

## THE 28TH ANNUAL GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

### REAR-ADMIRAL (RET'D) THE HONOURABLE REBECCA PATTERSON

Senator

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Rear-Admiral (Ret'd) The Honourable Rebecca Patterson, O.M.M., M.S.M., C.D., RN, CHE, is a 34-year Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) veteran and a registered nurse by training. As a provider and executive health leader, she worked in military healthcare delivery, education, training, and operational and strategic planning, both domestically and during international deployments. On promotion to Flag (General) Officer, she was the first person with a military nursing background to ever lead at that rank. Senator Patterson is now the first woman to be both a CAF veteran and a Senator, where she remains committed to serving Canadians and ensuring that CAF members, their families, and veterans have their voices represented. She is currently on the Executive Committee of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association, serves as the General Rapporteur for the Defence and Security Committee of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, and remains an active member of the National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians and the Senate Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs.

