



Columbia Bible College

# 2024 Commencement

Saturday, April 20, 2024  
Central Heights Church

## **Congratulations Grads!**

On behalf of the Faculty and Staff, I want to offer sincere congratulations to all the graduates of 2022 on the completion of their program of studies at Columbia. This achievement is a reflection of your hard work and diligence as well as your determination to pursue God's purposes, both for your own life and for the world around you.

We wish you God's continued guidance in the days ahead. We pray that God would give you wisdom and courage as you take your next steps. We pray that God will provide opportunities to serve, to grow, and to lead. We pray that you find a church in which you have opportunity to receive and give within Christian community. We pray that you will look back on your Columbia years as a catalyst for a lifelong pursuit of God and a commitment to the path of discipleship. Most of all, we pray that your love may abound in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what is best and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ (Phil. 1:9-10).

We have been blessed to share this season of study, service, and growth with you. May you know the smile of the Father, the friendship of the Son, and the empowerment of the Spirit in all that lies ahead.



Sincerely,

**Dr. Gil Dueck, Academic Dean**

On behalf of Faculty & Staff

# **MEREDITH SHERWOOD**

## **VALEDICTORIAN**

Meredith Sherwood grew up in Abbotsford. From a young age, she has been passionate about studying the Bible, leading others into relationship with Jesus, and music. After high school, Meredith felt God leading her to do the Quest program, which was a transformative and stretching year for her in her faith. During her time at Columbia, Meredith enjoyed getting to know her peers and professors over coffee, studying in the library, being a junior housing Resident Leader, and practicing piano on the beautiful grand piano in the chapel. Meredith completed her internship at her home church, South Abbotsford, where she is a worship leader, youth leader, young adults leader, and occasional preacher. Over the past four years, she has also been working on her ARCT piano performance diploma on the side, which she is expecting to complete this August. Meredith is looking forward to attending Regent College in Vancouver in the Fall to begin her Master of Arts in Theological Studies, as well as remaining involved in the local church as much as possible. She plans on eventually pursuing a career in full-time church ministry.

# **DR. STEVE A. BROWN**

## **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

Dr. Steve Brown serves as President of Columbia Bible College. Prior to Columbia, Steve served at Arrow Leadership where he developed Jesus-centered leaders in Canada and around the world for over nineteen years, including twelve as president. He is a distinguished author, speaker, and non-profit leader with a proven track record as a prayerful servant leader, intentional disciple maker and strategist with an entrepreneurial spirit.

As we navigate chaotic, complex, and changing times, he strongly believes that CBC has an incredibly strategic and important contribution to make in shaping and developing the next generation of leaders and everyday disciples to impact the Church, our country, and the world.

# GRADUATES – CERTIFICATES

## **Columbia One (Christian Studies)**

Annika Andrews

Eayaira Ayton

Jovan Biring

Dylan Chatwin

William Galbraith

*with an Educational Assistant  
Certificate*

Luke Groenwold-Wright\*

*with an Educational Assistant  
Certificate*

Keoni Redekop

Tianna Reimer

Diedre Salmon

*with an Educational Assistant  
Certificate*

Danielle Stevenson

Madison Stevenson

Michelle Unrau

*with an Educational Assistant  
Certificate*

Kiana Wiebe

*with an Educational Assistant  
Certificate*

Clara Yewchan

## **Educational Assistant**

Anita Bugg

Kaelyn Foxcroft

Claire Harris

Brielle Harron

Emma Henn

Jay Hildebrand

Rebecca Janzen

Bayly Jensen

Taryn Leppky

Kamalpreet Matharu

Katelyn Nielsen

Mitchell Nikkel

Mikaela Ridder

Ethan Rempel\*

Brooklyn Roberts

Magdalene Roddis

Izabella Soos

Stephanie Thiessen

Mackenzie Unger

Hailey Whiteley

\* In Absentia

# GRADUATES - CERTIFICATES

## **Emergency Rescue Technician**

Alexandra Aebischer  
Peyton Bohnet  
Hannah Chisholm  
Joshua Laing  
Caleb London  
Liam Neumann  
Victoria O'Hara  
Jesse Peters  
Chrissie Roberts  
Paeton Uganecz  
Simon Verbeek

