

Saint Mary's University

Fall Convocation



Friday, 17 October 2014

Saturday, 18 October 2014

O CANADA

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

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

Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.

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

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

Order of Academic Procession

Marshal of Convocation

Graduates

Faculty

Board of Governors

Deans of Faculties

Recipients of Honorary Degrees

Vice President, Academic and Research

President

Chancellor

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

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

Order of Proceedings

Processional

Welcome

O Canada

Friday Evening Ceremony - Monica Njoku

Saturday Ceremonies - Heather Fitzpatrick

Introduction of Special Guests

Invocation

Father Rob Arsenault

Valedictory Addresses

Friday Evening Ceremony - Soraya Timica Merchant

Saturday Morning Ceremony - Megan Elizabeth Pothier

Saturday Afternoon Ceremony - Jiayi Shen

Awards

President's Award for Excellence in Research

Jean Helms Mills, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., Ph.D.

Presidential Remarks

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

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Friday Evening Ceremony

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)

Frederick Richard MacGillivray

Saturday Morning Ceremony

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Donald Joseph Connolly

Saturday Afternoon Ceremony

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)

Rania Guindi Llewellyn

Presentation of Alumni Pins to Honorary Degree Recipients

Convocation Address

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

Margaret Y. MacDonald. B.A. (Hons), D.Phil., 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

Orators

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

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

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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.

MEDALS and AWARDS

Fitzpatrick Family Valedictorian Award

Soraya Timica Merchant, Halifax, NS
Megan Elizabeth Pothier, Lower Sackville, NS
Jiayi Shen, Guangzhou, China

Master of Finance Gold Medal

Donor: Colin Dodds and Family
Recipient: Ming Lei Zhang, Dezhou, 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 2014 is **Dr. Jean Helms Mills**, a professor in the Management Department of the Sobey School of Business.

Dr. Jean Helms Mills is widely recognized as a leader in the areas of critical management theory, gender studies and change. She joined Saint Mary's University full time in 2003 and holds a visiting appointment at Jyväskylä University in Finland and is a senior research fellow at Hanken University in Helsinki. She has also held appointments at Acadia University and Mount Allison University. She completed her Ph.D. at Lancaster University, UK in 2000 and has a B.A. in psychology from Saint Mary's University.

Dr. Helms Mills has published extensively in academic journals and participated in the production of seventeen books and edited collections. Her track record in major research funding is significant and she is currently the principal investigator for a study titled "Intersectionality at Work: Time, Location and Socio-political Context" and co-investigator on another titled "Reassembling Canadian Management Knowledge: Dispersion, Equity, Identity and History". In addition, she is serving on the editorial boards of ten scholarly journals and has been a guest editor for eight other journals. Active in the Atlantic Schools of Business, Administrative Sciences Association of Canada and the Academy of Management, as well as the Standing Colloquium of Organizational Symbolism, she provides outstanding leadership within her professional community.

Reviewers of her work described her as a "senior professor on the international stage" and point out that there is no doubt that she has "established an extraordinarily meritorious record of scholarship and research ability that brings great credit to the university".

FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER EVENING CEREMONY

MASTER OF ARTS (ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES)

Magen Lilli Hudak
Carole E. MacDonald
Raymond Gilbert Sewell

Cow Bay, NS
Halifax, NS
Pabineau First Nation, NB

MASTER OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY)

Sarah Bray
Anne Marie Christine Sutherland

Halifax, NS
Woodstock, NB

MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)

Mary Ceilidh Chase

Stillwater Lake, NS

MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

Katherine E. Blackman
Erica Bowler
Matt Jaworski
Faith Uwane Okolo

Innerkip, ON
Comox, BC
Stittsville, ON
Halifax, NS

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES)

Sarwar Ahmed Abdullah
Nicola Elaine Fendert
Amanda C. LaPointe

Toronto, ON
Hammonds Plains, NS
Halifax, NS

EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Stella L. Freeman

Hong Kong, China

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Mohamed Faisal Al-Hammadi
Morgan Eric Laurence Armstrong
Ashley Nicole Best
Ashley Noelle Bishop
Kofi Agyeman Boakyee
Patrick James Brennan

