

Saint Mary's University
Winter Convocation



Sunday, 20 January 2013

O CANADA

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

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

Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.

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

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

Order of Academic Procession

Marshal of Convocation

Graduates

Faculty

Board of Governors

Deans of Faculties

Recipients of Honorary Degrees

Vice President, Academic and Research

President

Chancellor

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

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

Order of Proceedings

Processional

Welcome

O Canada

Heather Fitzpatrick, B.P.Jt.

Introduction of Special Guests

Invocation

Valedictory Address
Jessie May Heim

Presidential Remarks

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

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

To be Doctors of Civil **Law** (honoris causa)
George Han Hwa Kwan, B.Sc., P.Eng.

To be Doctor of Civil **Law** (honoris causa)
Chris Power, B.Sc.N., M.H.S.A.

Presentation of Alumni Pins to Honorary Degree Recipients

Convocation Address

Chris Power, B.Sc.N., M.H.S.A.

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

Faculty of Arts

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

Sobey School of Business

Patricia Bradshaw, B.Comm., Ph.D., Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates.

Faculty of Science

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

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

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

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation

Recessional

Chairman of Convocation

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

Marshal of Convocation

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

Marshal of Students

Keith Hotchkiss, B.A.
Director of Student Services

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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.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

David William Acker	Kentville, NS
Kurtis James Anstey	Cole Harbour, NS
Vanessa Ann Arsenault	Hammonds Plains, NS
Katherine Joan Lucienne Atkinson	Halifax, NS
Jessica Rae Baxter (Hon. French)	Halifax, NS
Joseph Alexander Beaton	Halifax, NS
Rejeanne Marie Belliveau	Truro, NS
Angela Elizabeth Bhagan	Lunenburg, NS
Micah Alexander Brown	Tampa, Florida, USA
Marcie Joyce Burke	Halifax, NS
Lindy Faith Burnham	Upper Coverdale, NB
Lorena Arlene Burns (summa cum laude)	Ottawa, ON
Jennifer Marie Butler	Dartmouth, NS
Susanne B. Canvin	Charlottetown, PE
Jessica A. Casaway	Dartmouth, NS
Robert F. H. Cassidy	Truro, NS
Clinton Pierre Chapdelaine	Bedford, NS
Emily Chimbo	Dartmouth, NS
Robert Rene Collette	Truro, NS
Helen Ashley Conrad	Dartmouth, NS
Edna Christina Diamond	Halifax, NS
Teresa Kate Felix	Mill Bay, BC
Keenan Clare Fidler	Dartmouth, NS
Kendra Fulford (Hon. English - cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Eddie John Fyles	Halifax, NS
Gregory Stephen Gillis (magna cum laude)	Quispamsis, NB
Zhorrah Alaia Maria Grant	Nassau, Bahamas
Jacob Raymond Greenslade	Bedford, NS
Rebecca Marie Hamilton	Dartmouth, NS
Nikolas U. Hamm (Hon. Philosophy - cum laude)	Musquodoboit Harbour, NS
Laura Brett Hanusiak (Hon. Psychology - summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Michael A. Hislop	Pictou, NS
Benjamin Thomas Hunt	Ottawa, ON
Mitchell Edward Johnson	Lake Loon, NS
Meagan Patricia Anne Knight	Fergus, ON
Cara Lynn Kyle	Hampton, NB

