

Saint Mary's University

Spring Convocation



Friday, 22 May 2009

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

Guests

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

Morning Convocation

Jen Schwartz

Afternoon Convocation

Kareen O'Keiffe

Symbolic Hooding and Presentation of Alumni Pin

Morning Convocation

Claron Rolle

Afternoon Convocation

Myra El-Bayoumi

Presentation of Governor-General's Medals & Faculty Awards

Presidential Remarks

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

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Morning Convocation

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)

Wadih Fares, B.Eng.

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)

James Kinnear, B.Sc., C.F.A.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Samantha Nutt, M.Sc. M.D., FRCPC, CCFP

Afternoon Convocation

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)
Steve Armitage, B.A.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)
Sister Dorothy Moore, B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed., C.M., O.N.S.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)
Dianne Swinemar, M.Mgmt.

Convocation Addresses

Morning

Samantha Nutt, M.Sc. M.D., FRCPC, CCFP

Afternoon

Steve Armitage, B.A.

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and the Presentation of the University's Gold Medals and Academic Subject Awards.

Morning Convocation

Arts

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

Graduate Studies and Research

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

Afternoon Convocation

Sobey School of Business

David Wicks, B.Comm., M.B.A., Ph.D., B.A., Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates.

Science

Malcolm Butler, B.Sc. (Hons.), Ph.D., Dean of Science, will present the candidates.

Closing of Convocation

Recessional

Chancellor of Saint Mary's University

David Sobey, C.M., D.Comm.

Chairman of Convocation

Terrence Murphy, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Vice-President, Academic and Research

Marshal of Convocation

Donald J. Naulls, B.A. (Hons.) M.A., Ph.D.

Associate Dean of Arts, Associate Professor of Political Science,
and Chairperson of the Academic 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, as well as numerous and varied services.

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MEDALS

Names of winners will be announced at the appropriate Convocation Ceremony.

Undergraduate Students

Governor General's Silver Medal

Donated by the Governor General of Canada

University's Faculty and Division Medals

Bachelor of Arts

Donated by the Archbishop of Halifax

Bachelor of Science

Donated by Saint Mary's University Alumni Association

Diploma in Engineering

Bachelor of Commerce

Academic Subject Awards

Anthropology: Prince John Loewenstein Prize

Biology: The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award

Donated by the family of Dr. Brij M. Kapoor

Geography: Canadian Association of Geographers Award

Geology: The Centennial Medal

Donated by The Mining Society of Nova Scotia

Human Resource Management: The Hermann Schwind Medal

Donated by faculty members, past and present, in the Department of Management

Modern Languages: The Book Prizes

Donated by the Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada

Graduate Students

Governor General's Gold Medal

Donated by the Governor General of Canada

University's Faculty Medals

Master of Arts (International Development Studies)

Donated by Dr. James H. Morrison

Master of Business Administration: Dr. Harold G. Beazley Medal

Funded by Dr. H. G. Beazley Trust

Executive Master of Business Administration

Master of Science (Applied Psychology)

Donated by Aramark Canada Ltd.

Master of Management – Co-operatives and Credit Unions: Pobihusky Medal

The Reverend William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching

In 1983, the Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Faculty Union and the Students' Representative Council, established the Reverend William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching. This award is open to faculty members who have made an extraordinary contribution to the education of Saint Mary's students through teaching in the University's tradition of quality undergraduate education. Nominations are invited from alumni, students, and faculty members. This medal is normally presented at Spring Convocation together with a cheque for \$1,500. Previous winners of this prestigious award are:

- 1983 Professor David Hope (Accounting)
- 1984 Professor Dermot Mulrooney (Engineering)
- 1985 Dr. David Perrier (Sociology)
- 1986 Dr. John Young (Chemistry)
- 1987 Professor Edward McBride (Political Science)
- 1988 Dr. Jack Ginsburg (Chemistry)
- 1989 Dr. Peter March (Philosophy)
- 1990 Dr. Andrew Seaman (English)
- 1991 Dr. Phil Street (Psychology)
- 1992 Dr. Francis Phillips (Education)
- 1993 Dr. Janet Baker (English)
- 1994 Dr. Cyril Byrne (English)
- 1995 Professor Nicola Young (Accounting)
- 1996 Dr. Ronald Landes (Political Science)

1997 Dr. Paul Muir (Mathematics and Computing Science)
1998 Dr. David Cone (Biology)
1999 Dr. Robert Singer (Chemistry)
2000 Dr. Eric Lee (Finance and Management Science)
2001 Dr. Janet Gregory (Finance and Management Science)
2002 Dr. Gillian Thomas (English and Women and Gender Studies)
2003 Dr. Janet Hill (English)
2004 Dr. Porter Scobey (Mathematics & Computing Science)
2005 Dr. Adam Sarty (Astronomy & Physics)
2006 Dr. Edna Keeble (Political Science)
2007 Dr. Stephen Davis (Anthropology)
2008 Dr. Shelagh Crooks (Philosophy)

This year's recipient is **Dr. Pawan Lingras**, Mathematics and Computing Science

Dr. Pawan Lingras obtained his B.Tech. from IIT Bombay, along with two M.Sc. and a PhD from the University of Regina, and taught at Algoma University prior to joining Department of Mathematics and Computing Science at Saint Mary's University in 1998.

Dr. Lingras motivates his students to learn "just one more thing." According to his primary nominator, 2004 Stewart Medal recipient Dr. Porter Scobey, he "has some sort of sixth sense that enables him to recognize a good student who may be struggling, perhaps personally, perhaps financially, perhaps even temporarily academically, and gives that student the support needed to renew the drive and summon the resources necessary to carry on and succeed."

He borrows a slogan from a hardware store to describe his interactions with students: "You can do it, we will help!" He encourages students to take ownership of their learning. He says, "There is no better feeling than seeing a student surpass the teacher. I enjoy watching students leave me in a cloud of dust as they blaze through the world."

According to one of his former students, "his commitment to his students is second to none. In the classroom, Dr. Lingras teaches to the students, rather than from the book. He genuinely cares that each and every one of his students learns and understands the material. I am probably a better programmer today for having been his student."

As coach and "cheerleader," he has contributed to the success of the University's varsity programming team, the Computing Science Huskies. For the past decade, the team has finished first or second in its Atlantic Canadian competitions, including six championships. In 2002, they defeated all except M.I.T. in the North Eastern North America and became the first Atlantic Canadian team to reach the World Finals.

Dr. Lingras finds new ideas to improve his teaching in instructional development workshops. He has been part of efforts to spread computer programming culture among Nova Scotia high school students and educators. He was also instrumental in launching a Computer Science program in The Gambia.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Andrew H. Abraham (summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Corinne Margaret Abraham	Bedford, NS
Ryan Thomas Adams	Dartmouth, NS
Jennifer Elizabeth Allen	Windsor Junction, NS
Thomas Patrick Allen	Halifax, NS
Zainub Al-Taha (Hon. English: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Brittany L. Andersen	Halifax, NS
Timothy Douglas Anderson (Hon. Political Science: magna cum laude)	Eastern Passage, NS
Karen Crystal Archer (Hon. Psychology)	North Bay, ON
Matthew W. Archer	Charlottetown, PE
Sylvie Diane Melissa Arseneault	Summerside, PE
Ingrid D. Awalt (magna cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Jasen Scott Awalt	Eastern Passage, NS
Adebayo Ayoda Ayoade	Woodbridge, ON
Martin Scott Bacon	Kentville, NS
Martha Emma Baker	Upper Musquodoboit, NS
Ryan Paul Baker	Brookside, NS
Katherine Elizabeth Balcom (Hon. English)	Sydney, NS
James G. Barbour	New Glasgow, NS
Melissa J. Bastarache	Halifax, NS
Christine P. Baugil (summa cum laude)	Lunenburg, NS
Jacob M. Beaton	Belmont, NS
Leah Rebecca Beaton	Port Hastings, NS
James D. Bègin	Inverness, NS
Joshua D. E. Bell	Toronto, ON
Ashleigh N. Williamson Bellefontaine	Dartmouth, NS
Craig B. Benedict	Halifax, NS
Ashley Jill Benison	Upper Musquodoboit, NS
Stephanie A. Beveridge	Ottawa, ON
Sarah E. Bischoff	Whycomough, NS
Joshua Graham Black (Hon. Psychology: summa cum laude)	St. Andrews, NB
Felicia Joy Blades	Barrington Passage, NS
Allistair Karston Blair	North York, ON
Holly A. Blinn	Clare, NS
Nicole Renée Bohemier	Dartmouth, NS
Kelli E. Boland (magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Amy Elizabeth Bolger	Cole Harbour, NS

