

Saint Mary's University

Fall Convocation



Sunday, 14 October 2012

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

Proclamation

Welcome

O Canada

Heather Fitzpatrick, B.P.R.

Introduction of Special Guests

Invocation

Valedictory Address

Morning Convocation

Lydia Esther Ephraim

Afternoon Convocation

Isaac Mbaziira

Awards

President's Award for Excellence in Research

John McMullan, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Presidential Remarks

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

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Morning Convocation

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Prof. Edward McBride, B.S., M.A.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Gloria McCluskey

Afternoon Convocation

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)

Besim Halef, B.Sc., B.Eng., M.Eng.

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)

Alfred (Fred) A. Smithers, O.C.

Presentation of Alumni Pins to Honorary Degree Recipients

Convocation Addresses

Morning
Prof. Edward McBride

Afternoon
Alfred (Fred) A. Smithers

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

Undergraduate and graduate degrees in Arts and Science will be presented in the morning ceremony. Degrees in Business will be presented in the afternoon.

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation

Recessional

Chancellor of Saint Mary's University

Robert Kelly, B.Comm. D.Comm.

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

Miyuki Arai, B.A.

International Activities

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Acknowledgement

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

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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.

AWARDS

President's Award for Excellence in Research

Established in 1989, this annual award honors outstanding research conducted by a full-time faculty member. Each Dean of a Faculty may nominate one member of his/her Faculty. The award is adjudicated by the Research Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. The nominee must have a record of continued exceptional contribution to research and scholarship; and second, national or international recognition as an authority in a major field of knowledge.

The recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Research for 2012 is **Dr. John McMullan** of the Department of Sociology and Criminology.

Dr. John McMullan is a longstanding member of the Department of Sociology and Criminology in the Faculty of Arts. Since his appointment to Saint Mary's University in 1985, he has built an outstanding reputation as one of Canada's leading authorities and researchers in several areas of sociological and criminological research. Dr. McMullan has an extensive publication record: eight books, several of them having garnered awards and widespread recognition; 11 academic reports published by government; seven reports for the Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia; and significantly 63 book chapters and referred scholarly journal articles. What is most significant about this publication record; however, is not the volume but the exceptional quality. Many of the journal articles are published in the most prestigious journals in the field and are frequently cited by other scholars.

Over the past two decades, Dr. McMullan has been granted major funding to undertake some fifteen research projects related largely to gaming, policing and regulation in the fisheries. A number of the books and articles which resulted from this research are considered to be seminal works in such fields as corporate crime, policing, and analysis of the gaming industry. The quality and significance of Dr. McMullan's scholarly work, as well as the high standing that he has attained in his field is reflected in the exceptional number of invited lectures he has delivered -- 48 since the inception of his distinguished academic career at conferences across Canada as well as in the USA and Europe. In addition to his record of academic research and writing, he has also carried out a great deal of research for organizations outside of the university and submitted over a dozen major reports to governments and agencies. These commissioned studies range from the problems of the fishing industry, the criminal underworld, law enforcement, aboriginal policing, the political economy of arson, the Westray mine explosion, and more recently, gambling - an area in which he is, without doubt, one of Canada's leading authorities.

Dr. McMullan has played an important role in influencing both scholarship in the field as well as social policies and practices, and shares his insights in national and international media. He is playing an influential role in illuminating critical issues in various aspects of regulatory frameworks, particularly in policing and gaming, and shaping the future both in Canada and abroad by promoting research-based policy development.

