USask to pay tribute to honorary degree recipients

SASKATOON – The University of Saskatchewan (USask) will honour four remarkable individuals proudly associated with the university who have gone on to make significant contributions to their communities and to Canadian society throughout their careers.

During this year’s virtual USask Spring Convocation online celebration beginning May 31, the university will award honorary degrees to celebrated writer, Elder and community worker Maria Campbell, award-winning author and social justice advocate Trevor Herriot, distinguished legal scholar Ed Ratushny, and innovative entrepreneur and philanthropist Dr. That Ngo (PhD).

USask President and Vice-Chancellor Peter Stoicheff said he is looking forward to the university recognizing the extraordinary achievements of these four individuals.

“We are proud to celebrate the impact these honorary degree recipients have made throughout their remarkable careers,” said Stoicheff. “Their respective achievements span a broad spectrum of fields and disciplines, and most importantly, they have all been committed to the concept of community and service. We are grateful to have this opportunity to bestow the University of Saskatchewan’s highest honour on them during this year’s Spring Convocation celebration.”

That Ngo (Honorary Doctor of Science):
After earning his bachelor’s degree and PHD in the 1970s at USask, Ngo went on to become a celebrated biochemist, researcher scientist and innovator, serving as president and CEO of a number of companies in Canada, the United States and China. Ngo has published more than 140 researcher articles, edited seven books, and holds 14 different industry patents, and was the co-inventor of the Ngo-Lenhoff Assay, a groundbreaking technological procedure that benefits diabetes patients worldwide. In 2016, he was selected one of the USask College of Arts and Science’s Alumni of Influence and now opens doors for other enterprising students after establishing the That Ngo Fund for Study Abroad at USask.

This spring’s recipients will be honoured on the graduation celebration website on May 31, which be accessible through the USask convocation website: https://students.usask.ca/academics/graduation.php

Honorary degrees are the highest honour USask can award, and acknowledge the worthy and unique contributions recipients have made to their community and to the world. The university recognizes individuals who have achieved outstanding accomplishments in research, scholarly and artistic works; performed exceptional public service; contributed greatly through their professional or philanthropic activity; and demonstrated extraordinary athletic prowess. To view past recipients, visit: https://library.usask.ca/archives/campus-history/honorary-degrees.php
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