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Saint Mary's University

Fall Convocation



Friday, 18 October 2013  
Saturday, 19 October 2013

## O CANADA

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

Car ton bras sait porter Tepee,  
Il sait porter la eroix!

Ton histoire est une epopee  
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.

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

**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.

**Faculty of Arts**

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

**Faculty of Science**

Steven Smith, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., Ph.D., Dean of Science, 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.

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.  
Associate Dean of Arts, Associate Professor of Political Science,  
and Chairperson of the Academic Senate.

**Marshal of Students**

Keith Hotchkiss, B.A.  
Senior Director of Student Services

**Orator**

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

### **Acknowledgement**

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

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### **Photography**

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

### **MEDALS and AWARDS**

#### **Fitzpatrick Family Valedictorian Award**

Recipients: Christa Lynn Skinner, Greenwood, Nova Scotia  
Eseza Namirembe Wamala, Kampala, Uganda

#### **Tax: The Edwin C. Harris Tax Prize**

Donor: Atlantic Tax Conference Planning Committee  
Recipient: Andrew Anthony Nichols, Brampton, Ontario

#### **Master of Finance Gold Medal**

Donor: Colin Dodds and Family  
Recipient: Meng Yan, Xingcheng, China

### **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 2013 is **Dr. Jason Clyburne**, Canada Research Chair in Environmental Science.

Dr. Jason Clyburne is widely recognized as a leader in the study of green chemistry, particularly in the field of ionic liquids. His pioneering research, which involves the application of designer chemicals and materials to the removal of environmentally hazardous substances from industrial processes, has the potential to mitigate a wide range of environmental issues.

Since joining the Departments of Chemistry and Environmental Science at Saint Mary's University seven years ago, Dr. Clyburne has built a reputation for excellence and creative innovation. His scholarship is internationally recognized and confirmed by his appointment to Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Environmental Studies and Materials in 2006, which was renewed in 2011.

Both on- and off-campus, Dr. Clyburne demonstrates unwavering commitment to sustainability. His leadership was instrumental in the establishment of Saint Mary's Atlantic Centre for Green Chemistry, which aims to advance basic and applied research in the area of sustainable chemistry. Together with his colleagues, Dr. Clyburne has developed the Centre into a nexus for green chemical research, outreach, and education.

In less than a decade at Saint Mary's, Dr. Clyburne has received major funding grants to undertake research projects related to green chemistry. Deeply committed to the practical application of science, Dr. Clyburne has had several technologies explored for industrial applications and many have led to significant funding, including a recent grant from EnCana to explore carbon capture. He has helped Saint Mary's develop infrastructure required for leading research and hands-on undergraduate education. He also collaborates with industry, exposing his students to real-world problems with chemical solutions.

Dr. Clyburne's colleagues routinely describe his work as "novel," "creative," and "original," and these accolades echo the calibre of the journals that publish his research: *Angewandte Chemie Journal of the American Chemical Society*, and *Chemical Communications*. He was awarded a Royal Society of Chemistry Travel Grant and a 2010 Thieme Chemistry Journals Award in recognition of his high potential as a researcher. Recently, Dr. Clyburne completed a sabbatical at Sandia National lab and the University of New Mexico, where he worked with world leaders in the area of carbon dioxide chemistry.

Dr. Jason Clyburne obtained a B.Sc. (Honours) in Chemistry from Acadia University and a Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from Dalhousie University. Post-graduation, he joined the research group of Professor Alan Cowley (FRS) at the University of Texas at Austin, where he examined the coordination chemistry of main group elements. In addition to his professorship at Saint Mary's, Dr. Clyburne holds a position as adjunct professor at Simon Fraser University, where he was awarded a Faculty Award in 2004. Dr. Clyburne has served the Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada in a variety of positions and is currently the Section Chair of the Inorganic Chemistry Evaluation Group.

**FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER EVENING CEREMONY**

**MASTER OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY)**

Jody Samantha Wasserman Toronto, ON

**MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)**  
Samantha Renée Bourgoin

Edmundston, NB

**MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)**

Wagma Isaqzoy

Ottawa, ON

Josephine Obinyan

Abuja, Nigeria

**MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES)**

Laura Kathryn Jurgens

Lake Echo, NS

**MASTER OF ARTS (WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES)**

Katie B. Boudreau Morris

Lunenburg County, NS

Caroline Ruth Brunet

Ottawa, ON

Golsa Kafili

Tehran, Iran

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Mian Suhaib Ali

Charlottetown, PE

Lora Lynn Archer

Winnipeg, MB

Maryam R. Arsanious

Dartmouth, NS

Sean Rijpke Beukema

Bedford, NS

Matthew Robert Campbell

Hammonds Plains, NS

Ann Elizabeth Casey

Mount Uniacke, NS

Nicholas David Channan

Dartmouth, NS

John Chisholm

Halifax, NS

Kyle J. Chisholm

Antigonish, NS

Allison Michelle Coffin

Halifax, NS

Gwendolyn Elizabeth Cole

Halifax, NS

Kevin David Cornish

Waverley, NS

(Natalie) Jill Currie

Halifax, NS

Christopher Darrell Dando

Dartmouth, NS

Colin A. Davidson

Wolfville, NS

Adam Kearley Dawson

St. Albert, AB

Nathan Paul Dennison

Halifax, NS

Cindy Ruth Dockendorff	Charlottetown, PE
Arlene Jacquelyn Dodd	Corner Brook, NL
Jean Prieur du Plessis	Halifax, NS
Justin Lawrence Eaton	Cambridge, NS
David Roy Eisener	Dartmouth, NS
Sandra Joy Kelly English	Halifax, NS
Trevor Bridges Farquharson	Halifax, NS
David E. Ferguson	Halifax, NS
Joanne Margaret Firth	Bedford, NS
Christopher William Fletcher	Middle Sackville, NS
Mark George Galley	Sydney Mines, NS
Christopher Mason Goguen	Moncton, NB
Lindsay Mei Hai	Summerside, PE
Shawn Anthony Hickey	Halifax, NS
Emily T. Huner	Mineville, NS
Emamoke E. Ikede	Eastern Passage, NS
Austin Christopher Janega	Bedford, NS
Trevor Harold Jewer	Cole Harbour, NS
Shane Monty Kelly	Stratford, PE
Holly A. Larkin	Charlottetown, PE
Martin Neil Laycock	Halifax, NS
Bing Ma	Zhengzhou, China
Darcy Joseph MacDougald	Lily Lake, NS
Jennifer Colleen MacHattie	Halifax, NS
Kyle J. MacMullin	Sydney River, NS
Krista Renee Martell	Halifax, NS
Andrew James McGarva	Halifax, NS
Clinton Michael McLeod	Halifax, NS
Amy Catherine McQuillan	Charlottetown, PE
Jonathan L. Mitchell	Stellarton, NS
Cheryl Lynn Molyneaux	Charlottetown, PE
Martin Namour	Montreal, QC



Muhammad AsifNaseem Danny Nasser	Charlottetown, PE Bedford, NS
Dale Gregory O'Quinn	Wolfville, NS
Benjamin Mark Parsons Julie A. Penwarden Blair J. Pettipas Minh Thi Hong Pham Matthew J. Power	Charlottetown, PE Moncton, NB Dartmouth, NS Hanoi, Vietnam Halifax, NS
Predrag Rajnis Alix Kara Redden Molly R. Regimbal Heather Elizabeth Rix Andrew A. Rygh	Halifax, NS Dartmouth, NS Halifax, NS Halifax, NS Dartmouth, NS
Don C. Smith Jennifer Lynn Spicer David A. St. Laurent	Dartmouth, NS Somerset, NS Halifax, NS
Eric D. Tanton George Tasiopoulos Dwayton Y. Tonge	Halifax, NS Halifax, NS St. John's, Antigua
Michel A. K. Ulbrich	Westville, NS
Danielle Marie Waller Guowei Wei Bradley Alan Wilcott	New Glasgow, NS Hebei, China Yarmouth, NS
William Robert Zafiris Chen Zhou	Charlottetown, PE Shanghai, China
<b>MASTER OF FINANCE</b> Shah Zohaib Ahmed Suleiman Othman A. Alawwad MD Golam Azam	Toronto, ON Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Dhaka, Bangladesh
Danah Hasan A. Baqai	Al-Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Abhinav Bhatnagar	Mumbai, India
Fei Chen	Zhengzhou, China
Jiamin Chen	Guangzhou, China
Xi Chen	Lishui, China
Xiangxue Chen	Wuhan, China
Farhana Chowdhury	Chittagong, Bangladesh
Ndubuisi Austin Chukwunyere	Owerri, Nigeria
Yijing Ding	Zhengzhou, China
Peng Du	Zhengzhou, China
Yu Du	Xiangyang, China
Khaled El-Qidreh	Gaza, Palastine
Suchen Fei	Quanzhou, China
Guanyu Fu	Zhuzhou, China
Ziyue Gao	Wuhan, China
Chun Gu	Shanghai, China
Xiaodan Gu	Penglai, China
Cunzhi Han	Chanchun, China
Dongming Han	Changzhi, China
Qiao Han	Shijiazhuang, China
Chen Huang	Zhongshan, China
Yasir Iqbal	Lahore, Pakistan
Yuanyuan Jiao	Jinan, China
Xingzhi Kang	Shanghai, China
Fengji Li	Halifax, NS
Jing Li	Shenzhen, China
Taowei Li	Zizhong, China
Yanyan Li	Changsha, China
Yue Li	Qingdao, China
Chen Liang	Qingdao, China
Hongbo Liao	Nanchang, China

