

Saint Mary's University  
Winter Convocation



Saturday, 18 January 2014

## O CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.

Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,  
Il sait porter la croix!

Ton histoire est une épopée  
Des plus brillants exploits.

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 of 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

Morning Ceremony - Chiedza Liliya Sadomba

Afternoon Ceremony - Paige Marie Kasaboski

Presidential Remarks

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

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Morning Ceremony

To be Doctors of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Sheri Dova Lecker, B.A., M.H.Sc.

Afternoon Ceremony

To be Doctor of Laws (honoris causa)

Brian Flemming, B.Sc., LL.B., LL.M., Dip. Intl. Law, D.C.L., CM, QC

Presentation of Alumni Pins to Honorary Degree Recipients

Convocation Address

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

**Faculty of Arts**

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

**Sobey School of Business**

Patricia Bradshaw, B.Comin., Ph.D., 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

**University Orators**

Charles P. Beaupre, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Chinese and Asian Studies

Alexandre Avdulov, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Japanese and Asian Studies

**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.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Victoria S. F. Adams ( <b>cum laude</b> )	London, England
Foad Alipour	Halifax, NS
Jessica L. Babin	Bathurst, NB
James W. Alexander Bailey	Dartmouth, NS
James Ryan Beaulne	Halifax, NS
Craig Douglas Burgoyne	Musquodoboit Harbour, NS
Kathleen Elizabeth Victoria Cameron (Hon. Psychology - <b>cum laude</b> )	Toronto, ON
Shannon L. Chapman	St. Margaret's Bay, NS
Hsiao-Tung Chiu	Taichung, Taiwan
Melanie Josette Cluett	Halifax, NS
Spencer Mitchell Cody	Halifax, NS
Kieran Michael Davis	Evanston, NS
Leeanna N. Desveaux	Halifax, NS
Renee Doucet	Clare, NS
Ian Ronald Drummond	Freetown, PE
Caroline Joan Beaulieu Evans	Montreal, QC
Kara Nadine Gabrielle Evans	Dartmouth, NS
Warren Christopher James Feltmate	Halifax, NS
Marley Justine Forbes	Halifax, NS
Taylor Megan Frauzel	Chelsea, NS
Alan Francis Giacalone	Calgary, AB
Darcy Angus Gillis	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Michael David Francis Hallonquist	West Porter's Lake, NS
Sarah Joan Christine Hames	New Glasgow, NS
Megan Louise Horochuk	Halifax, NS
Jeremias Huwiler	Bridgewater, NS
Hannah Janega (Hon. Psychology)	Bedford, NS
Lauren Victoria Kearley	Sussex, NB
Catherine Eva Klimek	Halifax, NS
John Colin Korecki	Wellington, NS
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Christiane LeBlanc	Greater Lakeburn, NB
Jungeun Danni Lee (Hon. Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Christene Livingstone	Sydney, NS
Charlotte Lothian	Hants County, NS
Tyler MacGowan	Burlington, ON
Julia Sharon Mahoney (Hon. English)	Bedford, NS
Justin M. Melanson ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Moncton, NB
Hannah Mairi Morrison	Halifax, NS
Joshua Nathan Offman	Dartmouth, NS
Valerie Peterson	North Bedeque, PE
Jacob Duncan Porter	St. John's, NL
Colin Douglas Power	Mount Pearl, NL
Megan Pugliese	Mississauga, ON
Danielle Angeline Reyes-Giacalone	Halifax, NS
K. Brandy M. Rink ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Wynyard, SK.
Jessica Roberta Robinson	Eastern Passage, NS
Anthony Rodgers	Freeport, Bahamas
Chiedza Liliias Sadomba (Hon. International Development Studies - <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Harare, Zimbabwe
Jesse D. Sale	Beaverton, ON
Allison Frances Samson	Cole Harbour, NS
Shakiba Sarwarzadah	Halifax, NS
Maryam Savari (Hon. Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Michael Stephen Driscoll Schlech	Halifax, NS
Nicole Aimee Seeker ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Maple Ridge, BC
Sophie Lynne Shalkowsky	Victoria, BC
Keath Evelyn Smith	Grand Bahama, Bahamas
Nicole Adrienne Smythc	Halifax, NS
Alexandra Paulette Snow	Halifax, NS
Ashley Rose Spencer	Wolfville, NS
Cara Stymest	Halifax, NS
Emily Lynn Jennifer Sullivan	Halifax, NS
Yuri Suzuki ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Sukagawa, Japan
Adrian Tyler Sheldon Tansley	Lawrencetown, NS
Le Tran	Bedford, NS
Jeanna Robyn Tufts	Dartmouth, NS
Meghan Lynn Urquhart	Liverpool, NS
Julia Warner (Hon. Psychology - <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Hatchet Lake, NS

