family, friends, coaches, and teammates. I will forever cherish the memories I have made at UBC. Here I come real world!



Nicholson Narciso

Thanks to my family, friends, and Gabs for all the love and support you guys have given me these past couple of years. I will forever be grateful for the experiences, friendships, memories, and growth I was able to have here at UBC. I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life and wish the graduating class the best in everything that we pursue.



Navni Nayak

When I started my undergrad, I never thought it would end amidst a global pandemic. But here we are, and this describes my journey at UBC - uncertain, unpredictable yet unique. This is exactly what UBC has prepared me for and it is an honor to graduate from such a prestigious university. I would like to thank all the faculty members, my friends and my family who have supported me throughout this journey. Finally, congratulations class of 2021 - we made it!



Akari Nishida

I want to thank my mother for allowing me to attend and pursue my interests at UBC. I would have not been able to be where I am without her unconditional support, love, and encouragement. To the friends that I have made throughout this journey, my experience here would not have been the same without you.



Asli Ozer

"I would like to thank my family and friends for always supporting me.

Peace out!



Helen Pang

How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

... bye! :)



Ninotchka Pierre Pierre

You can't get a rainbow without the rain.



Reina Pino



Julia Rieberger

Cheers to the Class of 2021! Thank you to my supportive family, I am forever grateful. On to the next adventure...



Ashika Sharda

We are always told that these years of education will fly by, we won't believe it when it is over and we will look back and be amazed at how far we've actually come. These past four years have been nothing but full of surprises, challenges and excitement. Filled with joy, new friendships, new ideas and endless learning opportunities. UBC offered more than I expected when I first stepped onto campus and will forever hold a piece of my heart.

Thank you to everyone who has made an impact; big or small, I am grateful. Here's to the graduates who crossed the finish line despite a global pandemic!



Zhijing Shi

A bright future is waiting for you! Keep working hard!



Brittany Shuster

I would like to thank my parents and friends for supporting me over the last 4 years. UBC, it's been great!



Evy (Aixue) Sun

Congratulations to the class of 2021!

Can't believe we finally made it!

Long story short, Love you all!



Kianna Torvik

Good bye UBC. Thanks for the memories!



Kristina Tran

Congratulations to the class of 2021! I would like to thank UBC, my professors and peers for four memorable years. The Faculty of Arts provided experiences, memories and growth that I will cherish into my future. I am so grateful to have studied at such a renowned university. Thank you UBC for helping me grow into the person that I am today. Cheers to a new chapter in our lives!



Ece Unlu

Thankful for my supportive and loving family as well as my sisters at Alpha Phi. UBC has been an unforgettable experience; the people I met, the education I gained and the memories I have made in the last four years are the best ones of my life. Congratulations class of 2021; To pushing the boundaries of uncertainty.



Jennifer Vincent

Thank you to all the professors, staff, and students that made my time with UBC Sociology so great. I hope some day in the near future I get to see everyone in person and hear about all the amazing things I'm sure everyone is getting up to!



Danni Wang

Time flies when we having fun and my journey at UBC is about to be over. It's hard to wrap up the four years by only 100 words but I just wanted to say THANK YOU UBC! You gave me the chance to meet my best friend, you gave me the chance to explore the world, you made me know that I have so much potential, energy, and power inside of me, and you made me know that I'm capable of doing everything! No matter where I am or what I do, I won't stop questioning and believing in myself. It's an ending but also a new chapter is about to begin! Goodbye UBC, you'll be missed.



Wallace Wong

I did it! so can you!



Ervin Wong

Congrats Class of 2021! It's been a rollercoaster of a year and a degree, but I'm so happy to be finishing my undergrad with such inspiring and thoughtful changemakers. Looking forward to seeing all that everyone will achieve!



Sammi Wong

This isn't the way that I thought my university experience would end, but nonetheless, this is only the beginning. This is the beginning to do whatever you want to do, so go after the things you want and remember to have fun.

Congratulations Class of 2021!



Jun Wu

I am grateful to have met so many brilliant people in UBC. You helped me to create the unforgettable memories with so much happiness and bitterness for my university life. Graduation is a beginning of another journey in our life. Never forget to love yourself and the world. Sui Yuan xixixixi!

Thank you!



Pengchong Yu

Good bye! My youth in UBC!



Jia Rong (Karen) Zhang

I'm looking wistfully into the distance!! I'm standing in the melancholy dusk!! I'm subjecting myself to the ordeal of being perceived!! Keep walking, keep walking, and I know my future self will look fondly upon me now.



Chenxi (Kate) Zhao

Stay lucky, the end is where we start from! Ready for the next adventure!



Donna Zhu

Hello Class of 2021!

In spite of all of the trials and tribulations that we have faced, not only from this year and the last but throughout the entirety of our academic and personal journey, we continued to persist at our own pace and have finally arrived at this achievement. I'm proud of us all, and I hope you are proud of yourself as well.

Congratulations! We did well.



Shirin Zohrabi

Congratulations to the class of 2021! I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours.



faculty & staff messages



Congratulations
class of 2021!!

Tom Fimple

(Thankfully, none of you had
to deal with my bad
handwriting this year!)

Congratulations,
graduates! Best
of luck!

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Wishing
everyone

everything
good!

Carrie
(yodanis)

★ WAY TO GO
GRADS!

-Emily Huddart Kennedy

Congratulations &
Best Wishes for Your Future!
-Prof. Liwen Lin

Dear Grads of 2021,
You've finished, Congratulations!
If you can complete a BA at UBC
in a pandemic you can pretty
much achieve anything.
-Wishing you all the best
Guy Stecklov, Soci head

Congratulations 2021 grads!
You made it through an incredibly
challenging year. Here's wishing
you smoother sailing on the
next phase of your life journey.
Best of luck for all that is to come!
Sybil Fisher

Dearest Sociology grads,
Congratulations! You have achieved
a monumental goal! Please continue
to fight for social, economic, and
sexual justice and liberation with
passion, vigour, and humility.
All my love, affection, and respect,
Becki Ross



way to go
class of 2021!