Fangfei Liu	Tangshan, China
Hao Liu	Shenzhen, China
Qinglan Liu	Guangzhou, China
Siting Liu	Haikou, China
Ruichao Lu	Hebei, China
Sang Lu	Suzhou, China
Yang Lu	Haerbin, China
Yidan Luo	Qinhuangdao, China
Yifan Luo	Hangzhou, China
Rui Ma	Beijing, China
Xiao Ma	Dezhou, China
Gopal Rao Madhavaram	Karimnagar, India
William McKenzie Mountain	Shanty Bay, ON
Shuvojit Paul	Chittagong, Bangladesh
Brock A. Pehar	Oakville, ON
Qiaoyang Shangguan	Shuangyashan, China
Krishnan Subramanian	Chennai, India
Jing Sun	Chengdu, China
Yuan Sun	Beijing, China
Zhe Sun	Beijing, China
Bruno Tremblay	Quebec City, QC
Danqing Wang	Zhengzhou, China
Fan Wang	Qinhuangdao, China
Fei Wang	Chengdu, China
Haiping Wang	Shanghai, China
Kai Wang	Shanghai, China
Tianyu Wang	Tianjin, China
Yijun Wang	Xian, China
Yude Wang	Tianjin, China
Yuwei Wang	Beijing, China
Boyan Wei	Shijiazhuang, China
Bozhi Wen	Guangzhou, China
Yuchao Wu	Fuzhou, China
Yan Xu	Suzhou, China

Meng Yan  
MengYan  
Xinmiao Yu

Xingcheng, China  
Tianjin, China  
Tianjin, China

Jie Zhang  
Jing Yu Zhang  
Xuefeng Zhang  
Yan Zhang  
Yijia Zhang  
Zichang Zhang  
Chunyan Zhao  
Mengru Zhou  
Tongyang Zhou  
Yun Zhu

Xingtai, China  
Guangzhou, China  
Chuzhou, China  
Zhengzhou, China  
Jinan, China  
Beijing, China  
Harbin, China  
Lishui, China  
Beijing, China  
Nanchang, China

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY)**

Jennifer K. Dimoff  
Christina L. McNeice  
Joanna L. Solomon

Littleton, CO, USA  
Toronto, ON  
Newton, MA, USA

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)**

Ian Carter Bell  
Carolyn Theresa Chang  
Patrick Ryan Fortier  
Amy Elizabeth Heim  
Peter Andrew Home  
Qianni Hu  
Daniel Penny (Co-operative Education)  
Caitlin Jean Marie Porter (Co-operative Education)  
Vigneshwaran Rajasekaran  
Ashley Murphy Shelton  
Shahin Sowlati-Hashjin  
Thomas Jean Steele  
Michael Roy Warren

Saint Johnsbury, VT, USA  
Toronto, ON  
Halifax, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Stewiacke, NS  
Wuhan, China  
Halifax, NS  
Great Village, NS  
Madurai, India  
Charlottetown, PE  
Tehran, Iran  
Herring Cove, NS  
Halifax, NS

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (ASTRONOMY)**

Kirsten L. Bonson  
Sherry Lynn Hurlburt  
Mitchell E. Young

Burlington, VT, USA  
Bridgewater, NS  
Halifax, NS

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ASTRONOMY)**

Michael Gruberbauer  
James Howard Wurster

Stratzing, Austria  
North Bay, ON

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (MANAGEMENT)**

Salvador Barragan  
Susan Elaine Myrden  
Ellen Elizabeth Rudderham-Gaudet  
Anthony R. Yue

Lethbridge, AB  
St. John's, NL  
Point Edward, NS  
Halifax, NS

**SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER MORNING CEREMONY**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

Nadeen Al-Razani  
William David Anderson  
John Markus Arseneault  
Christopher G. Ayer (**cum laude**)

Samantha Kate Beauchamp  
Alex C. Boudreau  
Jennifer Dawn Boudreau (Hon. Psychology)  
Katelyn Lorraine Boutilier  
Scott Gregory Bowness  
Michael L. Broadfield  
Adrian Ricardo Travis Lance Bromfield  
Sabrina Nyingi Bryan

Jeremie D. Campbell  
Sarah M. Campbell  
Jerry James Carpenter  
Gesenia Isabel Castle  
Ian Donald Dean Chapman  
Kevin Ryan Charlebois  
Gordon D. Cooper (Hon. Philosophy: **magna cum laude**)  
Aleisha Kaitlyn Corriveau

Gassire Diop  
Jonathan R. Dixon (Hon. Psychology Co-operative Education:  
**summa cum laude**)

Bedford, NS  
Newmarket, ON  
Dartmouth, NS  
Sackville, NS

Barrie, ON  
Yarmouth, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
Bedford, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Toronto, ON  
Lagos, Nigeria

