

Saint Mary's University

Winter Convocation



Sunday, 22 January 2012

O CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True Patriot love in all thy son's command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land, glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Convocation is a joyous yet solemn event, bound by traditions which have evolved over centuries. It is a continuum with a formal beginning and end. By being present here today, you have indicated your interest in being part of this academic tradition. Graduating students and their guests are therefore expected to remain in their seats until this formal ceremony has been completed in its entirety - the Chancellor of the University has officially closed Convocation and the stage party and graduates have recessed.

Order of Academic Procession

Marshal of Convocation

Graduates

Faculty

Board of Governors

Deans of Faculties

Recipients of Honorary Degrees

Vice President, Academic and Research

President

Chancellor

The audience is requested to stand when the Academic Procession arrives, to remain standing until the close of the Prayer of Invocation, and at the close of Convocation, to remain standing until all the Academic Procession has recessed.

Please note that names of graduates listed in this program are subject to revision.

Order of Proceedings

Processional

Welcome

O Canada

Heather Fitzpatrick, B.P.R.

Introduction of Special Guests

Invocation

Valedictory Address

Catherine Anne Gunn

Presidential Remarks

J. Colin Dodds, B.A., B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D.

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

To be Doctors of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Lawrence (Larry) J. Hayes, B.A., LL.B.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Philip Riteman, O.N.S., LL.D. (Hon)

Presentation of Alumni Pins to Honorary Degree Recipients

Convocation Address

Lawrence (Larry) J. Hayes, B.A., LL.B.

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

Faculty of Arts

Esther E. Enns, Hon.B.S.L., M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., Dean of Arts, will present the candidates.

Sobey School of Business

Gordon L. Fullerton, B.Comm., MBA, Ph.D., Acting Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates.

Faculty of Science

Steven Smith, B.A.(Hons.), M.A., Ph.D., Dean of Science, will present the candidates.

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

J. Kevin Vessey, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.Sc., Ph.D., Associate Vice President Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates.

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation

Recessional

Chairman of Convocation

David Gauthier, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
Vice President, Academic and Research

Marshal of Convocation

Don Naulls, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
Chair of Senate

Marshal of Students

Keith Hotchkiss, B.A.
Director of Student Services

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Acknowledgement

The administration and faculty of Saint Mary's University gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance received during the past year from individuals and groups in the form of contributions of scholarships, bursaries, prizes, and numerous and varied services.

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Photography

To ensure that there is no interference with the conferring of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, and to comply with fire regulations, audience guests will not have access to the floor area in front of the stage or the aisles during the Convocation ceremony.

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BACHELOR OF ARTS

Matthew Robert Beaulieu	Halifax, NS
Alison Marie Beaver	Truro, NS
Jenna Lynn Bent (cum laude)	Hammonds Plains, NS
Jimmy Jonathan Boudreau	Wedgeport, NS
Ryan Jaya Brogan (summa cum laude)	Kentville, NS
David Andrew Cox	Bridgewater, NS
Brennan William Crabb (Hon. Psychology: magna cum laude)	Victoria, BC
Courtney Selene Curtis	Middleton, NS
Mark J. Domanski	Greenfield, NS
Omar Sherif El Kallini	Cairo, Egypt
Jacqueline Patricia MacGregor Forand	Falmouth, NS
Annie Fortin (Hon. French: summa cum laude)	La Doré, QC
James Scott Gordon	Halifax, NS
Basil Sleiman Habib	Lower Sackville, NS
Matthew P. D. Hall (Hon. Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Matthew Robert Hargrove (Hon. Sociology: cum laude)	Moncton, NB
Shawn Lamont Hodges	Halifax, NS
Craig Michael Leslie Landry	Halifax, NS
Catherine A. Lunn (magna cum laude)	Bedford, NS
Jasmine B. MacDonald	Halifax, NS
Sarah Ann MacPhail (Hon. Psychology - Co-operative Education)	Porters Lake, NS
Diana Marie Manuel	Halifax, NS
Caleigh McDonell	Aylesford, NS
Jonathon Albert Meehan	Toronto, ON
Justin Kent Morash	Lower Sackville, NS
James Jeffrey Frank Murch	Bear Island, NB
Dane R. Okrasa	Toronto, ON
Charles Arthur Peng (Hon. Asian Studies and History: magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Mary Ellen Planetta	Halifax, NS

