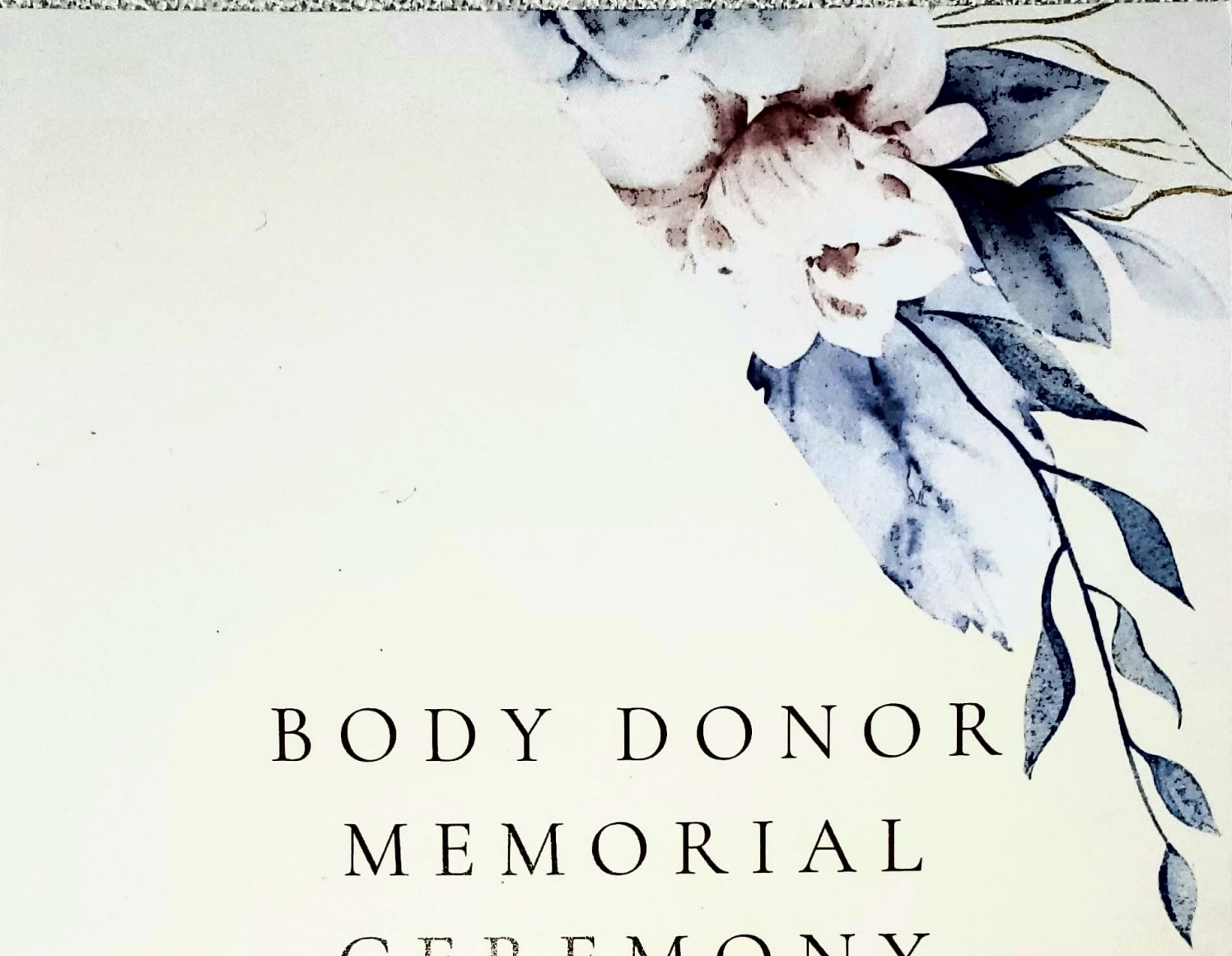


BODY DONOR MEMORIAL CEREMONY

UBC LIFE SCIENCES INSTITUTE

NOV.8, 2025
11AM-2PM

UBC FACULTY OF MEDICINE

BODY DONOR PROGRAM

The Body Donation Program was established in 1950 by the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Over the decades, many individuals have donated their bodies for the purpose of medical research and anatomical study, making an extraordinarily valuable contribution to the education of healthcare professionals and the communities they serve.

Each year, thousands of students from the Medical, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Biomedical Engineering, Occupational Therapy, Midwifery, and Kinesiology programs at UBC learn from body donors about how human anatomy and function intertwine. While most body donations are used for teaching purposes in anatomy dissection labs, some donations are used for medical and research training. These donations help to advance surgical training techniques for resident doctors and trained clinicians and enhance progress in areas of medical research.