Jeffrey Paul Bookholt	Halifax, NS
Martin M. Boucher (Hon. Psychology)	Dieppe, NB
Janesse Marie Boudreau	Lower Wedgeport, NS
Samantha D. Boudreau	Kentville, NS
Sondra L. Bourque	Moncton, NB
Jonathan B. Boutillier	Chester, NS
Jamie T. Boyd	Windsor, NS
Jeffrey Everett P. Boyd (Hon. English: cum laude)	Lakeview, NS
Tamara K. Branny	Halifax, NS
Lindsay Dianne Breau	Dartmouth, NS
Ryan Timothy Brewer	Sackville, NS
Brittany Leigh Briggs	Murray Corner, NB
Chantal Rebecca Brine (Co-operative Education: magna cum laude)	Sandy's, Bermuda
Mary-Elizabeth Bryne	Sydney, NS
Tristan J. Burchall	Pembroke, Bermuda
Chantel Courtney Burkitt (Hon. Psychology: magna cum laude)	Yarmouth, NS
Ainslie Elise Calder	St. Peter's, NS
Christopher G. P. Cannon	Halifax, NS
Mark Austin Langille Carberry	Mineville, NS
Lisa M. Caron (Hon. Psychology/Co-operative Education)	Bathurst, NB
Meghan Kathleen Carroll	Halifax, NS
Patrick Samuel Caswell	Dartmouth, NS
Marsha Elizabeth Chandler	Halifax, NS
Darin Charles Chiasson	Dartmouth, NS
Kathleen Ann Chiasson	Hammonds Plains, NS
Caitlin Michelle Clair	Windsor Junction, NS
Jessica E. B. Clancy	Halifax, NS
Hiliary Jessica Clarke	North Sydney, NS
Kara Leann Coffin	Pisquid, PE
Isaac Craig Coneen	Cornwall, PE
Breagh Lorraine Conrad	Bridgewater, NS
Kathryn Michelle Conrad (Hon. Sociology)	Lawrencetown, NS
Erin Lee Covill	Halifax, NS
Victoria D. Craven	Halifax, NS
Rory Bruce Crawford	Dartmouth, NS
Adrian R. Crawley	Halifax, NS
Courtney Eileen Crofton	Dartmouth, NS
Matthew Graham Crowell	Barrington, NS
Jordan James Cuming	Tantallon, NS
Jordan Edward Rupert Cunningham	Cape Sable Island, NS

Shane Kathleen Cunningham (Hon. Psychology: summa cum laude)	Oakville, ON
Jillian Elizabeth D'Alessio	Middle Sackville, NS
Elizabeth R. Dantzler	Halifax, NS
Tiffany Corinne David	Janvrin's Island, NS
Kendal Arthur Odillo Davis	Freeport, Bahamas
Pamela Anne Day	Dartmouth, NS
Sean Michael Daye	Port Lambton, ON
Laura A. de Boer (Hon. Anthropology: summa cum laude)	Newport, NS
Genevieve Patricia DeYoung	Hammonds Plains, NS
Lianna Rose deKoe (cum laude)	Fall River, NS
Gerald Joseph Demers	Hampton, NB
Melissa Dawn d'Entremont	Lower West Pubnico, NS
Natasha Dawn Deveau	Halifax, NS
Shaun R. Devereaux	Dartmouth, NS
Patrick C. Dickson	Hammonds Plains, NS
Maria Dimitropoulos	Halifax, NS
Ashley May Donald (magna cum laude)	Hamilton, ON
Kyle Stewart Dore (Hon. English)	Cole Harbour, NS
Ryan Robert Douglass	Eastern Passage, NS
Jennifer Dyanne Dube	Eastern Passage, NS
Scott Nelson Duffett	Hammonds Plains, NS
Charles David Dunlop	Baddeck, NS
Heidi Lynn Durkee	Yarmouth, NS
Cordelle Anthony Ellison	Halifax, NS
Alison Dawn Ellsworth	Kingston, NS
Jason Wayne Michael Ellsworth (Hon. Religious Studies)	Summerside, PE
Kirk R. Emery (Hon. Philosophy: cum laude)	Sussex, NB
Raheleh Esmaeili	Toronto, ON
Christina Lynne Etter (Hon. Psychology: cum laude)	Bedford, NS
Courtney L. Ettinger	Nine Mile River, NS
Brandon C. Faulkner	Lower Sackville, NS
Peter Thomas Faulkner (Hon. Religious Studies)	Halifax, NS
Megan Anne Renee Fitzgerald	Yarmouth, NS
Kerri Lee Forbes	Halifax, NS
Michael Vincent Fougère	Sydney, NS
Jillian Fowler	Bridgewater, NS
Kimberley Elizabeth Frame	Markham, ON
Natalie Lauren Frank (Hon. History)	Halifax, NS
Valerie M. Frank (summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS

Kevin Marius Gagnon
Joey (Paul) Frederick Joseph Gale
Serge Joseph Gallant (Hon. Psychology:
summa cum laude)

Clara-Leah Gaudet
Amanda S. Gerrits
Stephanie Charlotte Gidney
Benjamin Douglas Gilbert
Lisa M. Gillich (**magna cum laude**)
Bryce Patrick Gillis
Sharlene Elizabeth Gillis (Hon. Psychology)
Bruke Bemient Girma
Mitchel N. Eden-Giroux
Michelle Shannon Godding
Stephanie Marie Goodwin
Tovah L. Goree Garland
Kristen Elise Gouchie
Chris Daniel Gouthro
Julian Samuel Green
Lyndsay S. Greene
Robert Daniel Greenough (**magna cum laude**)
Kenneth Alessandro Greer
Tracy Lee Gregory
Jonathan D. Guest

Ellen G. Hagen
Greg Robert Lebreton Haley
Andrew S. Hallonquist
Carl E. Hardwick
Robert Edison Harris
Wesley Jenna Harrison
Brandi Alicia Hartlen (Hon. Psychology)
Marc S. Hartlen
Cory M. Hass
Tabatha Ann Hayes
Matthew Leonard Healy
Alison Elizabeth Heard
Colleen Marie Higgins (Hon. Psychology)
Brittany Hilton
Mandi A. Hines (**cum laude**)
Nadine Elizabeth Hiscock
Matthew James Hogg
Patrick John Hooey

Lower Sackville, NS
Chester Basin, NS
Shediac, NB

Souris, PE
Sheffield Mills, NS
Lower Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS
Ottawa, ON
Inverness, NS
Highlands, NL
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Saint John, NB
Eastern Passage, NS
Hammonds Plains, NS
Halifax, NS
Bridgetown, NS
Halifax, NS
Lawrencetown, NS
Markham, ON
Lower Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS
Lower Burlington, NS
Pleasantville, NS

Chester, NS
Pictou, NS
West Porters Lake, NS
Chicago, IL, USA
Cole Harbour, NS
Musquodoboit Harbour, NS
Terence Bay, NS
Halifax, NS
Whitby, ON
Sussex, NB
Lower Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS
Otter Creek, NS
Toronto, ON
Dartmouth, NS
Milford, NS
Bedford, NS
Markham, ON

Patrick Allan Horsman (Hon. Psychology: magna cum laude)	Hubley, NS
Amber Lyn Donna-Stella Houde	Dartmouth, NS
Matthew Trickett Hudson	Halifax, NS
Sarah Lindsay Hunter	Truro, NS
Laura Suzanne Hurst	Oakville, ON
Amy Marie Hutchinson (cum laude)	Fall River, NS
Danuta Anna Ilow	Halifax, NS
Craig Michael Isnor	Halifax, NS
Oghenefejiro M. Isukuru	Delta State, Nigeria
Shane M. Johnson (Hon. Psychology)	Hubbards, NS
Meghan A. Jones (Hon. Psychology: magna cum laude)	Eastern Passage, NS
Kayla Letitia Josey	Sheet Harbour, NS
Courtney Leigh Kavanagh (Hon. Psychology)	Bell Island, NL
Colin Edward Kennedy	Windsor, NS
Meagan Lynn Kennedy	Sydney, NS
Tara Kathryn Kennedy (Hon. Psychology: cum laude)	Sydney, NS
Nicholas James Kernick	Halifax, NS
Alexander P. Kienapple	Wellington, NS
Maureen W. Kimani	Nairobi, Kenya
Madeline Grace King (Hon. English)	Dartmouth, NS
Erika Marie Klein	Dartmouth, NS
Brianna L. Koski	Kenosha, Wisconsin, USA
Sarah Nicole Kowalski	Dartmouth, NS
Anna Kubiciel	Halifax, NS
Yulduz Kutlieva (Hon. Political Science)	Halifax, NS
Carbo Kwan (magna cum laude)	Lunenburg, NS
Brittany Jena Ladouceur	Halifax, NS
Lawrence James Lamb (cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Christiana Rose Lane	Cole Harbour, NS
Kathleen Ann Langille (Hon: Psychology: cum laude)	New Glasgow, NS
Martha B. Langille	McGrath's Cove, NS
Nicole Genevieve Langlois	Halifax, NS
Jeffrey Liam Lavery	Halifax, NS
Andrea Dawn Lawless	West Chezzetcook, NS
Jeffrey Douglas Lawrence	Sheffield Mills, NS
Laura Dawn Lawson (magna cum laude)	Chezzetcook, NS
Stacey Jean Lefort	Inverness, NS
Nicole E. Lee	Dartmouth, NS
Yvonne Annie Lefort (Hon. English)	Inverness, NS