MORNING CONVOCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Lisa Katherine Andrusyk	Fall River, NS
Amanda Jean Arbuckle (Hon. Psychology)	Eastern Passage, NS
Andrew Maurice Arsenault	Moncton, NB
Suzanne Rita Arsenault	Halifax, NS
Laura Elizabeth Beaver	Dartmouth, NS
Monique Angele Belliveau	Truro, NS
Nicole Elizabeth Boudreau	Amherst, NS
Taylor J. Bowie	St. Catherines, ON
Alicia Danielle Brown	Western Shore, NS
Sydney Jennifer-Frances Cairo	Newmarket, ON
Megan Andrea Casey	Dartmouth, NS
Mitchell Robert Coady	Halifax, NS
Julie Anne Connor	Halifax, NS
Melissa A. Conrad	Halifax, NS
Christian A. Cooke	Bedford, NS
Kate Elizabeth Curwin	Moncton, NB
Paul Philippe Cyr	Kingston, NS
Daniela Alejandra De Filippis	Merida, Venezuela
Heather E. DeCoste	Bedford, NS
Michelle Louise Doucette (cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Xuyan Fan	Tongxiang, China
Nicola Elaine Fendert (Hon. Religious Studies)	Hammonds Plains, NS
Olivier Flibotte (Hon. Psychology)	Montréal, QC
Dylan Edward Baxter Floody	Toronto, ON
Tyler Coady Fraser	Halifax, NS
Jillian Marie Fredericks	Lower Sackville, NS
Candace S. Hayden	Moncton, NB
Jordan Blake Heersink	Oakville, ON
David Jeffrey Inglis	London, ON
Zoe Ann Ingrahm	St. George, Barbados
Mercella Viana Isaac	St. John's, Antigua

Marlee Kaitlyn Jordan (Hon. Criminology)	Mount Uniacke, NS
Katelyn Kadija Junus (Hon. Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Allison M. Kane (cum laude)	Ottawa, ON
Ahmed Omar Kikia	Cairo, Egypt
Ashlee E. Kinney	Yarmouth, NS
Karen Margaret Kogon	Halifax, NS
Elizabeth Delia Landry	Dartmouth, NS
Adriana Rose Licata (Hon. English)	Windsor, ON
Heather Lynn MacDonald	Oxford, NS
Celia Ann Diny MacKenzie	Halifax, NS
Neil P. Martin	Listuguj, QC
Julianne Mary McDonald	Halifax, NS
Steven Lee Douglas McGrath	Hammonds Plains, NS
Katie Joy McGraw (cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Christine Eleanor McLellan	Trenton, NS
Natasha Dawn Merlin	Halifax, NS
Ashley Dawn Gail Mitchell (Hon. Psychology)	Lawrencetown, NS
Sarah A. Moran	Halifax, NS
Samantha Joyce Murphy	Sydney, NS
Shingai Dambudzo Nyajeka (Hon. Psychology: cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Bayleigh R. Pelham	Halifax, NS
Jesse L. Petipas	Halifax, NS
Nicole B. Philpott	Lower Sackville, NS
Jarrett Latimer Power	Halifax, NS
Colby P. H. Pridham	Alberton, PE
Garrett Dexter Drew Ramey	Bridgewater, NS
Andree Senecal	Montreal, QC
Lauren Kaitlyn Shea	Bragg Creek, AB
Jessica Marie Smith	Dartmouth, NS
Asma Suedan (Hon. Psychology: cum laude)	Vancouver, BC
Chadrick R. Symonds	Woods Harbour, NS
Mohamed A. Tageldeen	Halifax, NS
Michael F. Thomas	Saint John, NB

Jennifer Laura Thorkelson (**summa cum laude**) Victoria, BC
Kyla Lynn Thurston Ajax, ON

Sarah Rebecca West Halifax, NS
Courtney Elizabeth Mary Wilson Bedford, NS
Katelyn E. Woolaver (Hon. Sociology) Lower Sackville, NS
Kevin Wornell Cole Harbour, NS

CERTIFICATE OF HONORS-ARTS

Leisha Lillian Seymour Halifax, NS

CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE STUDIES

Tongda Shi Wuhan, China

MASTER OF ARTS (ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES)

Timothy John Harris Kensington, PE

MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

Ashley Kathleen Gwendolyn Clayton St. Catherines, ON
Mohamed Abokor Elmi Hargeisa, Somalia
Mehreen Khalfan Nairobi, Kenya
Julia Marie Knight Edmonton, AB
Yi Liu Leshan, China
Matilda Owusu-Ansah Accra, Ghana
Joel Straker Port of Spain, Trinidad
Ashley G. Wallace Samia, ON
Margo Evelyn Warren London, ON
Caitlin M. Williams Orillia, ON