Lindsay D. Reynolds
Meaghan H. Richardson

Belnan, NS
Halifax, NS

Kyle David Shore
Brent Raymond Edward Sievert
Shelley T. Sigurdsson
Lenardo Randez Simmonds
Andria J. Smith (**summa cum laude**)
Lindsay Michelle Smith
Lindsay M. Stevens

Porters Lake, NS
Halifax, NS
Upper Sackville, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Saratoga Springs, NY, USA

Jonathan Peter Thompson

Halifax, NS

Alexandra G. Vantigham
Paula Mirela Vatavu

Mississauga, ON
Halifax, NS

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Ashreen Ahmed
Dawood M. Al Gilani
Abdalazeez Mohammed Al-Hawsawi
Mohamed Abdulrahman Alshahri
Reza Avesta (**cum laude**)

Dhaka, Bangladesh
Saudi Arabia
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS

John R. Barrette (Co-operative Education)
Keelyn C. Bergstrom (**cum laude**)
Matthew John Brennan
Necia Norren E. Browne (**magna cum laude**)

Halifax, NS
Vancouver, BC
Truro, NS
Newfield Village, Antigua

Nicholas William Chaffey
Weijie Chen
Timothy Chisanga
Jessica Chohan
Carissa Tamara Crocker (Co-operative Education: **cum laude**)
Melissa Leah Currie
Christina Jane Curry
Andrew David Darrow (Co-operative Education: **summa cum laude**)

Halifax, NS
Shenzhen, China
Lusaka, Zambia
Montreal, QC
Freeport, NS
Halifax, NS
Canning, NS
Lower Sackville, NS

Mohamad Shaban Dashti
Valerie M. DeMille
Dannielle Lee De Couto
Xin Ding

Halifax, NS
Yarmouth, NS
Southampton, Bermuda
Changsha, China

Andrew Christopher Estabrooks	Hammonds Plains, NS
Charles Matthew Fahie	Halifax, NS
Benjamin Joseph Ferguson	Enfield, NS
Maggie Raeanne Frizzell	Charlottetown, PE
Yiyuan Gao	Jieyang, China
Brittany Lynne Gaultois	Falmouth, NS
James Liam Goddard	Halifax, NS
James Scott Grundy	Halifax, NS
Amy E. Hackett	Bedford, NS
Jonathan Scott Harrity	Dartmouth, NS
Tariq Mohammed Hatem	Sana'a, Yemen
Tyler William Heath	Dartmouth, NS
Logan W. Hicks	Halifax, NS
Findlay Hilchie	Waverley, NS
XianJia Huang	Shenzhen, China
Thomas Jason Kelly	Halifax, NS
Montez Derek Knowles	Nassau, Bahamas
Alexandr O. Krimer (cum laude)	Almaty, Kazakhstan
Graham Alexander Langill (cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Anne Katherine Langley	Halifax, NS
Na Li	Lanzhou, China
Xiaomeng Li	China
Shoupeng Liu	Zhaodong City, China
Wenlu Liu	Zhuhai City, China
Nicholas Madore	Halifax, NS
David Raymond Martin	Dartmouth, NS
Akihiko Maruyama	Hokkaido, Japan
Naser Masalma	Halifax, NS
Hayato Miyashita	Chiba, Japan
Chenyu Mou	Qingdao, China
Jessica Osborne	Halifax, NS
Andrea D. Palmer	Mount Uniacke, NS
Melanie Anne Peters	Fall River, NS
Ryan Orlando Pirri	West Chezzetcook, NS
Kathleen Power (Co-operative Education)	Hamilton, ON

Daniel George Rogers
Mark N. Rogers

New Minas, NS
Yarmouth, NS

Syed Tausif Shahriyer
Jessica E. Shannon
Yi Shi
Richard J. C. Skelhorn
Laura L. Sullivan