Jeremy Philip Richard Legere	Amherst, NS
Stephanie Rebecca Legge	Cole Harbour, NS
Jennifer Helene LeJeune	Grantham, NH, USA
Elizabeth Joan Lenc (magna cum laude)	Barry's Bay, ON
Alicia M. Lewis	Greenwood, NS
James W. H. Little	Toronto, ON
Qian Liu	Beijing, China
Patrick Gerald Longaphy	Whites Lake, NS
Heather L. Loughran	Halifax, NS
Jean-Michel Kadiosha-Malou Lunda	Kinshasa, Congo
Alicia-Anne M. Lunn	Lower Sackville, NS
Thomas W. Lynch	Cole Harbour, NS
Erin Elizabeth MacAulay	Lake Echo, NS
Dustin C. MacBurnie	Truro, NS
Bhreagh Marie MacDonald	Inverness, NS
Erika R. MacDonald (Hon. English)	Cole Harbour, NS
Laura Marie MacDonald (magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Candace Rae MacIntosh	Fort St. John, BC
Rebecca Alma MacIntosh (Hon. English/Hon. Philosophy: summa cum laude)	Truro, NS
Colby James MacIntyre	Charlottetown, PE
Jacqueline Heather Macintyre	Dartmouth, NS
Ryan Adam MacIsaac	Halifax, NS
Katherine Christie MacIver	Moncton, NB
Laura Nicole MacKay	Halifax, NS
Mark Donald MacKenzie (cum laude)	Fall River, NS
Mary Alison MacKenzie (Hon. French: magna cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Emily Lynne MacLean (Hon. Linguistics)	Summerside, PE
John Edward MacLean	Halifax, NS
I. Shane MacLean	Halifax, NS
Sherri A. MacLean	New Glasgow, NS
Sienna Dawn MacLean	Westville, NS
Dalyce Nicole MacLellan	Bedford, NS
Jocelyn-Pascal MacLellan	Iqaluit, Nunavut
Michael G. MacLeod	Burlington, ON
Tara M. MacLeod	New Glasgow, NS
Fraser A. MacNeil	Stellarton, NS
Mary Vanessa MacNeil	West Lake Ainslie, NS
Matthew D. MacNeil	Enfield, NS
Christena Ann MacRae (cum laude)	Lower Sackville, NS
Michelle E. Madore	Highlands, NL
Allyson D. P. Marsh	Halifax, NS

Nora Elizabeth Martin	O'Leary, PE
Crystal Gale Mason	Guysborough County, NS
Kathryn Lynn Matthews	Cole Harbour, NS
Kalina Amelia McCaul (Hon. Political Science: magna cum laude)	Ottawa, ON
Tamara Lynne McClair	Halifax, NS
Matthew Frederick McClement	Lower Sackville, NS
Alison Anne McCormick	Beford, NS
Nikole Lin McCormick	Springhill, NS
Jamie Philip McGinnis	Norton, NB
Joshua Zachary Mellvena	Halifax, NS
Dana Leanne McLaren	Charlottetown, PE
Lindsey Pamela McNeil	Kentville, NS
Lisa Ann McNiven (Hon. History)	Halifax, NS
Kaitlin J. McPhee (Hon. Psychology)	Calgary, AB
Sarah Marie Elizabeth Melkert (Hon. Psychology: cum laude)	Timberlea, NS
Daniel Joseph Melvin	Dartmouth, NS
Jessica Elizabeth Merrill	Cole Harbour, NS
Kelly Alice Meuse (cum laude)	Tusket, NS
Natalie Marie Miknaitis (Hon. English: cum laude)	Concord, NH, USA
Jonathan Craig Milley	Lower Sackville, NS
Heather Kathleen Milligan	Beaver Bank, NS
Melanie Anne Mills	Souris, PE
Elizabeth Mooney	St. Coloman, QC
Nicholas Edward Morel (Hon. Philosophy)	Truro, NS
Adrian Lucas Killorn Morrison	Pictou, NS
Nicole Lynn Morrissey	Dartmouth, NS
Justin Evan Mosher	Hantsport, NS
Matthew Allen Munroe	Halifax, NS
Ashley M. D. Murphy	Halifax, NS
Kellie L. Murphy (Hon. Psychology/ Co-operative Education)	Grand Lake, NS
Becky L. Murray (Hon. Religious Studies)	Elgin, ON
MaryAnne Wathithi Nduati Kinuthia	Mombasa, Kenya
Kristopher Charles Nearing	Sydney, NS
Rene C. Negrich (Hon. Philosophy)	Dartmouth, NS
Ashley Kathryn Neiley	Cole Harbour, NS
Kristan Dale Nelson (Hon. Linguistics: magna cum laude)	High Prairie, AB
Tracy Ann Nelson	Dartmouth, NS
Jennifer Jade Newell (cum laude)	Clark's Harbour, NS
Ryan Norman Newell	Clark's Harbour, NS
Tiffany Nicole Nickerson (cum laude)	Clark's Harbour, NS

Alf N. Nielsen
Koh (Teruko) Niita
Erin Kelly Nixon
Leslie Irene Noddin

Monique Nicole O'Connor
Tomoko Oizumi (Hon. Linguistics)
William Fraser O'Neill
Ryan Quinlan O'Neill (Hon. Philosophy)
Michael Anthony Overmars
(Hon. International Development Studies:
cum laude)

Paul Thomas Parks
Megan Kathleen Parsons
Amanda Victoria Patey
Ashley Dawn Patterson
Erica Helen Gill Penton
Aressa Olwen Peters
Zackary Jonathan Peters
Colin D. Peterson
David J. Pezzaniti
Adam R. Pietras
Kristy L. Pippy
Natasha Marie Pitcher
Allison Marie Pittman

Jessie M. Planetta
Stephanie Elizabeth Poteri
Brittany Dawn Pothier (Hon. Psychology:
magna cum laude)

Melissa Anne Potvin
Kristy Ann Elizabeth Power (**cum laude**)
Andrea Bridget Proulx (Hon. Psychology)
Tyler C. Pulley (Hon. Philosophy: **cum laude**)
Mike Pursey

Vanessa Violet Raymond
Patricia Dawn Read
Charlene Regan (**summa cum laude**)
Leah Mary Regan
Jessica Anne Reid
James Everett Reinders
Lisa Carol Richard

Dartmouth, NS
Fukushima, Japan
Hammonds Plains, NS
Halifax, NS

Halifax, NS
Ibaraki, Japan
North Vancouver, BC
Rothesay, NB
Antigonish, NS

Halifax, NS
Brookfield, NS
Eastern Passage, NS
New Glasgow, NS
Halifax, NS
Fredericton, NB
Annapolis Valley, NS
Dartmouth, NS
New Market, ON
Chatham, ON
Halifax, NS
Stephenville, NL
Happy Valley Goose Bay,
Labrador
Sydney, NS
Lower Sackville, NS
Wedgeport, NS

Dartmouth, NS
Fall River, NS
Riverview, NB
Digby, NS
Moncton, NB

St. John's, NL
Dartmouth, NS
Lawrencetown, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Rothesay, NB
Halifax, NS
Fredericton, NB

Erica A. Rideout	Beaverbank, NS
Chantel M. Ridsdale	Burlington, ON
Matthew Peter Risser (Hon. Political Science: cum laude)	Lunenburg, NS
Shauna Louise Robar	Elmsdale, NS
Christine Lynn Roberts	Moncton, NB
GinaBeth Jennie Roberts (Hon. English: summa cum laude)	Newton, PE
Elizabeth Marie Robichaud	Amherst, NS
Joel Arthur Robichaud	Souris, PE
Bryan E. Roe (magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Ilsa Meghan Rolfe (cum laude)	Hunter River, PE
Claron C. Rolle (Hon. Psychology)	Eleuthera, Bahamas
Kyle D. Roman	Hornepayne, ON
Laurance Jonas Raine Rose	Toronto, ON
Sarah Michelle Rushton (magna cum laude)	Brookside, NS
Erica Jane Ryan	Ottawa, ON
Ryan E. Sabean	Moncton, NB
Travis Francis Sampson	Truro, NS
Laura M. Scallion (Hon. Psychology/ Co-operative Education: cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Tara J. Schofield	Brooklyn, NS
Jennifer Lynn Schwartz	Hubbards, NS
Matthew M. Seniuk	St. Catherines, ON
Cody T. Sentner	Enfield, NS
Shana Victoria Seymour	Bridgewater, NS
Jason Alexander Sheehan	Riverview, NB
Yannick Simard (magna cum laude)	Cheticamp, NS
Cassie Leigh Sinyerd (Hon. Philosophy)	Beaverbank, NS
Alexander B. Smith	Kingston, ON
Andrew J. M. Smith	Halifax, NS
Lauren Marie Smith (Hon. Psychology: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Nora-Jane Lorene Smith	Shag Harbour, NS
Phoebe Margaret Smith (Hon. Political Science)	Halifax, NS
Tristan Fraser MacDonald Smith	Halifax, NS
Amanda L. Snook	Dartmouth, NS
Drew Raymond Sponagle	Lake Echo, NS
Timothy Joseph St. Pierre	Hamilton, ON
Sheena Dawn Stapleton (summa cum laude)	Kentville, NS
Gabriela Skye Stevens	Elora, ON
Lindsay Morgan Stevens	Saratoga Springs, NY, USA
Ashley Patricia Stone	River Bourgeois, NS
Erin L. Stroud	New Glasgow, NS

