

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY  
FALL CONVOCATION  
October 7, 2021

Convocation Address  
By Dr. Margo Kane

The degree of Doctor of Fine Arts, honoris causa, was conferred on Margo Kane during the Faculty of Communication, Arts and Technology and Faculty of Environmental Studies ceremony on Thursday, October 7, 2021. The following is Dr. Kane's Convocation address:

[Indigenous language]

I'm so grateful to be here with you today, I wanted to say so many things to these, these young students graduating, young and old, no doubt about it. But I suppose I wanted to just acknowledge that each and everyone of you has worked very hard. You've had support, you've had friends and family cheering you on and now you get to cheer yours.

We inspire each and every one of us to turn inside and share the beautiful story that is you, with your family, with your communities and with the world. We are standing at a very monumental time in history in this country. We have so many relatives that come from different cultures in our country. We have so many Indigenous voices that have yet to be heard, and we need to all make room in that circle of life for every voice. We need to acknowledge our differences, we need to celebrate them, we need to share our stories with each other. I'm sure you'll be able to do that.

We, your families, your teachers, your friends, have all invested in you. We believe in you. This is what we have done in our lives to build and work to support you, so that when you step out into the world, you'll do marvelous things, and we'll all enjoy the fruits of your labour.

I'd like to close with a song from my own people, the Cree-Saulteaux Métis from Alberta and the song I share with you is a beautiful, song of promise. I hope that you will remember the great promise that you are to this world.

[Indigenous drumming and singing]