Catherine Corrigan-Brown

Shine bright,
go far,

Bright stars of
UBC Sociology ☺

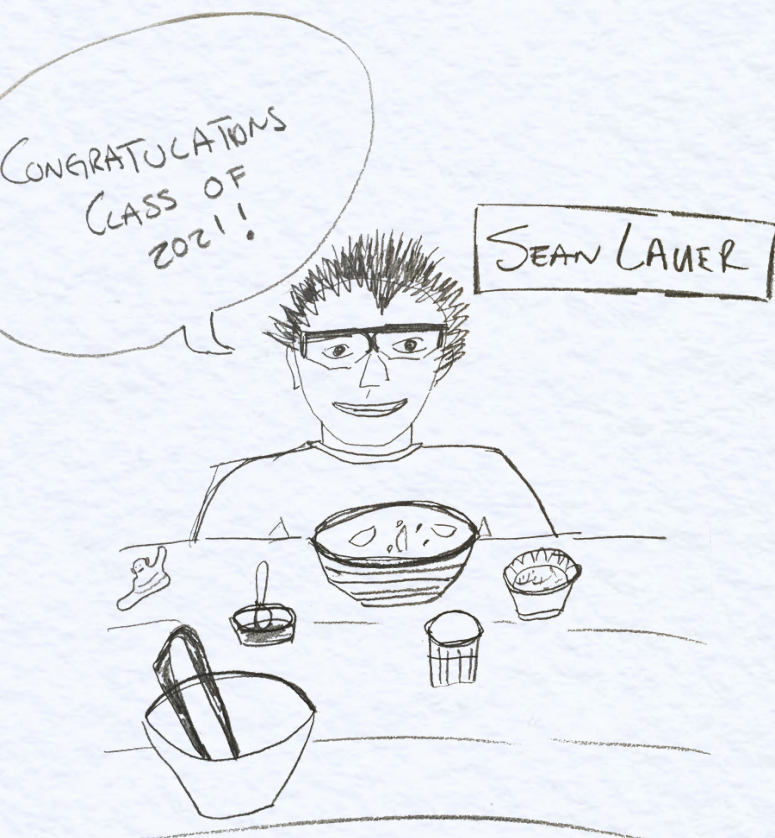
- Prof. Amanda Cheong
May 2021

Congratulations SOCI graduates!

You worked so hard to achieve
this goal. Be proud! You deserve
to celebrate!

All my best to you,
Dr. Kathy Greaves

Congrats
- You did it
Keep in touch,
Mel Armitage



Congratulations to the graduating Sociology
class of 2021! Earning any sort of
university degree always comes with
challenges, but the pandemic has made
your degree so much more hard-earned.
You have remained focused, pushed forward,
and prevailed over obstacles both expected
and unexpected this year, and for that,
we celebrate your monumental achievement
today. Your resiliency will carry you far,
and we wish you the best of luck in your
future endeavors!

- UBC Sociology Students' Association

- Dinner

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We are very happy to celebrate your journey and you've worked very hard to earn this degree. Continue to question and explore the impossible, we wish you nothing but success and happiness. This is not good-bye, reach out to your peers and professors to stay in touch in the future, UBC Sociology will always be your home. Take care and stay well until we meet again.

May Chan, Student Advisor

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for your next adventure! I'm sure you will have many proud, successful moments and I guarantee that the graduation will only be the beginning of those moments. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you run into problems after you graduate, we will always be here to support you!

Cindy Hojung Hah, Student Advisor

Congratulations graduates! You have been amazing to work and learn with. I wish you great success in your future endeavors. UBC Sociology will always be your home - please stay in touch and let us know the amazing work you are doing.

"Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential" – *Kerry Washington*

Dr. Silvia Bartolic, Undergrad Chair

Congratulations! That your accomplishments were completed during a pandemic is a remarkable achievement. As you embark on this next phase of life, take with you the knowledge that, when the going gets tough, you get tougher. I wish you all the best in the upcoming years!!!

Dr. Rima Wilkes

Congratulations on this amazing achievement, especially with the curve ball thrown by the coronavirus pandemic over the last year. Your success is a testament to your resilience and I am so happy to share in it. Well done!

Dr. Oral Robinson

Heartfelt congratulations for making it across the finish line during these extraordinary times. You will be well equipped to adapt to whatever comes your way. My piece of graduating advice: Be sure to let other people say no to you, don't say no to yourself.

Dr. Lindsey Richardson

Many congratulations for not only graduating but doing so during a pandemic! I hope you take time to celebrate and savour your accomplishment and tenacity!

Warmly,

Dr. Sinikka Elliott

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Seth Abrutyn, Jennifer Berdahl, Elic Chan, Gillian Creese, Qiang Fu, Amin Ghaziani, Kerry Greer, Stefano Gulmanelli, Neil Guppy, Amy Hanser, Elizabeth Hirsh, Kimberly Huyser, Phyllis Johnson, Nathanael Lauster, Donna Lester-Smith, Katherine Lyon, Chris MacKenzie, Nicole Malette, Anne Martin-Matthews, Renisa Mawani, Craig Meadows, Michela Musto, Debra Pentecost, Robyn Pitman, Yue Qian, Sanjeev Routray, David Ryniker, Prabhsharanbir Singh, LJ Slovin, Dan Small, David Tindall, Nathan Vadeboncouer, Gerry Veenstra, Ana Vivaldi, Rafael Wainer, Qian Wei, Brandy Wiebe



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