Dhaka, Bangladesh
Halifax, NS
Jiangsu, China
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS

David Bryce Thibodeau
Andrew Turton

Truro, NS
Fall River, NS

Andrew Hutton-Michael Wallace
Chao Wang
Ziqing Wang
Mark Paul Weinberg
Yan Wu

Halifax, NS
Weifang, China
Hefei, China
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS

Yingxin Xu

Luoyang, China

Sandeep Yadav
YuJie Yin
Zihan Yu
Min Yuan

New Delhi, India
Hunan, China
Halifax, NS
Hangzhou, China

Chun Zhang
Xueping Zhang
Yi Zhang
Qiming Zhou
Rui Zhu

Zhaodong, China
Sichuan, China
Zhuhai, China
Guangzhou, China
Chongqing, China

CERTIFICATE OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Nicholas William Chaffey

Halifax, NS

Mohamad Shaban Dashti
Xin Ding

Halifax, NS
Changsha, China

Panayiotis Peter Garonis
Brittany Lynne Gaultois

Halifax, NS
Falmouth, NS

Christy Leah Hagen

Bawlf, AB

Thomas Jason Kelly	Halifax, NS
Alexandra Ashley Kendall	Bedford, NS
Adam S. O'Brien	Halifax, NS
Jessica Osborne	Halifax, NS
Andrea D. Palmer	Mount Uniacke, NS
Sundari Pashupathi	Halifax, NS
Christine Michelle Perusse	Dartmouth, NS
Andria J. Smith	Dartmouth, NS
David Bryce Thibodeau	Truro, NS
Matthew Roger Tobin White	Halifax, NS
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE	
E. Aliphat	Halifax, NS
Kelly Leeann Burgess	Halifax, NS
Tria Danielle Clare (Hon. Biology)	Upper Nine Mile River, NS
Lisa M. Comeau	Halifax, NS
Victoria Mae Lynn Dempsey (Hon. Psychology)	Aylesford, NS
Uduak Ime Etuk (Co-operative Education)	Akuoalbon, Nigeria
Matthew D. Gaudet	Halifax, NS
Garrett Dawn Lynds (magna cum laude)	Truro, NS
Anna Kathleen MacDonald	Webster's Corner, PE
Marc Steven Marriott	Halifax, NS
Christopher Gordon Oliver	Halifax, NS
Shanae Ashlee Outerbridge (summa cum laude)	Bermuda
Sandy David Paddock	Lower Sackville, NS
Emily Nicole Powers	Bridgewater, NS
Kevin D. Rennie	Wolfville, NS

Evan James Robertson
Douglas R. Rogers

St. John's, NL
Salmon River, NS

Kathleen Margot Watts

Calgary, AB

CERTIFICATE IN THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES FOR EDUCATION

Sarah F. Baillieul-Harvey
Joan Elizabeth Cunningham
Judith Anne Moffatt

Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Truro, NS

DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Yang Ning
Kassandra Emma Theresa Todd
Brad Aubrey Whynot

Hangzhou, China
Halifax, NS
Bridgewater, NS

DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES

Michael William Blake
Azad H. Shah

Black Point, NB
Toronto, ON

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Shelley-Lynn A. Bevan
Sara Dawn Blanchard
Steven William De Belie
Melanie R. Dunsmore
Catherine Anne Gunn
Peter Konrad Ilves
Amit A. Lall
Brian Mascarenhas
Heather Christene Morrison
Christopher Paul Myers
Rosalind M. O'Brien
Shea Alexander Peach

Lower Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Tillsonburg, ON
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Toronto, ON
Halifax, NS
Dingwall, NS
Halifax, NS
Lance au Loup, NL
Port Morien, NS

MASTER OF FINANCE

Moayad Wasel Alhuzum
Danladi N. J. Maxwell
Zhichao Yin

Alhassa, Saudi Arabia
Gros Islet, St. Lucia
Guangzhou, China

MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)

