

James Donovan



Convocation Ceremony:

Friday, June 8th
9:30am

Program:

Bachelor of Arts -
Honours in Psychology

Activities Participated In During Time At Nipissing:

- The Equity Centre volunteer
- International Student Mentorship Program (ISMP) volunteer
 - Student Accessibility Services team member
- President and executive of the Psychology Society for 4 years
 - Open House volunteer
- Research Assistant in Dr. Campbell's lab for 4 years in the Psychology Department
 - Research Assistant in Dr. Carré's lab for 2 years in the Psychology Department
- Presenter at 6 different conferences for my research in Dr. Campbells lab
 - Liberty Group member that discussed political and economic issues
- Behavioural Journal Club member to discuss academic journals with fellow students and professors
 - Gen 1 first in the family program member
- 2017 convocation ceremonies assistant as part of Student Development and Services
 - Teaching Assistant and Peer tutor for 2 years
- Intramural sports for 4 years including flag football, soccer, volleyball and basketball

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Why Should You Be Valedictorian?

"To My Friends and Fellow Students of Nipissing University,

The Valedictorian epitomizes dedication to the university, meaningful connections with other students, and the pursuit of academic excellence. During my four years at Nipissing, I have enjoyed engaging and supporting our university culture, generated meaningful connections with others, and strove for academic excellence. Now I am asking you to allow me to be your Valedictorian.

My qualifications are, in part, reflected in my 90+ grade point average over my degree, being president of the Psychology Society, and staying involved in various student activities like the Equity Centre and Student Accessibility Services. I also am proud of my achievements in research over the past four years which shows my dedication to my program and Nipissing University's academic profile. I believe that my extensive involvement in various Nipissing programs, activities, and events has provided me with some recognition and prominence in the University. From students to faculty, in and outside of my program, I have made myself a familiar and friendly face.

I take pride in being a student and fellow Laker at Nipissing University. Throughout my degree I have actively tried to be involved with as much as possible and to better the lives of every student. From being a peer tutor and teaching assistant, to running social events and activities, I have dedicated time and effort to make Nipissing University a better community. With my passion for academics and involvement with extracurriculars throughout the school, I believe that I have significantly impacted the lives of other students and served as a role model. The connections and memories that I have made with students throughout my time at Nipissing have shaped the person I am today. I can honestly say that there is no place I would have rather completed my degree. To me, Nipissing University is my home and will forever be in my heart as the place that welcomed me with open arms.

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Why Should You Be Valedictorian? (cont'd)

Given my extensive extracurricular involvement, my academic performance, and my notable connection with other students and faculty, I believe that I am a standout candidate that represents the hard work and persistence that this graduating class has exemplified. When coming to Nipissing University, my primary goal was to be as engaged as possible and push myself to the highest levels of achievement. I wanted to leave no university stone unturned. I believe that I have achieved this goal, and for this reason, I think that I would make an excellent Valedictorian for our graduating class.

In addition to my wide-ranging participation in student activities, organizations, and groups, I have become one of the top students in my program. Just as importantly, my dedication to Nipissing University is recognized across campus. Being selected for Valedictorian is an honour and privilege that I respect immensely. I may not have achieved the highest average of my graduating class, which is commonly used to select the Valedictorian. However, I believe that my broader involvement and commitment to the Nipissing University community makes me a well-rounded student representative of the rich and varied educational and life experiences Nipissing University offers its students.

Based on my many discussions and interactions with fellow students, I know we have worked and accomplished much. I believe that my accomplishments, activities, and impact on the University nicely represent the achievements and spirit of my fellow graduating students which is why I ask you to select me as your Valedictorian for the 2018 Faculty of Arts and Science. I wish to thank you all the students, faculty, and staff at Nipissing University for all their love and support throughout the years. I truly could have not achieved the goals and success I have achieved without your help. I am happy to know that my experiences at Nipissing has made a lasting impression for those around me. I am proud that I will forever be a Laker.

Sincerely, James Donovan"