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Installation of Sheridan's 9th President and Vice Chancellor

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.

Embassy Grand Convention Centre and Banquet Hall

Sheridan

Land acknowledgment statement

First Nations peoples have lived on this part of Turtle Island for millennia, stewarding the land, the water and all that contributes to life in this region. Today, the culture and presence of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples enrich the lands and people of this territory.

Over two centuries ago, the Mississauga people welcomed settlers to this territory, providing sustenance and engaging in trade and commerce. Between 1781 and 1820, eight treaties were signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, who opened their territory to settlement. Today, Sheridan campuses are located on Treaty 14 land, also known as the Head of the Lake Purchase of 1806, and Treaty 22 and 23 lands, based on treaties signed in 1820.

Treaty history is foundational, and it is our collective responsibility to honour the land, as we honour and respect those who have gone before us, those who are here and those who have yet to come. We are grateful for the opportunity to be learning, working and thriving on this land, and we actively commit to the process of reconciliation.



Installation Platform Party

Samiya Khan

Executive Team Director,
Sheridan Student Union

Al Ramsay

Business Administration –
Marketing '97, Pilon School of
Business Hall of Fame

Jack Urowitz

President, OPSEU Local 244

Nancy Heath

Chief Steward, OPSEU Local 245

Patti Barber

Director of Lifelong Learning,
Mississaugas of the Credit
First Nation

Dr. Genevieve Amaral

Dean, Faculty of Humanities
and Social Sciences

Dr. Elizabeth Fabbroni

Dean, Faculty of Applied Science
and Technology

Shahrzad Farzinpak

Dean, Pilon School of Business

Mark Jones

Dean, Faculty of Animation,
Arts & Design

Dr. Vicki Mowat

Dean, Faculty of Applied Health
and Community Studies

Representatives of Sheridan Leadership

Rajan Sandhu

Vice President

Mary Vaughan

Provost and Vice President,
Academic

Shawna Garrett

Registrar and Associate Vice
President, Enrolment

Sean McNabney

Vice Provost, Academic
Excellence and Transformative
Learning

Brian Hester

Chief Financial Officer

Accessibility and Multi-Faith Observances

A Quiet Room and a Prayer Room are open to all before, during, and after the ceremony.

Special Guests

Al Ramsay

Al Ramsay (Business Administration – Marketing '97) was inducted into Sheridan's Pilon School of Business Hall of Fame in 2023. A leading advocate for workplace inclusiveness, he has championed initiatives supporting the Black and 2SLGBTQ+ communities throughout his 20-year career in senior roles in the Canadian financial services sector.

Dr. Katharine Janzen

Dr. Katharine Janzen is an Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, in the Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto. With more than 45 years spent in Higher Education, she teaches, supervises PhD candidates and serves on numerous thesis committees.

The Honourable Marvin Zuker

The Honourable Marvin Zuker is a Professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto, and former Justice of the Ontario Court of Justice (1978–2016). His work focuses on Educational, Criminal and Family Law, and he is a widely published legal scholar.

Jared Big Canoe

Jared Big Canoe is a Cold Water Ojibwe artist, singer, entrepreneur, and healer. As the owner of Big Canoe Indigenous Market, he provides a space for Indigenous culture, artistry, and traditional healing practices. A skilled musician, Jared weaves his heritage and life experiences into his music and writing.

The Sunny Tang Performance Troupe – Wushu by Storm

The Sunny Tang Performance Troupe – Wushu by Storm is known for delivering thrilling performances that leave a lasting impression. The purpose behind lion dance is to ward off evil spirits and bad luck, and bring good luck and prosperity to any individual or group.



A message from Dr. Cindy Gouveia

The future will not reward hesitation. It will reward responsiveness. It will demand creativity and require collaboration across disciplines, sectors and communities. Our responsibility is clear: Sheridan cannot simply react to change; we must lead it. We owe that innovation and drive to our learners, our partners and the generations who follow.

Sheridan has always been a place where creativity and application move together. Where ideas are tested against reality. Where talent is refined through practice. Where hands and minds work side by side to design and build what comes next. To succeed today and tomorrow, we need to come together as a learning community with clarity, confidence and a shared purpose.

