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MESSAGE FROM THE PM



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 40th World Affairs Conference hosted by Upper Canada College and Branksome Hall.



This event brings together high school students from across the country and around the world to discuss current global affairs and to learn from notable Canadian speakers. I am certain that everyone in attendance will gain a new perspective on important world issues and will appreciate this opportunity to network with their peers.

It continues to be a challenging time for planning and hosting events. That is why I would like to thank the organizers for their hard work and dedication in putting together this year's conference. You can take pride in your commitment to inspiring students.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable and rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



ABOUT WAC

The World Affairs Conference (WAC) is North America's largest and Canada's oldest annual student-run current events conference that provides high-quality discussion opportunities for thousands of inspired, curious, and globally-minded high school students from around the world. Our mission is to inspire high school students to proactively engage in world affairs and become aware of humanity's most pressing challenges.

Our mission is to inspire the next generation of leaders to engage in the world's most pressing issues, innovations, and trends. We do this by exposing students to experienced perspectives and by providing high-quality discussion opportunities.





EVENT DAY SCHEDULE

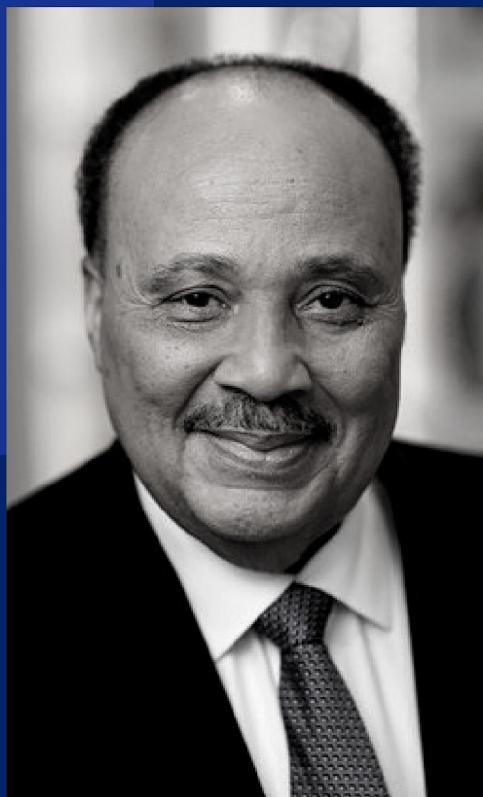
Event	Location	Time
Registration	Main Foyer	8.30 - 9.30
Opening Address	Laidlaw Hall	9.30 - 10.30
Plenary 1	Check Name Tag	10.40 - 11.20
Plenary 2	Check Name Tag	11.35 - 12.15
Lunch	Lett Gym	12.25 - 1.25
Networking	Mezzanine Lounge	12.25 - 1.25
Plenary 3	Check Name Tag	1.35 - 2.15
Closing Keynote	Laidlaw Hall	2.25 - 3.40

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Tricia "CK" Hoffler - Opening Keynote

Tricia "CK" Hoffler is the CEO of The CK Hoffler Firm, an Atlanta-based law firm with diverse practice areas including trucking accidents, medical malpractice, commercial litigation, employment discrimination, and more. She has a record of trying and settling cases worth over \$100 million, and has served as a trial lawyer in several high-profile cases including medical negligence and class action lawsuits. Ms. Hoffler has extensive experience in international legal matters, community involvement and activism, and has received numerous awards including "Woman of the Year" for 2011-2012 by the National Association of Professional Women for her contributions to the profession and philanthropy.



Martin Luther King III - Closing Keynote

Martin Luther King III is a prominent civil rights advocate and global humanitarian, known for his tireless efforts to promote social justice and equality. In the wake of recent years social injustice and violence, his clear thinking and solutions-oriented voice have become increasingly important to our world.

As the oldest son of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, Martin has inherited his parents' passion for justice and has made it his life's work to continue their legacy. From speaking at the August 2020 March On Washington to his numerous arrests during peaceful protests, Martin is dedicated to healing our nation and the world. He connects the lessons of the past with the critical needs of our future, inspiring a new generation of authentic leaders and empowering others to use their voices to bring about change.