Naomi D. Harper
Susan Marguerite Lewis Horton
Lynn Victoria Watson (Co-operative Education)
Zhenfeng Zhao

Clyde River, PE
Halifax, NS
Oxford, NS
Zhuhai, China

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ASTRONOMY)

Michael Patrick Casey

Halifax, NS

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

LAWRENCE (LARRY) J. HAYES

Born in Halifax, Larry Hayes has lived in this city all of his life. No stranger to Saint Mary's, he was the Valedictorian for his graduating class at this University in 1959 and has been this school's legal counsel for more than 40 years. He has served on the University's Board of Governors and in 1970 was instrumental in the drafting and enactment of the Saint Mary's University Act and the appointment of the University's first lay president.

One of the first James Dunn Scholars in Law, he graduated from Dalhousie in 1962 with the University Medal in Law. Recognized by Best Lawyers in Canada for his Estates and Trusts work, he is a former Managing Partner of the Law Firm of McInnes Cooper and continues with that firm as Counsel.

Larry Hayes was a Director of The Maritime Life Assurance Company from 1987 to 2004. He is also a past Governor of Mount Saint Vincent University and was Chair of that Board from 1983 to 1986.

He is a member of the Canadian Bar Association and the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society for which he also served as Honorary President. He is a member of the Canadian Association of University Solicitors and a former Governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation.

Larry Hayes is a Governor of the Windsor Foundation, a role that he has held for more than a decade. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Chisholm Youth Services Foundation.

He and his wife, Sharon Nicolle, reside in Halifax, where they are actively involved in many community-based organizations.

PHILIP RITEMAN

Holocaust survivor Philip Riteman was born in Shershev, a small town in the Brest-Litovsk region of Poland. In 1942, Riteman and his family, and thousands of other Jews, were forced from their homes by the Germans and sent to live in the Pruzhany ghetto. Transport to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camps followed. As a young teenager during World War II, Riteman witnessed and experienced unimaginable atrocities.

The only member of his family to survive, he was liberated by the American Seventh Army in 1945. In 1946 Riteman was granted refugee status by and immigrated to Newfoundland, an independent nation at the time. Neither the United States nor Canada was willing to admit him.

Philip Riteman began his working life in Newfoundland as a door-to-door peddler. By the time he moved to Nova Scotia in 1979, he had established a successful import-trading company. His wife Dorothy, whom he met in Montreal, joined him in St. John's where they raised two sons, both of whom graduated from Memorial University.

The only visible testament to the horrors he witnessed is the number tattooed on his forearm. A decade after moving to Halifax, Riteman broke more than 40 years of silence and began to speak of his Holocaust experience. He speaks not only for himself but also for those who can no longer speak: the six million who died in concentration camps.

Since 1989, Philip Riteman has told his story to thousands of young people and adults in schools, churches, universities, and meeting halls across Canada and the United States. His book, *Millions of Souls: the Philip Riteman Story* continues his mission to educate today's youth about the atrocities committed against the Jews and others during World War II.

For his ongoing dedication to advance a more just society, Philip Riteman received the Nova Scotia Human Rights Award. And, for his personal story of survival and message of hope, he received Honorary Degrees from Memorial and St. Thomas Universities, and the Order of Nova Scotia.

VALEDICTORIAN

CATHERINE GUNN

Born and raised in Toronto, Catherine received her Bachelor of Science with a major in Anatomy from McGill University and a Diploma in Medical Radiation Sciences from the Michener Institute in Toronto. She is graduating today with a Master of Business Administration.

Catherine completed her MBA as a part-time student while teaching full time in Dalhousie University's School of Health Sciences—in particular, radiation physics and special imaging modalities such as CT, mammography, and interventional imaging. At work she is a member of the Curriculum Committee, the Committee on Studies, and the Faculty of Health Professions Council, and has also acted as the advisor for 2nd-year students.

