



**Kwantlen**  
POLYTECHNIC  
UNIVERSITY

# Convocation

**October 3, 2008**

Dedication of

**Kwantlen Polytechnic University**

Installation of

**Arvinder S. Bubber**

as Chancellor of Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Installation of

**David W. Atkinson**

as President and Vice Chancellor  
of Kwantlen Polytechnic University

## Kwantlen's Story

Kwantlen has played a vital role in the development and delivery of post-secondary education in British Columbia for over a quarter of a century. Established in 1981 by the Province of British Columbia, Kwantlen proudly and gratefully adopted the name of the Kwantlen First Nation, whose people are acknowledged historically as "tireless runners." The name has proven to be prophetic. Kwantlen, the institution, has been running tirelessly since its inception to expand its capacity in serving the citizens of the South Fraser region, the province, the nation, and the world.

Kwantlen College was created as part of a broad initiative to open up post-secondary education to new segments of the British Columbia population, to increase the diversity of academic credentials, and to facilitate transfer to university programs. By the mid 1990s, however, access to degree completion outside Vancouver and Victoria had become a significant concern. Accordingly, the Province of British Columbia established five regionally dispersed, degree-granting university colleges from among the existing group of colleges.

In 1995, Kwantlen was re-designated Kwantlen University College and proceeded to launch baccalaureate degrees across its comprehensive program areas. Today, in addition to a full complement of Trades, Vocational and Qualifying Studies programs, Kwantlen offers degree programs in Health, Business, Information Technology, Design, Journalism, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science.

In 2006, the provincial government launched Campus 2020-Thinking Ahead, a collaborative planning process to help shape the vision, mission, goals, and objectives of British Columbia's post-secondary education system for the next ten to twenty years. A key recommendation was to re-designate the university colleges as universities so that they could more effectively expand their mandates in meeting the needs of their regions.

Kwantlen Polytechnic University brings with it a tradition of providing access pathways for students with different talents and abilities, and opportunities for all who are willing to work hard to realize their goals. Key to Kwantlen's new mandate is an enhanced capacity to integrate research and external community engagement within a learning environment that places students at the centre of all that the University does.

Forging a new university is a "once in a lifetime" opportunity. That Kwantlen will be distinct from more traditional universities is both inevitable and desirable. As a new and distinct university, Kwantlen offers formal acknowledgement that knowledge is converging and that the kinds of programs that colleges and universities offer are also converging in new and creative ways. Kwantlen will continue to provide unique educational opportunities meeting diverse student needs, while embracing the key purposes of all universities:

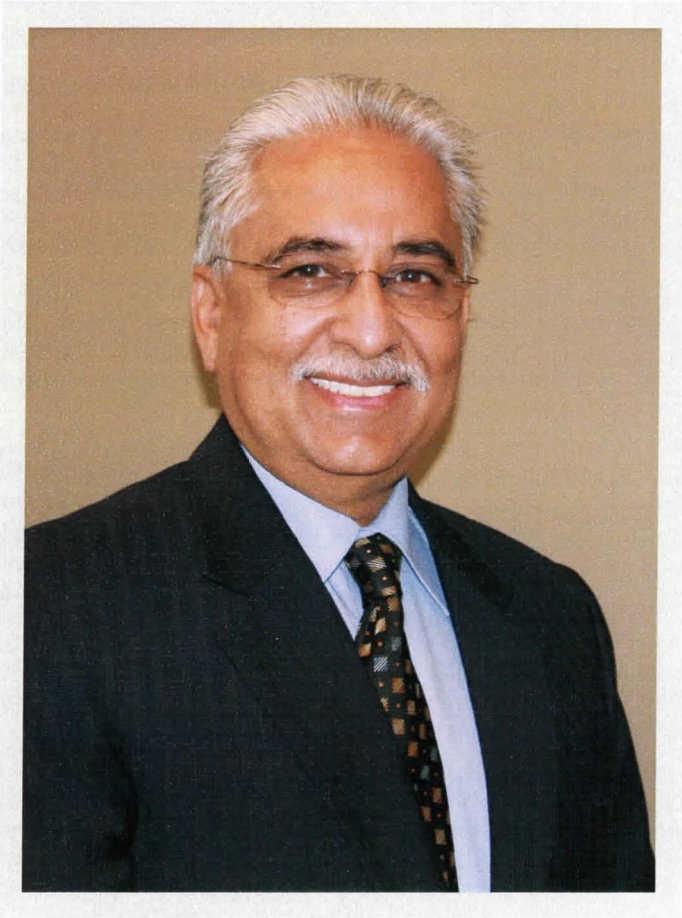
*To educate people so that they may live the good life,*

*To enable personal and professional fulfillment, and*

*To foster the ability and willingness of individuals to give back to society.*

Extraordinary opportunities and responsibilities are before us.