Amy E. Susin	Sydney, NS
Shawn Alan Sutherland	St. John's, NL
Ashley Margaret Taylor	Moncton, NB
Jennifer Nicole Tetford	Labrador City, NL
Natacha R. T. Thebeau (Hon. Linguistics: summa cum laude)	Deippe, NB
Tara Lynn Theriault	Halifax, NS
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Jia Dian Chen (Hon. Physics: **magna cum laude**)
Leanne Marie Clattenburg (Hon. Biology: **cum laude**)

Chong Qing, China
Dartmouth, NS

D'Andra Crystalle Cornish	Abaco, Bahamas
Robin A. Croke	Beaver Bank, NS
Samantha Christine Curry	Carrolls Corner, NS
Jennifer Jane Decker (cum laude)	St. Anthony, NL
Lianna Rose deKoe (cum laude)	Fall River, NS
James J. Dell	Eastern Passage, NS
Melissa Marie Dillman	Enfield, NS
Alex X. Dong (Hon. Biology: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Jennifer Angela Downey (Hon. Biology)	Codroy Valley, NL
Thomas A. M. Dulong (cum laude)	Quinan, NS
Asraa Asem El-Darahali (magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Raisa Chandra L. Eve	Nassau, Bahamas
Rebecca Anne Fidgen	Eastern Passage, NS
Julia Thérèse Finlay (cum laude)	Ancaster, ON
Stewart Jeffrey Forbes	Dartmouth, NS
Jonathon J. H. Forest (Hon. Biology)	Chester, NS
Jodi Debby-Marie Fraser	Dartmouth, NS
Wayne Patrick Gillis	Halifax, NS
Morgan MacNeil Gray	Dartmouth, NS
Erinn Maureen Cheryl Guy (cum laude)	North Sydney, NS
Charissa Jade Hall	Kentville, NS
Christiane Shizuko Harada (Co-operative Education)	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Kara Ann Harnish	Halifax, NS
Adam Lee Harris (Hon. Environmental Studies)	Truro, NS
Heather Anne Harrison (Hon. Psychology)	Waverley, NS
Timothy J. Hickey	Halifax, NS
Jennifer Anne-Marie Hindle	Halifax, NS
Tanya Leigh Jensen	Dartmouth, NS
Edward G. Joseph	Antigua
Kristy Samantha Lee Joudrey (cum laude)	Harbourville, NS
Akshey Kalra	New Delhi, India
Jillian Blaire Kibyuk	North Sydney, NS
Natalie Christine Kinsman	Halifax, NS
Michael J. Lambert	Lower Sackville, NS
Jessica Marie Latter	Dartmouth, NS
Zoe Alexandra Launcelott	Halifax, NS

Nicole N. Layne (Hon. Psychology)	Toronto, ON
Nicole M. LeBlanc	New Glasgow, NS
Celine Jeannine Levesque (summa cum laude)	Pennfield, NB
Joshua C. Lewis (Hon. Biology)	Berwick, NS
Chao Li	Halifax, NS
Colleen Emily Logan	Hampton, NB
Jevon Sylvester Lyne (Co-operative Education)	Bedford, NS
John Barry MacCallum (Hon. Geology)	Bedford, NS
Craig Anthony MacInnis	Sydney, NS
Gail M. MacInnis (Hon. Astrophysics)	New Waterford, NS
Laura J. MacIntosh (Hon. Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Lisa Marie MacNeil	Sydney Mines, NS
Zakaria Manas	Pan-Lual Yirrol, South Sudan
Jermine A. Mike	Saint Kitts
Stephen David Millar	Belfast, Northern Ireland
Elizabeth Janise Morrison (Hon. Biology)	Fall River, NS
Douglas A. Duncan Moss	Stellarton, NS
Jason Gordon Murray	Halifax, NS
Ashley Kathryn Neiley	Cole Harbour, NS
Nicole Rose Newman	Timberlea, NS
Katie Diana Nizio (Hon. Chemistry: summa cum laude)	Oshawa, ON
Aimee Gayle Oliver	Halifax, NS
Matthew C. Pauptit	Summerside, PE
Julien Paul Phinney	Dieppe, NB
Laura Elaine Pickup	Dartmouth, NS
Victor Reginald Cato Quartey	Moncton, NB
Jason G. Quinn (summa cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Catherine S. Reeve (Hon. Psychology: magna cum laude)	Oshawa, ON
Sarah E. Reeve Hon. Astrophysics	Oshawa, ON
Mark L. A. Richardson (Hon. Astrophysics: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Stephanie Jaide Russell (Hon. Chemistry)	Dartmouth, NS
Robyn Margaret Samson (summa cum laude)	Arichat, NS
Beth Kathleen Schellenberg (magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Leela Schwartz	Halifax, NS
Derek Parker Smith (summa cum laude)	Cole Harbour, NS
Megan Marie Smith	Riverview, NB

Theo Strachan West End, Grand Bahamas
Brandon K. Swan Saint John, NB

Alex L. Tanner (**cum laude**) Lunenburg, NS
Rachelle Elizabeth Tilden (Hon. Psychology: **cum laude**) Halifax, NS
Kaitlyn Michiko Tsuruda (Hon. Mathematics: **magna cum laude**) Milton, ON
Marley Christine Tucker Fall River, NS
Candace Lynn Turnbull (**magna cum laude**) Hopewell, NS

Victoria Erica Jane Walker (Hon. Chemistry) Grand Falls, NL
Daniel Charles Murray Whynot (Co-operative Education: **magna cum laude**) Danesville, NS
Dan N. Wile (**summa cum laude**) Dartmouth, NS
Joey Christopher Williams Dartmouth, NS

Joshua Peter Young (Hon. Computing Science/
Hon. Mathematics: **summa cum laude**) Elmsdale, NS
Merilee Angela Yuill Truro, NS

Pilar Zanoni Mill Village, NS
Qi Zhou Yan Tai, China

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE & DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Kyle David Bateman Tantallon, NS
Samir S. Metlej Halifax, NS
Todd Gary Warren (**cum laude**) Halifax, NS

CERTIFICATE IN THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES FOR EDUCATION

Jane Margaret Layden Truro, NS

DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Julia Anne Bellefontaine Porter's Lake, NS
Jenna Cameron Bishop Windsor, NS
Scott G. Donahoe Halifax, NS
Kaily Danielle Gabriel (with great distinction) White's Lake, NS
Andrew B. Gordon (with greatest distinction) Pugwash, NS
Amanda Leigh Harris Lower Sackville, NS
Omar Khalifa Halifax, NS
Jeffrey Thomas Marvin (with greatest distinction) Fall River, NS
Joel Daniel McCully Eastern Passage, NS

Ryan Christian Murphy
Nicholas Adam Osbourne (with distinction)
Bradley J. Rondeau
Proteus Serralbo Virk

Murphy Cove, NS
Halifax, NS
Upper Tantallon, NS
Halifax, NS

DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES

Mirage D. Brunet
Samantha Christine Curry
Jennifer Jane Decker
Jennifer Angela Downey
Stewart Jeffrey Forbes
Kara Ann Harnish
Kristy Samantha Lee Joudrey
Anna Kubiciel
Joshua C. Lewis
Katie Diana Nizio
Laura Elaine Pickup
Stephanie Jaide Russell
Robyn Margaret Samson
Rachelle Elizabeth Tilden
Pilar Zanoni

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Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Harbourville, NS
Halifax, NS
Berwick, NS
Oshawa, ON
Dartmouth, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Arichat, NS
Halifax, NS
Mill Village, NS