Taiz, Yemen
Chester, NS
New Glasgow, NS
Spaniard's Bay, NL
Accra, Ghana
Rothesay, NB

Philip Leo Campbell
Michael Raymond Coulombe
Jeffery Dean Currie

Dominion, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Eastern Passage, NS

Johnathan Michael Doiron
Kate Patricia Doleman
Jennifer Dore
Kayla Nicole Dormody

Rustico, PE
Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Corner Brook, NL

Nicolette Michelle Fader	Dartmouth, NS
Dahria Marguerite Franks	Nassau, Bahamas
Kyle Funkenhauser	Windsor, ON
Oriana P. M. Galfi	Halifax, NS
Brian Garby	Stellarton, NS
Normand Gendron	Waverley, NS
Catherine Ann Giordani	Dartmouth, NS
Jean-Claude Gouthro	Dartmouth, NS
Jennifer Margaret Haley	Windsor, NS
Peter Hemsworth	Dartmouth, NS
Scott Robert Houlihan	Dartmouth, NS
Chad Deon Hutchinson-Brooks	Dartmouth, NS
Clarissa Charmaine Jamieson	Halifax, NS
Zonea Marie Kauffman	Truro, NS
Scott Gerald Lewis	Sydney, NS
Aaron Matthew MacDonald	Sydney, NS
Angela Patricia MacDonald	Morell, PE
Kristopher Myles MacEachern	Hebbsville, NS
Chad Wayne Leslie MacGuigan	Charlottetown, PE
Benjamin Mathew MacInnis	St. Peter's Bay, PE
Craig MacKenzie	Salmon River, NS
Daniel W. Makhan	Halifax, NS
Ayeshanaz Mashoodh	Halifax, NS
Diana Lynn Matheson	Lake Echo, NS
Barry Michael McNeil	Halifax, NS
Robert Lloyd McNutt	Saint John, NB
Thomas Matthew Moss Melady	Cambridge, ON
Roger John William Mellen	Sydney, NS
Diana Marie Mombourquette	Fall River, NS
Margaret A. Morash	Cole Harbour, NS
William Morris	Sidmouth, England
Darcy Murnaghan	Charlottetown, PE
Rebecca Paruch	Sydney, NS
William Mark Pasch	Saint John, NB
Randy Lawrence Peters	Antigonish, NS
Vu Diem Hang Pham	Hanoi, Vietnam
Shawn Donald Pyke	Blockhouse, NS

William Christopher Rodgers	Dartmouth, NS
Jason Saoud	Halifax, NS
Ahmad Abdel-Monem Shahwan	Gaza, Palestine
Brenna Shand	Halifax, NS
Nicole Jean Silva	New Glasgow, NS
Darren Allister Stewart	Newburne, NS
Adele F. Sullivan	Halifax, NS
Cory Michael Tanaka	Stouffville, ON
Mark Frederick Tanner	Dartmouth, NS
Michael David Thompson	Fletcher's Lake, NS
Bowen J. Tom	Halifax, NS
Rebekah MacDonald Townsend	Halifax, NS
Andre Tremblay	Porters Lake, NS
Brandon Joseph Wells	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Jonathan Alan Wilson	Cornwall, PE
Mingqi Yang	Shenzhen, China
Fuli Zhang	Beijing, China
Tianchen Zhu	Halifax, NS
MASTER OF FINANCE	
Olubukunola Omolara Abaniwonda	Abuja, Nigeria
Azeez Afolabi	Lagos, Nigeria
Tongyang Cai	Bengbu, China
Di Chen	Beijing, China
Shilin Chen	Chaoyang, China
Yanzhang Chen	Halifax, NS
Geetanjali Chilakala	Halifax, NS
MD Nayeem Hossain Chowdhury	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Fanzhu Deng	Jiangsu, China
Li Gai	Jinan, China
Sijing Han	Shanghai, China
Yusong He	Karamay, China
Kaibo Huang	Zhejiang, China
Xuejing Huang	Fuzhou, China
Dengiyefa Igoniderigha	Opokuma, Nigeria
Moinul Islam	Dhaka, Bangladesh

