



King's celebrates 676 members of resilient Class of 2021

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London, ON - Congratulations to the 676 graduating students were welcomed into the King's Class of 2021 and became the newest members of the King's Alumni family on June 16, 2021.

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The Class of 2021 received video recognition, featuring photos sent in by the graduating class as well as the names of all 676 graduates. The ceremony was broadcast on King's website and Facebook page and can still be viewed on the King's [YouTube channel](#).

It was a culmination of an undergrad like none other as summed up by Rebecca Francis, Class of 2021 Valedictorian. She and other presenters at the virtual Celebration of Graduates addressed how the past four years have changed the graduates. A theme of how the lockdown challenged allowed them to become better people going forward emerged during the event. As well, as the students spoke of the resilience everyone has shown while completing this academic journey during a global pandemic.

"It took a lot of strength, courage and determination to arrive where we are today. This year's class will serve as an inspiration for future generations that follow," said Francis.

Dr. David Malloy, King's Principal, called the Celebration "a day to celebrate the wonderful people you became during your time here at King's."

"My sincere hope for you is that you've had the good fortune to be able to surround yourself in these past four years with people who have loved and valued you for who you are, and for who you wish to become," said Dr. Malloy. He asked the graduates, after completing their studies at King's during COVID-19, to "be proud of your tenacity, your hardiness and when the world throws you a curve, remember what you've been through, and what odds you've overcome."

On behalf of the King's Board of Directors, Kapil Lakhota '02 congratulated the graduates on their well-deserved success. "Despite the pandemic challenges, you've proven to be resilient," said Lakhota. He added "we know that your time at King's has provided a solid foundation to make a positive impact and make our world a better place to be and a place to belong for everyone."

Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

About King's University College

King's is a public Catholic University College that provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, management, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally autonomous, King's is academically affiliated with Western University, and King's graduates receive a Western University degree. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centred on the values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person.

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