Access to education fuels my purpose in this work. My own path to higher education was not traditional. A college education was my starting point. It opened a door when I needed one most and sent a message that changed my life: you belong. Your potential has weight. Your future is worth investing in. And I feel the same way about each and every one of our learners.

As we begin this new chapter together, I am committed to ensuring every learner who walks through our doors leaves not only qualified but confident and ready to shape a changing world.

It is a profound honour to serve as the ninth President and Vice Chancellor of Sheridan College.

Dr. Cindy Gouveia

Order of Ceremony

Procession of Platform Party

Piper

Ian Colquhoun, Senior Systems Architect/Team Lead, Information Technology, Sheridan

Welcome Song

Jared Big Canoe, Indigenous drummer and knowledge keeper

Welcome Remarks and Land/Territory Acknowledgement

Al Ramsay, Business Administration – Marketing '97

Trilingual National Anthem

Trilingual 'O Canada' (English, French and Anishinaabemowin)

Performed by Ariana Bonifaz, Emma Reynolds and Sydney Brown, Honours Bachelor of Music Theatre Performance '25

O Canada!

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.*

*Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!*

*Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.*

*O, Canada, Gichi-gwanaaj
Naaniibwidaa, Miigwechiwendandaa
Naaniibwidaa, Miigwechiwendandaa*

Introduction of Platform Party

Introduction of President and Vice Chancellor

Mary E. Hofstetter, C.M., External Governor, Chair of the Board

Oath of Office

Mary E. Hofstetter, C.M., External Governor, Chair of the Board

Dr. Cindy Gouveia, 9th President and Vice Chancellor of Sheridan College

Changing of the Robes

Samiya Khan, Director, Student Executive Team, Sheridan Student Union, Haquikat Bains, Student Governor, Sara Cumming, Faculty Governor, and Darko Radman, Support Staff Governor

Musical Performance

Golden from *KPop Demon Hunters* written by EJAE and Mark Sonnenblick

Performed by Ariana Bonifaz and Emma Reynolds, Honours Bachelor of Music Theatre Performance '25

Keynote Addresses

Dr. Katharine Janzen, BScN, EdD Professor Emerita, Seneca College, Associate Professor Teaching Stream Emerita, Adjunct Professor/Leadership, Higher & Adult Education, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/University of Toronto

The Honourable Marvin Zuker, Professor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, University of Toronto

Installation Address

Dr. Cindy Gouveia, President and Vice Chancellor

Closing Remarks

Lion Dance

The Sunny Tang Performance Troupe – Wushu by Storm

Recession of Platform Party

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office is the most meaningful moment in a college president's installation because it turns a leadership appointment into a public promise.

When a new President takes the oath, they are accepting stewardship of a public institution that belongs to the community. Colleges like Sheridan exist to serve students, employers, families, and the broader public. By committing to uphold the college's rights, values, and integrity, the President affirms that leadership is guided by principle. And by pledging to lead "with the help of others," they recognize that a college's success is built through collaboration and partnerships.

Dr. Cindy Gouveia:

I, Cindy Gouveia, promise to keep and preserve the statutes, rights and liberties of Sheridan College; and with the help of others, to foster and develop the College in the highest tradition of educational excellence, so that it satisfies the needs of the broad communities which it serves.

Sheridan Board of Governors

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C.M., External Governor,
Chair of the Board

Dr. Cindy Gouveia

President and Vice Chancellor

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Installation Traditions

Mace

For hundreds of years, postsecondary institutions around the world have used maces to symbolize dignity, sovereignty and authenticity. The Sheridan mace features three bent oak wood flutes (one for each campus in Brampton, Mississauga and Oakville) that flare out at the top to suggest Sheridan's future. Stainless steel rings that symbolize the College's faculties converge into a top segment representing a united Sheridan. Etched into the top is the iconic Sheridan S.

Presidential Robes

Sheridan President and Vice Chancellor Dr. Cindy Gouveia will enter today's Installation ceremony wearing her robes from the University of Toronto, where she earned her PhD. During the ceremony, Dr. Gouveia will be presented with Sheridan's Presidential Robe by Board Members Sara Cumming, Darko Radman and Haquikat Bains, and Samiya Khan, Director, Sheridan Student Union.