JANUARY 16, 2009 GRADUATES

In 2007, the University changed its regulations such that students who had completed their degree requirements in December would be eligible to graduate at the January Senate meeting. There would not be a January convocation ceremony but students would have the option to participate in the May ceremony.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Mohammed O. AbuSaad	Halifax, NS
Christopher D. Aylmer	Truro, NS
Matt Mutaz Ayyash	Halifax, NS
Lisa Deanna Baker	Labrador City, NL
Maria Mercedes Barreiro	Dartmouth, NS
Darcy A. Beck	Charlottetown, PE
Daniel Louis Belliveau	Lower West Pubnico, NS
Ryan A. Benjamin	Ottawa, ON
Amanda Janet Best	Dartmouth, NS
Maksud-E-Rabbi Biswas	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Megan Elizabeth Boyd	Lake Echo, NS
Robert Marshall Brown	Clark's Harbour, NS
Sonely R. Bulchandani	Lagos, Nigeria
Ryan Nicholas Chisholm	Louisbourg, NS
Ashley Joanne Dicks	Middle Sackville, NS
John Bernard French	Truro, NS
Courtney Ann Gauvin (Hon. Psychology)	Dieppe, NB
Kristian Hazel Ruby Gladwin	Lower Sackville, NS
Adam Joseph Graves	Halifax, NS
Maria Haji-Suleyman	Halifax, NS
Kimberley Dawn Harrie (Hon. Psychology: cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Blaine L. Higgins	Halifax, NS
Jamie Ronald Kelly	Yarmouth, NS
Calista D. Kossatz	Bass River, NS
Jen-Hsuan Liu	Taipei, Taiwan
Carina Guadalupe López Roldán (Hon. Psychology)	Chiapas, Mexico
Jessica Kate MacPhee	Truro, NS
Melissa Catherine Martin	Corunna, ON
Angela Marie McGillivray	Sydney, NS
Julie Anne Meredith	Dartmouth, NS
Danielle Lynn Miller	Dartmouth, NS
Michael F. Muir	Bedford, NS
Omozele Oluwakemi Okosun	Lagos, Nigeria
Alicia M. Paton	Bedford, NS
Nicole Alicia Pertus	Halifax, NS
Candice N. Porter	Lower Sackville, NS

Daniel Thomas Porter
Jessica Mae Randall
Annemarie Rhynold
Ann Elizabeth Rosenthal
Julie Rouette (Hon. Psychology: **summa cum laude**)
Amy Catherine Saunders

Ashley Shirley Anne Smith
Elizabeth Jane Smith
Alyss Ann Steiner
Jordan D. Tekenos-Levy
Steven Donald Ross Uloth
Joseph Scott Walters
Leah Eileen Warren (**magna cum laude**)
Lisa Dawn Williston
James W. Wright
Craig Douglas Zeller (**magna cum laude**)

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Eser Akman
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Christopher Louis Alteen
Bola Odun Amudipe
Aaron Douglas Baker
Ashley R. Banfill
Tulsa Andre Beazer
Heather Katherine Benvie
Sarah Lynn Bourque
Ashley Dawn Campbell
Nicholas Derek Carter
John A. Chisholm (Co-operative Education)
Stuart John Clayfield
Craig Edmund Corporon
Michael Raymond Coulombe
Daniel Alan Curren
Samir Christopher Dawson
Zachary J. E. DeGuerre
Allison J. DeMerchant
Lei Dong
Nicole Linda Dufour
Issa Bassam Elhajabed
Khalil El Rassi
Christian O. Elward
Matthew D. Fanning
James Edward Fudge

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Sackville, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Trois Rivieres, QC
Rocky Mountain House,
AB
Halifax, NS
Mabou, NS
Rochester, NY, USA
Kingston, ON
Halifax, NS
Nine Mile River, NS
Toronto, ON
Rothesay, NB
Upper Stewiacke, NS
Dartmouth, NS

Istanbul, Turkey
Riyahd, Saudi Arabia
Sydney, NS
Halifax, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Fall River, NS
St. John's, Antigua
Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Summerside, PE
Moncton, NB
Halifax, NS
Wedgeport, NS
Sluice Point, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Calgary, AB
Toronto, ON
Gordonsville, NB
Shijiazhuang, China
Halifax, NS
Palestine
Cheikh Taba, Lebanon
Amherst, NS
Lower Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS

Haitham Essam Gaafar	Cairo, Egypt
Colin M. Gale (Co-operative Education: magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Shanshan Gao	Beijing, China
Matthew J. Gibbons	Barrie, ON
Kent H. Haverstock (Co-operative Education)	Halifax, NS
Sohaila Sue Hemati	Toronto, ON
Kylia J. Irving	Truro, NS
Ying Jin	Taiyan, China
Abdallah Khalifa	Lattakia, Syria
Nicholask David Kielbratowski	Cole Harbour, NS
Tess Killorn	Halifax, NS
Katherine Rose LeBlanc	Dieppe, NB
Nicole Leanne Lewis	Halifax, NS
Christopher Shaun Little	Halifax, NS
Chun Liu	Halifax, NS
Li Ma	Chengdu, China
Maureen L. MacDonald (cum laude)	Head of Jeddore, NS
Mathieu Philippe Manton	Sault. St. Marie, ON
Sade Nikita Matthew	Baseterre, St. Kitts
Laura Jean McCarthy (Co-operative Education)	Bedford, NS
Joey C. McGee	Belnan, NS
Marcia Sal McGuigan	Charlottetown, PE
Natalia Momot	Yurga, Russia
Jeffery William Morton	Montreal, QC
Monica Munguia Samperio	Mexico City
Stephanie Georgette Nadeau	Old Fort Bay, QC
Jie Ni	Beijing, China
Stephen A. Noiles	Lower Sackville, NS
Laurenn Niccole O'Connor	Halifax, NS
Sarah Jean Marie Rhyno	Halifax, NS
Zavin Gordon Samuel Roher	Halifax, NS
Oguzhan Saglam	Ankara, Turkey
Rui Shu (Co-operative Education: magna cum laude)	Hefei, China
Brett K. St. John	Summerside, PE
Graham Ryan Stark	Dartmouth, NS
Luyi Tan	Zhao Qing, China
Nicholas Blake Turner	Woodville, NS
Mark E. Walters	Lunenburg, NS
Evan Christopher Wile	Lower Sackville, NS
Yuanqi Zhai	Zhengzhou, China
Wenjie Zhang	Taiyuan, China

CERTIFICATE OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Heather Katherine Benvie	Dartmouth, NS
Sarah Lynn Bourque	Halifax, NS
Megan Elizabeth Boyd	Lake Echo, NS
Sonely R. Bulchandani	Lagos, Nigeria
Ashley Dawn Campbell	Summerside, PE
John A. Chisholm	Halifax, NS
Stuart John Clayfield	Wedgeport, NS
Craig Edmund Corporon	Sluice Point, NS
Lindsay J. Covin	Halifax, NS
Nicole Linda Dufour	Halifax, NS
Issa Bassam Elhajabed	Palestine
Kimberley Dawn Harrie	Halifax, NS
Victoria Jane Hughes	Halifax, NS
Justin M. J. Julien	Truro, NS
Abdallah Khalifa	Lattakia, Syria
Nicole Leanne Lewis	Halifax, NS
Carina Guadalupe Lopez Roldan	Chiapas, Mexico
Maureen L. MacDonald	Head of Jeddore, NS
Joey C. McGee	Belnan, NS
Omozele Oluwakemi Okosun	Lagos, Nigeria
Sandra J. Patterson	Dartmouth, NS
Nicole Alicia Pertus	Halifax, NS
Lucas R. Powell	Granville Ferry, NS
Yuanqi Zhai	Zhengzhou, China

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Chelsea Baylen Adams (Hon. Environmental Studies)	Summerside, PE
Adrian Cortwright Charlesworth Andre	St. John's, Antigua W.I.
Alger Sharaz Boota	Labrador City, NL
Samantha Jean Colosimo (Hon. Astrophysics)	Greenbank, ON
Jeffrey M. Farrell (Hon. Chemistry: summa cum laude)	Bedford, NS
Rebecca L. M. Goreham	Forbes Point, NS
Fei Han	Guangzhou, China
Amanda H. Higgins	Halifax, NS
Vincent James Kelly	Middleton, NS
Amy Nicole Morgan (Co-operative Education)	New Minas, NS
Jessica Michelle Roy (Hon. Biology)	Dartmouth, NS
Mario Saab	Halifax, NS
Martin C. Stephens	Halifax, NS
Michel Joseph Woodbury	Halifax, NS

CERTIFICATE OF HONOURS-ARTS

Mary Margaret DeWolfe Halifax, NS

DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Francois Banville Halifax, NS

MASTER OF ARTS (ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES)

Lisa Ann Corra Halifax, NS

David Robert Jones Halifax, NS

MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

Vivienne Natashie Edward Castries, St. Lucia

Caitlin Elizabeth Woolway Goggin Dartmouth, NS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Matthew R. Brown Moncton, NB

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Kirby Joseph Gill Barnaby River, NB

Rachelle Elise Viola Goguen Halifax, NS

Jennifer M. Grace Halifax, NS

Jesse Will Grieder Port Williams, NS

Renata Saucedo-Angeles Guadalajava, Mexico

Jeff E. Trainor Stratford, PE

MASTER OF FINANCE

Yuzhuo Tian ChangChun, China

Qiang Zhang Zhengzhou, China

Xian Zhang Hubei, China

MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)

Scott Thomas Burley Saint John, NB

Yue He Zhejiang, China

Dale M. Jefferson Halifax, NS

Qiushi Li Hebei, China

PROFESSOR EMERITI

The title professor emeritus will be bestowed on three faculty: Dr. Janet Hill, Dr. Colin Howell and Dr. Gillian Thomas.