Kelly M.Lear	Halifax, NS
Jie Lee	Halifax, NS
Lauren Jane Leslie (magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Yan Ma	Xian, China
Melissa Courtney MacDonald	Inverness, NS
Breanna Louise MacEachern	Mabou, NS
Donald Andrew MacIntyre	Mira Road, NS
Mary Elizabeth MacKenzie	Truro, NS
Brittany Pearl MacPherson	Truro, NS
Maria Margaret McGrath	Halifax, NS
John Matthew McGrath	Halifax, NS
Natalie Margaret McMullin	Halifax, NS
Emily Anne McNeil	Sydney Mines, NS
Garret Edward McNeill	Clare, NS
Alexander Raymond Moore (Hon. Criminology - summa cum laude)	Eastern Passage, NS
Jacqueline Shirley Murphy	Halifax, NS
Jan Lauren Murphy (Hon. Psychology)	White's Lake, NS
Sybil Ramrattan	Antigua
Kevin M. Reardon	Halifax, NS
Colleen Winter Redmond	Lunenburg, NS
Iain Alexander Robertson	Halifax, NS
Janet Stephanie Robicheau	Lower Sackville, NS
Patrick Medford Rogers	Halifax, NS
James Daniel Root	Ottawa, ON
Dan I. Schutte	Red Deer, AB
Gregory S. Seaton (Hon. Philosophy)	Dartmouth, NS
Bradley Jonathan Smith	Riverview, NB
Jason D. Smith	Tantallon, NS
Shalisa Marie Smith	Sandys, Bermuda
Sean Travis Snell	Westville, NS
Tyler A. Spencer (Hon. Criminology)	Bridgewater, NS
Blake F. Stevens	Chester, NS
Kaitlyn M. Sullivan	Halifax, NS
Emily Catherine Surrette	Bedford, NS
Ashley R. Toogood	Dartmouth, NS
Thea Gisele Trussoni	Halifax, NS
Kachina Nicole Tuplin	Indian Brook, NS
Tyler O. Upshaw	Halifax, NS

Johnica A. Vacon
Maria Christina Isabel Carpio Venezuela

Dartmouth, NS
Manila, Philippines

William Justin Whaley
Shavonne M. Wickens
Haley Patricia Wilson

Bridgewater, NS
Shag Harbour, NS
Halifax, NS

RanXie

Halifax, NS

Mithat Balkan Yukselen

Izmir, Turkey

Chloe Corissa Mary Zinck (Hon. Psychology)

MahoneBay, NS

CERTIFICATE OF HONORS-ARTS

Amber Melinda May Hanrahan

Eastern Passage, NS

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Christopher M. Abbott
Karla-Anne Theresa Elizabeth Adams
Idris Siddiquee Afiq
Jenna Hyojin Ahn
Mohamed Tayser Al Hattab
Thamer Khalaf Al Rashaideh
Alwaleed Hani Alasaad
Mohannad M. A. Al-Huthali
Abdulrahman Sulaiman Aloraini
Ashiqur Rahman Apu
Heather J. Armstrong

St. John's, Antigua
Halifax, NS
Sylhet, Bangladesh
Bedford, NS
Halifax, NS
Amman, Jordan
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dartmouth, NS

Denzel Valentino Barr
Erin A. Blanchard
Jared Samuel Blandford
Mira D. Bolger
Lindsey K. Bowman
Sarah Catherine Boyce
Matthew Allen Joseph Brown

Nassau, Bahamas
Quispamsis, NB
Bedford, NS
Wolfville, NS
Stellarton, NS
Truro, NS
Lower Sackville, NS