Catherine has been proud to call Halifax home for the past nine years, and likes to contribute to the community through her volunteer work. She sits on the Family Leadership Council at the IWK Health Centre, a committee that influences and helps to shape hospital policies, programs, and facility design. Catherine is also president-elect of the Junior League of Halifax, part of an international organization working to develop the full potential of women and improve communities. Projects she has been involved with include: teaching life skills to young adults with mental illness at Laing House; encouraging physical activity among youth through the Kickstart running club in partnership with the East Dartmouth Boys and Girls Club; and organizing healthy-eating workshops for young mothers at SHYM (Supportive Housing for Young Mothers) in Dartmouth.

When she's not taking classes, teaching classes, or volunteering, Catherine's home life revolves around her family. She and her husband Graeme are the proud parents of son Ewan, 4, and daughter Stirling, 2, both of whom were born during her MBA studies!

HISTORY OF SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Saint Mary's University was founded in 1802 to provide opportunities for higher learning to young Catholic men. Its founder, the Reverend Edmund Burke, had meager resources to work with, but on later being named Bishop with responsibility for Nova Scotia, he continued to support the college as essential to the development of the Catholic community. In 1841, the Nova Scotia House of Assembly gave formal recognition of its academic role. Its legal status was confirmed in perpetuity by enactment in 1852.

In 1913, the Christian Brothers of Ireland, a teaching order, were invited by the Archdiocese of Halifax to direct the college and its academic program. During the ensuing years, Saint Mary's University became more widely known for the quality of its undergraduate teaching and continued to develop new instructional programs, most notably within its Faculty of Commerce. In 1940, the Upper Canada Province of The Society of Jesus was invited to succeed the Christian Brothers as administrators and teachers in the University, and for thirty years until the enactment in 1970 of the new act of incorporation, the college remained under Jesuit supervision. The long-standing emphasis on liberal arts and commerce was extended to include new programs in science, engineering, and teacher education. Extension courses became an important part of the University's commitment to an active educational role in the community.

In the year 2002-2003, the University celebrated its 200th Anniversary in a year long series of celebratory events. The celebration provided a marvelous retrospective of our past and set the stage for the University's significant role in the 21st Century. Concurrently with preparations for the 200th anniversary, the University embarked on developing its first Academic Plan 2002-2007. The plan was updated for 2008-2011 and we are currently engaging on campus in consultations on a draft of the plan for 2012 – 2017, *Building a Global Learning Community*.

Over the last two decades, the physical campus has also been undergoing a significant renewal including new buildings and total renovations of older facilities. The Sobeys Building opened in 1998 and the Atrium Building, featuring the Global Learning Commons, opened in January 2010. The Loyola Academic Building, all of the residences, the Science Building and most recently, the McNally Building are essentially new buildings after being totally rebuilt.

In December 2005, a new focus on the image of Saint Mary's University was unveiled. "SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY. ONE UNIVERSITY. ONE WORLD. YOURS. This powerful statement captures the fundamental nature of today's Saint Mary's". "It encompasses our strategic directions and our vision to be the University of Choice for aspiring citizens of the world". Each of the three elements of the rallying cry has a significant and thoughtful meaning:

One University: Our singular vision and commitment

One World: Unlimited possibilities

Yours: The challenge and the responsibility for all Santamarians

AN EXPLANATION FOR OUR GUESTS: THE CONVOCATION CEREMONY

The Procession

The ceremony starts with the procession — the entering of the members of Convocation, beginning with the Marshall of Convocation and the students who will be presented with degrees, diplomas, and certificates during the service. As the students fill up the chairs in the Theatre Auditorium, they will give the impression that today's ceremony really is, as convocations traditionally were, a meeting of the whole University. (The word "convocation" means "calling-together".) Indeed, the Theatre Auditorium could not hold all the individuals who are part of Saint Mary's — the students, the professors, the administration, the staff, and a large number of alumni around the world — not to mention their families and friends.

Next in the procession are special guests, the Members of Faculty, the Board of Governors, and the Deans of the Faculties.