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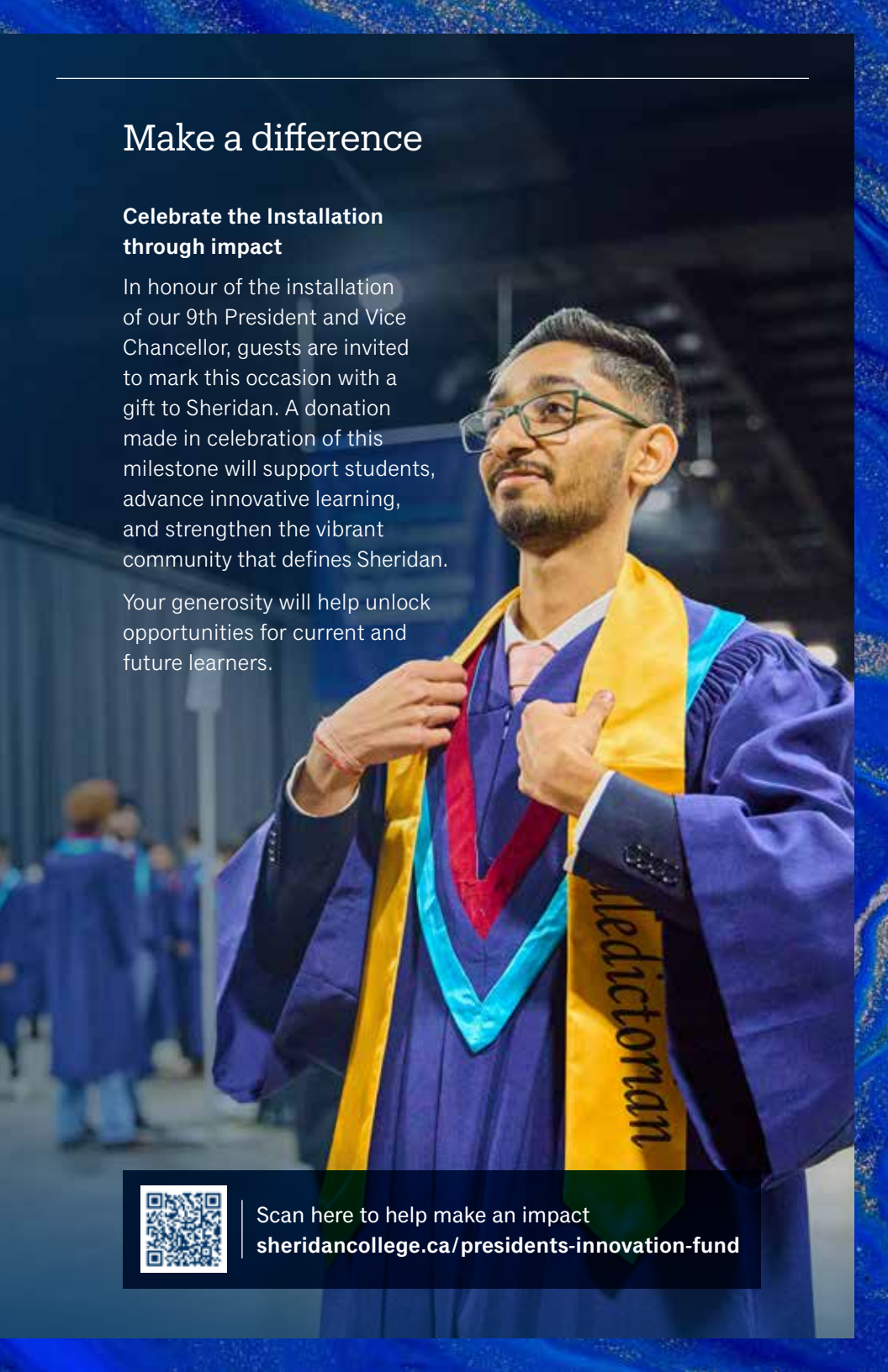
Celebrate the Installation through impact

In honour of the installation of our 9th President and Vice Chancellor, guests are invited to mark this occasion with a gift to Sheridan. A donation made in celebration of this milestone will support students, advance innovative learning, and strengthen the vibrant community that defines Sheridan.

