

## **GRADUATION JUNE 23, 2022**

On behalf of the Board of Governors and the staff: Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2022 at University nuxəłhot'įne thaaʔehots'į nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills. At our first in person graduation since 2019, we celebrate your achievements and your perseverance through a pandemic and on-line classes.

We are also honoured to announce that Buffy Ste Marie will (virtually) accept an Honorary Doctorate Degree in iyiniw pimâtisiwin kiskeyihtamowin (ipkDoc) from University nuxəłhot'įne thaaʔehots'į nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills on June 23, 2022.

Buffy Ste Marie has inspired and educated people all over the world for 7 decades. Her music is timeless, diverse, and challenging. While most people know her for her music, she celebrates her nehiyaw identity, she supports education. And she is also a philosopher, an educator, a philanthropist, and a small farmer.

Her lifetime achievement awards affirm that her work as an educator, an activist, a performer, a songwriter, and a humanitarian has spanned the generations. Her insights and truths are as relevant now as they were in the 1960s. She has inspired educators and artists, leaders and activists to address difficult issues in honest and honourable ways. She is fearless and ageless.

She gave an absolutely inspiring keynote address at the World Indigenous Research Education Conference hosted at UnBQ in 2021, so to be able to bestow this degree as an expression of our gratitude and respect is an honour.

This is our first in person graduation since 2019 and due to limited space the event will also be live-streamed on our facebook page starting at 1:00pm MDT: [University nuxəłhot'įne thaaʔehots'į nistameyimâkanak Blue Quills | Facebook](#)