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Amber Dawn Blair Lower Sackville, NS
Evan Iain Brooks Halifax, NS
Megan Andrea Casey (Hon. Biology) Dartmouth, NS
Lydia Esther Ephraim (**cum laude**) Castries, Saint Lucia
Robert Arthur Hicks Seattle, Washington, USA
Maia Elizabeth Laura Hudak Cole Harbour, NS
Nicholas T. Jessome Dartmouth, NS
Dayton James Lashmar Calgary, AB
Charles Matthew Mason (Hon. Psychology) Dartmouth, NS
Laura Jean McLearn Halifax, NS
Luke M. Profit (**summa cum laude**) Dartmouth, NS

Gorkem Sarp (Hon. Psychology)
Sarah Marie May Veinotte
Kayla Margaret Withrow

Ankara, Turkey
Middle New Cornwall, NS
Wellington, NS

CERTIFICATE IN THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES FOR EDUCATION

Phillip Thomas Carragher
Angela Michelle Cleary
Kari Densmore
Margaret M. MacKenzie
Cara Anne MacLean

Beaverbank, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Stewiacke, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Hubbards, NS

DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Anas Jasim Ahmed
Mohammed Ahmed Aljlal
Anas Abdelmohsen Al Qatami
Mohammed Ayed Alshammari
Mohammad Omar Armoush
Jason D. Beanlands
Samer N. Bolous
Amelie Chiasson
Kymberlee Dy-An Dixon
Christopher Myles Everett (**with great distinction**)
Ahmed Mohamed Sami Farghaly
Tyler Gerald Grandy
Miguel Joseph
Wesley Lawrence
Jatinder Singh Mangat
Adam Justin Morrisey
Thomas Owen Simmons
Bradley Shawn Taylor
Ria Johanna Van der Linden

Halifax, NS
Sana'a, Yemen
Halifax, NS
Aljhara, Kuwait
Amman, Jordan
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Bedford, NS
Castries, Saint Lucia
Bridgewater, NS
Egypt
Halifax, NS
Castries, Saint Lucia
Bolton, ON
Ludhiana, India
Fall River, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Lower Sackville, NS
Guysborough, NS

DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES

Nicholas T. Jessome

Dartmouth, NS

MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY)

Robbie Edward Francis
Nikola Candice Hartling
Ashley Nicole Leopold
Amanda J. MacDonald
Soo Myung Sutherland

Stellarton, NS
Moncton, NB
Chester, NS
Montague, PE
Saint Thomas, ON

Jennifer Hoi Ki Wong

Burnaby, BC

MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)

Nick A. Giffin

Springhill, NS

Zhi Li

Tongling, China

Amanda Joy Lowe

Waverley, NS

Casey M. O'Laughlin

Halifax, NS

Joel William Gordon Slade

Musquodoboit Harbour, NS

Gregory Steven Strathdee

New Glasgow, NS

Xuan Yang

Liuzhou, China

Joshua Peter Young

Elmsdale, NS

Yinan Zou

Nanjing, China

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ASTRONOMY)

Daniel Josef Majaess

Halifax, NS

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY)

Pierre Johnny Johnston

Revelstoke, BC

AFTERNOON CEREMONY

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Robert Luke Adamson	Windsor Junction, NS
Mohannad AbdelMuhsen Al-Qatami	Halifax, NS
Lyndsay Anne Arsenault	Tantallon, NS
Sassan Atbaei	Dartmouth, NS
Ahmad M. Azab	Dubai, UAE
Christopher N. Beaton	Halifax, NS
Jillian L. Beed	Halifax, NS
Claudia Sophia Pimentel Borges	Sandys, Bermuda
Glenn Robert Boyce	Dartmouth, NS
Erin Carlene Caldwell	Saint John, NB
Jia Cao	Anqing, China
Yushu Cao	Anshan, China
Jie Chen	Chengdu, China
Rui Chen	Guangzhou, China
Shama Ashraf Chowdhury	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Emily Jane Clarke	Halifax, NS
Morgan Alice Clyke	Truro, NS
Heidi Comeau	Clare, NS
Neil J. Conway	Painesville, Ohio, USA
Carly C. Cornelius	Dartmouth, NS
Amy Elizabeth Crider	Belcarra, BC
Ying Cui	Shandong, China
Ashley Marie Dalley	Gander, NL
Paige Rebecca Dawson	Riverview, NB
Wei Du (summa cum laude)	Beijing, China
Xiaoshuang Du	Jinan, China
Vlad Farcas	Halifax, NS
Andrew Fiddes	Truro, NS
Jocelyn Nicole Field	Port Howe, NS
James F. Floyd	Ottawa, ON
Charles Fortin	Montreal, QC
Kendra Patricia Gauvin (cum laude)	Moncton, NB
Kaiyin Guo	Shanghai, China