Kathleen Anne Whitlock  
Lucas Jan Wickwire

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Moncton, NB

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Lora Anne Hines

Dartmouth, NS

**CERTIFICATE OF HONORS-ARTS**

Erika Marie Klein

Dartmouth, NS

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Yousef Al Balawi  
Raymund Joseph O. de Lara  
Samuel William Donnelly (**magna cum laude**)  
Chantelle Angela Fitzgerald  
Mukul Gupta  
Siddharth Jain  
Ashish Mahajan  
Pauline J. L. McLeod (Hon. Physics)  
John D. Rathbun  
Brianna R. Smith  
Ryan Gary Tanner  
Veer V. Vashisht  
Peter D. Zablocki (Hon. Psychology)

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Chandigarh, India  
New Delhi, India  
New Delhi, India  
Belnan, NS  
Waverley, NS  
West St. Andrews, NS  
Lunenburg, NS  
Noida, India  
Yarmouth, NS

**DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING**

Ayadh Mohammed AlDuosari  
Naa Torshie Obodai  
Hailey Samantha Pynn

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Accra, Ghana  
Wabush, NL

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Cheralynn Dawn Corney  
Morgan Harmon  
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Parrsboro, NS

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Winnipeg, MB  
Glace Bay, NS

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Grenadines

Brie Katherine Rehbein

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Nabil Alsanabani Sana'a, Yemen  
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Samuel H. Doue	Bedford, NS
Alexandra During-Fisher	Hatchet Lake, NS
Amro Ramzey El-Far	Halifax, NS
Hamid Essam Elmadhoun	London, ON
Xiaoyang Fan	Halifax, NS
Tyler Fancy	Lower Sackville, NS
Linjun Fang	Shanghai, China
Sue Faulkner ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Eastern Passage, NS
Zhibo Feng	Beijing, China
Liam Michael Fitzgerald	Halifax, NS
Joshua Taylor Fulton	Truro, NS
Sarah V. Gallant	Halifax, NS
Jinfei Gao	Beijing, China
Zhixian Gao	Halifax, NS
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Shawna Liane Gray	Halifax, NS
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Yanjie Han	Xuzhou, China
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Britlee D. Harnish	Hubbards, NS
Anne Michelle Hiscock ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Elysia B. L. Homans	Halifax, NS
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Peifeng Huang	Beijing, China
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Imad Issam Ibrahim	Hammonds Plains, NS
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Lijing Kang ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Fuzhou, China
Paige Marie Kasaboski ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Kingston, ON
Kaitlin Denise Kelley	Dartmouth, NS
Alyssa Marie Kelly	Halifax, NS
Neil Alexander Knapman	Halifax, NS