Next are honorary degree recipients. In addition to "earned" degrees awarded to students who have studied and met the usual requirements, annually the University confers several "honorary" degrees on individuals who have been designated by the University's Board of Governors and Senate as deserving special honour. To symbolize the degrees, they will receive hoods trimmed with specially designated colours. The person receiving this honour will be introduced during the Convocation ceremony and a brief text is read to explain why he/she merits the award. Details are found in the earlier portion in this program.

The final members of the academic procession are the Vice President, Academic and Research (who presides over Convocation), the President, and the Chancellor.

Many will have colourful gowns and hoods of institutions from across Canada, the United States, and many nations of the world.

The Ceremonial Mace

The ceremonial mace, which is carried by the Marshall of Convocation at the head of the academic procession, was presented to Saint Mary's in April 1980 and used for the first time at the Spring Convocation of that same year. It symbolizes the University's authority to grant degrees. It was made and presented to the University by Maritime Command in recognition of Saint Mary's alumni killed in both world wars and also in recognition of serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have been students at the University.

The mace is made of oak with a cast brass crown and brass plates carrying traditional ceremonial engravings. The plates represent the contribution to Saint Mary's by the Jesuit Fathers, the Christian Brothers of Ireland, the Archdiocese of Halifax, the LaSalle Christian Brothers, the Lay Teachers, and the Armed Forces.

University Crest

Designed in the 1940's by the Reverend Daniel Fogarty, S.J., then Dean of Education, each symbol in the crest has significance relevant to the various phases and history of the University.

On the outer portion of the crest, the name and location of the University are inscribed in Latin and, in Roman numerals (1841), the date the University received its charter authorizing it to grant degrees.

The book shown above the shield represents learning and knowledge. The inscription on the page of the book is in Latin — "Age Quod Agis". This is the motto of the University which exhorts all those connected with the University to strive to do their best in everything that they do. This quotation is from the Irish Christian Brothers and symbolizes their contribution to the development of the institution.

The upper part of the shield has the official seal of the Jesuits with I.H.S. being the Greek initials for Christ's name. Below these initials are the three nails which represent the Crucifixion, and surrounding these is the Crown of Thorns. The two crowns represent a dual loyalty - to the then Dominion of Canada and to the British Commonwealth. Below these crowns is the thistle, which stands for Nova Scotia's Scottish heritage.

The Presidential Medallion of Office

On 22 October 2000, a Medallion of Office was officially presented to the University and used for the first time that same day at the installation of Dr. J. Colin Dodds as President. Designed and crafted by James Bradshaw and Bruce Babcock of James Bradshaw Jewelry Design Studios, Inc., Halifax, its centre is a University Gold Medal, traditionally awarded to the top graduating students. It symbolizes the University's deep commitment to academic excellence. It is surrounded by contrasting sterling silver, representing the diversity of the institution's students and of its academic programs. It was generously presented by Mary Eileen Donahoe and her family as a memorial to the late Senator Richard A. Donahoe, Q.C., K.S.G., LL.D. (Hon.), a member of one of the University's earliest Boards of Governors, in recognition of his career of public service and his love of Saint Mary's.

Academic Regalia

As you will observe, all the graduates and members of the academic procession are attired in the basic elements of formal academic dress, which at Saint Mary's follows the general guidelines established at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England. Formal attire consists of academic robe, hood and mortar board, although at Saint Mary's the latter is limited to Master's graduates only. The academic dress worn by each participant depends upon that academic level attained. There is special attire for the Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral level candidates. While tradition has dictated the style or cut of the academic attire, each post-secondary institution, for the most part, will amend certain details of the attire to suit its own particular tastes and traditions.

The academic hood which each graduate is wearing symbolizes the degree into which the student will be or has been admitted. The hood itself traces its tradition back to the Middle Ages, when its prototype, with a cowl-like appendage and tail, was used to cover the shoulders in the cold and draughty medieval buildings or in inclement weather. Gradually this garment was modified and the hood assumed an academic rather than functional significance. The hood has two basic elements: the trim on the outer edge and an inner satin lining. Each hood has its outer edge trimmed with a colour to indicate a particular faculty and degree: white symbolizes Arts; gold, Science; grey, Commerce; and white with pale blue, Education. The hood for the Master's candidates is essentially the same as the Bachelor's hood except that the trim is usually an inch or two wider. All the Bachelor level hoods are lined with satin in the colours of the institution granting the degree. Hence at Saint Mary's the hood is lined with maroon satin with a white chevron. The Master's hood at Saint Mary's is lined with maroon satin only to give it added distinction from the Bachelor's.