Hebah Hafez	Halifax, NS
Robert James Haldane	Bedford, NS
Lan He	Chengdu, China
Laith Lawrence Zuhair Khalil Hijjawi	Halifax, NS
Misbar Hossain	Sylhet, Bangladesh
Akram Khaled Ibrik	Saida, Lebanon
Gaurav Jetley	New Delhi, India
Xue Jia	Chengdu, China
Zhengyue Jiang	Dalian, China
Mahmud Yusuf Kabir (summa cum laude)	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Chunran Kang	Henan, China
Zewen Kang	Tianjin, China
Adina Ayesha Khan	Chittagong, Bangladesh
Faisal Islam Khan (cum laude)	Dhaka, Bangladesh
ChengRu Kou	Qinhuangdao, China
Jeffrey S. Kyte	Dartmouth, NS
Kaylee Lillian Lamey	Stellarton, NS
Xiaolong Lan	Guangdong, China
Elizabeth Delia Landry	Dartmouth, NS
Stephen James Lavigne (Co-operative Education)	Ottawa, ON
Dan Li	Shandong, China
Lingwei Li	Halifax, NS
Samuel Yin Hey Li	Paramaribo, Suriname
Shaohua Li	Tianjin, China
Xingwen Li	Longyan, China
Chen Liu	Beijing, China
Hailong Liu	Yanzhou, China
Jianing Liu (Co-operative Education)	Tianjin, China
Tao Ming Liu	Tianjin, China
Paul Jonathan Logan	Saint Andrews, NB
Kaiwen Luo	Shenzhen, China
Xiaoyun Luo	Zhongshan, China
Ying Ma	Zhengzhou, China
Alicia Marie MacCara (cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Kevin Alexander MacDonald	Antigonish, NS
Logan H. MacDonald	Dartmouth, NS

Joshua Michael MacKeil	Belnan, NS
Nicholas Gregory MacKeil (cum laude)	Pictou, NS
Jordan Michael Mahar (Hon. Economics: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Sarah S. Maynard (Co-operative Education)	Cole Harbour, NS
Isaac Mbaziira	Kampala, Uganda
Matthew B. McGuinty (magna cum laude)	Mississauga, ON
Michael M. McIsaac	Dartmouth, NS
Marissa Ashley McMaster	Fall River, NS
Amanda Grace McNutt	Truro, NS
Denise Clarine Huang Mercado (Co-operative Education)	Quezon City, Philippines
Wentao Miao (magna cum laude)	Hefei, China
Vishnu Mohanan (summa cum laude)	Doha, Qatar
Victoria Louise Mumford	Truro, NS
Jane Namusoke	Halifax, NS
Yu Ning	Shenzhen, China
Julia C. Oleksiuk	Riverview, NB
Andrew Nico Pagal Ortile	Lipa, Philippines
Avni Mert Ozturk	Urgup, Turkey
Kelly Andrea Parker	Dartmouth, NS
Vonnette Isola Phillips	St. John's, Antigua
Trevor G. Pike	Halifax, NS
Steven Leqing Qiang	Beijing, China
Jie Qiu	Shenzhen, China
Timothy Francis Rose	Souris, PE
Christina Ruan	Zhuhai, China
Robert William David Sacre	Halifax, NS
Oussama Sofiane Sairi	Algiers, Algeria
Filbert G. Salton	Castries, Saint Lucia
Lo'ai Shatara	Toronto, ON
Tongda Shi	Wuhan, China
Alireza Sing	Salmas, Iran
Marlon Anthony S. Solis	Halifax, NS
QingYu Song	Shenzhen, China
Matthew Andrew Steeves	Moncton, NB
Honghao Sun (Co-operative Education: summa cum laude)	Zhengzhou, China

