

# EVANGEL

OUR MISSION: PREPARING PEOPLE FOR WHATEVER GOD'S NEXT IS FOR THEM.



## UPCOMING PACE COURSES

JUNE 22 - 24 (Register by June 15)

- P3325 Effective Organization (Intensive)

JULY 25 - AUG 29 (Register by July 18)

- B3115 Old Testament Literature
- G4525 Christian Ethics
- P4425 Spiritual Formation

FALL 2023

- P3206 Thriving in Transition
- P3545 Counselling Skills
- P3315 Introduction to Business/Nonprofit



## CELEBRATION & RECOGNITION EVENING

*Rachel Hart (Registrar)*

On April 28, 2023, over 100 Students, Faculty, Staff, Family & friends gathered to celebrate this year's accomplishments. David Ross and Student Development Dean Cory Pytlarz welcomed everyone to the festive gathering in ABC's chapel. Joshua Erhardt (class of 2023) led the opening prayer. A light meal was served and students and guests visited with one another. Cam Pelham delivered greetings from the ABC Board of Trustees. After dessert, professors Judy Frentz and Jonathan Straker led a toast to the graduates celebrating their personal and academic successes. Graduating students, Laura Boswell and Manoaah Smith then led a toast to the faculty and staff for all their hard work in service to the students. College students, Ethan Fisher and Joshua Hilling facilitated a time of worship music before President Stan Helton began the awards ceremony.

First to be honoured was alumnus, Dr. Lane Scruggs (Class of 2009) who received the Delta Epsilon Chi ABHE Honour Society. The award is named for the three Greek words translated "approved in Christ," (dokimos en Christos), found in Romans 16:10, begin with the three Greek letters, delta epsilon chi. This award is given to those who demonstrate outstanding intellectual achievement, Christian character, and leadership ability. Since receiving his doctorate from Wycliffe College, Lane has served as the Senior Pastor of Oak Park Church of Christ in southwest Calgary and is a member of the adjunct faculty at ABC teaching Church History. After receiving the honour, Lane spoke to the gathered celebrants on the topic of "A Deeper Righteousness".

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The following Student Awards were then presented:

### **Study**

Christian Scholar Award:

Becky Chan, Joshua Erhardt, Ivy Foster, Hugo Nogueira, Manoah Smith, Julie Bae, Laura Boswell, Karina Erhardt, Emmanuel Formadi, Roman Sizer

Zondervan Theology Award: Claire-Louise Filewood

Zondervan Biblical Greek Award: Josh Hilling

### **Prayer**

Spiritual Formation Award: Wilauna Usselman

### **Service**

Servant Leadership Award: Joshua Erhardt, Dee Du Somme

Christian Ministry Award: Joshua Erhardt, Theo Graffunder, Rob Nagtegaal,  
Belinda Wood, Kaithlyne Marcos

### **Community**

Outstanding Student Award: Jana Brown, Hugo Nogueira

### **Graduate Awards**

Valedictorian: Linda Pogoda

Delta Epsilon Chi (ABHE Honor Society): Rob Nagtegaal

ABC Achievement Award: Rick Rehn, Manoah Smith, Elsa Caponero, Karina Erhardt, Grace Velazco

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Dean of Institutional Care, Shannon Gugyel, offered a moving reflection on the many challenges that faced students this Academic Year and the ways in which they persevered and supported one another. After cheers and applause, the awards ceremony came to an end. Operations Director, Kris Ford, offered a benediction and invitation to the formal Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, April 29th.

We want to extend our gratitude to the following people who helped make our graduation weekend special for ABC's Class of 2023.

Thank you to Foster's Garden Chapel Funeral Home & Crematorium and South Calgary Funeral Centre & Crematorium for donating the two beautiful flower arrangements for the commencement ceremony at Bow Valley Christian Church (BVCC). And a big thanks to BVCC for partnering with ABC to host the 2023 Graduation Ceremony at the church. We always appreciate being able to honour our graduates in BVCC's lovely facility. Thanks also to Charlene Graffunder and the Alumni Association for their presence and hospitality.

# CLASS OF 2023



## **Julie Bae, Diploma of Christian Ministry: Biblical Studies**

Wishing Julie all the best for her future endeavours!



## **Laura Boswell, Diploma of Christian Ministry: Biblical Studies**

Laura plans on continuing her studies. Laura travelled from Texas to attend graduation in person and she gave the PACE toast to ABC faculty and staff during the Friday night Celebration. She was one of five PACE students to receive the Christian Scholar Award.