Flags on the Stage

Each year Saint Mary's has a number of international students. The flags which you see displayed on the stage for Convocation are from some of the countries from which these students come, not necessarily graduating students, but those in any year of study. The globalization of the Saint Mary's University community is a feature of justifiable pride which contributes markedly to the growth and understanding of both Canadian and non-Canadian students.

Also included in the University's permanent collection of flags is one from the International Year of the Disabled signifying the University's permanent commitment to people with disabilities. Also part of this collection is that of the Mi'kmaq's in recognition of their First Nation's Status. For the first time at our Spring 2002 Convocations the University's Bicentennial flag has taken its rightful place in our permanent collection.

Graduation Alumni Pins

The Alumni Association of Saint Mary's University has generously provided an Alumni Pin again this year. This is a tradition which started with the 1992 Spring Convocation. Graduates are encouraged to wear theirs with pride and to consider becoming an active member of the Association.

Degrees and Diplomas Awarded with Distinctions

At Saint Mary's University in the general undergraduate degree and diploma programs, academic distinctions are awarded to successful candidates on the basis of the following cumulative grade point averages of all courses taken at Saint Mary's University. There are no distinctions awarded in graduate and certificate programs.

B.A., B.Comm., & B.Sc.	Grade Point Average	Diploma in Engineering
summa cum laude	4.00 - 4.30	with greatest distinction
magna cum laude	3.85 - 3.99	with great distinction
cum laude	3.70 - 3.84	with distinction

The President's Hall of Academic Excellence, located in the main hallway of the McNally Building, directly outside the President's Office, displays the names of all students who earned one of these distinctions. The Hall also includes the names of students who won academic medals at graduation.

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The University's symbols and traditions reflect its roots as well as looking to its future and the ritual of Convocation looks to the roots of the University as well as being a beginning for the students who now enter a new stage in their lives. Indeed, both the symbols and the Convocation look back far beyond the beginning of this University to the centuries of academic life in western civilization. Today the University dresses in clothes which are symbolic, not functional, and goes through the 600-year-old ritual of a convocation for the conferment of degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

We thank you for being present to share in it with the Saint Mary's University community.

Photography

Stage trappings will be left in place for approximately one half hour at the conclusion of Convocation for students who wish to have photographs taken by family and friends against the backdrops on the stage.

GradImages is the official photographer for our Convocation. Proofs will be sent to you via email within 72 hours following the ceremony. A printed proof will be sent via Canadian Post, three to five days after graduation. Pictures can be ordered online at www.gradimages.ca, by phone or by mail. GradImages can be contacted at 1-800-372-3686 or 1-800-261-2576 or via email at www.gradimages.ca.

Since photographs will be available, family members and guests are encouraged to remain in their seats, relax and enjoy the ceremony.

Framing of Parchments

The Saint Mary's University Bookstore, is pleased to provide an on-site, instant framing program following graduation ceremonies. (Please note: This service is **NOT** available during the Convocation ceremony.)

Simply present your diploma at the designated area in the foyer area outside of the Conference Hall. In seconds, it will be professionally framed in a high quality, Canadian-made frame, complete with a mat emblazoned with the official crest of Saint Mary's University.

DVD

DVD videos of the convocation will be available and can be ordered from the website:

www.bigaro.ca

The Board of Governors, The Academic Senate, and
The Graduating Class

of

Saint Mary's University

Cordially invite you to attend a Reception

Immediately following Winter Convocation

Conference Hall
Loyola Academic Building

This informal setting will provide an opportunity for graduates and their guests to meet Faculty,
Administrators, and Staff of Saint Mary's University.

Light refreshments will be served.