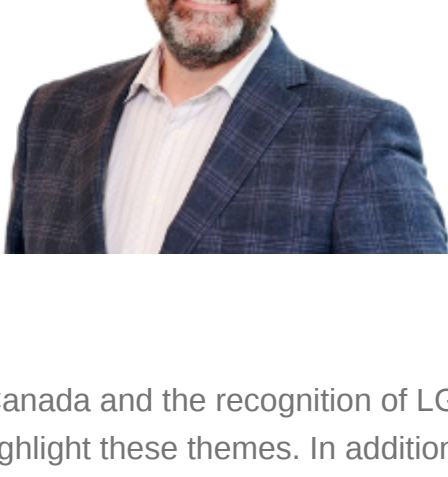




## A word from our President Pierre Ouellette



Hello,

The month of June has two themes that are dear to the UOF: the recognition of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the recognition of LGBTQ2S+ communities. Over the next few days, I hope that you will have the opportunity to participate in events organized in your community to highlight these themes. In addition, the UOF will be officially participating for the first time in the Toronto Pride Parade. If you would like to walk with us, please register [here](#).

In other news, we have received the letter of consent from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to offer the Bachelor of Education program, which is the required training for teachers in Ontario's elementary and secondary schools. The next step is to obtain accreditation from the Ontario College of Teachers, an essential step before promoting the program and welcoming the first cohort. We hope to receive a positive response in the fall.

The last few weeks have been very busy, full of emotions and memorable moments! In addition, we have experienced the first presentation of certificates and the installation of the chancellor and myself at the same time. I would like to thank all the people who had a role to play in the organization of this ceremony. It was a truly beautiful moment for me, which I would like to share with you. The video of the ceremony is available on the UOF YouTube [here](#).

I recently presented a list of goals for the 2022-2023 year to the Board Chair. Once the President's goals are passed by the Council, I will share the outline with you in the interest of transparency with our community and to create the best possible alignment for our priority goals in the coming year.

As always, do not hesitate to reach out with any comments or questions at [recteur@uontario.ca](mailto:recteur@uontario.ca)

Best,

Pierre Ouellette  
President and Vice-Chancellor



## Looking Back

Youth in Canada: Searching for Meaning in the Post-Pandemic Era.

Guest Speaker: Christian Bourque, Executive Vice-President and Partner, Leger Marketing

The Université de l'Ontario français was pleased to welcome members of the French language school boards to its campus. Guidance counsellors, educational counsellors, principals, and superintendents attended a presentation to learn more about youth and how they are experiencing all the changes they are facing today. We called upon the specialists and researchers of the firm Léger Marketing to identify the trends that define and challenge young people today. The results are fascinating and the conclusions all the more relevant to our role as educators. Christian Bourque, Vice-President of Leger Marketing, addressed the audience in person. Afterwards, we explained how UOF programs meet these new needs of youth. A great day of learning and networking for all.



Guided tours organized by Professor Marie-Josée Therrien

The students of the first cohort of the Urban Environments department had the opportunity to leave the classroom and venture out into the city! This enthusiastic cohort first discovered the underground of downtown Toronto. The group became familiar with the PATH, a complex 30-kilometre pedestrian network. Best known as a passageway during working hours, the downtown business district's underground is also a vast collection of shopping arcades. During a second guided tour, the same group, always as animated and well dressed for the occasion, walked the streets of the St. Lawrence Market district to capture its history through the facades of buildings and public places. Benefiting from the presence of Mr. Mischa Young, a professor from the Urban Environments department, this visit was also an opportunity to invite professors from the Economics and Social Innovation division, Mr. Chedrak Chembessi and Mr. Thomas Chiasson-Lebel, who also shared their knowledge. A fine example of UOF's transdisciplinary approach. The paths often taken to get to campus now have a history for students thanks to the knowledge they have gained during the year.



There are 33 million of us - The role of public leaders

President and Vice-Chancellor Pierre Ouellette and political commentator, Françoise Boivin were in discussion with Isabelle Lacasse, host of "On est 33 millions". [In this podcast](#), the two share their views on the role of public leaders in promoting French.

"I probably didn't feel like a leader until I became vice-president and then president of Université de Hearst when I was still in northern Ontario. I try to do it in the most useful way possible. For me, this has mobilized me a lot over the past several years, so yes, we have to take it on, we are leaders of the francophone community and I think I am doing that now." Pierre Ouellette



## Looking Ahead



June 17 and 18, 2022: The UOF will be at FrancoFEST 2022, the summer event of the Francophonie in the Hamilton area. Come and see us under our tent in Gage Park. [See the program here](#).

## Voir plus loin avec FIERTÉ



June 24-26: The UOF will be at the 2022 Pride Festival, where we are

delighted to celebrate Francophone diversity. To walk with us, register [here](#).

Discover the complete program [here](#).



Save the date

The Role and Mission of Small Universities in the Francophonie

The annual colloquium of the Réseau de la recherche sur la francophonie canadienne (RRC) will be held from November 16 to 18, 2022 at the UOF.

Survey

The [Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario](#) (AFO) is conducting a survey of Francophones and Francophiles in Ontario. What are the issues that concern you as a Francophone? Do you know about the AFO? All your answers will help the organization, which represents Franco-Ontarians, to guide its political actions and the services it offers.

We are counting on you! [Click here to take the survey](#).