Zihan Jin	Hebei, China
Kushagra Kirpal	Jalandhar, India
Chen Li	Chengdu, China
Hanjiang Li	Halifax, NS
Jun Li	Shanghai, China
Sitong Li	Harbin, China
Yifan Li	Laiwu, China
Lei Liu	Hebei, China
Yuankun Liu	Jinan, China
Hui Lu	Jiaxing, China
Wanjing Lyu	Daqing, China
Jie Ma	Jinan, China
Yuxiang Mai	Zhengzhou, China
Raghava Santosh Bharadwaj Manda	Visakhapatnam, India
Varun Mehta	New Delhi, India
Kefan Mo	Kunming, China
Bo Pang	Wugang, China
Cheng Peng	Beijing, China
Ying Qin	Shenyang, China
Muhammad Umer Rauf	Lahore, Pakistan
Yutong Shen	Changsha, China
Zhengyuan Shen	Halifax, NS
Chuzhe Shu	Yibin, China
Xinrui Song	Jinan, China
Yahui Sun	Henan, China
Ying Sun	Jinan, China
Guanqiao Tao	Jiaozuo, China
Dian Wang	Beijing, China
Feng Wang	Nanjing, China
Lingfeng Wang	Henan, China
Yuzheng Wen	Shanghai, China
Diji Wu	Danjiangkou, China
Chhутten Singh Yadav	Gurgaon, India
Kunjie Yan	Beijing, China
Siyao Yang	Shenyang, China

Xintong Yang
Zhihao Yao

Halifax, NS
Shanghai, China

Congying Zhang
Han Zhang
Lulu Zhang
Minglei Zhang
Renchi Zhang
XiWen Zhao
Jiexin Zhou
Yana Zhou
Junxuan Zhu
Xinyang Zhu

Zhanjiang, China
Halifax, NS
Henan, China
Dezhou, China
Changsha, China
Beijing, China
Shandong, China
Hunan, China
Jinan, China
Anhui, China

MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY)

Michelle Katharine Berlinguette
Lenora Ann Collins
Aleka Maria MacLellan
Samantha Anne-Marie Penney
Shauna L. Smith

Prince George, BC
St. John's, NL
Halifax, NS
Thunder Bay, ON
St. John's, NL

MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)

Shaza Abdulrahman Alkhilafi
Jade Atkins
Stephanie Louise Beland
Alyssa Jane Doue
Adrian J. Ellis
Scott Gerald Harroun
Alicia Irwin
Md. Aminul Islam
Shannon Noelle Ledger (Co-operative Education)
Soraya Timica Merchant
Emma Poirier (Co-operative Education)
Jordi Leon Segers
Mirela Suteanu (Co-operative Education)
Oliver Chartier Woods

Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Lillooet, BC
Halifax, NS
Freetown, Sierra Leone
Lower Sackville, NS
Copper Cliff, ON
Chittagong, Bangladesh
Middle Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS
Cheticamp, NS
Purmerend, The Netherlands
Halifax, NS
Annapolis Royal, NS

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (MANAGEMENT)