## **Quest**

Micah Bargaen  
North Barrett  
Jolene Bitter  
Liam Brooks  
Carl Chu  
Landon Couch  
Kenan Cross  
Michael Faulkner  
Rachel Hastings  
Kaitlyn Isaak  
Charity Lee  
Emma Leung  
Benjamin Middel  
Kenzie Peters  
Elizabeth Retzlaff  
Rachel Stephens  
Micah Toews  
Jeffrey Unrau  
Meaghan Wiebe

\* In Absentia

# GRADUATES – DIPLOMAS

## **Applied Leadership**

Matthew Fehr  
Josef Sawatsky\*

## **Biblical Studies**

Keeley Baughman  
Noah Letkemann  
Olivia Reid  
Katie Wray  
Montana Wright

## **General Studies**

Alexandra Franzon  
*with an Educational Assistant Certificate*  
Jonathan Letkemann  
Georgia Maclean\*  
*with an Educational Assistant Certificate*  
Teagan Sweet  
*with an Educational Assistant Certificate*

## **Outdoor Leadership**

Gemma Barg\*  
Leah Breitzkreuz\*  
Gavin Schmidt\*  
*with an Emergency Rescue Technician Certificate*

## **Social Entrepreneurship**

Samuel Friesen  
Jenine Schatz  
Jenna Wheaton  
Kaetlyn Wheaton

## **Youth Work**

Cassia Ditto\*

\* In Absentia

# GRADUATES – DEGREES

## **Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology Majoring in Applied Leadership**

Leah Anderson

Janae Bruinsma

Ellen Gillman

Minor in Counselling, *With Distinction*

Braden McLean

Cade Penner

Concentration in Outdoor Leadership

Meredith Sherwood

Minor in Biblical Studies, *With Great Distinction*

## **Bachelor of Arts Majoring in Biblical Studies**

Aaron Fernando

Minor in Church Ministry

Janice Simpson

Minor in Bible Teaching

Benjamin Un\*

Minor in Intercultural Studies

Daniel Warkentin

Minor in Church Ministry, *With Distinction*

Travis Wedel

Minor in Church Ministry

## **Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology Majoring in Counselling**

Rebeka Jantz

## **Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology Majoring in Intercultural Studies**

Rykia Guenther

*With Great Distinction*

## **Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology Majoring in Psychology**

Cailey Ayer

*With Distinction*

Chanice Ford

*with an Educational Assistant Certificate*

Zachary Kitchener

Karsen Lazeo

*With Distinction*

Sarah McDonough

*with an Educational Assistant Certificate*

Ashlynn Neuber

Trever Renshaw

Minor in Applied Leadership, *With Distinction*

Sarah Robinson

*With Great Distinction*

Amanda Salmon

*With Distinction*

Rianna Smid

*With Distinction*

## **Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology Majoring in Worship Arts**

Michael Bergen\*

Megan Py

Minor in Biblical Studies

\* In Absentia



# GRADUATES - DEGREES

## **Bachelor of Arts in Practical Theology Majoring in Youth Work**

Joshua Bos

Reuben Howarth

*With Distinction*

Travis Martens

\* In Absentia

## FACULTY

**Steve A. Brown**, DMIN, *President*  
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**Greg Thiessen**, BA, MATS  
**Shar Warkentin**, BA

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**Darrin Derksen**, BA, MA  
**Jodi Enns**, BA, MA  
**Liana Esau**, BSc, MATS  
**Mark Hildebrand**  
**Jillian Sherwood**, BA  
**Andy Steiger**, BA, MA, PhD  
**Aften Thiessen**, BA, MATS  
**Carlene Wiebe**, BMus

## BOARD

**Christina Barkman**  
**Bob Boehr**  
**Dave Currie**  
**Alex Dixon**  
**Marcie Kroeker**  
**Dieter Nickel**  
**Graham Nickel**, *Chair*  
**Kate Reid**  
**Christine Reimer**  
**Paul Wicki**  
**Harv Wiens**, *Vice Chair*  
**Brad Willems**

## FACULTY EMERITI

**Janet Boldt**, BA, MA, MTS, *Faculty Emerita*  
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**Ron Voth**, BTh, BA, MA, MTS, *Faculty Emeritus*  
† **Gary Yamasaki**, LLB, DipCS, MDiv, PhD, *Professor Emeritus*

† Deceased