Dermot K. Cashie

Port of Spain, Trinidad &
Tobago

David K. E. Chapman
Anqi Chen
Ruo Hong Chen
Shimin Chen
YunQiang Chen

Dartmouth, NS
Shijiazhuang, China
Saint John, NB
Dongguan, China
Fujian, China

Yusheng Chen	Shenzhen, China
Zhishen Chen	Tianjin, China
Samuel Charles DeCoste	Monastery, NS
Elizabeth Kent Devine (magna cum laude)	Shubenacadie, NS
Drew William Dobson	Mill Village, NS
Shen Dong	Shenyang, China
Glen Anthony Dufour (Co-operative Education)	Dartmouth, NS
Patrick Joseph Paul Dufour	Cole Harbour, NS
Penghao Fan	Shanxi, China
Jessica Lynn Ford	New Minas, NS
Ian A. Grant	Three Fathom Harbour, NS
Colin Michael Groves	Windsor, NS
Jiajun Gu	Shanghai, China
Bassam Jamal Haidara	Sana'a, Yemen
Jessie May Heim (Co-operative Education)	Chelsea, NS
Alex M. Hicks	Digby, NS
Adam John Hollohan	Fall River, NS
Yue Hou	Shenzhen, China
WeihuaHu	Halifax, NS
Di Huang	Langfang, China
Rui Xue Huang	Guangzhou, China
Md. Munjurul Islam	Dhaka, Bangladesh
BrendaJacque	Nassau, Bahamas
Christopher M. Jebailey	Halifax, NS
Kristen Leigh Jones	Halifax, NS
Grant Matthew Keddy	Dartmouth, NS
Janet Catherine Kelley	Halifax, NS
Michelle Kelly Kerr	Sackville, NS
Masfiquzzaman Khan	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Seyed Mohammad Mehdi Koushesh	Bedford, NS
Alina Nicole Langer	Cobourg, ON
Ian Phillip LeCroy	Lunenburg, NS
Sora Lee	Seoul, South Korea
Christopher Patrick Lerette	Halifax, NS
Yifan Li	Shandong, China
Yimo Li	Beijing, China
Yueran Li	Qinhuangdao, China
Wei Liang	Chongqing, China

Lei Liu	Shijiazhuang, China
Yizhong Liu	Shandong, China
Yuankun Liu	Jinan, China
Suiqing Lu	Guangzhou, China
Xin Luan	Shandong, China
Dan Luo	Sichuan, China
Alyssa Marie MacGregor	River John, NS
Charbel Abdo Machaalani	Halifax, NS
Lisa Marie MacInnis	Frenchvale, NS
Haley Lynn Mackintosh	Kingston, NS
Whitney Catherine Ann Matchett (Co-operative Education)	Sunny Corner, NB
Rebecca P. Matthews	Beaverbank, NS
Laura Ann Morgan Maxwell	Saint John, NB
Heather Ann McMillan	Calgary, AB
Andrea Anna Metlege	Halifax, NS
Xue Mi	Beijing, China
Justin J. Moore	Halifax, NS
Jacquelyn Stella Moriarty (magna cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Nicholas Steven Myers	Musquodoboit Harbour, NS
Mo Na	Beijing, China
Will O'Connell	Saint John, NB
Ashley Kathleen Ann Osmun	Miramichi, NB
Haneen Ahmed Owda	Jerusalem, Palestine
Alessandra Candida Pagnottella	Halifax, NS
Kori Christopher James Pippy	Greenwood, NS
Murray Robert Alexander Reid	Riverview, NB
Adam George Ritchie	Dartmouth, NS
Yirong Rong	Shandong, China
Benjamin R. M. Russell	Dartmouth, NS
Caleb David Sager	Hammonds Plains, NS
Kistina Samsudin	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Kirstin B. Schwaegerl	Southampton, Bermuda
Ryan J. Scott	Halifax, NS
Rui Shang	Luoyang, China
FeiShao	Halifax, NS
Chen Shen	Shenzhen, China
Hanjie Shen	Shanghai, China
Jordan Elliot Dylan Spencer	Halifax, NS
Javaughn P. Stubbs	Nassau, Bahamas

Min Tang	Beijing, China
Jason A. N. Terry	Toronto, ON
Kayleigh Lauren Thompson	Moncton, NB
Yuhui Tian	Xiaoyi, China
Meghan Elizabeth Trainor	Port Stanley, ON
Caitlin Jean Ulrich	Halifax, NS
Vanramchhuana Vansons	Aizawl, India
Kenneth M. Walsh	Halifax, NS
Sai Wang	Hebei, China
Tao Wang	Beijing, China
Wen-I Wang	Taipei, Taiwan
Paul Anthony Webbern	Llysfaen, Wales
Brandon J. Wildgoose	Nassau, Bahamas
Haley Margaret Williamson	Hammonds Plains, NS
Xiaolong Wu	Chengdu, China
Qing Yang	Guangdong, China
Jun Ye	Guangdong, China
Wanghai Yu	Beijing, China
Chi Zhang	Changsha, China
Chi Zhang	Jilin, China
Li Zhang	Shandong, China
Lin Zhang	Guangdong, China
Aoxue Zhao	Zhuzhou, China
Pei Zhao	Shandong, China
Xiao Feng Zhao	Jiangmen, China
Sha Zhu	Changsha, China