**Arvinder Bubber** *Chancellor*



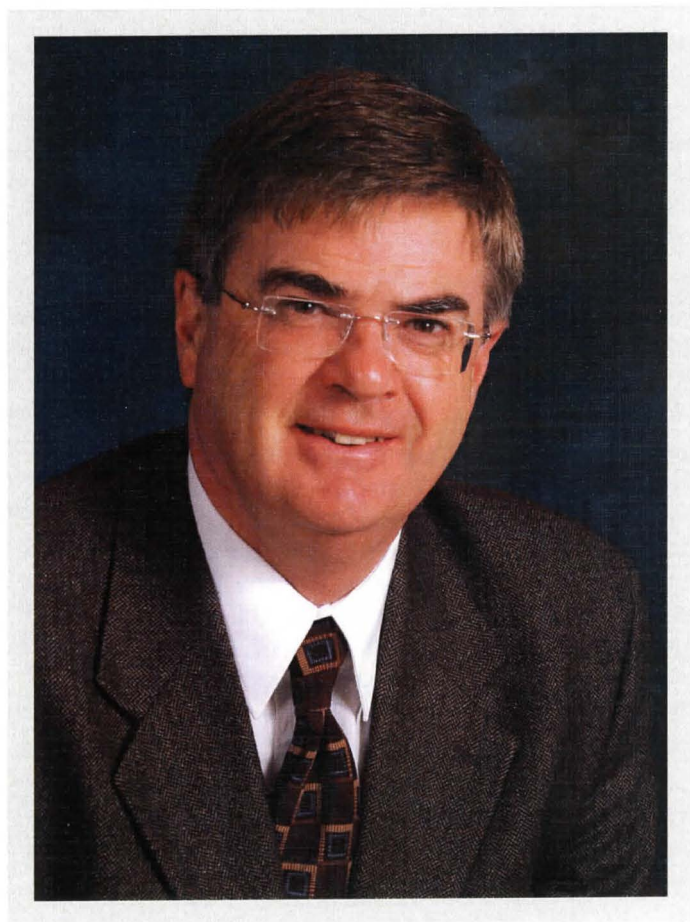
Arvinder S. Bubber began his education at the University of Punjab, in India, where he earned his undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Science. After moving to England in 1971, he received his chartered accountant designation and became a member of the largest professional accountancy group in England and Wales. Upon moving to Canada, Mr. Bubber worked in the financial field while earning his Canadian chartered accountant status.

Mr. Bubber spent 15 years working with various levels of government before relocating to Vancouver in 1991, to establish his own practice, A.S. Bubber and Associates. He was appointed to the Board of Governors of Kwantlen University College in October 2001, chairing the Board for four of the seven years he served on it.

Mr. Bubber strongly believes in giving back to society. He is a mentor to others and a tireless fundraiser for community causes. He has guided young people through the Junior Achievement Foundation of British Columbia. He is the founding president of SPARK Education Foundation, and continually donates his talents to promote academic achievement by helping students who are challenged economically or culturally to remain in high school and attain their dream of a post-secondary education. He is strongly committed to inspiring and encouraging others through business, education and continual learning.

Mr. Bubber embodies a combination of high achievement, genuine care and deep community experience that makes him the ideal choice as Kwantlen's first Chancellor. His past and future success as a leader, as well as his dedication to education and to his community, will inspire our students and enrich the learning environment at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

**David W. Atkinson** *President and Vice Chancellor*





David W. Atkinson was born in Sunderland England, and immigrated with his parents to Saskatchewan when very young. He was raised in Calgary, where he was especially active in high school athletics, something which has remained a major part of his life ever since. Dr. Atkinson attended Indiana University on an athletic scholarship, where he was a member of Indiana's Big Ten Cross Country Championship team and received All-America status. He competed internationally for Canada, was named Booster Club Athlete of the Year in Calgary, and received the W. F. Tees Award as Outstanding University Track and Field Athlete in Canada.

David W. Atkinson returned to the University of Calgary, where he finished the B.A., and where he subsequently went on to complete the M.A. and Ph.D., all in English literature. After teaching for a year at Drumheller Penitentiary, an experience he says "shaped" his approach to learning and teaching, Dr. Atkinson went to the University of Lethbridge in 1977 where he stayed for fifteen years, during which he took on increasingly senior administrative positions, including Director of Special Studies, Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, Associate Dean of Arts and Science, and Dean of Student Affairs and Associate Vice-President (Academic). It was during this period that he developed additional interests in Religious Studies. In 1987 he was promoted to Professor of Religious Studies.