## **Taylor Braithwaite, Certificate in Counselling**

Wishing Taylor all the best for her future endeavours!



## **Mishael Buenaventura, Bachelor of Christian Ministry, Counselling**

Mishael would love to pursue a science field or healthcare related profession in the future. She is also thinking whether to take a career dealing with older adults or children. Ministry-wise, she will still continue her current ministry in her local church as part of the LAM (Liturgy-arts-music dept) and LCC (local church council) as program department head. In the future, she would love to help more people in need especially families back home (in the Philippines).



## **Elsa Caponero, Diploma of Christian Ministry, Counselling**

Elsa continues to work full time with a Calgary company, while also ministering as a pastoral care visitor at local hospitals. She is one of three PACE recipients of the ABC Achievement Award, honouring her courageous perseverance in overcoming obstacles in completing her program.



## **Joshua Erhardt, Bachelor of Christian Studies, Counselling**

Josh is waiting for ABC's counselling graduate program so he can continue his educational journey with this program. In the mean time he is considering taking courses in technical theatre. He has not decided yet where he will be doing these courses. Josh was one of five College program students to receive the Christian Scholar Award, was the College Servant Leadership Award recipient, and was one of two College students to receive the Christian Ministry Award.

# CLASS OF 2023



## **Karina Erhardt, Certificate in Counselling**

Karina is waiting for ABC's counselling graduate program to be offered at ABC as she would like to continue on in this program. She is one of three PACE recipients of the ABC Achievement Award, honouring her courageous perseverance in overcoming obstacles in completing her program, and she was one of five PACE students to receive the Christian Scholar Award as well.



## **Judith Kwaira, Diploma of Christian Ministry: Counselling**

Judith plans to continue her studies at ABC to achieve her bachelor's degree. She started at ABC as a result of a gift given by Val Tompkins, one of our adjunct professors who passed away a few years ago.



## **Kaithlyne Marcos, Bachelor of Christian Ministry: Biblical Studies**

Kaithlyne hopes to obtain a full-time career in Youth and Young Adults ministry in the near future. For now, she continues to work part-time with ABC as the Digital Media Coordinator. She was one of three PACE students to be awarded the Christian Ministry Award.



## **Rob Nagtegaal, Bachelor of Christian Ministry: Leadership**

Rob hopes to make a career change getting closer to the industry he has been teaching in for the last 9 years. He will be joining a very innovative company that is looking to start a training department focused on helping technicians work toward excellence and continue their professional skills development. His next step in formal ministry is to continue gaining experience preaching at his home church while continuing his training in leadership. *"I have been blessed and my cup runs over as I will enjoy doing all of this with my 3 kids and amazing wife as we continue to trust in God's providence and his faithfulness."*



## **Brittney Neubauer, Diploma: Counselling and Ministry**

Brittney is focusing on the women's ministry that she started at her church and in the future her hope is to do a church plant



## **Linda Pagoda, Bachelor of Christian Ministry: Counselling**

Linda plans on attending graduate school, completing a master's degree at the University of Groningen in Amsterdam. Her intended focus will be on the ethics of dignity. Linda was the Class of 2023 Valedictorian and shared inspiring words of wisdom and kindness with her fellow graduates and guests at the graduation ceremony.



# CLASS OF 2023



## **Rick Rehn, Bachelor of Religious Education: General Studies**

Rick has a long history with ABC, and has functioned in various roles and ways to support ABC. He has been a life-long learner with a servant heart. He is an elder at the Rosscarrock Church of Christ in Calgary, and has volunteered in multiple capacities to better the communities in which he participates. Over the years, he has served ABC as board member and board chair. He was one of two College recipients to receive the ABC Achievement Award for courageous perseverance in completing his program.



## **Pamela Robb, Certificate in Counselling**

Pamela has decided to continue her education at ABC, and is now working towards a diploma in Christian ministry.



## **Lalruat Sangi, Bachelor of Christian Ministry: Counselling**

Wishing Lalruat all the best for her future endeavours!



## **Manoah Smith, Bachelor of Christian Studies: General Studies**

Manoah is currently attending Yorkville University for a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology. She plans to be a registered psychologist here in Alberta and is so excited for what the future holds! *"ABC has been an incredible part of my journey and I feel like I have an excellent spiritual foundation to build upon."*



## **Isabella Van, Certificate of Christian Foundations**

Isabella will be working at camp this summer, and will continue her studies at another institution in Calgary. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours!