CERTIFICATE OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Thamer Khalaf Al Rashaideh	Amman, Jordan
Alwaleed Hani Alasaad	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Abdulrahman Sulaiman Aloraini	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Heather J. Armstrong	Dartmouth, NS
Erin A. Blanchard	Quispamsis, NB
Mira D. Bolger	Wolfville, NS
Lindy Faith Burnham	Upper Coverdale, NB
Michelle Shannon Godding	Dartmouth, NS
Colin Michael Groves	Windsor, NS

Adam John Hollohan Christopher M. Jebailey	Fall River, NS Halifax, NS
Grant Matthew Keddy Masfiquzzaman Khan	Dartmouth, NS Dhaka, Bangladesh
Yan Ma Alyssa Marie MacGregor Lisa Marie MacInnis Mary Elizabeth MacKenzie Rebecca P. Matthews Heather Ann McMillan Jacquelyn Stella Moriarty	Xian, China River John, NS Frenchvale, NS Truro, NS Beaverbank, NS Calgary, AB Dartmouth, NS
Ashley Kathleen Ann Osmun Haneen Ahmed Owda	Miramichi, NB Jerusalem, Palestine
Andrew David Schaus Rui Shang Jordan Elliot Dylan Spencer	Halifax, NS Luoyang, China Halifax, NS
Caitlin Jean Ulrich	Halifax, NS
Maria Christina Isabel Carpio Venezuela	Manila, Philippines
Nicholas Scott Williams Haley Margaret Williamson	Halifax, NS Hammonds Plains, NS
Chi Zhang Li Zhang	Changsha, China Shandong, China
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE	
Richard Brandon Augustine Puneet Singh Chauhan Ryan James Dorcas Juliana Christina Frizzo Gaurav Kalra Bria Marie MacKinnon Brittany Jean MacKinnon Farhan Merchant	Eel Ground, NB Gwalior, India Wellington, NS Caxias Do Sul, Brazil Delhi, India Sydney, NS Inverness, NS Halifax, NS

Karan Nanda	Halifax, NS
Sylvianne Carmelle Poulin	Inverness, NS
Edward Geoffrey Delahunt Robb	Halifax, NS
Brandon J. Wildgoose	Nassau, Bahamas
Donggyu Yang	Seoul, South Korea
Caroline Zareba	Mississauga, ON

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE & DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Ashton Michelle Falkenham	Lunenburg, NS
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DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Tarek Mohamed Allam	Cairo, Egypt
Abdul Rahman M. Emam	Halifax, NS
Tarreik Bay an Oweida	Halifax, NS
Carleigh Michelle Pawlikowski (with distinction)	Fort Frances, ON

DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES

Vanessa Ann Arsenault	Hammonds Plains, NS
Jennifer Lynn Delorey	Kentville, NS
Jennifer Leigh Major	Dartmouth, NS

MASTER OF ARTS (ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES)

Carolyn Lee Taylor	Nine Mile Creek, PE
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MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

Sarah Louise Home	Eastern Passage, NS
Tonianne S. Mynen	Prince George, BC

MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)

Michael Fedak	Halifax, NS
Jennifer M. Graham	Halifax, NS
Ben D. Lemieux (Co-operative Education)	Welland, ON
Rania Moussi	Kafaraka, Lebanon
Meng Yang	Halifax, NS