JANET HILL

After graduating with an honours B.A. in English Language and Literature from Sheffield University in the UK, Dr. Janet Hill worked in theatre as a performer and director in England and Canada until she transformed her love of drama to an academic pursuit. Much later in life than the average student, Dr. Hill graduated from Dalhousie University with an MA and PhD, concentrating on staging and audience in medieval and renaissance drama. Immediately after completing her doctorate Dr. Hill joined the Saint Mary's English department, specialising in the history of drama.

Since then Dr. Hill has published *Stages and Playgoers: Guild Play to Shakespeare*, a book which analyzes traditions of play-audience contact in late-medieval, Tudor, and Stuart theatre, filling a significant gap in critical discussions of Shakespeare and his theatrical antecedents. With Dr. Barry Fox, Dr. Hill produced a teacher's Guide to *Hamlet*, as well as an on-line edition of episodes from the Corpus Christi plays, entitled *Here and Now: A Medieval Guild Play*. These are precise translations capturing the drama's original vitality, while displaying its potential as dynamic material for today's theatres.

As Dr. Hill explains in *Proceedings of the Atlantic Universities Teaching Showcase 2000*, she is concerned with understanding and implementing effective connections between teaching and learning, not simply as theory but in her classroom practices. In 2002 Dr. Hill was awarded the Father Stewart Medal for Teaching, and in 2004 was joint winner of the Atlantic Universities' Distinguished Teacher Award.

During her time at Saint Mary's Dr. Hill has broadened the drama curriculum with innovative and challenging courses. She and Dr. Goran Stanivukovic have team-taught "Shakespeare: Text and Performance," a course in which students travel first to Stratford Upon Avon, where they see Royal Shakespeare Company productions and engage in discussions, lectures, and theatre workshop; then to see performances at London's Globe Theatre. For the 2006 course, with Dr. Barry Fox, Dr. Hill wrote a photo essay analyzing how the students learned in informal situations beyond the classroom.

Dr. Hill has also launched courses exploring current British theatre; among them: In-Yer-Face and After: British drama from 1995 (the first such course taught in N. America) and Contemporary Plays by Women (cross-listed with Women's Studies). The plays for both courses deal with provocative, often disturbing, issues and employ non-traditional staging techniques. Though demanding for the students, both courses have proved extraordinarily popular. This February, just a week after its first staging in London UK, and months before its controversy in the media, Dr. Hill directed a class presentation of *Seven Jewish*

Children by Caryl Churchill for which the students wrote responses to be sent to the dramatist.

In retirement Dr. Hill will continue research in English theatre archives and her interviews actresses at the Royal Shakespeare Company, London and provincial theatres to complete her monograph, *Wrinkled Deep in Time*.

COLIN HOWELL

Dr. Colin Howell has been a member of the History Department at Saint Mary's University since 1970. Born in Middleton, Nova Scotia he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Dalhousie University and a Ph.D from the University of Cincinnati. A former editor of the *Canadian Historical Review* and long-time Executive Director of the Gorsebrook Research Institute, Dr. Howell specializes in the history of the Atlantic Canada, and more particularly on the history of leisure, health and medicine, sport, and transnational cultural interaction. He was a co-founder of both the Gorsebrook Research Institute and the Atlantic Canada Studies program, and has helped hundreds of students interested in pursuing graduate careers in history and sports studies. The author/editor of a dozen books and over a hundred articles and conference papers, Dr. Howell received the President's Award for Research Excellence in 1998 at Saint Mary's University, and was honored by the Association for Canadian Studies with its Annual Certificate of Merit (1997) in recognition of a life-long commitment to the development of Canadian Studies. He presently serves on the editorial boards of *Acadiensis*, *The Journal of Sport History*, *The International Journal of the History of Sport* and the *Sport History Review*. Dr. Howell also serves as Director of the Center for the Study of Sport and Health at Saint Mary's. He was inducted into the Black Hockey and Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, and received the Society for North American Hockey Research Award for outstanding sports writing in the same year. Among his many publications are *Putting it on Ice. Hockey and Cultural Identities* and *Internationalizing Canada's Game* (2002 and 2003 respectively), *Blood, Sweat and Cheers. Sport and the Making of Modern Canada* (2001), *Ground Zero. The Explosion in Halifax Harbour* with Alan Ruffman (1994), *Jack Tar in History* with Richard Twomey (1990), and *A Century of Care. A History of the V.G. Hospital* (1988). One of his books, *Northern Sandlots: A Social History of Maritime Baseball*, received honorable mention for the Macdonald Prize for the best book in Canadian History in 1995. Dr. Howell's recent research and publication has focused on the history of the North American borderlands, supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

GILLIAN THOMAS

Dr. Gillian Thomas joined the English Department at Saint Mary's in 1975. She had received her early education in Cornwall, U.K. and at the University of Sussex. At age 22 she immigrated to Canada to take up a teaching position at the University of Victoria but, returned to Britain in 1969 to study for her Ph.D. at the University of London. On

completion of her doctorate, she taught briefly at California State University at Hayward before coming to Nova Scotia.

She has contributed a number of new courses to the English Department's offerings, among them, courses in Biography and Autobiography, the Writer and Nature, Writing by Women, media, and the history of the printed book. With others from Saint Mary's, Dalhousie and Mount Saint Vincent, she helped design and develop the Inter-University M.A. program in Women's Studies which the three universities administer jointly.

In 1981 she worked with three colleagues in the English Department, Dr. Wendy Katz, Dr. Kenneth MacKinnon and Dr. Richard Perkyns, to develop an introductory literature text suitable for Canadian university students. At that time the only available introductory texts contained little or no Canadian material. The group's efforts resulted in *Introduction to Literature: British, American and Canadian*, the first published text-book of its kind to include Canadian literature alongside British and American writers and is now in its fifth edition. A similar absence of relevant teaching material provoked Dr. Thomas to edit *Words in Common: Essays on Language, Culture and Society* (1999): a collection of essays for university writing classes which is currently in use in four different provinces.

Dr. Thomas' formal scholarly work has often focused on Victorian or Edwardian writers such as Harriet Martineau who defy easy categorization. She is particularly interested in the cultural context of literary and intellectual production. This interest led her to explore questions of cultural authority in *A Position to Command Respect: Women and the Eleventh Britannica* (1992) which examines the position of the few women contributors to the reference work that in 1910 defined itself as "the high water mark of human knowledge."

One of the most demanding and most rewarding phases of Dr. Thomas' academic career was the editorial assistance and personal support she was able to provide Isabelle Knockwood in completing her book, *Out of the Depths: The Experiences of Mi'kmaw Children at the Indian Residential School at Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia* (1992). The pain and abuse experienced by residential school students was less widely acknowledged at that time and Ms. Knockwood's book, revised and expanded in 2001, was an important waypoint in the journey towards recognition of an historical wrong.

In recent years Dr. Thomas has been working extensively on the changing nature of the reading experience as it is affected by social and technological shifts. She is an active member of the SHARP association (Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing) which brings together students of book history as well as those whose interest lies in the history of reading. Dr. Thomas, like many other researchers in this area, hopes that this work can help make sense of the shifts in perception that accompany a more electronically mediated culture.

Dr. Thomas is a deeply committed and innovative teacher, qualities that were recognized when she was awarded the Father William A. Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching in 2002. She has long been interested in extending the university's reach beyond the

campus and has taught several English Department courses in the more open venue of the Halifax Public Library where members of the general public can participate.

Throughout her career Dr. Thomas has been active in community organizations working on issues of peace, social justice and the environment. She has served on the Board of Ecology Action Centre and is a founding member of the Hants County environmental group CAPE (Citizen Action to Protect the Environment). She looks forward to being able to devote more time to this work in her retirement as well as being able to pursue more fully her life-long interest in wild plants and to continue her work on changes in the reading experience.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

At this year's Spring Convocations, Saint Mary's University will confer six honorary degrees: three in the morning and three in the afternoon.

MORNING CEREMONY

WADIH FARES

Wadih M. Fares is President of W.M. Fares Group – a residential and commercial property management and development firm with building projects throughout Canada.

With more than 25 years of experience, Fares has been involved in every aspect of building design, project management and development. His company brings together all the disciplines involved in development projects so his clients don't have to deal with the multiple contractors. For as long as he has been developing the buildings in which people live and work, he has worked to develop the communities united within them.