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Bing Li	Xinxiang, China
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Ting Li ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
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QingHua Lin ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Guangzhou, China
Han Liu ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Tongling, China
Yucheng Liu	Chaoyang, China
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Liming Lu	Yuncheng, China
Shanhu Ma	Beijing, China
Alicia Michelle MacDonald	Halifax, NS
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Drew Victor MacDonald	Halifax, NS
Emily S. MacDonald	Halifax, NS
Andrew David MacLellan	Halifax, NS
Jessica Lee MacLeod	Beaver Bank, NS
Christopher David Maltby	Amherst, NS
Eleizer Jose Marval	Caracas, Venezuela
Ryan William Mason	Bedford, NS
Benjamin Lawrence McDonald	Hammonds Plains, NS
Brittni Dawn McGuinty	Yarmouth, NS
Corbin Edward J. McLean	Halifax, NS
Nicholas George Mermigas	Halifax, NS
Kyle G. Moretto	Halifax, NS
Cameron Walter Morse	New Minas, NS
Hyojin Nam	Seoul, South Korea
David Colin Nordqvist	Halifax, NS
Mohanad Mohamed Odeh	Amman, Jordan
Baran Olcer	Istanbul, Turkey
Kirsten Leo Osmond	Halifax, NS
Qian Wen Ou	Guangdong, China
Ryan Michael Paterson	Halifax, NS
Haiyang Peng	Hulunbuir, China

Liyong Peng ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Suzhou, China
Xudongming Peng	Yiyang, China
Kayley Paige Pinkney	Fall River, NS
Rebecca H. Pointon	Kitchener, ON
Michael B. Poole	Halifax, NS
Amanda Madeleine Rainville	Ottawa, ON
Khaled Ramadan ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Gaza, Palestine
Jennifer Randell	Fall River, NS
Rachel Reynolds	Toronto, ON
Joshua Darrell Frederick Roseveare	Dartmouth, NS
Kathryn Jean Sabean	Dartmouth, NS
Esteban A. Sanchez Picado	San Jose, Costa Rica
Farhan Uddin Shad	Halifax, NS
Kristina Shannon	Halifax, NS
Xian Shi	Changchun, China
Mohamed Ahmed M. Sofan	Sana'a, Yemen
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Jiapeng Sun	Ulanhot, China
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Wanzhu Wang	Halifax, NS
Yuqing Wang ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Jining, China
Zhi Wei Wang	Beijing, China
Hao Wei	Halifax, NS
Xuying Wen ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Zhejiang, China
Jennifer Ann West	Halifax, NS
Danny Williams	Dartmouth, NS
Shuyao Wu	Changji, China
Meiyong Xiao ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Zhongshan, China
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Xin Yue	Halifax, NS
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Weilin Zhang	Guangzhou, China

Yancheng Zhang	Jinan, China
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Yan Zhao	Halifax, NS
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Chengbin Zhu	Nanjing, China
Zhenzhen Zhu	Wenzhou, China

**CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT ANALYSIS**

Eleizer Jose Marval	Caracas, Venezuela
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**CERTIFICATE OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Ijabo (Saida) Abdi	Halifax, NS
Hisham Ahmad Aldhobaib	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
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Ehsan Atbaei	Dartmouth, NS
Si Chen	Halifax, NS
Carol Vanessa Clarke	Dartmouth, NS
Sue Faulkner	Eastern Passage, NS
Thomas Cameron Fergus	Brantford, ON
Adrienne Jean Ferguson	Halifax, NS
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Shawna Liane Gray	Halifax, NS
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Alyssa Marie Kelly	Halifax, NS
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Angela Maria Lane	Dartmouth, NS
Nicole Denise Langille	Dartmouth, NS
Alexandria E. LeBlanc	Halifax, NS
Monique Elizabeth LeBlanc	Hillside Boularderie, NS
Yucheng Liu	Chaoyang, China
Alicia Michelle MacDonald	Halifax, NS
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Sarah Elizabeth O'Brien	Halifax, NS

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Rachel Reynolds	Toronto, ON
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Kaitlyn Sobey Skinner	Stillwater Lake, NS
Shawn Charles Smith	Halifax, NS
Leah Chelsea Sutherland	Sydney, NS
Jennifer Ann West	Halifax, NS
Adam James White	Halifax, NS
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Andrea Marie Forbes	Halifax, NS
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## **HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

### **SHERI DOVALECKER**

A tireless activist for social reform, and long-time advocate for the homeless, Sheri Lecker spent more than a decade providing large-scale humanitarian assistance to people living in active war zones.