Middleton, NS  
Wellington, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Cole Harbour, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
Lake Echo, NS  
Westville, NS  
Oshawa, ON

Bamako, Mali  
Brookfield, NS

Adam Rade Dragisic	Hamilton, ON
Raymond Edward Dwyer	Halifax, NS
Holly Elizabeth Edwards	Halifax, NS
Rebeca Espirito Santo (Honors Political Science: <b>cum laude</b> )	Ilheus, Brazil
Naomie Fequiere	Miami, FL, USA
Kenzie N. Fraser	Bedford, NS
Megan L. Gallagher	Milton, NS
Vasili Garonis	Halifax, NS
Nicole Marie Goodick	Cole Harbour, NS
Sean G. Grover	Montreal, QC
Lindsay Elizabeth Hackett	Prospect, NS
Zlatan Hadzic	Mala Brijesnica, Bosnia
Antonya Ashli Aileen Hall (Hon. Psychology Co-operative Education: <b>cum laude</b> )	Freeport, Bahamas
Christina Marie Hickey	Beaver Bank, NS
Spencer McTaggart Hill	London, ON
Mark Matthew Holden (Hon. History)	Halifax, NS
Matthew G. Iris	Cornwall, PE
W. Adam Kaiser	Sydney Mines, NS
Kathryn Theresa Kelly	Halifax, NS
Shiloh Anjel Kent	Halifax, NS
Stefanie Anne King	Dartmouth, NS
Briana Mary Landry	Halifax, NS
Soleil Brille Marie Landry	Sydney Mines, NS
Natalie Michele Lavoie	Fall River, NS
Anna Christine Lawley	Ingonish Beach, NS
Maggie Emily Elizabeth Lingley	Liverpool, NS
Courtney Janice Lutes	Moncton, NB
Michele Katherine MacDonald	Halifax, NS
Sarah Christine MacLellan	Truro, NS
Jessica Hart MacMillan	Margaree Valley, NS
Lindsay Anne Malloy (Hon. International Development Studies)	Grimsby, ON
Kayla Irene Marcotte	Halifax, NS

Omar Marei  
David P. McKenzie  
Kyle Christopher Moore  
Nicholas J. P. Moore (**magna cum laude**)  
Spencer John Mussett

Halifax, NS  
Toronto, ON  
Oakville, ON  
Middle Sackville, NS  
Halifax, NS

David Murray Naugler  
Alex Matthew Nickerson  
Krista R. Nickerson  
Ingrid Elyse Nowak (Hon. Psychology: **summa cum laude**)

Stillwater Lake, NS  
Fall River, NS  
Yarmouth, NS  
Halifax, NS

Frederick Lawrence Okello (Hon. International Development  
Studies: **magna cum laude**)  
Jennifer Lynn O'Reilly (Hon. Psychology: **cum laude**)

Halifax, NS  
St. John's, NL

Simon Edward Pace  
Jeffrey Frederick James Pope  
Shawna Marie Leslie Prout

Halifax, NS  
Halifax, NS  
L'Ardoise, NS

Hossam Mohamed Ramadan  
Brittany Dawn Carolyn Reeves  
Robert G. Reid

Cairo, Egypt  
New Ross, NS  
Halifax, NS

Ariel Sivaan Smith  
Matthew William Steele  
Meagan Monique Symington (Hon. International Development  
Studies: **summa cum laude**)

Yarmouth, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Nanaimo, BC

Sarah Anne Thomas

Aurora, ON

William Brandon Whiting  
Jamie-Lynn Joy Wilkinson (Hon. Political Science)  
Kevin Arthur Wilson

Fall River, NS  
Clare, NS  
Saint John, NB

#### **BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

Adjala May Thomson-Kurz

Kaslo, BC

#### **CERTIFICATE OF HONORS-ARTS**

Matthew Fleischmann

Toronto, ON

#### CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE STUDIES

Christopher G. Ayer Sackville, NS

#### CERTIFICATE OF LINGUISTICS

Christopher E. Penney Halifax, NS

#### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Christopher G. Ayer (**cum laude**)

Sudhir Beniwal

Shara Danese Bonds (Co-operative Education: **cum laude**)

Juanni Du (Hon. Mathematics)

Cassandra G. Greenslade-McClair (Hon. Psychology: **magna cum laude**)

Somesh Jha

Faran Javed Khattana

Ian Matthew MacLeod

Malvika Malvika

Ashley Danielle Marriott

Ellen Ethel Maughan

Julia Elizabeth Morris

Susan Marie Murray (**summa cum laude**)

John Daniel O'Connell

Kaitlyn S. O'Handley

Jillian Mary Parsons

Jennifer J. Pynn

Christa Lynn Skinner (Hon. Environmental Science - Co-operative Education)