William Charles Murray

Halifax, NS

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER MORNING CEREMONY

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jennifer Rebecca Angelo (cum laude)	Glance Bay, NS
Amelia Archibald	Thorburn, NS
Nicholas Patrick Arment	Cohasset, MA, USA
Alison Patricia Baker	Halifax, NS
Jade MacRoberts Bradbury	Halifax, NS
Gray Butler	Toronto, ON
Brian Thomas Campbell	Cole Harbour, NS
Ashely Crouch (Honors Religious Studies: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Jeannie Denyes	Halifax, NS
Anthony Michael DiPhilippo	Portland, ME, USA
Timothy James Dobson	Dartmouth. NS
David Joel Doyle	New Ross, NS
Alixandra Nicole Drew (Honors Sociology)	Halifax, NS
Jennifer Lee Drillio	Halifax, NS
Ashley Rae Dubois	Naples, Italy
Kristen Anne Edison	Summerside, PE
Noor El Massalme	Daraa, Syria
Patricia Angelina Esteves	Dartmouth, NS
Eugena Elizabeth Adeline Euler	Eastern Passage, NS
Harry Onochie Ezenibe (Co-operative Education)	Igbo-Ukwu, Nigeria
Jillian Fader	Halifax, NS
Jonah Flanagan (cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Alec Fraser	Bedford, NS
Erin Gair	Halifax, NS
Efrem Zecarias Gebrehiwet (Honors Linguistics)	Cole Harbour. NS
Lamis Ghanem Ghanem	Tulkarem, Palestine
Emma J. Gillis (Honors Political Science: cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Erica Danielle Goodwin	Lower Wedgeport, NS
Kristin Goreham (summa cum laude)	Woods Harbour, NS
Kyle Allison Norman Goreham	Woods Harbour, NS
Rachel L. Gorman	Halifax, NS
Brian Thomas Gunn	Halifax, NS
Nicole Ardene Hamm (Honors Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Alice Donovan Hebb	Halifax, NS
Nichole Maria Holland	Dartmouth, NS
Kaleigh Hood	Middle Musquodoboit, NS

Linda Hulme Leahy (Honors English: magna cum laude)	Cow Bay, NS
Robin Marie Jardine	Halifax, NS
Jillian Patricia Jensen	Lantz, NS
Miranda Lynn Johnson	Liverpool, NS
Nashaka Felix Johnson	Nassau, Bahamas
Jennifer Lee Mary Jones (Honors Psychology)	Dartmouth, NS
Robert Jubenville	Oshawa, ON
Megan Julian	Calgary, AB
Laurel Michelle MacAdam	Mira, NS
Darcy Peter McGovern	Rome, Italy
Jennifer Lynn McKnight (cum laude)	Moncton, NB
Grant D. Miller "	Halifax, NS
Ryan Joseph Moore	Halifax, NS
Amanda Dyan Morris	Lime Hill, NS
Julianne R. Morris (Honors Religious Studies)	Halifax, NS
Jennifer Eileen Morrissey	Truro, NS
Jahmeek Murray Taylor	Mississauga, ON
Kendra Dawn Nippard	Clarkes Beach, NL
Kayla O'Hearn	Halifax, NS
Megan Elizabeth Pothier (Co-operative Education)	Lower Sackville, NS
Nungfan Puttumavong (Honors Psychology: magna cum laude)	Bangkok, Thailand
Victoria Mary Ashford Ray	Halifax, NS
Anastacia Reid (Honors Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Jennah Elise Rudderham	Halifax, NS
Chloee Sampson	Milford, NS
Felicia Elena Marie Sponagle	Bateston, NS
Ashley Dawn Stagg	Sydney, NS
Alissa Tanner	Halifax, NS
Justine Florence Taylor	Harbourville, NS
Joanne S. Toulany (Honors Criminology)	Cole Harbour, NS
Sarah Elizabeth Trites	Cole Harbour, NS
Shane Patrick Weatherby	Dartmouth, NS
Katherine Annelise Williams	Dartmouth, NS

CERTIFICATE OF HONORS-ARTS

Alicia D. Brown
Lois Melinda Cartwright

Western Shore, NS
Halifax, NS

CERTIFICATE OF JAPANESE STUDIES

Danielle Fleury

Westville, NS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Akilah Miriam Allen-Silverstein

Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis

Rebecca Ashley Betts (Honors Biology)

Saint John, NB

Akshay Chaudhary

Hissar, India

Sarah Catherine Eagles (**cum laude**)

Windsor, NS

Alaa El Attar (**summa cum laude**)

Halifax, NS

Jeffery Hart

Baker Lake, NU

Sara Elizabeth Hems worth (Honors Psychology)