In 1991, Dr. Atkinson was appointed Dean of Arts and Science and Professor of English and Religious Studies at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. Subsequently, he served as President and Vice-Chancellor of two Ontario Universities, Brock University in St. Catharines and Carleton University in Ottawa. He was also Professor of English Language and Literature at both institutions. Dr. Atkinson became President of Kwantlen Polytechnic University in British Columbia in July, 2008.

Dr. Atkinson has been active in the larger academic community and in the community generally. He served as Editor of Religious Studies and Theology, and served as an external reviewer for a number of funding agencies, including SSHRC, CIDA, and the Japan Foundation. He has been active with the Council of Ontario Universities and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. Dr. Atkinson has also served on the Board of Directors of such organizations as the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra, the Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival, Wansukewin Heritage Park, and the Gabriel Dumont Institute, all in Saskatchewan, and of Rodman Hall Art Gallery, the Niagara Symphony Orchestra, and Ridley College in Niagara. Dr. Atkinson takes a keen interest in the local business community, and has served on the Boards of both the Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation and the Ottawa Council for Research and Innovation. He received the Queen's Jubilee Medal in April, 2002, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and is an honorary member of the Board of Governors of Brock University. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Katimavik Foundation.

Dr. Atkinson teaches in the areas of Medieval and Renaissance Literature, World Religions, and critical hermeneutics, and he has published widely, including four books and over ninety papers and reviews. His fifth book on the Scottish writer James Melville is currently in preparation.

# Inaugural Ceremony

## Presiding

Jody Gordon  
Marshall of Convocation  
Associate Vice President, Student Services & Registrar

## Processional

*"The Prince of Denmark's March"* by Jeremiah Clarke  
Performed by Kwantlen University Brass Quintet

## Declaration of Convocation

Jody Gordon

## National Anthem

Performed by Sylvie Martineau

## *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! We stand on guard for thee.*

## Welcome and Introductions

Jody Gordon

## Kwantlen First Nation Greeting

Chief Marilyn Gabriel

## Dedication of University

The Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Healthy Living and Sport, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Langley, representing the Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia

## Greetings

Her Worship, Dianne Watts, Mayor, City of Surrey

## Greetings

Russ Hiebert, Member of Parliament, South Surrey, White Rock, Cloverdale

## **Musical Interlude**

*"Rondeau"* by Jean Mouret

Performed by Kwantlen University Brass Quintet

## **Installation of Chancellor**

Introduction by Allison Richardson, Librarian

Presentation of Robes

Kathleen Casprowitz, Board Chair

Heidi Abramyk, student, Faculty of Design and Communications

Martin Meyer, student, Faculty of Business

## **Chancellor's Address** – Arvinder S. Bubber

## **Installation of President**

Introduction by Dr. Takashi Sato, Faculty of Science and Interim Chair of Senate

Presentation of Robes

Chancellor Bubber

Heidi Abramyk, student, Faculty of Design and Communications

Martin Meyer, student, Faculty of Business

## **President's Address** – David W. Atkinson

## **Musical Interlude**

*"Fanfare for Saint Edmondsbury"* by Benjamin Britten

Performed by Kwantlen University Trumpet Trio

## **Kwantlen First Nation Presentation**

Chief Marilyn Gabriel, Kevin Kelly, Chris Thomas and Elders, Kwantlen First Nation

## **Greetings**

Jody Gordon

On behalf of Faculty – Chamkaur Cheema, Faculty of Business

On behalf of Staff – Liberty Hansen, Student Services

On behalf of Students – Jordan Ali, Faculty of Social Science

## **Adjournment of Convocation**

Chancellor Arvinder S. Bubber

## **Recessional**

*"Trumpet Voluntary"* by Henry Purcell

Performed by Kwantlen University Brass Quintet

*A reception will follow in Building C atrium*





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## Heraldry

The Arms of Kwantlen Polytechnic University were presented in a ceremony on May 4, 1999 by the Right Honourable Romeo Le Blanc, Governor General of Canada.

The centre shield features “The Spirit of Kwantlen” emblem comprising a wolf, a salmon, and a river Azure as styled by Brandon Gabriel.

At the top of the blue shield, on the left side a lion and on the right a tiger facing each other in the rampant position (upright on one hind leg with forelegs outstretched as if attacking.) And at the bottom of the blue shield, on the left a jaguar and on the right a Chinese dragon also facing each other in the rampant position. All are gold.

At the top in the centre, an open book with silver or white pages, bindings in gold and on top of it, a gold horizontal (in fess) rectangle (billet) with square bites taken out of the long sides (bretessed). In modern heraldry, this item is meant to represent a computer chip.

The crest appears above the shield, and is supported by a silver and blue twisted fabric wreath. The upper rim is set with a simple silver crown, the upper edge decorated with four salmon, looking at each other in pairs.

