



DESMOND BOWKER, left, receives his Bachelor of Arts degree from John T. Weaver, Dean of Science at the University of

Victoria. Mr. Bowker, a First Nations student had a special robe made to commemorate the occasion.

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# Dreams come true

## Malaspina graduates 79 students with arts and education degrees

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**S**HELLEY BELEZNAVY walked across the stage alone when she rose to get her Bachelor of Arts degree Tuesday at Malaspina University-College.

But the single mother of three has always had someone helping her along the road to graduation.

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*- Shelley Beleznavy*

want a job anywhere I can get one," she said.

It was the second graduating class of Malaspina's Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program, the only program of its kind in Canada.

"I really like the idea of a liberal studies program," said Ms. Beleznavy, who will start pursuit of her Bachelor of Education degree in September. "I think it's an innovation that's exciting and I wanted to be a part of it."