# Convocation 2015: Honorary Doctor of Science Drew Monkman, Commentary

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Drew Monkman – Honorary Doctor of Science Recipient speaking

Well thank you so much I'm absolutely thrilled to be receiving the degree and standing here this morning in such beautiful inspiring surroundings, with a myriad of bird species around us I can't imagine a nicer place to be receiving a degree for someone like myself with an interest in nature.

I spent two very formative years at Trent as an undergraduate and have numerous connections with faculty through various organizations. Trent has always had a very special place in my life. I am particularly pleased to that my colleague and my mentor in nature Douglas Sadler received the same degree in I believe 1988. So sort of following in his footsteps is wonderful. So I'm very appreciative of the honour and thank you so much.