Christopher Antonio Taylor
Scott Bernard Theriault

Nassau, Bahamas
Halifax, NS

Bing Wang
Lei Wang
Miao Wang
Cong Wei
Jennifer Anna Williams
Kevin Wornell

Beijing, China
Beijing, China
Tianjin, China
Shijiazhuang, China
Bedford, NS
Cole Harbour, NS

Yu Xian
Yuting Xie
Jiayong Xu

Chengdu, China
Meizhou, China
Guangzhou, China

Yusang Yin
William James George Young
He Yu
Jin Yu
Yidan Yuan

Shaoyang, China
Stratford, PE
Tongliao, China
Inner Mongolia, China
China

Jing Zhang
Xi Wen Zhao
Xin Zhao (**magna cum laude**)
Sichen Vivian Zhou (Co-operative Education)
Siyu Zhou
Liang Zhu
Tong Zhu
Rui Zong

Bayannaoer, China
Beijing, China
Liaoning, China
Guangzhou, China
China
Laiwu, China
Nanjing, China
Shandong, China

CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT ANALYSIS

Miao Wang

Tianjin, China

CERTIFICATE OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Lisa Katherine Andrusyk
Sassan Atbaei

Fall River, NS
Dartmouth, NS

Jillian L. Beed

Halifax, NS

Jia Cao
Scott David Chahley

Anqing, China
Fall River, NS

Ancilla H.Y. Chui	Vancouver, BC
Emily Jane Clarke	Halifax, NS
Morgan Alice Clyke	Truro, NS
Heidi Comeau	Clare, NS
Ashley Marie Dalley	Gander, NL
Paige Rebecca Dawson	Riverview, NB
Jocelyn Nicole Field	Port Howe, NS
Charles Fortin	Montreal, QC
Ryan Jeffrey Fougere	Halifax, NS
Hebah Hafez	Halifax, NS
Akram Khaled Ibrik	Saida, Lebanon
Valentina Jaramillo	Halifax, NS
Karen Margaret Kogon	Halifax, NS
Charles Krishnamoorthy	Halifax, NS
Catherine Christine Leonard	River Denys, NS
Chen Liu	Beijing, China
Jianing Liu	Tianjin, China
Jennie Elizabeth Lutz-Burns	Halifax, NS
Nicholas Gregory MacKeil	Pictou, NS
Isaac Mbaziira	Kampala, Uganda
Michael M. McIsaac	Dartmouth, NS
Amanda Grace McNutt	Truro, NS
Karime B. Meza	Campeche, Mexico
Nora Eileen Perry	Halifax, NS
Vonnette Isola Phillips	St. John's, Antigua
Christina Ruan	Zhuhai, China
Christopher Antonio Taylor	Nassau, Bahamas
Jennifer Anna Williams	Bedford, NS

EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Abdallah Mahmood Althagafi Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Jibril Olasubomi Olatunde Halifax, NS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Muhannad Hasan Abdul-Khaliq Halifax, NS
Muhammad Khizar Ahmad Calgary, AB
Jeremy D. Archibald Wolfville, NS

Kelley Dawn Burgoyne Chester, NS

Steven G. D. Cullen Dartmouth, NS

Deanna Patricia Estabrooks Charlottetown, PE
Jessica J. Everitt Halifax, NS

Stacy Lynn Forgeron Halifax, NS
Robbie Edward Francis Stellarton, NS

Ryan Christopher Gillcash Antigonish, NS
Devon W. Gillis Whycomomagh, NS

Stephen William Himmelman Halifax, NS

Patrick Siu Cheung Lee Halifax, NS
Daphne Wai Nga Leung Halifax, NS
Ling Ling Liu Halifax, NS

Breanne Elizabeth MacInnis Belfast, PE
Shaun Christopher MacIntyre Hammonds Plains, NS
Josh Gerard Murphy Grand Falls, NB