Your generosity will help unlock opportunities for current and future learners.

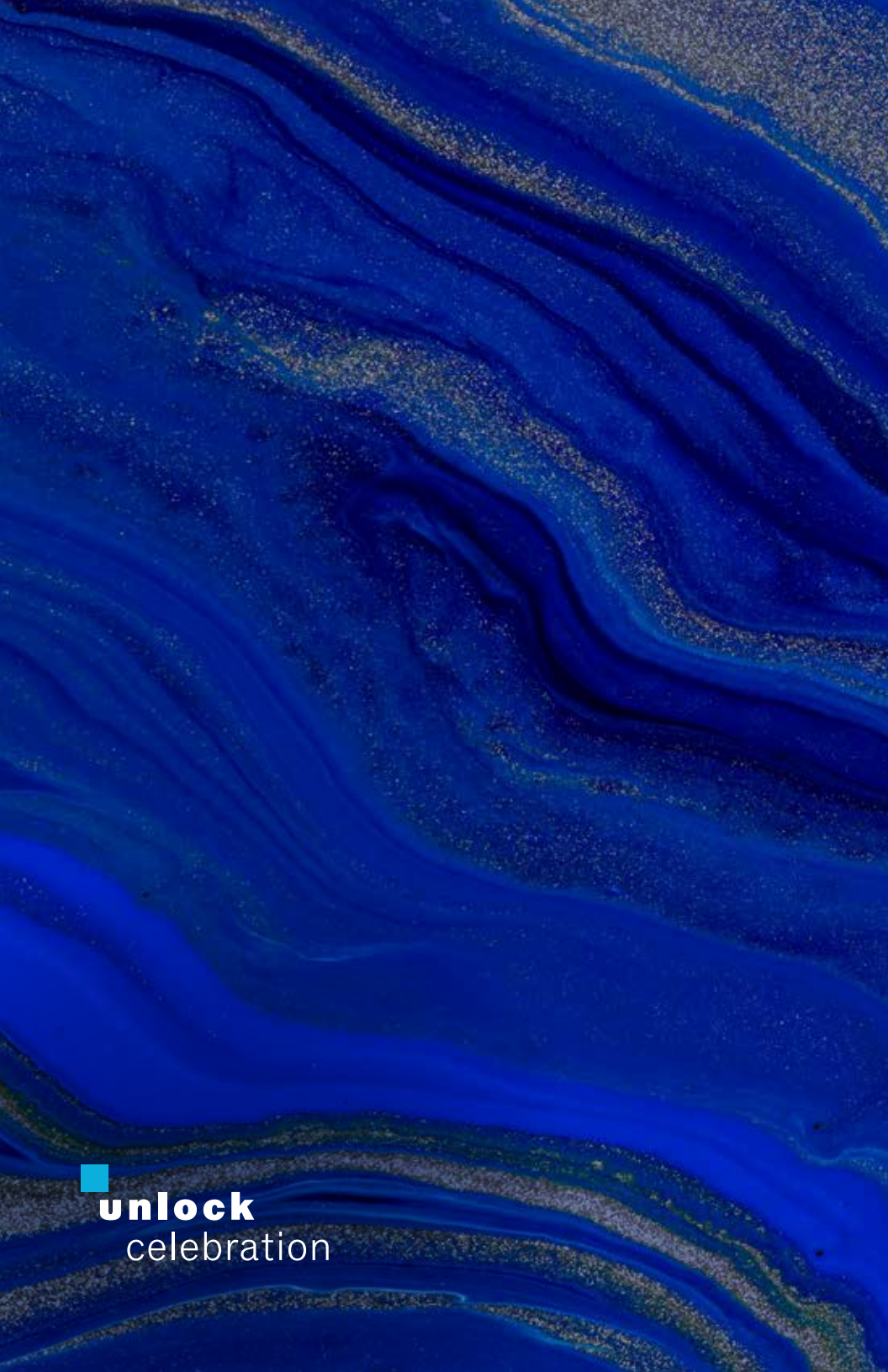


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