Since 2003, Ms. Lecker has been the executive director of Adsum for Women and Children, a Halifax non-profit dedicated to helping women, children and youth. Under her leadership, the organization has moved from providing emergency shelter for people in crisis to designing and developing affordable housing options for women and families in need of support.

Born and raised in Cape Breton, Lecker graduated from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in 1982 with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Journalism. In 1995, she completed a Master of Health Sciences at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland.

A 10-year broadcast journalist, she began her career as a reporter with CBC Radio News, working in Regina, Yukon, and Sydney. From 1986 to 1988, she worked for Radio Beijing as a Foreign Expert and freelanced from there for a variety of North American media. From Beijing, Lecker returned to CBC Radio for a position as the producer of Morningside, travelling to China in the early 90's to do on-air reporting during the democracy movement.

In 1991, Lecker left CBC Radio to join Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), first as Country Manager in Mozambique, and next as a Country Manager for Sri Lanka and Angola. An ardent supporter of International Development, she continued her efforts in Angola from 1999 to 2002 as the Program Director for Save the Children (U.K.).

Lecker takes a spirit of volunteerism and community activism wherever she goes. Over the past two decades, she has contributed her time and talents to organizations in Whitehorse, Regina, Toronto and Baltimore. In Nova Scotia, she has volunteered with the Halifax Cooperative Hebrew School, Out of the Cold Shelter, Halifax Community Action on Homelessness, and Community Society to End Poverty.

For her long standing commitment to non-profit organizations, and efforts on behalf of social justice and human rights, Lecker received the Progress Club Women of Excellence Award for Management and the Professions in 2008. In 2013, she was one of the inaugural recipients of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission's Dr. Burnley Allan "Rocky" Jones Human Rights Award.

Sheri Lecker lives in Tantallon with her partner and three children.

## **BRIAN FLEMMING**

Brian Flemming has been a university lecturer, a syndicated columnist, a public international lawyer, the author of scores of learned papers and articles, the head of several Crown Corporations and agencies, and a respected advisor to prime ministers and ministers. A leading expert on transportation policies in Canada, and renowned authority on the law of the sea, Mr. Flemming has chaired and directed many public and not-for-profit corporations.

Currently Counsel to McInnes Cooper, Mr. Flemming was born in Halifax. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Mary's University, a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University, a Master of Laws degree from the University of London, England, and the coveted Hague Diploma in International Law.

Mr. Flemming initially practised law in Halifax and lectured in commercial law at Saint Mary's and public international law at Dalhousie. For six years, he advised the Department of External Affairs in its preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea. From 1976-1979, he was Assistant Principal Secretary and Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau.

He was a director of many public companies including Noranda Inc., Brascade Inc., Brunswick Mining and Smelting Company and PDM Royalties Income Fund. In 2000-2001, he chaired the national Canada Transportation Act Review Panel and authored "Vision and Balance", a report which earned him the National Transportation Week Award of Excellence.

Mr. Flemming set up Canada's principal response to the tragedy of 9/11— the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) — and served as CATSA's first CEO and Chair. Following a role as founding director of the federal Advisory Council on National Security, he became both a director and a senior fellow of the Canadian Defence & Foreign Affairs Institute (CDFAI) in Calgary.

A champion of the Arts, Mr. Flemming is the only person from Atlantic Canada to have served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Canada Council. He was a director of the CBC. He was chair of the committee that created the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, Canada's first regional symphony orchestra. He later was the founding chair of Symphony Nova Scotia, a founding director of Scotia Festival of Music, chair of the Maritime Conservatory for the Performing Arts, and a director of Neptune Theatre.