As a Lebanese immigrant, he believes strongly in celebrating the unique talents and contributions everyone brings to their community, province and country. He exemplifies this by giving back through a wide range of professional and volunteer roles, including: Honorary Consul of Lebanon for the Maritime Provinces; chairman for the Pier 21 Society; member of the Board of Directors for the Halifax International Airport Authority; Waterfront Development Corporation Limited; Minister's Immigration Advisory Council; Premier's Economic Advisory Panel; Dalhousie University Board of Governors; founder and honorary member of the Canadian Lebanese Chamber of Commerce.

Fares has a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the Technical University of Nova Scotia and a Diploma of Engineering from Dalhousie University.

He has also been recognized for his many achievements. He received the Atlantic Business Magazine's Top 50 CEO Award for 2008 and 2009; the Business to Consumer Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2008; was inducted into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame in 2008; and was chosen the 2007 Canadian Businessman of the Year by the Canadian-Lebanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He also received the Saint Mary's University Associate Alumni Award in 2007.

The honorary degree from Saint Mary's recognizes Fares' leadership, his dedication to building strong communities and his commitment to business excellence.

JAMES S. KINNEAR

James S. Kinnear graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto and holds a C.F.A. designation. He worked in the securities industry in Toronto, Montreal, and London, England before founding Pengrowth Management Limited in

1982 and later Pengrowth Energy Trust in 1988, with branch offices located in Calgary, Halifax, Toronto and New York.

Kinnear is committed to post-secondary education, a fact clearly illustrated by the establishment of the Pengrowth Nova Scotia Energy Scholarship Program in 2005.

The program is a partnership between Pengrowth and the Province of Nova Scotia that sees as many as 19 scholarship and research grants awarded annually to Nova Scotian students pursuing education and careers in the energy sector.

Pengrowth Management and Pengrowth Energy have donated \$2 million to the fund, and the province has contributed an additional \$1 million. Thus far, approximately 40 students have benefited from the program since its inception.

In addition, Pengrowth funding has created Professorships in petroleum financial management at Saint Mary's University.

Kinnear currently serves and has served on a number of boards and committees, including former Governor of the Canadian Association Petroleum Producers; former Director of Calgary Chamber of Commerce; Director of the National Arts Centre Foundation Board and Chair of Pengrowth Rockyview General Hospital Invitational Golf Tournament and Director for the Banff Centre.

He has received the Ernst & Young Prairies Region Entrepreneur of the Year Award (2001); Alberta Centennial Medal in recognition of outstanding service to the people and province of Alberta (2005); Calgary's Consumers Choice Awards for Business Man of the Year (2006); the prestigious Fraser Milner Casgrain Pinnacle Award for entrepreneurship and community service (2007); and Alberta Venture's Business Person of the Year (2007) for accomplishments both in and out of business.

The honorary degree from Saint Mary's recognizes James Kinnear's commitment to post-secondary education, his leadership in financial management, entrepreneurship, and his continued dedication to community service.

SAMANTHA NUTT

Dr. Nutt holds undergraduate degrees in arts and science as well as a Doctor of Medicine from McMaster University. She earned an MSc in Public Health in Developing Countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (London University) and holds a Fellowship in Community Medicine (FRCPC) from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. She is further certified by the College of Family Practice (CCFP) and completed a sub specialization in women's health through the University of Toronto as a Women's Health Scholar.

Dr. Samantha Nutt is the Founder and Executive Director of War Child Canada, an award-winning charity that provides humanitarian assistance to war-affected children in

some of the most devastated regions in the world. Founded in 1999, War Child Canada provides opportunities and long term solutions for children affected by war, focusing on education, strengthening children's rights, reducing poverty and fostering self-reliance.

In addition to War Child Canada, Samantha Nutt has worked with the United Nations and non-government organizations in some of the world's most violent flashpoints, including Afghanistan, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Iraq, Burundi, Uganda, and the Thai-Burmese border. Over the course of her professional career, Dr. Nutt has spearheaded efforts to provide direct humanitarian support and long-term programming to war-affected children and their families, and to promote greater awareness in Canada concerning the rights of children everywhere.

Dr. Nutt's work has been widely recognized. Among other honours, Dr. Nutt is a recipient of *Canada's Top 40 Under 40 Award* (Globe and Mail) and was designated by Time Magazine as one of *Canada's Five Leading Activists*. She has been featured by Maclean's Magazine in their annual Honour Roll as *one of 12 Canadians Making a Difference*, and Global TV has declared her a *National Trailblazer*. CBC News has profiled her as a *Canadian Leader*, and most recently, she was chosen as one of 200 Young Global Leaders in the world by the World Economic Forum.

Dr. Nutt has written for Maclean's Magazine covering war-related issues is a published author and frequently appears on television and radio as an expert commentator on war and human rights issues. She is also a highly sought after keynote speaker, who inspires others to make a difference.

Dr. Nutt is on staff at Women's College Hospital in Toronto and is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto in the Department of Family and Community Medicine.

The honorary degree from Saint Mary's recognizes Dr. Nutt's commitment to global peace, human rights and social justice.

AFTERNOON CEREMONY

STEVE ARMITAGE

Steve Armitage is an integral part of Canada's athletic heritage. For more than 40 years, his work has served as the standard for excellence in Canadian broadcasting, and audiences across this country have grown accustomed to his booming voice describing the play by play.

Born in Buckinghamshire, England and raised in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Armitage's lifelong love of sport – all sport – developed early as a child in Britain where English soccer first captivated his imagination.

After moving to the Maritimes, football became his primary interest as he gained recognition in the Halifax area as a quarterback in the Saint Mary's football program.

A student at Saint Mary's from 1964 until 1968, his years at the university were memorable – playing on some of the best Huskies football teams ever, including the 1964

team that ended a 47-game winning streak by St. Francis Xavier University, en route to an Atlantic Bowl championship – the first in the university's history. He was inducted in the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame as a member of that 1964 team in 1999.

Armitage graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1968 and later played two years of semi-pro football with the Halifax Buccaneers. He even served for a time as Sports Information Director at Saint Mary's until the CBC sent him to cover sports on the west coast in 1973.

He began work at CBC on a part time basis in Halifax in the spring of 1965, writing – not reading – the CBC late night sportscast. Since then, his CBC career has taken him across Canada and around the globe as he covered some of the biggest sporting events in history – everything from Hockey Night in Canada and Grey Cup championships, to the World Cup of Soccer and 13 Olympics (winter and summer).

He won the ACTRA Foster Hewitt Award for Excellence in Sports Broadcasting for his play-by-play coverage of the 1982 World Cup of Soccer from Madrid. It marked the first time that Canadians were able to watch live coverage of the World Cup on home television.

He has also won two Gemini Awards recognizing the consistent quality of his work and the respect it has earned within the industry.

The honorary degree from Saint Mary's recognizes Armitage's commitment to professionalism, his desire to learn more and his dedication to excellence that has served the people of this country. He has long served as one Saint Mary's greatest ambassadors on the world stage.

SISTER DOROTHY MOORE, C.S.M.

Sister Dorothy has bachelor's degrees in arts and education from St. Francis Xavier University and a master's degree in education from Mount Saint Vincent University. She began her career as an elementary school teacher in Cape Breton, and for 22 years (except for three in Alberta) she taught at various schools across Nova Scotia. In 1980, she became the Principal of the Eskasoni Elementary and Junior High School.

From 1985 to 1995, she served on the faculty at the University College of Cape Breton (UCCB) as Native Education Coordinator; Native Studies Counsellor; advisor and lecturer. After her work at UCCB, Sister Dorothy became Director of Mi'kmaq Services for the Nova Scotia Department of Education. Today, she is a consultant and mentor to the teaching staff of the elementary school in Membertou.

She has also served on numerous boards in Nova Scotia. She was a member of the Canadian Bible Society Board; the Institute for Early Childhood Education and Development Services; the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission; and the Federal Council on Reconciliation for the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

As an educator, Sister Dorothy has made numerous presentations concerning racism, First Nations' education, and Native Spirituality throughout Atlantic Canada. She has been widely recognized for her contributions. In 2005 she was named to the Order of Canada, and in 2003 was the recipient of the Order of Nova Scotia.

The honorary degree from Saint Mary's recognizes Sister Dorothy's devotion and achievements in education, her service to community, and her ongoing efforts to defend and promote the rights of First Nations' people.

DIANNE SWINEMAR

During her 18 years with FEED NOVA SCOTIA, Dianne Swinemar has witnessed the demand for the organization's services – food and client programs, staff, volunteers and number of member agencies – grow. In 2007/2008, FEED NOVA SCOTIA distributed 1.8-million kilograms of food, valued at \$14.4-million to approximately 150 member agencies.

As executive director, Swinemar is recognized among her peers and within the community as being extremely committed and dedicated to her cause.

She has served as the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Canadian Association of Food Banks (now known as Food Banks Canada) and chaired the Government Relations Committee of the CAFB. She has also been involved as a volunteer with many community organizations, including an employment outreach for women wanting to re-enter the workforce and a training program for disadvantaged youth.