Lauren Elizabeth Slaunwhite

Gillian Lea Ann Spears

Vikramaditya Verma

Sackville, NS

Halifax, NS

Sackville, NS

Hisar, India

Peterborough, ON

Halifax, NS

Halifax, NS

New Delhi, India

Lahore, Pakistan

Sydney, NS

Meerut, India

Halifax, NS

Bridgewater, NS

Lower Sackville, NS

Halifax, NS

Dartmouth, NS

Boisdale, NS

Chester, NS

Labrador City, NL

Greenwood, NS

Halifax, NS

Sheet Harbour, NS

Hisar, India



**DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING**

Fahad Saad A. Al Shayi	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Dima Mohammed Alizy	Baghdad, Iraq
Sean Bernard Anderson	Herring Cove, NS
Prasanna Balakrishnan <b>(with great distinction)</b>	New Delhi, India
Mark Ellis <b>(with distinction)</b>	Lower Sackville, NS
Kyle Robert Kears	Cole Harbour, NS
Bryan Kenna	Sydney, NS
Jawad Naimat Saif Khan	Karachi, Pakistan
Reem Amr Nassrat	Cairo, Egypt
Nitipol Netipat	Bangkok, Thailand
Brandon David Robicheau	Porters Lake, NS
David Jonathan Jackson Rogers <b>(with distinction)</b>	Ottawa, ON
JianZhou <b>(with distinction)</b>	Qinhuangdao, China

**CERTIFICATE IN THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES FOR EDUCATION**

Robert Arthur Aucoin	Glance Bay, NS
Sheena Lynn Cooper	Dartmouth, NS
Peter William Murray Day	North Sydney, NS
Lori Ann Deveaux	Cape Breton, NS
Theresa Marguerite Devoe	Alder Point, NS
Ashley Elizabeth Foster	Millville, NS
Chad Aaron Hanrahan	North Sydney, NS
Tina Marie Lahey	Bateston, NS
Michelle Anne MacKenzie	Sydney, NS
Carol Suzanne Pemberton	Glance Bay, NS
Tara Ann Quinn	Halifax, NS
William Donald Sampson	Sydney, NS
Scott Vernon Sawlor	Beaver Cove, NS
Christa Nicole Trainor	Albert Bridge, NS
Sara Beth Unsworth	Sydney, NS
S. Marlene Urquhart	Sydney, NS

**CERTIFICATE OF HONORS-SCIENCE**

Shane A. Rajaraman	Halifax, NS
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**SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER AFTERNOON CEREMONY**

**BACHELOR OF COMMERCE**

Mohamed Abd Elrahman	Halifax, NS
Ella Elom Akpalu	Accra, Ghana
Hussam Sameer Al-Amawi	Bedford, NS
Mamdouh Saad AINajem	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Abdullah Al-Showaiter	Halifax, NS
Hua Bai	Xian, China
Keith Robert Barr	Cole Harbour, NS
Jacob Christopher Batman	Halifax, NS
Rachel M. Beaulieu	Calgary, AB
Saif Husein Bitar	Amman, Jordan
Samantha D. Blandford (Co-operative Education)	Halifax, NS
Michael Thomas Burt	Halifax, NS
Kali Shannon Butler	Hammonds Plains, NS
Michael James Campbell	Truro, NS
Daewoong Cha	Seoul, South Korea
Simar Chahal	Pune, India
Neelgiri Chatterjee	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Guanlin Chen	Nei Mongolia, China
Shilin Chen	Chaoyang, China
Ming Cheng	Beijing, China
Evgeny Chudaev (Co-operative Education: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Lei Dai ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Urumqi, China
Nadin Dajani	Halifax, NS
Heather M. DeWolfe	Sackville, NS
Ruolin Ding	Jinan, China
Xueling Ding	Sichuan, China
Mengyi Dong	Hunan, China
Ahmad Mohamed El-Shair	Gaza, Palestine
Raneem M. El-Shair	Halifax, NS
Ahmed Khaled Elghatas	Cairo, Egypt
Ghassan El Helou	Alman, Lebanon
Jeff Peter Elkin	Rothesay, NB
Shannon Marie Emmett	Halifax, NS