Supporting the arms is a green grassy mound, scattered with gold Douglas Fir cones. The mound is rising from wavy horizontal bands of blue and silver. This is the traditional heraldic representation of water—either river or ocean.

On the left is a gold female deer with blue hooves, and her bottom half is a silver fishtail with gold fins. Around her neck is a wreath of twisted silver and blue cloth. Hanging from the wreath is a green disk with an open book on it—the pages are silver; the cover is gold.

On the right is an gold eagle with a silver head, with blue talons and beak. Around his neck is a wreath like the doe’s and hanging from it is a green disk with the heraldic representation of a gold computer chip.

The motto reads: *Through Tireless Effort Knowledge and Understanding.*

## **Regalia for the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor**

The Chancellor's regalia consist of a black gown with red velvet panels on the front and red velvet chevrons on the sleeves surrounded with gold piping. Two Kwantlen First Nations silver pendants, hand-carved by Phyllis Atkins, adorn the front of the gown. They represent spindal whorls. The images on the spindal whorls recreate Brandon Gabriel's design of a wolf and a salmon in the Coast Salish style, as seen in the Kwantlen Coat of Arms.

The Vice Chancellor's regalia consist of a black gown with red velvet panels on the front and red velvet chevrons on the sleeves surrounded with silver piping. Two Kwantlen First Nations silver pendants, hand-carved by Phyllis Atkins, adorn the front of the gown and are identical to those found on the Chancellor's robe.

## **Blanket Ceremony**

A blanket ceremony is a traditional Sto:lo First Nation ceremony to celebrate the achievements of an individual. Traditionally, those honoured are covered with blankets and words are shared on their achievements and their expected role in the future. There are many cultural protocols surrounding the blanketing ceremony. It is an extreme honour in Sto:lo culture to be "blanketed" in an honouring ceremony.

## **Institutions Sending Formal Greetings**

British Columbia Institute of Technology  
Brock University  
Capilano University  
Emily Carr University of Art and Design  
Hokkai-Gakuen University  
Langara College  
Memorial University  
Mount Saint Vincent University  
Nipissing University  
NSCAD  
Simon Fraser University  
St. Thomas University  
Tainan University of Technology  
Thompson Rivers University  
University of British Columbia  
University of the Fraser Valley  
University of Lethbridge  
University of Manitoba  
University of Saskatchewan  
University of Sudbury  
University of Waterloo  
University of Windsor  
Victoria University  
Vancouver Island University

# Past Presidents

## **Kwantlen College** established 1981

Tony Wilkinson	<i>President 1981-1984</i>
Adrienne MacLaughlin	<i>President 1987-1993</i>
Gerry Kilcup	<i>President 1993-1999</i>

## **Kwantlen University College** established 1995

Leslie (Skip) Triplett	<i>President 1999-2008</i>
David W. Atkinson	<i>President 2008</i>

## **Board of Governors** Fall 2008

Kathleen Casprowitz / *Chair*  
Rebecca Darnell / *Vice Chair*  
Robert Attfield  
Tung Chan  
Sandra Hoffman  
George Melville  
Robert Mumford  
Scott Nicoll  
Derek Robertson  
Gordon Schoberg  
Amrik Virk  
Newton Wainman  
Takashi Sato, *Ex-Officio / Interim Chair, Senate*  
David W. Atkinson / *President*

## **Interim Senate** Fall 2008

Takashi Sato / *Interim Chair*  
Dana Cserepes / *Interim Vice Chair*  
Mary Androsiuk  
Dianne Crisp  
Betty Cunnin  
Robert Davis  
Farhad Dastur  
John Fernando  
Dana Goedbloed  
Aysha Haq  
Stephanie Howes  
Steven Lee  
Judith McGillivray  
Robert Mumford  
Joel Murray  
Jan Penhorwood  
Derek Robertson  
Marilynne Waithman  
Joel Whittemor  
Jody Gordon / *Registrar*

# Acknowledgements

## **Kwantlen University Brass Quintet**

Tom Shorthouse, trumpet  
Taz Eddy, trumpet  
Wayne Jeffrey, horn  
John Van Deursen, trombone  
Scott Weaver, tuba

## **Kwantlen University Trumpet Trio**

Tom Shorthouse  
Taz Eddy  
Leagh Barclay

## **Kwantlen First Nation**

Chief Marilyn Gabriel  
Kevin Kelly  
Chris Thomas  
Elders  
Phyllis Atkins

## **Student Services**

## **Marketing and Communications**

## **Facilities**

## **Information and Educational Technology**

## **President's Ambassadorial Team**

## **Convocation Committee**

Peter Chevrier  
Barbara Duggan  
Arthur Fallick  
Jody Gordon  
Sandi Klassen  
Sandy Kuzyk  
Jennifer Reddington  
Mary Jane Stenberg

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