Swinemar is a graduate of McGill University (Montreal), specifically from the McGill-McConnell Master of Management Program for National Voluntary Sector Leaders. She also holds an Honorary Doctorate of Canon Law from the University of King's College.

She was awarded the Governor General's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2003, received the 2007 WAY TO BE Nova Scotian award, won the Canadian Progress Women of Excellence Award for Communications and Public Affairs, and in 2008 was awarded the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award from the Sisters of Charity.

The honorary degree from Saint Mary's recognizes Dianne Swinemar's commitment social justice and her role as a community leader in Nova Scotia.

RETIREMENTS

Six faculty members will retire before the beginning of the 2009-10 academic year.

JANET BAKER

TOM CHENG

Dr. Tom Cheng was appointed Professor of Accounting in 1992 following a series of academic and professional positions at the University of Pennsylvania, McGill University, CIBC Wood Gundy, and the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board. His expertise was management control and auditing. In addition to establishing a research and publication record, he had also served the greater community in numerous editorial and governance capacities.

ANTHONY FARRELL

Anthony J. Farrell, Modern Languages and Classics, has enjoyed a thirty-six year career at Saint Mary's teaching Spanish. He earned his first degrees in Spanish literature from his home state of California, and completed his doctorate at Princeton University. As an undergraduate, he studied at the University of Madrid and over the years has returned frequently to Spain to pursue his research interests in 17th-century Spanish theatre and to visit long-time friends.

At Saint Mary's, Tony has served on several occasions as Chair of his department, as external Chair for a brief term of the Department of Anthropology, and on several major university committees. He is especially proud to hold the title of Honorary Geographer, awarded in 2005 by President J. Colin Dodds and by the then-Chair of Geography, Dr. Philip T. Giles.

Tony looks forward to moving beyond his days of seeking to provide lively explanations of the many uses of the indirect-object pronoun in Spanish, to furthering his interests in cabinetmaking and Nordic walking.

JANET HILL

See previous entry under Professor Emeritus

COLIN HOWELL

See previous entry under Professor Emeritus

GILLIAN THOMAS

See previous entry under Professor Emeritus

MORNING CONVOCATION

VALEDICTORIAN

JEN SCHWARTZ

Jennifer Schwartz hails from Hubbards, Nova Scotia. She selected Saint Mary's University as her choice for post-secondary education based on size, accessibility, and a sense of community. Jennifer started her Saint Mary's journey in 2004, after finishing at Sir John A. Macdonald High School. Graduating from Saint Mary's with a Bachelor of Arts Degree (double major in English and Religious Studies), will make her the first on her mother's side of the family to go through University.

During her time at Saint Mary's Jennifer took an active role in Student Life. She was involved with Orientation Weeks, named Sophomore of the Year, served as the Representative for Students with Disabilities on the Students' Representative Council, participated in the Northern Ireland Conflict Resolution Project, and worked as a Residence Assistant as well as within the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA).

Jennifer's ambitions include working for the Government, and eventually pursuing a Masters of Divinity program, in order to one day become ordained in the Anglican Church of Canada. She hopes to translate the knowledge gained and positive impact of her experience at Saint Mary's into a positive impact on the world.

HOODING CANDIDATE

CLARON ROLLE

As a result of attending Saint Mary's, Claron believes he is better equipped to be instrumental in the development of society. Many factors have been influential in his success, inclusive of the support he received from his family and friends, and most importantly that of his mother. He still remembers telling his mother that some day he would live in Canada. He didn't know that the power of his words would lead him to graduating with a Bachelor Arts, Honors in Psychology, and a Certificate in Human Resource Management. He is thankful and grateful to have attended SMU.

Being active in high school transferred well for him in university where he continued to be active in various areas including a two year term as treasurer for the Psychology Society, a member of the Caribbean society, Campus for Christ and expanding his hope to better society through volunteer work.

There was actually a point in his life when he considered dentistry, medicine and even journalism. These initial interests slowly gave way to his growing interest in why humans think and behave the way they do (thus his decision to major in Psychology). He'll never forget his time at SMU, and is grateful to the professors and friends who have made his time so enjoyable. During his years at Saint Mary's he developed a real passion for

success which he believes will serve him well as he pursues his Masters and enters the international job market.

AFTERNOON CONVOCATION

VALEDICTORIAN

KAREEM O'KEIFFE

Kareem O'Keiffe was born in New York but grew up under the tropical sun of a small Caribbean island called Antigua known for its 365 beaches "one for every day of the year". Kareem is a graduate of the Antigua Grammar School and the Advance Level Department of the Antigua State College. Kareem immediately entered the business world by working for Royal Bank of Canada in Antigua. After a few years Kareem desired advancement and realized that higher education was the key. After speaking with a friend, a past SMU graduate, Kareem was convinced that Saint Mary's university was filled with opportunities and excellent programs that allow students to excel in the careers they choose for their future.

Before attending Saint Mary's University Kareem participated in many oratorical competitions and is a past winner of the Optimist Oratorical Competition three consecutive times and a winner of the Jaycee's impromptu speech competition. During his tenure at Saint Mary's University Kareem took part in the Trumped competition and was selected for a program called turning points in leadership an exclusive annual event featuring successful leaders, sharing their individual perspectives on turning points in their careers. Kareem also joined the Sigma Chi Fraternity and through his involvement was able to develop his leadership skills and a philanthropic nature raising funds for the IWK and the Make a Wish Foundation.

Now as a graduate Kareem is currently employed by Scotiabank in Halifax and hopes to further his career in the business world.

HOODING CANDIDATE

MYRA EL-BAYOUMI

Myra El-Bayoumi is from Fredericton, New Brunswick and is graduating today with a Bachelor of Commerce double majoring in Marketing and Global Business Management. Throughout her degree, Myra was actively involved with SMUSA, holding the position of Orientation Coordinator and Events & Activities Manager, and was awarded Senior of the Year during this past year's Charter Day Awards. She has thoroughly enjoyed her experience at Saint Mary's University and looks forward to being an active alumnus.

Myra would like to thank her family and friends for making her university experience as wonderful as it was. She looks forward to whatever challenges present themselves in her future and is confident that Saint Mary's University has prepared her for a strong, fulfilling career in the marketing world.

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 newest building on campus, 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 of the Loyola Residence and most recently the Science Building such that they are essentially new buildings. Ground was broken this spring for the new Atrium Building featuring the Global Learning Commons.

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 will be guided by the Academic Plan, first developed for the period 2002-2007 under the guidance of Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice President, Academic & Research, and recently updated for 2008-2011.

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 Metro Centre, 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 Metro Centre 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 Bardshaw 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.

The Hooding Ceremony

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.

A symbolic hooding ceremony has become a traditional feature of all Convocations at Saint Mary'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.

A symbolic presentation of an Alumni pin to the Hooding Candidate by the President of the Alumni Association has become a traditional feature of all of our Convocations.

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.

Refreshments

The concession stands on both sides of the Metro Centre on the concourse level will be open for an hour preceding each Convocation. They will NOT be open during the Convocation ceremonies.

Photography

The floor area immediately behind the boards has been left clear for the convenience of members of the audience who wish to take photographs during the ceremony. You may come to this area when it is close to the time that the parchment is to be conferred on the graduating student whose picture you wish to take. In order to ensure that there is no interference with the conferring of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, please note that the audience guests will not have access to the floor area.

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

A photographer from GradTrak Graduation Images will be at your ceremony to take a candid photograph at your special moment of recognition. You will receive a free passport-sized digital proof of this photo on an order card within 5-7 days following the ceremony. After the ceremony you may order online at www.gradimages.com or call 1-800-424-3686. Since photographs will be available, family members and guests are encouraged to remain in their seats, relax and enjoy the ceremony. To pre-register your permanent email address and receive a \$5.00 coupon towards a purchase of \$25.00 please visit www.gradimages.com and click on **Pre-Event Registration**. You may add contact information for up to 6 additional relatives and/or friends.

Framing of Parchments

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association, in conjunction with the University's Bookstore, is pleased to provide an on-site, instant framing program following the graduation ceremonies. (**Please note:** This service is also **NOT** available during the Convocation ceremony.) Here is the chance to proudly frame your diploma. Simply present your diploma at the kiosk in the Time Out Sports Lounge on the concourse level, Brunswick Street entrance. In seconds it will be professionally framed in a high quality, Canadian-made frame, complete with a mat emblazoned with the official logo of Saint Mary's University.

Flowers

Fresh flowers are available for purchase at the on the Brunswick Street concourse before and after the ceremony, but not during the ceremony.

DVD

DVDs of the convocation ceremony will be available for purchase on the Brunswick Street concourse level at the Metro Centre immediately following the ceremony. The price is \$20, inclusive. The full ceremony Convocation DVDs may also be ordered online <http://www.bigaro.ca/Saint-Marys-University-Halifax-Convocations.html>