## **Graciela Velazco, Bachelor of Christian Ministry: Counselling and Leadership**

Grace plans to complete a master's degree in counselling but will continue to work full time while caring for her family. She was one of three graduates to receive the ABC Achievement Award for her courageous perseverance in overcoming obstacles during completing her program.



# GRADUATION CEREMONY

*Wilauna Usselman (Admissions) and Rachel Hart (Registrar)*

Alberta Bible College held its 2023 Graduation Ceremony with great success on Saturday, April 29th. 18 graduates, including 4 certificates, 5 diplomas, and 9 bachelor's degrees, celebrated their achievements. The event began with a traditional procession of staff, professors, and students in regalia. Adjunct professor of history, Dan Hardock, led those in attendance in prayer. Academic Dean, David Ford, then welcomed everyone and read ABC's land acknowledgement. Pam Baribeault, adjunct professor in Biblical Studies, did the scripture reading of Matthew 5:17-21.

Following this, Pete Justine, worship minister at Bow Valley Christian Church, led the congregation in worship and presented a new song he personally composed for the graduates. Later, President Stan Helton introduced the keynote speaker, David Ross, who delivered an inspirational address centered on the theme of transformation. Ross shared his personal journey with Alberta Bible College as both a student and faculty member. He emphasized the graduates' path of healing, formation, and transformation, in alignment with the biblical text that Baribeault had earlier read. He challenged the graduates, reminding them of their role as Christ's agents of transformation in the world. Ross concluded by reciting a verse from Romans 15:13, encouraging graduates to move forward in faith: "May the God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Linda Pogoda delivered the Valedictorian address, thanking family, friends, professors, and staff for their support, assistance, and care throughout the graduates' journeys. As a member of the "COVID class," Pogoda acknowledged the sacrifices made to attain spiritual and intellectual growth, including navigating online and hybrid classes. She cited the beatitudes and personal stories of the graduates to illustrate their accomplishments and ended her speech by expressing confidence in the graduates' ability to continue to shine as lights of Christ.

The ceremony concluded with adjunct professor, Katie Pearn, leading a prayer of guidance, and Cory Pytlarz, Student Development Dean, concluding with a benediction before everyone joined in a time of fellowship, mingling, and celebration. Refreshments were enjoyed by all, and plenty of photos were taken to capture the memories of this significant milestone. Throughout the event, God was glorified and His name praised.









## UPCOMING COLLEGE COURSES

SEPT 5 - DEC 15 (Register by Aug 29)

- B101 Grasping God's Word
- B111 Old Testament Literature
- B122 Life & Teachings of Jesus
- B231 Christian Theology
- B333 Christian Ethics
- B423 Revelation
- B434 Theological Anthropology
- G101 Communications Theory
- G220 History of Christianity
- G243 Developmental Psychology
- G251 Canadian Sociology
- G316 Introductory Hebrew I
- P101.1 Spiritual Formation



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# PREP FOR YOUR NEXT

## COLLEGE PROGRAMS:

- ✓ Certificate of Christian Foundations
- ✓ Diploma of Christian Studies
- ✓ Bachelor's of Christian Studies
- ✓ Bachelor's of Theology

## PACE PROGRAMS:

- ✓ Professional Studies Certificate
- ✓ Diploma of Christian Ministry
- ✓ Bachelor's of Christian Ministry

ABC offers specializations in:

- Biblical Studies
- Business/Nonprofit
- Counselling
- Pastoral Care

## Tuition & Fees

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Per 3-credit course       | \$900 |
| Fees                      | \$70  |
| Total per 3-credit course | \$970 |

Scholarships and Financial Aid  
available.

# APPLY NOW



## IMPORTANT DATES

|                                      |                          |                       |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1ST JULY, 2023                       | 5TH SEPT, 2023           | 12TH SEPT, 2023       | 1ST NOV 2023                           | 1ST FEB 2024                                     |
| Fall 2023<br>Application<br>Deadline | College Classes<br>Begin | PACE Classes<br>Begin | Winter 2024<br>Application<br>Deadline | Spring 2024<br>Application<br>Deadline<br>(PACE) |

## College Program Info:

- 15-week Semester Format
- Daytime Classes meet In-person
- Weekly Chapel

## PACE Program Info:

- 6-week Modular Format
- Take 1 class at a time, 1 night per week
- In-person or Online