Abul Khair MD Nayeem Halifax, NS

Katie Jean Oatway Charlottetown, PE

Sarah Elizabeth Pace Halifax, NS
Jordan Michael Paradis Halifax, NS
Matthew Daniel Pulsifer Dartmouth, NS

Jeffrey Grant Rhodenizer	Kentville, NS
Katherine Anne Richard	Charlottetown, PE
Julie Maria Robichaud	Halifax, NS
Sreejith J. Sasikumar	Halifax, NS
Loic Savioz	Ayent, Switzerland
Aislynn Marie Slupsky	Moncton, NB
Andrew Darcy Taylor	Bathurst, NB
Roger William Tymchuk	Ottawa, ON
James Martin Lloyd Waddell	Charlottetown, PE
Cynthia Gail Watt	Riverview, NB
Zhenkai Xin	Beijing, China
Bruce Joseph Young	Dartmouth, NS
Jingxian (Jocelyn) Zhou	Beijing, China
MASTER OF FINANCE	
Lirui Chen	Zhuzhou, China
Yiming Chen	Changsha, China
Olanrewaju Sunday Dada	Lagos, Nigeria
Juan M. Encinas-Vazquez	Madrid, Spain
Fei Han	Dalian, China
Xiang Huang	Chongqing, China
Ying Jiang	Suzhou, China
Jiaqi Li	Foshan, China
Tianyu Li	Beijing, China
Dongchen Liu	Tianjin, China
Zheng Yang Liu	Changsha, China
Nannan Luo	Kunming, China
Rottanak Ly	Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Christopher Victor Mudie	Toronto, ON

Md Rezwanoor Rahman

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Yichuan Shi
Xiaoping Song

Ordos, China
Hangzhou, China

Yuan Tian

Tangshan, China

Jia Wang
Xisheng Wang
Zenan Wang
Jianqiang Wu

Jiyuan, China
Tianjin, China
Yongtai, China
Yiwu, China

Liang Yang
Lei Ye
Peng Yuan

Lengshuijiang, China
Guangxi, China
Nanjing, China

Xiao Yu Zeng
Nuo Zhou Zhang
Yang Zhao
Yuliang Zhao
Chunlai Zhou
Fang Zhou
Yingyi Zou

Changsha, China
Nanjing, China
Tianjin, China
Dezhou, China
Qinzhou, China
Chengdu, China
Shanghai, China

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

MORNING CEREMONY

PROF. EDWARD MCBRIDE

A recognized scholar in the areas of Canadian and comparative constitutional law, Ed McBride is a highly regarded, Professor Emeritus who taught Political Science at Saint Mary's University for more than 30 years. Prior to his retirement in 1995, Ed McBride's stimulating teaching style inspired scores of appreciative students, many of whom went on to become lawyers.

Born in New Britain, Connecticut, Ed McBride was educated at Manhattan College in New York City; earned a B.S. in Social Science at LeMoyné College in Syracuse, NY; and an M.A. in Politics from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

After teaching for six years at Saint Francis College (now Saint Francis University), in Pennsylvania, McBride joined Saint Mary's Political Science Department in 1967. He was appointed to the Faculty as an Associate Professor, and in 1987 became a Full Professor.

During his years at Saint Mary's, Ed McBride was a leader in inter-university cooperation, devoting much time and energy to co-directing Charterwatch, a joint effort by Dalhousie University's Faculty of Law and Saint Mary's Political Science department to examine the effects of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms on the legal system. As well, he served as a member of the University Senate, the Senate Scholarship Committee and a special committee on teaching at Saint Mary's.

In addition to co-editing the book *Charterwatch: Reflections on Equality*, and co-authoring *Supreme Court of Canada Decision-Making*, Professor McBride also wrote papers which were included in edited collections of materials used at the Dalhousie Law School. His enduring love of Canadian Constitutional law and passion for teaching earned Ed McBride the highest possible regard from his students and colleagues, and an award that he values above all others: Saint Mary's Father William A. Stewart Medal for Teaching.

