

**MISSION
STATEMENT**

William and Catherine Booth University College, rooted in The Salvation Army's Wesleyan theological tradition, brings together Christian faith, rigorous scholarship and a passion for service.

The University College educates students to understand the complexities of our world, to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to be active contributors to society, and to know how Christian faith compels them to bring hope, social justice and mercy into our world.

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Upcoming Events

- **Annual Booth Barbeque for New Students: June 4, 2014**
Booth UC will be extending a warm welcome to our new 2014-2015 students with a kick-off BBQ on campus. The barbeque is for all new students and their families. Visit us on Facebook after June 4th to see some of the event photo highlights! www.facebook.com/BoothUniversityCollege
- **Social Work Information Night: June 11, 2014**
This evening reception is set aside specifically for those individuals interested in taking Booth University College's Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program. During this one-hour program overview session, you will hear from BSW faculty about the unique advantages of earning your degree at Booth UC and from current students about their experiences. To register, or for more information, please contact: admissions@boothuc.ca.
- **2014-2015 Orientation Week @ Booth UC: September 2-5, 2013**
This year's fall orientation promises to be a week of fun and excitement for new and returning students! Special activities, events, free food, giveaways and prizes will ensure everyone feels welcome and eager to kick off the new school year! **Stay tuned for a detailed schedule!**
- **Booth Bound—Oct. 23-26, 2014:**
In October we set aside a special weekend for Salvationist high school students to visit campus and experience life as a Booth UC student. From attending classes and participating in a service learning project to exploring Winnipeg, enjoying great food and shopping, and experiencing the culture—Booth Bound 2014 is an experience not to be missed. Please share this opportunity with students you think may be interested. More information at BoothBound.com.
- **Alumni? We need your input!!**
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BOOTH UC GRAD REFLECTS ON THE IMPACT OF A BOOTH EDUCATION

At Booth University College the Baccalaureate Service is an opportunity for the University College community to gather together in worship to honour its graduates and to confirm their commitment to a lifetime of service.

This year, during the morning Baccalaureate Service, B.A. graduate Lieutenant Fred Reid spoke passionately about the education he received at Booth UC, expressing his appreciation for gaining a richness and a depth of understanding when it comes to scripture.

"As a Pastor, I want to grow my people deep, for them to have an understanding of Christ as he is revealed in and through God's word, and my studies have equipped me to present the Scriptures in a manner that is accurate, meaningful, and relevant," said Lieutenant Reid. "Throughout my journey at Booth UC, I have been challenged, I have been caused to wrestle with my theology, to consider alternative views, to formulate biblically based understandings, and to convey those convictions effectively - all done with a desire to serve and please God. As a result, I am further grounded in my faith and affirmed in God's calling."

THE END IS BUT A NEW BEGINNING: Over to You Graduates!

The 2014 spring Convocation for The Salvation Army's Booth University College turned out the largest graduating class to date – with 80 graduates receiving their degree or certificate before an audience of family, friends, faculty and staff that literally filled the pews at Winnipeg's Knox United Church. For the first time, the crowd spilled into the balcony seating.

While the day marked the end of their time at Booth UC, President Dr. Donald Burke reminded graduates that this end is but a new beginning of a life where they have the opportunity to be much-needed agents of change in a world that has fallen short of the glory in which it was created.

"Today marks an important transition - a passage. We have done what we could to instruct, inform and inspire you. Now it's over to you," said Dr. Burke. "There is a better world out there for the taking and for the making. There is a better world for the dreaming and the hoping. We entrust this vision of a better world to you, with confidence and anticipation. We will watch as you take this education and use it to make a better world."

"The world needs people like these graduates. People who understand their convictions and are prepared to act accordingly," said Commissioner Brian Peddle during the morning Baccalaureate Service at Booth UC's Hetherington Chapel. "Seize every moment to serve, in a world so desperate and in need. Do the extraordinary day by day."

Held on April 27th, this year's Convocation was marked with several poignant moments, endings and new beginnings. Emily Marie MacFarlane crossed the stage as the first graduate of Booth's Bachelor of Business Administration program. Booth UC's Chancellor, Commissioner Brian Peddle, presented The Chancellor's Medal to Lani Marie Thiessen Zastre and The General's Medal to Major Darlene Jayne Morgan. Special recognition was also given to the final graduating class of the Certificate of Management program – who celebrated their achievements at an earlier ceremony in British Columbia. (To better meet the Army's needs, Booth UC in partnership with Simon Fraser University launched a new Certificate in Not-For-profit Management program in May 2014.)

