

# Convocation\_Speakable\_final

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## SPEAKERS

Carman Neustaedter, Sureeta Rai, Mohammed Mahmood, Kobie Huang, Natalie Dusek, Chaucer Gilson, Zoe Braithwaite, Katie Rose, Eden Chipperfield, Intro, Milena Droumeva, Daisy Thompson

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- I** Intro 00:00  
Music, Speakable, a podcast for the people.
- M** Milena Droumeva 00:17  
Welcome to Speakable. This is a space for showcasing conversations about all the interesting and important things the faculty and students are doing at FCAT.
- N** Natalie Dusek 00:29  
What we hope is to have engaged and informed conversations focused on current issues of the day. Thank you for listening.
- C** Carman Neustaedter 00:40  
SFU is convocation, to me, is special because it is a reflection upon the past few years and the sort of trials and tribulations that our students go through. My name is Carman Neustaedter. I'm Dean of the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology at Simon Fraser University.
- N** Natalie Dusek 00:59  
Welcome to SFU's Faculty of Communication, arts and Technology's Fall 2024 convocation. I'm your host, Natalie Dusek, and today on Speakable, we're bringing you something a little different, a front row seat to one of the most exciting moments of the academic year, university

Convocation In this episode, we're taking you on the ground with interviews straight from the event itself, capturing the energy and excitement of students and faculty alike. You'll hear conversations with students as they share their thoughts, dreams and reflections on this step in their academic journeys. From heartfelt memories to plans for the future, these voices offer a glimpse into what makes convocation so meaningful. So whether you're a recent grad, yourself, a family member or just tuning in for the ride, enjoy this milestone moment.

Carman Neustaedter 01:5







we move forward. We're always looking to improve what we do as a university and in our programs and schools, and so getting that reconnection to let us know what things are like outside of university, so we can stay relevant and we can keep training, sort of the next generation of people. So lots of ways to connect. The important thing is to connect. I think it's easy to forget kind of one's roots and the time they spent in university. Obviously, life is very busy, but it's just taking that opportunity to come back and say hi or be connected in various ways.

Katie Rose 12:46

I don't really know. I thought I'd have it figured out by now, but I'm not sure. Just take it easy for a little while and then find a big girl job someday soon.

Sureeta Rai 12:56

Yeah. So my future plans, I'm currently in the process of applying for graduate school, specifically for law. Some of my interests while I was in Communications has always been looking at disability rights and also another thing about intellectual property, that's like a really big topic that I've looked at throughout my degree, so going into that law field, looking at like how, like, AI is adapting really quickly, and like, all these conversations about intellectual property is a really, really big stream that I have an interest in. And yeah, so looking at going to law school after is the route that I want to pursue

Daisy Thompson 13:39

Well, I was lucky to jump into a limited term lecturer position at the School of Contemporary Arts, which is where I did majority of my research, so teaching two courses during the fall and during the spring, and then I'm also in the middle of applying for the Shadbolt fellowship. So I'm hoping to continue with my PhD research in, yeah, during that time.

Mohammed Mahmood 14:04

Well right now, in terms of my plans, I'm currently in the process of applying for graduate school, specifically for law. Some of my interests while I was in Communications has always been looking at disability rights and also another thing about intellectual property, that's like a really big topic that I've looked at throughout my degree, so going into that law field, looking at like how, like, AI is adapting really quickly, and like, all these conversations about intellectual property is a really, really big stream that I have an interest in. And yeah, so looking at going to law school after is the route that I want to pursue

ZOE D'ARAUWALE 14:47

My next steps? Well, right now I'm actually doing the teaching program, the PDP program at SFU. So that's another year for me of getting certified so I can teach theater in schools and so, yeah, teaching making art.

Kobie Huang 15:06

I think the plans for the futur a