Professor McBride is known for his generosity of spirit. A loyal friend of Saint Mary's, he established the Mary Ann and Edward J. McBride Law Prize in honour of his wife of 44 years, who passed away in 2009. As an active member of St. Thomas Aquinas church in Halifax, he has taken on a variety of roles including Minister of the Eucharist, Sunday School teacher, committee member and delegate.

MS. GLORIA MCCLUSKEY

A trailblazer for women in municipal politics, Councilor Gloria McCluskey has a long and accomplished history of representing the people of Dartmouth. In her business success as an appraiser, she models the rewards of dedication and hard work.

In 1972, Ms. McCluskey became the first female Accredited Appraiser of the Appraisal Institute of Canada in Nova Scotia. After serving a one-year term as President of the Nova Scotia Chapter, she worked as Director of Assessment for the City of Halifax; Assistant to the Provincial Director of Assessment; and President of her own company: McCluskey Assessment Consultants and Appraisers Limited.

Political life began in earnest for Ms. McCluskey in 1985, when she was elected as Alderman in the former City of Dartmouth. Re-elected in 1988, and acclaimed in 1991, she then served as Deputy Mayor in 1991 and was elected Mayor in 1992. A progressive advocate for people having a say in the political process, she retained the Mayor's chair by acclamation in 1994 and served in that capacity until amalgamation created the Halifax Regional Municipality.

During a hiatus from municipal service, Ms. McCluskey worked as a panelist on CBC's First Edition, and served as Honorary Colonel for Squadron 406, Shearwater. In 2004, she gained the seat as Halifax Regional Councilor in District 5, Dartmouth Centre, keeping it by acclamation in 2008.

As Councillor for Dartmouth Centre, Ms. McCluskey serves on a variety of boards and committees including the Audit & Finance Standing Committee, the Greater Halifax Partnership, the Regional Plan Advisory Committee and the Special Events Advisory Committee. One of her greatest achievements in the political arena, she says, is bringing forward the motion that resulted in the hiring of an auditor general for HRM.

Ms. McCluskey has lived in Dartmouth for almost 60 years. She is the proud mother of four, and grandmother of eight. An active community volunteer, she has served on the board for the Dartmouth Sportsplex and as Chair of the Parish Council of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church. She is presently a lector at St. Paul's Church on Windmill Road.

AFTERNOON CEREMONY

BESIM HALEF

Besim Halef is one of the largest commercial property developers in Halifax, and the winner of the 2011 Ernst & Young Atlantic Region Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the Real estate/ construction category. His exemplary success in business rests on the same vision and courage that allowed him to leave his homeland at the age of 18 to begin a new life.

A native of Turkey, Mr. Halef arrived in Canada in 1974 and worked as a dishwasher for two years while he improved his English. After returning to Turkey to get married, he brought his wife, Nadia, to Halifax, and together they opened Fred's Tailors in Dartmouth.

Mr. Halef juggled the responsibilities of running a business and raising a family with full-time studies at Saint Mary's, eventually realizing a dream when he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and Diploma in Engineering. The dream continued when he then attended the Technical University of Nova Scotia, graduating in 1984 with a master's degree in metallurgical engineering.

After years of working in senior positions in the metal fabrication industry, Besim Halef decided it was time to work for himself, and in 1999 founded a metal fabrication business called the BANC Group of Companies, with the company name an acronym for Besim, Nadia, their son, Alex, and daughter, Christine.

In 2003, the Banc Group entered the real estate market, quickly making inroads in real estate development, real estate management and hotel ownership. Today, with Halef's son Alex as vice-president, the BANC Group owns a variety of landmark properties including Quality Inn Hotels in Halifax, the Bedford Commons Power Centre in Bedford and housing developments in Halifax. Associated companies under Halef's direction as president include Woodside Industries, a major player in construction of offshore oil platforms and fixtures; and Banc Metals, a leader in the fabrication of exotic alloys.

As a successful entrepreneur, Mr. Halef is a firm believer in the importance of lending others a helping hand. A generous philanthropist, he is a committed supporter of his church, the Salvation Army, the Boys and Girls Club and the IWK Health Centre.

ALFRED (FRED) A. SMITHERS, O.C.

