SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Chancellor Anne Giardini, Q.C. Convocation Address Fall, 2014

Members of the Senate and Board of Simon Fraser University, President Petter, visitors, faculty, staff, graduands, parents, family and friends. I am delighted to witness and participate in Simon Fraser University's most important ceremony, when we gather to celebrate achievement, success and the conferral of honours.

There was a time, around when I graduated from Simon Fraser University, when traditions such as convocation fell out of fashion. It was thought that we were moving beyond rituals or formal ceremonies to