Zujia Fan	Halifax, NS
Chen Fu	China
Jia Fu	Beijing, China
Stephanie Agnita Gill	Dartmouth, NS
Katherine Jean Gillis	Dartmouth, NS
Shehab Gomaa Abdelaziz	Halifax, NS
Ryan John Gottschalk ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Markham, ON
Ashley Bryana Greek	Cole Harbour, NS
Neil S. Grewal	Halifax, NS
Yaheng Guo	Wuhan, China
Matthew M. Hadfield	Oakville, ON
Jiale He	Zhenzhou, China
Frank Woolaver Higgins	Musquodoboit, NS
Delano Adrian Hinds	Bridgetown, Barbados
Jennifer L. Holland	Halifax, NS
Linwei Hong	Chougqing, China
Peijie Hong	Zhuhai, China
Weijun Huang	Guangzhou, China
Christine Elizabeth Eileen Jackson	Kingston, ON
Matthew L. Jaques	Dartmouth, NS
Mohammed H. Jarrar	Bedford, NS
Kai Jiang	Qingdao, China
Zihan Jin	Qinhuangdao, China
Lynn M. Lam	Halifax, NS
Lindsey Elise Lefort	Inverness, NS
Peilin Li	Fujian, China
Huicong Liang	Foshan, China
Jingxuan Lin	Harbin, China
Dean Randy Linzel	Halifax, NS
Lin Liu ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Hebi, China
Jamie L. Long	Moncton, NB
Jie J. L. Lu	Nantong, China
Jianglong Ma	Linfen, China
William Richard MacInnes	Mabou, NS
Alexander Roderick MacLeod	Wellington, NS

Shaochun Man	Beijing, China
Rani H. Martakoush	Halifax, NS
Benjamin Matthew McDade ( <b>sumraa cum laude</b> )	Cole Harbour, NS
David James McFadgen	Halifax, NS
Drew Michael Miller	Riverview, NB
Katherine Elizabeth Mingo	Mountville, NS
Xinjian Mo	Liuzhou, China
Samantha Ashley Mosher	Head of Chezzetcook, NS
Sarah Mudge	Halifax, NS
Kendra Lou Murphy (Co-operative Education)	Cole Harbour, NS
Sharifah Nansukusa	Kampala, Uganda
Amanda Alice Naugle	Sackville, NS
Trevor Blair Negus	Dartmouth, NS
Andrew Anthony Nichols ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Brampton, ON
Patrick Robert O'Keefe	Mount Pearl, NL
Sevim Ozsuren	Iskenderun, Turkey
Jing Pan	Yantai, China
Kayleigh Beth Parsons	Kingston, NS
Yun Peng	Hsinchu, Taiwan
Yusha Peng	Chengdu, China
Cole Alan Perkins	Fall River, NS
Shane Michael William Peverill	Timberlea, NS
Mark D. Power	Dartmouth, NS
Kirstie Anne Purdy	Halifax, NS
Bizhan Qaderi	Halifax, NS
Wang Rao	Beijing, China
Ming Ren	Maanshan, China
Jason G. Richard-Allain	Moncton, NB
Mike Spencer Roney	Oakville, ON
Ashley Elizabeth Saxton	Brookside, NS
Helen Seto	Halifax, NS
Chuzhe Shu	Sichuan, China
Michael James Smith	Calgary, AB
Madelyn D. Smye	Halifax, NS

Cheng Song	Wuhan, China
Nicholas J. Spurdakes	Halifax, NS
Justin Steele	Halifax, NS
Shiru Su	Xuzhou, China
YingSun	Jinan, China
Na Ta	Nei Mongolia, China
QianjunTan ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Guangzhou, China
William Jason Tan	Cole Harbour, NS
Tian Tang	Shandong, China
Stephanie L. Taylor	Halifax, NS
Samuel Walter Thompson Jr.	Nassau, Bahamas
Hilary Clare Tompkins	Bedford, NS
Eseza Namirembe Wamala	Kampala, Uganda
Chunan Wang	Panjin, China
Haiqi Wang	Zhengzhou, China
Hepeng Wang	Dalian, China
Xiaofei Wang	Shandong, China
Yanu Wang	Manzhouli, China
Yilin Wang	Yantai, China
Yunhang Wang	Bayan, China
Trevor R. Wortman	Riverview, NB
Yilin Xiao	Xiangtan, China
Su Xu	Suzhou, China
Yue Xu	Qingdao, China
Jixiao Xue	Halifax, NS
Bi Wei Yan	Beijing, China
Mei Yang	Fuzhou, China
YuPeng Yang	Jinan, China
Yu Sheng Yao	Halifax, NS
Omar A. Youssef	Halifax, NS
Claudia Wafik Zakhary	Halifax, NS
Shi Lin Zhai	Tianjin, China
Congying Zhang	Zhanjiang, China
Hao Zhang	Zhengzhou, China
Tianxi Zhang	Suzhou, China

Wenzheng Zhang	Qingdao, China
Jinxuan Zhao	Beijing, China
Minru Zhao	Qingdao, China
Ling Zhong	Wuxi, China