Mr. Flemming became a Member of the Order of Canada in 1989 and has received the Canada 125 medal and the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals. He has an honorary degree from the University of King's College and received the Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service, the highest award given by Dalhousie's Law Alumni Association of Canada, a body he founded in 1983. He is currently a senior fellow of the Van Home Institute in Calgary and an honorary fellow of the Marine and Environmental Law Institute at Dalhousie.

## **VALEDICTORIANS**

### **CHIEDZA LILIAS SADOMBA**

Chiedza Sadomba was born and raised in Harare, the sunshine city of Zimbabwe. She is the second of two children in her family; daughter to Sarah and the late Abraham Sadomba, and younger sister to her brother Isaac.

Chiedza graduates today with an Honours Degree in International Development Studies and a minor in Political Science, a degree which she managed to complete in two and a half years. Outside the classroom, Chiedza spent a lot of her time working with international students as a frequent volunteer for International Orientation, a member of Students Acting for Global Awareness (SAGA), the Secretary for Saint Mary's African Student Society (SMASS), and working with the Multicultural Association of Nova Scotia (MANS) in the summer of 2013. Chiedza also spent her time at Saint Mary's University working in the Patrick Power Library, and is also a spoken word artist and advent blogger. She intends to return to school in the fall to pursue a Master's Degree in International Development Studies with a focus on education and community development, a topic which for which she has great passion.

Chiedza would like to thank her family and her friends for their love and support, and her peers and professors for their priceless encouragement. She would especially like to thank her mother for her prayers and always going above and beyond for her, and God for enabling her to achieve what circumstances said she could not.

### **PAIGE MARIE KASABOSKI**

Paige Kasaboski was born and raised in Kingston, Ontario and came to Saint Mary's as a transfer student from Queen's University. Today she graduates with a Bachelor of Commerce, summa cum laude, with a major in Accounting. Paige has loved being able to work for and represent the University at the highest level through both her academic and extracurricular involvement - President of the Commerce Society, Business Director for the African Society (SMASS), an executive and volunteer with Enactus Saint Mary's, player on the Varsity Women's Field Hockey Team, a course marker in the Accounting and Finance Departments, and as a Student Assistant in the Office of the VP Academic and Research.

Paige was inducted as a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society for her academic achievements in business, received several bursaries and scholarships from the University, and named as the 2013 CBC Krista Harris Fellow, which provided her with an internship at CBC Halifax as an HR Assistant and Associate Producer on *Maritimes Cultureville*.

In the future, Paige aspires to work as a producer in the film industry, incorporating both her passion for the arts as well as business. She hopes to use film and media as a platform to promote and influence change regarding environmental and social issues. Paige would like to thank all of her friends and family for their incredible love and support, especially her parents, Dan and Carol Ann, and two sisters, Brooke and Michelle. In addition, she would like to say a huge thank you to all of the professors and staff, especially Dr. Tom Kozloski, Dr. Natalia Kochetova-Kozloski, and Donna Filek.

## **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 meagre 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. The Sobey Building, opened in the fall of 1998, houses the Sobey School of Business and provides meeting rooms as well as state-of-the-art classrooms for all three faculties of the University. In the last decade, the University has totally rebuilt the Loyola Residence and the Science Building such that they are essentially new buildings and major renovations were completed on the McNally Building. New additions to campus include the Atrium Building featuring the Global Learning Commons and the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness.

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. This has been guided by the Academic Plan, most recently updated for 2012-2017.

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 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>B.A., B.Comm., &amp; B.Sc.</b>	<b>Grade Point Average</b>	<b>Diploma in Engineering</b>
<b>summa cum laude</b>	4.00 - 4.30	with greatest distinction
<b>magna cum laude</b>	3.85 - 3.99	with great distinction
<b>cum laude</b>	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.

There will also be photo backdrops of the University in the Conference Hall for pictures after the ceremony.

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](http://www.gradimages.ca), by phone or by mail. GradImages can be contacted at 1-800-372-3686 or via email at [www.gradimages.ca](mailto: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 BMO Lounge 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](http://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.