Fred Smithers is an Officer of the Order of Canada, the Honorary Consul of Britain for Atlantic Canada, and the President and CEO of Iona Resources Holdings Limited. A visionary entrepreneur and trailblazer in the development of Nova Scotia's offshore energy sector, he has a 30-year history of contributing to the economic development of this province.

Born and raised in London Ontario, Fred Smithers commenced an apprenticeship in the concrete business while still in his teens. In the late 1960's, he moved to Halifax and in 1971 he started his own concrete company.

An opportunity presented itself in the early 1980's for Mr. Smithers to collaborate with a large, American offshore supply vessel company for operations off the coast of Nova Scotia. Out of this opportunity, he founded Secunda Marine Services Limited, a company which, under his direction as President and CEO, became an internationally-recognized leader in the offshore marine transport industry.

Enthusiastic leadership and active participation in the business community have earned Mr. Smithers a variety of honours, including induction into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame and Saint Mary's Turning Points Hall of Leadership. As well, he received the Canadian Entrepreneur of the Year Award and the Pioneer Award in 2005 through the Offshore Technologies Association.

Fred Smithers is a strong advocate for Saint Mary's University and an associate alumnus. He serves as a member of the University's Board of Governors and has also provided invaluable leadership to organizations such as the Shaw Group, the Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce, and the Halifax International Airport.

Mr. Smithers' inspiring record as a philanthropist was recognized in 2008 when he received the Maritime Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Individual Philanthropist. His profound willingness to help others is evident in many charitable gifts to the community, especially to organizations that support disadvantaged youth. His willingness to help others and support his community was also recognized in the awarding of the Red Cross Humanitarian Award in 2004. At present, Mr. Smithers sits on the Board of the Dartmouth General Hospital, an organization that is very close to his heart, and works tirelessly to ensure that the hospital has the most up to date medical equipment required to diagnose and treat patients.

VALEDICTORIANS

MORNING CEREMONY

LYDIA ESTHER EPHRAIM

Lydia Esther Ephraim was born on the small Caribbean island of Saint Lucia, the fourth daughter of Fitzroy and Jennifer Ephraim. Lydia showed an aptitude for academics from a very tender age. During her teens, while a pupil at Saint Lucia's highest secondary educational institution for females, she developed and honed her talents in dance and music. For her numerous and varied achievements, she obtained awards for her exceptional performance and academic excellence.

In 2008, Lydia was accepted into the Bachelor of Science program at Saint Mary's University, and opted to prematurely depart from her college program to pursue a double major in Biology and Chemistry with Saint Mary's. There she was again awarded various awards for her academic excellence, including the prestigious Santamarian scholarship. Currently, Lydia is pursuing a Master's degree at McMaster University in Ontario in Biochemistry and Biomedical Science. Lydia's goal is to positively impact the world with her research.

AFTERNOON CEREMONY

ISAAC MBAZIIRA

Isaac Mbaziira was born and raised in Uganda, a small country located in East Africa. January 4th, 2008 was the day I landed in Halifax to attend Saint Mary's University, a decision my parents made for me. Today, I believe that it was one of the best decisions they ever made for me. Being able to graduate today is not only a big achievement for myself but also for my relatives and friends that I left back home. I am graduating with a major in Marketing and a certificate in Human Resource Management and I am hoping to add on graphic design from NSCAD and at one point find my way back to Saint Mary's University for my MBA.

While at Saint Mary's, I have had the opportunity to work with four different departments and I just can't explain how humbled I am to have had these opportunities. Without my parents and God, I wouldn't be here and I am extremely grateful to them.

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 persons 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 contributions 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.

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; and grey, Commerce. 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. Since 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.

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 two 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 Canada Post, three to five days after graduation. Pictures can be ordered online at www.gradimages.ca, by phone or by mail. GradImages can be contacted at 1-800-372-3686 or via email at www.gradimages.ca.

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

Framing of Parchments

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

Simply present your diploma at the designated area in the 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.

Flowers

Fresh flowers are available for purchase before and after the ceremony, but not during the ceremony.

DVD

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

www.bigaro.ca

The Board of Governors, The Academic Senate, and

The Graduating Class

of

Saint Mary's University

Cordially invite you to attend a Reception

Immediately following Fall 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.