PLENARY SPEAKERS



REGULATORY @ MODERNA

**LESLIE
MADDEN**



CYBERSECURITY @ CISCO

**TAZIN
KHAN**



COMEDIAN, WRITER, ACTOR

**ISMAEL
LOUTFI**



CEO @ ROOTS

**MEGHAN
ROACH**



PRESIDENT @ CAN. NICKEL

**FRANCISCA
QUINN**



CEO @ DATAGRade

**JOE
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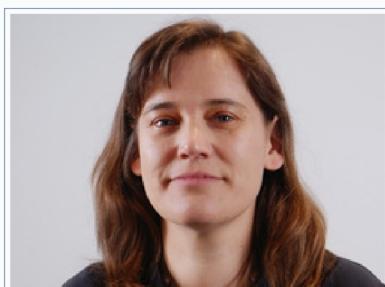
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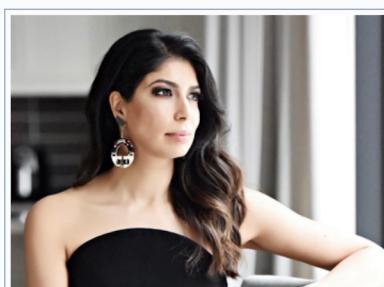
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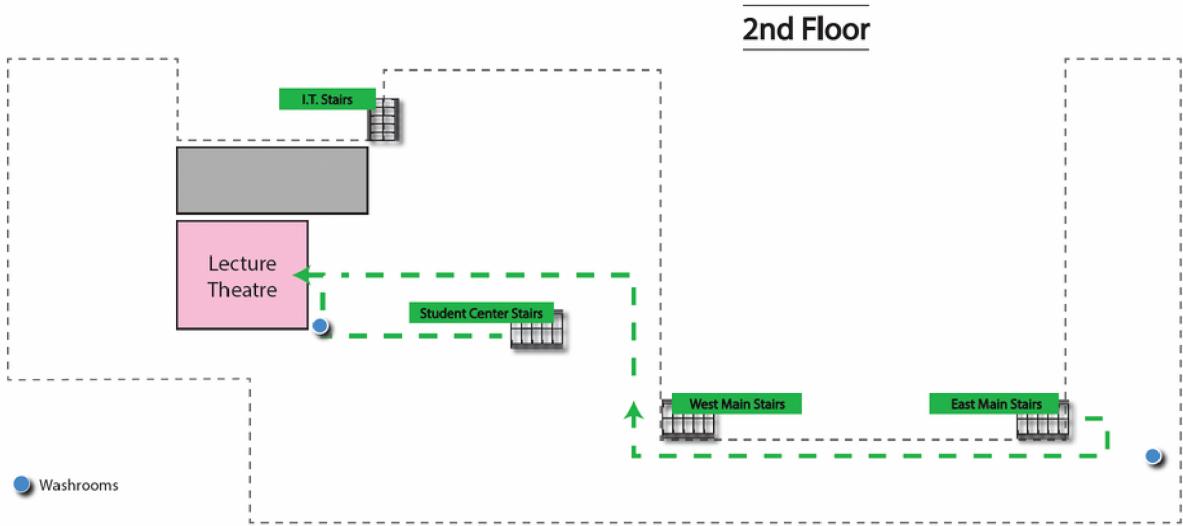
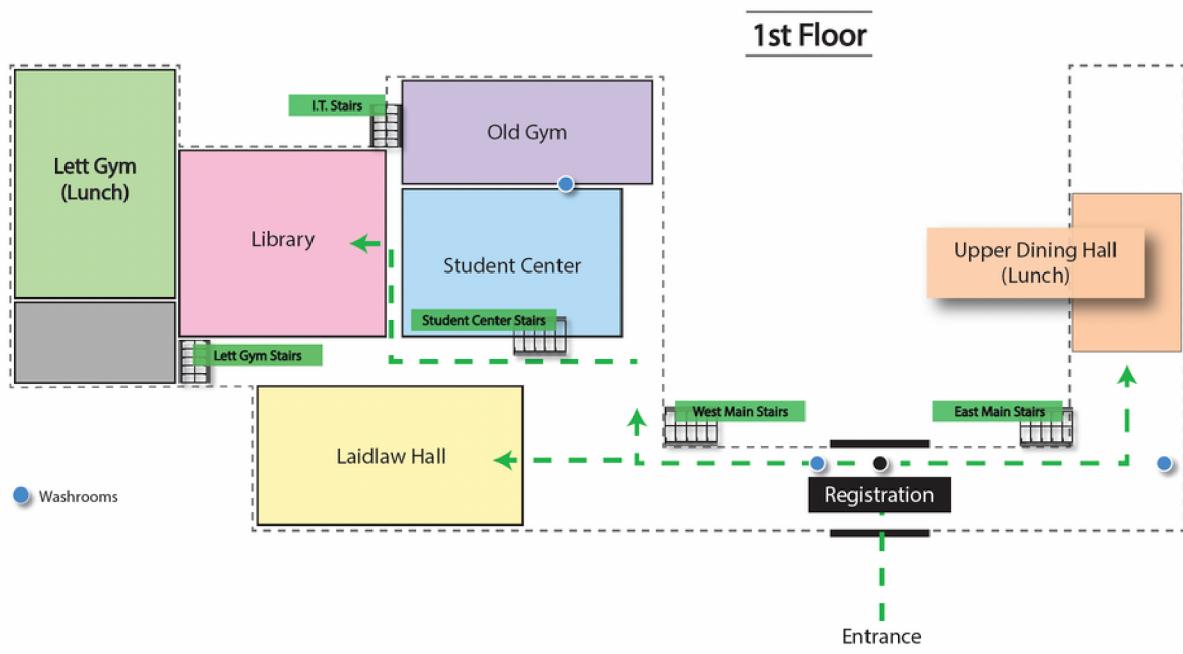
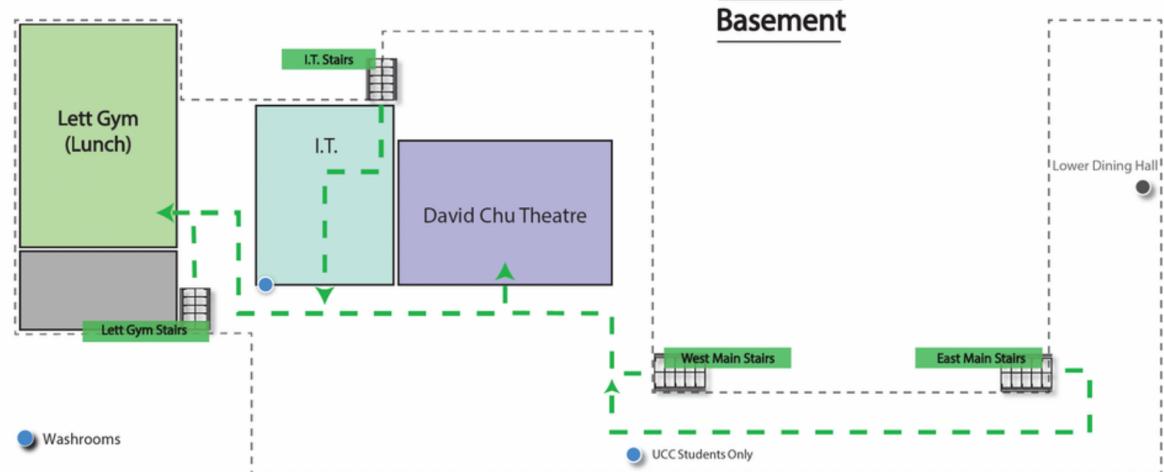
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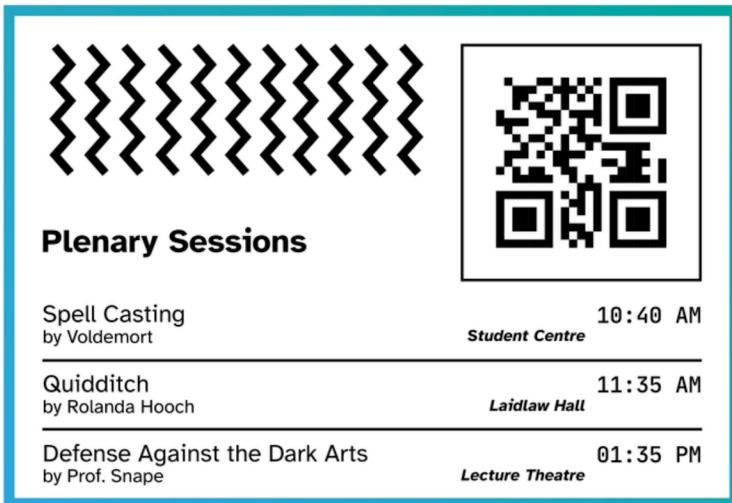
VENUE MAP



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



How to use your name tag



Your name tag contains your personalized schedule for your three plenaries. It specifies which speaker you will listen to along with their topic and location. It is crucial that you stick to

the schedule on the back of your nametag to ensure smooth transitions between plenary sessions.

Q&A

We encourage you to follow the instructions of the plenary head to engage in conversation with our speakers. *Members of the executive team might screen your questions beforehand to reduce repetition.*

Lunch & Networking

Lunch will be provided in the Lett Gym. Please follow the directions of WAC Security. Your name tag will be scanned upon entry. If you brought your lunch, you are welcome to retrieve it from our bag check room.

Delegate networking sessions will happen during lunch. Please proceed to the Mezzanine Lounge if you are interested in engaging in further conversation with like-minded peers.

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