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**BOOTH UC
REPRESENTED AT
NATIONAL SOCIAL
SERVICES
CONFERENCE
March 25-28, 2014**

The head of Booth UC's Bachelor of Social Work Program, Professor Bonnie Bryant, recently attended The Salvation Army's 2014 National Social Services and Disaster Management Conference in Florida. With nearly 1000 delegates in attendance from across North America and around the world, it was a great opportunity to share best practices and innovation, identify trends in social work, and raise awareness of Booth UC's program offerings in the exhibit hall. Below, Professor Bryant discusses Booth UC with conference participant Colonel Peter Kwenda.



ABOVE left: Booth UC's 2014 graduating class (not all grads pictured here). **ABOVE right:** Booth UC's first Bachelor of Business Administration graduate, Emily Marie MacFarlane.



BELOW left: The emotion of the day was evident on many graduates. **BELOW right:** The final graduating class of the Certificate of Management program, who celebrated at an earlier date in British Columbia.



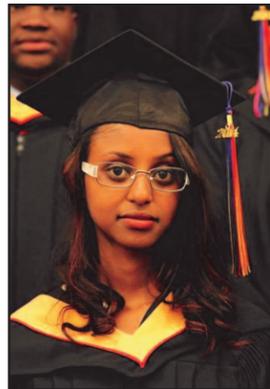
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"One aspect of this final cohort deserves special mention. This particular group has consisted of students all from the British Columbia Division, a testament to the forward thinking, planning and commitment of the leaders in this part of our Canada & Bermuda Territory," said Major Philip Davisson, Associate Dean at Booth UC's School for Continuing Studies. "Your ongoing work together will continue to keep BC on the cutting edge of faithful service to others in our communities."

This year's Valedictorian, BSW graduate Faven Mergia, was born and raised in a refugee camp in Kenya, arriving in Canada with her family at age 14. For the past three years she has been working with Peaceful Village, an after school program funded by the Manitoba School Improvement Program that assists refugee youth by providing academic and recreational support. Most recently, Faven was hired into The Salvation Army's Life Enhancement and Employability Program (LEEP) at the Barbara Mitchell Centre.

During her Valedictorian address, Faven reminded graduates that they now carry the immense responsibility of continuing their new journey as individuals who have received an education for a better world.

"Today is the beginning of a future in which we take the first step towards becoming the agents of change that Booth has molded us to be. We are going out into a world where hurt, despair and various other heart-breaking events take place and it is our duty to do our part in bringing the much-needed healing and restoration to it in whatever field we are going into," said Faven. "As we take the next step let us not forget the lessons we've learnt throughout this part of our journey. Let us passionately believe in a better world and strive to do our part in bringing that vision a step closer to reality."



Faven Mergia, Valedictorian



TOP left: Commissioner Brian Peddle presents the Chancellor's Medal to Lani Marie Thiessen Zastre **TOP right:** The General's Medal recipient, Major Darlene Morgan, and family.



RIGHT: This year's graduating class was the largest to date, with 80 grads receiving their degree or certificate.



NEW CERTIFICATE IN NOT-FOR-PROFIT MGMT

First launched in May 2004, the Certificate of Management program was developed as a cooperative endeavour between Booth College and Simon Fraser University (SFU), to provide Salvation Army personnel with basic management knowledge and skills for success in their respective fields of ministry. Ten years later, in April 2014, the final cohort of students graduated. To meet the needs of The Salvation Army, Booth UC recently launched a Certificate in Not-for-profit Management program, which was once again developed in partnership with SFU.



Booth UC extends special thanks to the Certificate of Management course instructors, Bill Scott, Carol McKinnon, and Commissioner John Nelson. "Their care and guidance throughout this program has demonstrated many qualities worthy of emulation, and created lasting value," said Major Philip Davisson, Associate Dean at Booth UC's School for Continuing Studies.

**2014 YOUTH FORUM:
Multiculturalism in our Midst**

Approximately 100 high school students and educators gathered at Booth UC on March 21st for the fifth annual Youth Forum. Led by the head of the Psychology Department, Dr. James Cresswell, the theme of this year's forum was Multiculturalism in our Midst.

Student participants had the opportunity to explore immigration and multicultural issues at a university level and share their own experiences as well. A sampling of the feedback shows just how successful the forum was: "These forums address important and relevant social issues." "It was a great way to be introduced to the university." "I will definitely recommend it to my friends."