By learning from and interacting with body donors, students learn about patient interaction, professional responsibility, respect, and dignity. These are invaluable and extremely important qualities we hope to instill in every healthcare professional trained at UBC. This program is founded in deep respect, dignity, and gratitude for the donors and their families. As students learn about human anatomy, they are reminded of the legacy, lived experiences, and sacrifices of each donor, and of their own responsibilities and expectations in society as future healthcare professionals.

The growth of the UBC Faculty of Medicine has created an increased need for body donors required for educational and research purposes. In order to obtain detailed and essential knowledge of structure and function of the human body, future health care professionals must study human remains as part of their training. Body donors provide an invaluable experience that cannot be replicated by a video or captured in a textbook. The donation of one's body is a very special gift to the future healthcare professionals of our community.

Students preparing themselves for careers in medicine, dentistry and related professions are fully aware of the special privilege granted to them and the obligation they have to conduct themselves with professionalism and respect during their training. People who donate their bodies to UBC Faculty of Medicine can be assured that all human remains are treated with the utmost dignity and respect.

As the custodian of the donations, UBC ensures that the anonymity, confidentiality, and dignity of our donors is upheld.

ORDER OF SERVICE

RECEPTION PERFORMANCE
Luke Pham

EVENT WELCOME

OPENING PERFORMANCE
Luke Pham & Eric Che

FACULTY SPEAKERS
Dr. Claudia Krebs
Dr. Majid Dorudi

STUDENT PERFORMANCE
Elijah Buffalo

STUDENT SPEAKERS

STUDENT PERFORMANCE
Kia Bahari

STUDENT PERFORMANCE
Luke Pham-Kim-Nghiem-Phu, Michael Lee, Teo Park, Christina Lam, Eric Che, Adrienne Zhang, Nicholas Qiu, Winston Huang, Joshua Jin

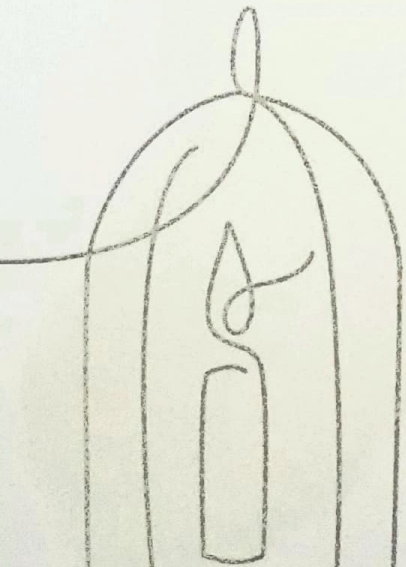
FAMILY SPEAKERS

SLIDESHOW with accompanying performance
Josie Thompson & Quentin Michalchuk

STUDENT VIDEO

CLOSING PERFORMANCE
Harry Chae, John Evans, Jay Hwang

CLOSING REMARKS
Body Donor Memorial Committee

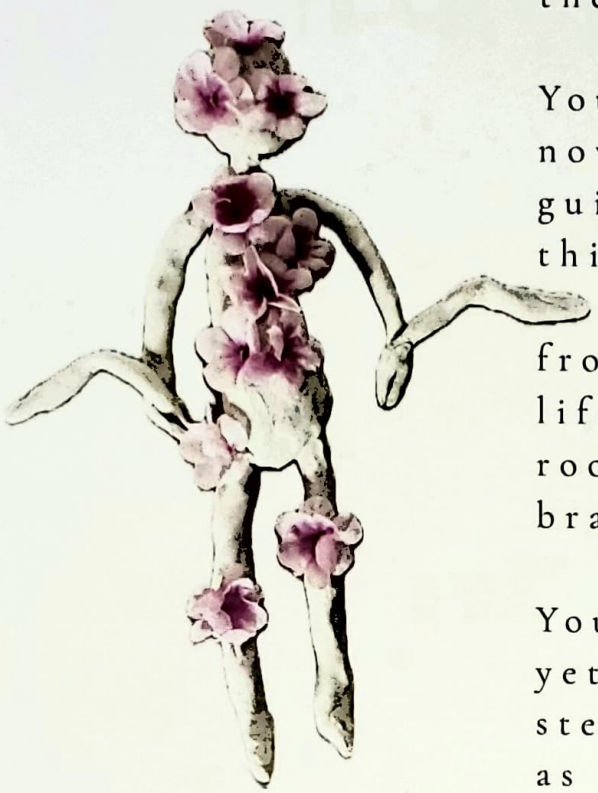


in stillness,
we first met,
You speak through silence
the language of knowledge.

Your hands,
now bound with ours,
guide us through
this season of learning.

from Your effulgent body,
life blooms from Your sacred vessel:
roots of understanding,
branches of human intricacies

You no longer walk among us,
yet You walk with us still,
step by step,
as we learn to heal,
to see,
to honor
the life that continues through Yours



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