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Heather Jean Aabed	Halifax, NS
Rita Joseph Beainy	Beirut, Lebanon
Silke Sang-gye Buschmann	Halifax, NS
Laura Cumming	Halifax, NS
Rebecca J. Davison	Ellerhouse, NS
Maria Jane Douglas	Truro, NS
Victoria Rae Jollimore	Shad Bay, NS
Craig Andrew Lambe	Charlottetown, PE
Cory Gates Morris	Cole Harbour, NS
Andrea Moulisova	Halifax, NS
Andrew Ross	Halifax, NS
Alyson Marie Sanders	Cookstown, ON
Donald G. Sedgwick	Petite Riviere, NS
Ryan Sulley	St. John's, NL
Jamie Lee Ann Taylor	Halifax, NS

MASTER OF FINANCE

Jinwen Chen	Fuzhou, China
Yuanlong Chi	Beijing, China
Shuo Lin	Fuzhou, China
Eilaf Khaleel Merdhah	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Song Yue	Shandong, China
Tianwei Zhang	Tianjin, China

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY)

Jean-Rene Sebastien Blanc	Gatineau, QC
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HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

MR. GEORGE HAN HWA KWAN

Mr. George Han Hwa Kwan is a Naval Architect with a distinguished career that spans more than 50 years. As the Senior Advisor for both The Chinese Society of Nova Scotia and the Chinese Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia, he is a champion of Chinese language and culture in Nova Scotia.

Born in Beijing, Mr. Kwan attended the Peking American School and St. Stephen's College in Hong Kong. After graduating from Yu Ying High School in Beijing, he attended Shanghai Jiao Tung University, graduating in 1959 with a B.Sc. Degree in Naval Architecture.

George Kwan began his career with a job as a ship builder in Tianjin Shipyard. In 1973, he joined Peter Cheng Naval Architect & Marine Consultant Ltd. in Hong Kong and later became Chief of Consulting and Special Project Section, working in ship design, conversion and supervision in Japan for eight years before immigrating to Canada in 1981 to take a position with Dome Petroleum in Calgary. As Dome's Senior Naval Architect, he was responsible for building Canada's first gravity-based Arctic offshore drilling unit in Japan, an engineering feat that is chronicled in the book *A History of Canadian Marine Technology*, published by the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

After a decade of offshore assignments in Japan, Singapore, England, Sweden, Chile, Taiwan and the Arctic, Mr. Kwan moved to Nova Scotia in 1992, working first with German Marine Inc. on the Panuke Offshore Project, and then with SNC-Lavalin as Senior Naval Architect for the construction of twelve Maritime Coastal Defence Vessels for the Department of National Defence. In the past decade, he has worked as a Marine Technical Inspector for Public Works and Government Services Canada and has received frequent commendations for his role in the construction of aluminum vessels for the Canadian Coast Guard and RCMP.

Mr. Kwan has been active in the Chinese community since arriving in Halifax. He has been instrumental in fostering a spirit of cooperation through the shared organization of multicultural festivities such as Asian Heritage Month and the Chinese New Year's Banquet. A strong advocate for the preservation of Chinese culture, he is the only person to serve both as President of the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia and Chairman of the Chinese Benevolent Association of Nova Scotia.

In recognition of Mr. Kwan's significant contributions, including the establishment of the only Chinese cemetery in Atlantic Canada, relief efforts after the Sichuan earthquake, and his role for many years as a judge for Saint Mary's Annual Chinese Language Competition, Mr. Kwan received the 2011 Halifax Regional Municipality Volunteer Award and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

MS. CHRIS POWER

Chris Power is the President and CEO of Capital Health and an adjunct professor at Dalhousie University in the Faculty of Health Professions and the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology. As one of the Top 50 CEOs in Atlantic Canada for the past four years, she exemplifies success and empowers the next generation of women to take their careers to new heights.

Born and raised in Halifax, Ms. Power is the second eldest of a family of 10 children. Her father, Art Flynn, attended Saint Mary's and served on the Board of Governors. As a child, she spent every Sunday afternoon in the winter at the Saint Mary's arena's alumni skating session.