**CERTIFICATE OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Rachel M. Beaulieu	Calgary, AB
Shelly A. Bishop	Bedford, NS
Saif Husein Bitar	Amman, Jordan
Sarah M. Campbell	Wellington, NS
Daewoong Cha	Seoul, South Korea
Ahmad Mohamed El-Shair	Gaza, Palestine
Brittany K. Francis	Lunenburg, NS
Katherine Jean Gillis	Dartmouth, NS
Ashley Bryana Greek	Cole Harbour, NS
Lindsey Elise Lefort	Inverness, NS
Sarah Rose Mac Arthur-Duffy	Lower Sackville, NS
Alexander Roderick MacLeod	Wellington, NS
Maxine Anne MacPhee	Cole Harbour, NS
Shaochun Man	Beijing, China
Rani H. Martakoush	Halifax, NS
Trevor Blair Negus	Dartmouth, NS
Patrick Robert O'Keefe	Mount Pearl, NL
Caroline Paula Resende	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Ashley Elizabeth Saxton	Brookside, NS
Jeff E. Smith	Dartmouth, NS
Hilary Clare Tompkins	Bedford, NS
Claudia Wafik Zakhary	Halifax, NS

## **HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

### **FRIDAY EVENING CEREMONY**

#### **SENATOR TERRY MERCER**

A long-time fundraiser and political organizer, Senator Terry M. Mercer was appointed to the Senate by the Right Honourable Jean Chretien in November 2003. He represents the Province of Nova Scotia and the Senatorial Division of Northend Halifax.

Senator Mercer is the Deputy Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. He is also a member of the Transport and Communication Committee and the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the Library of Parliament.

Senator Mercer served as Chair of the Senate Liberal Caucus from 2006-2012 and as the National Director of the Liberal Party of Canada from 1995-2003. Prior to that, he held a wide variety of executive positions with charitable institutions including the Metro Toronto Branch of the Canadian Diabetes Association, the YMCA of Greater Toronto, the Nova Scotia Lung Association, St. John Ambulance Nova Scotia Council, and the Kidney Foundation of Canada (Nova Scotia Branch).

An active member of the of the Nova Scotia and Ottawa Chapters of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), Senator Mercer is a former Chair of the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy in Canada and was the founding member and Director of two chapters of AFP. A Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), he has lectured extensively on modern ethical fundraising techniques and served on the AFP Association Board of Directors and the AFP Canada Council.

Senator Mercer has a long history of voluntary service that includes membership on the boards of directors for the Halifax Police Boys & Girls Club, CFB Halifax Curling Club, and the Kidney Foundation of Canada. He was also a former Vice President of the Adoptive Parents Association of Nova Scotia, a member of the Parish Council for St. Lawrence Church, Halifax; and the coach/manager for the Junior Curling Program and Little League Baseball.

Born in Halifax in 1947, Senator Mercer graduated from Saint Mary's University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts. An honoured recipient of the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation, the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, he lives in Mount Uniacke, Nova Scotia with his wife Ellen (nee Simmons). They have one son, Michael.

Senator Mercer's wife, son and daughter-in-law are all graduates of Saint Mary's.

## SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY

### MS. ISABELLE KNOCKWOOD

A respected author, political activist, and Mi'kmaw elder, Isabelle Toney-Shay Knockwood has worked to inspire Aboriginal peoples and other Canadians in a process of renewed relationships based on mutual understanding and respect.

Born in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Ms. Knockwood attended the Indian Residential School in Shubenacadie from 1936 to 1947. At the height of the American Civil Rights movement in the late 1960s, she moved from an Indian reserve in Canada to Boston, Massachusetts, where she began her education in earnest by joining the crowds on the Boston Commons to hear speeches given by Martin Luther King Jr.

Inspired to social activism by the words of Dr. King, and freedoms calls from the American Indian Movement and the Women's Rights Movement, Isabelle Toney-Shay Knockwood worked in Boston's urban core to secure medical care for homeless women, volunteered with the Boston Indian Council, and joined other Aboriginal educators in raising public awareness about the unique educational needs of Aboriginal children living in urban areas. Later, when living in Toronto, she counselled urban Aboriginal women and taught a course on Aboriginal culture and tradition for homeless men.

In 1978, Ms. Knockwood returned to the Indian Residential School in Shubenacadie and took photographs to help jog the memories of other residential school survivors. From their stories, and with the help of Saint Mary's University English Professor Gillian Thomas as editor, Ms. Knockwood wrote the book *Out of the Depths: The Experiences of Mi'kmaw Children at the Indian Residential School in Shubenacadie, N.S.*

Isabelle Toney-Shay Knockwood earned a Master's Degree on Social Change in Native Women Studies from Vermont's Goddard College in 1975. More than a decade later, at the age of 58, she enrolled in Saint Mary's University, majoring in Anthropology, with a minor in English. She graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Now 82, Ms. Knockwood is completing a Master's program in Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of New Brunswick. Her thesis is focused on the impact of Canada's official apology in 2008 to students of residential schools.

Ms. Knockwood has 6 children, 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. She lives at the Indian Brook reserve, where she received the Spirit name, Maqmikwe'skw, which means Mother Earth. Ms. Knockwood was among those who spoke before a panel of the Truth of Reconciliation Commission of Canada.



## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY**

### **DR. COLIN MACDONALD**

One of Nova Scotia's leading businessmen, Colin E. MacDonald has worked his way from jobs such as lobster packer and truck driver to become Chairman of Clearwater Seafoods Incorporated and co-owner and director of Clearwater Fine Foods Inc.

Born in Halifax and raised in Fairview, Colin MacDonald attended Dalhousie University, graduating in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Working with his brother-in-law, John Risley, MacDonald grew a fish business conducted from the back of a truck into a world leader in the global seafood industry.

MacDonald's extensive career in the seafood business includes service in a variety of industry organizations as well as leadership roles as President of the Canadian Lobster Producers Association and Founding Member of the Lobster Science Centre. No stranger to top honours, he has been recognized as one of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEOs and in 2012 saw Clearwater heralded as Atlantic Canada's Most Sustainable Company in Atlantic Business Magazine's Corporate Social Responsibility Awards.

Colin MacDonald is a good friend to Saint Mary's University and a member of the Sobey School of Business Advisory Board. A firm believer that individuals have a responsibility to participate in society, he supports a variety of organizations including the IWK Foundation, Homebridge Youth Society, Phoenix Youth Programs, Children's Wish Foundation, Abilities Foundation, the Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian Colorectal Cancer Screening Initiative Foundation.

Frequently acknowledged for his community involvement, MacDonald has received a Maritime Philanthropy Award as Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser; the Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian Award for Nova Scotia; and honorary degrees from UPEI and Dalhousie University. This year so far, he has been named Honorary Chair of the Water for Life - Chefs for UNICEF dinner; and 2013 Courage to Give Back Award Ambassador by Family SOS, a support program for families in the HRM.

Colin MacDonald lives in Chester. He is married to Carol Hansen and has two sons, Nicholas and Luke.

## **VALEDICTORIANS**

### **CHRISTA SKINNER - SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY**

Christa Skinner was born and raised in the Annapolis Valley near Greenwood, Nova Scotia. She graduates today with a Bachelor of Science Degree, Honours in Environmental Science with Co-operative Education. During her time at Saint Mary's, Christa worked in the Dean of Science Office and in Geography professor Dr. Danika van Proosdij's InCoaST Research Lab as a research assistant; she also completed three work terms with CB Wetlands and Environmental Specialists Inc., where she developed a passion for environmental restoration and monitoring.

Christa is a recipient of the Elaine Leventhal Memorial Scholarship - Leadership and was on the Dean's List in the final two years of her undergraduate degree. A dedicated conservationist, Christa is interested in the ways humans affect and alter the environment, as well as the restoration of damaged ecosystems. She is currently pursuing her Masters in Applied Science at Saint Mary's University (under the supervision of Dr. van Proosdij) and plans to pursue restoration and reclamation work in the future. The youngest of two children, Christa is an avid five-pin and candle-pin bowler. When she completes her Master degree, she will be the first member of her immediate family to hold a postgraduate degree.

Christa would like to thank her family and friends for their tremendous support over the past four-and-a-half years. She would also like to offer a huge thank you to the professors and staff who have positively impacted her life, especially "Dr. D" (Dr. Danika van Proosdij).

### **ESEZA WAMALA - SATURDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY**

Eseza Wamala also known as "Essay" by her peers is the eldest of three children born to Grace and the late Samuel Wamala. She is a Ugandan who resides in Zimbabwe with her mother and younger siblings; Joyce and Peter Wamala.

In May 2009, Essay arrived in Halifax as a transfer student from Rhodes University in South Africa. Over the past four years, she has served as a Teaching Assistant, Residence Assistant and Student Ambassador while studying at SMU. She was the Vice President of Saint Mary's African Students Society and was also awarded a Certificate of Merit by Saint Mary's University Students Association for work done in the area of bettering student life.

Today she graduates with a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics from the Sobey School of Business. Essay would like to thank God for his provision in her life and will always treasure her memories as a Husky. She is grateful to her family, friends and professors for their contributions and would also like to give special thanks to Kati Kilfoil and Cathy Ross for their overwhelming support.

## **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 Sobeys Building, opened in the fall of 1998, houses the Sobeys 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'kmaqs' 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 1990 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>B.A., B.Comm., &amp; B.Sc.</b>	<b>Grade Point Average</b>	<b>Diploma in Engineering</b>
<b>summa cum laude</b>	4.00 - 4.30	with greatest distinction
<b>magna cum laude</b>	3.85 - 3.99	with great distinction
<b>cum laude</b>	3.70 - 3.84	with distinction

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

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

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

### **Framing of Parchments**

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

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

### **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](http://www.bigaro.ca)



The Board of Governors, The Academic Senate, and

The Graduating Class

of

Saint Mary's University

Cordially invite you to attend a Reception

Immediately following 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.