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2026 Spring Convocation

Alexander College proudly celebrated its Spring 2026 Convocation on June 26 at Massey Theatre in New Westminster. More than 600 graduates crossed the stage over two ceremonies, celebrating years of hard work alongside family, friends, faculty, and staff.

Congratulations to all of graduates - we look forward to seeing where your journeys take you!

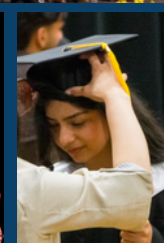
This summer, hundreds of graduates officially joined the Alexander College alumni community. Whether you're beginning your career, continuing your education, or exploring new opportunities, we look forward to staying connected through future newsletters, local events, and opportunities to connect with fellow alumni.

As you begin this new chapter, here's a question to reflect on - and perhaps share with someone in your own network: If you could have coffee with anyone - living or historical - who would it be, and why? The people who inspire us often shape the way we think, lead, and grow. Ask a friend, colleague, or fellow alumnus the same question - you may be surprised by where the conversation leads

Free Resources Every Graduate Should Know

Looking to keep learning after graduation? These free resources can help you build new skills and stay competitive in today's job market.

- **LinkedIn Learning** (available through many public libraries)
- **Coursera** and **edX** free courses
- **WorkBC** career resources
- **Vancouver Public Library** workshops
- Alexander College **Career Advising** for recent graduates





Summer Events in Metro Vancouver

Celebration of Light

Date: July 31, 2026
Location: English Bay Beach
Cost: Free

Summer Movie Nights

Dates: Every Thursday (July 16 – August 13)
Location: Various Vancouver Parks
Cost: Free

Pacific National Exhibition (PNE Fair)

Dates: August 22 – September 7, 2026
Location: Hastings Park, Vancouver
Cost: Admission from approximately \$20

Vancouver International Fringe Festival

Dates: September 10–20, 2026
Location: Granville Island and various Vancouver venues
Cost: Many performances under \$20

FIFA Museum: Soccer & Technology Exhibition

Dates: Throughout September 2026
Location: Science World, Vancouver
Cost: Science World admission

Make LinkedIn Work

For recent graduates, LinkedIn is much more than an online resume—it's one of the most effective tools for increasing your visibility to employers. Many recruiters actively search LinkedIn for candidates before jobs are posted publicly, meaning opportunities can find you if your profile is complete and up to date. One simple way to improve your profile is to update your headline. Instead of using "Recent Graduate" as your headline, include the job title you're seeking (for example, Marketing Coordinator or Junior Data Analyst) along with a few key skills. This makes your profile easier for recruiters to find in searches. If you don't have much work experience yet, highlight class projects, volunteer work, certifications, or a portfolio that demonstrates your skills. Employers are often interested in seeing evidence of your skills, not just paid work experience. Networking is just as important as applying for jobs.

LinkedIn's 2026 graduate research also found that 44% of Gen Z job seekers say a lack of professional connections is their biggest barrier to landing an entry-level role, making networking just as important as applying for jobs. Set aside a few minutes each week to connect with alumni, instructors, classmates, and professionals in your field. Engage with their posts, join relevant conversations, and continue growing your network. You never know which connection, conversation, or opportunity could lead to your first career role.

Alumni Survey Your Chance to Win one of three \$100



Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes you to roughly 1.8 million words each year, helping expand your vocabulary, strengthen comprehension, and improve critical thinking over time.

Walking for just 30 minutes a day can improve memory, boost creativity, and reduce stress. A simple daily walk is one of the easiest ways to support both your mental and physical well-being.