Chris Power holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Mount Saint Vincent University and a Masters in Health Services Administration from Dalhousie University. She is a Certified Health Executive with the Canadian College of Health Service Executives and holds a Fellowship in Management for Executive Nurses from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Highlights of her honours include a 2003 Award for Excellence and Innovation from the Canadian College of Health Services Executives; a 2007 Award of Excellence from the Halifax Progress Club; Nova Scotia's Consumers Choice Award for Business Woman of the Year in 2010; and a 2012 nod as one of Canada's Top 25 Women of Influence. Three years in a row as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women in the Public Sector Category earned Ms. Power membership in the Hall of Fame of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women.

Despite her hectic work schedule, and family activities with her husband, two children and three grandsons, Ms. Power finds the time to pursue her life-long passion for choral music by directing the Capital Health choir. As well, she makes time for her communities, and is the Board Chair for the Association of Canadian Academic Healthcare Organizations; and a board member of the Halifax United Way, the Royal College Canada International, the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, and the Canadian Medical Forum.

VALEDICTORIAN

JESSIE MAY HEIM

Jessie is from Chelsea, Nova Scotia and is the eldest child of Gordon and Pam Heim. She also has a younger brother and sister. She is graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree with a major in Accounting as well as the Co-operative Education Distinction. Jessie plans to pursue a CGA Designation and go into public practice.

Saint Mary's University inspired her love for academics and knowledge, and motivated her pursuit of co-operative education. Jessie completed three different work terms in three different locations, each being a unique and valuable experience. In her time at Saint Mary's, she participated two years as a Resident Assistant and a year and a half working as an Assistant in the Co-operative Education Office. During her time at Saint Mary's, Jessie was the recipient of an entrance scholarship as well as the Alumni Golf Tournament Bursary.

HISTORY OF SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

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

In 1913, the Christian Brothers of Ireland, a teaching order, were invited by the Archdiocese of Halifax to direct the college and its academic program. During the ensuing years, Saint Mary's University became more widely known for the quality of its undergraduate teaching and continued to develop new instructional programs, most notably within its Faculty of Commerce. In 1940, the Upper Canada Province of The Society of Jesus was invited to succeed the Christian Brothers as administrators and teachers in the University, and for thirty years until the enactment in 1970 of the new act of incorporation, the college remained under Jesuit supervision. The long-standing emphasis on liberal arts and commerce was extended to include new programs in science, engineering, and teacher education. Extension courses became an important part of the University's commitment to an active educational role in the community. The Sobey Building, opened in the fall of 1998, houses the Sobey School of Business and provides meeting rooms as well as state-of-the-art classrooms for all three faculties of the University. In the last decade, the University has totally rebuilt the Loyola Residence and the Science Building such that they are essentially new buildings and major renovations were completed on the McNally Building. New additions to campus include the Atrium Building featuring the Global Learning Commons and the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness.

In the year 2002-2003, the University celebrated its 200th Anniversary in a year-long series of celebratory events. The celebration provided a marvelous retrospective of our past and set the stage for the University's significant role in the 21st Century. This has been guided by the Academic Plan, most recently updated for 2012-2017.

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

One University: Our singular vision and commitment

One World: Unlimited possibilities

Yours: The challenge and the responsibility for all Santamarians

AN EXPLANATION FOR OUR GUESTS: THE CONVOCATION CEREMONY

The Procession

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

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

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

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

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

The Ceremonial Mace

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

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

University Crest

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

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

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

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

The Presidential Medallion of Office

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

Academic Regalia

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

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

Flags on the Stage

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

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

Graduation Alumni Pins

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

Degrees and Diplomas Awarded with Distinctions

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

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

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

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

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

Photography

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

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

DVD

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

www.bigaro.ca

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

of

Saint Mary's University

Cordially invite you to attend a Reception

Immediately following Winter Convocation

Conference Hall
Loyola Academic Building

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

Light refreshments will be served.