Halifax, NS

Michael T. Hughes

All Saints, Antigua and Barbuda

Jenna Dawn Kennedy (Co-operative Education: **cum laude**)

Dartmouth, NS

Ashley Lawrence

Glance Bay, NS

Nicole Dawn McCulloch

Shubenacadie, NS

Rayna R. L. Ogilvie

Petitcodiac, NB

Brian Tae Hyung Park

Bedford, NS

Courtney Anne Phillips (**magna cum laude**)

Halifax, NS

Ruwa Shaker

Baghdad, Iraq

Nitish Sharma

New Delhi, India

Samantha Ling Smith

Halifax, NS

Kayla Paige Strickland

Halifax, NS

Maria Cristina Suteanu (Honors Physics: **summa cum laude**)

Timberlea, NS

Mukul Taxak

New Delhi, India

Satish Vaswani

Castries, Saint Lucia

Shane Patrick Weatherby

Dartmouth, NS

Kyle Andrew Whalen (**magna cum laude**)

Dartmouth, NS

Jessica Lee Whattam (Honors Geology)

Eastern Passage, NS

DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Majed F. M. Abdelrahman
Saleh Ibrahim Alanazi
Ahmed Mohammed Alghamdi
Mohammed Algharbawi
Yousef Abdullah Alwehaibi
Brendon Alexander Camm
Alexander Keith Conrad **(with greatest distinction)**
Konrad V. Erlendsson
Muyoya Dominic Kabinga
Seyed M. Hossein Mousavi
Nikrooz Naserifard **(with greatest distinction)**
Nazanin Omrani-Moghaddam **(with greatest distinction)**
Herbert Osei-Boateng
Iwona B. Rafalska
Sarah Jean Marie Rhyno
Shifat Sharmin
Callum Thompson

Amman, Jordan
Alkhafji, Saudi Arabia
Aldammam, Saudi Arabia
Halifax, NS
Alkhabra, Saudi Arabia
Fall River, NS
St. Margaret's Bay, NS
Rykjavik, Iceland
Lusaka, Zambia
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Accra, Ghana
Agatowka, Poland
Halifax, NS
Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dartmouth, NS

DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES

Rebecca Ashley Betts
Shane Patrick Weatherby

Saint John, NB
Dartmouth, NS

CERTIFICATE IN THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES FOR EDUCATION

Carla Marie Cavicchi
Erika Marie Charlton
Shilo J. Dunlap
Paul Christopher Malick
Sara Marie Richey
Lawrence James Rigby

Boutiliers Point, NS
Halifax, NS
Windsor, NS
Bedford, NS
Halifax, NS
Lower Sackville, NS

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER AFTERNOON CEREMONY

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Lamis Abozeidan	Gaza, Palestine
Graham Aikens	Westville, NS
Waleed Al-Hares	Amman, Jordan
Faisal Nasser Mashhor Alamri	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Hesham Alasaad	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Mohamed Abdulrahman Almohareb	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Mohammed Hamed Almousa	Doha, Qatar
Ali Ibrahim Almukhtar	Qatif, Saudi Arabia
Mohammed Abdullah M. Al-Suraimi	Sana'a, Yemen
Tyler Jeffrey Arsenaault	Stillwater Lake, NS
Steven Ayoub	Karahbach, Lebanon
Gregory Keith Beaver	Truro, NS
Amritpal Singh Benipal (Co-operative Education: magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Candice L. Blaney	Halifax, NS
Kody Douglas Blois (magna cum laude)	Belnan, NS
Victoria Blue (cum laude)	Ottawa, ON
Mehmet Berk Boyacigil	Ankara, Turkey
Ivan Edward D. Brana (Honors Economics)	Quezon City, Philippines
David James Campbell (magna cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Jingjing Chen	Chongqing, China
Xiaolin Chen	Henan, China
Hui Cheng	Zhongshan, China
Liang Cheng	Nanjing, China
Donna Clayton	Dartmouth, NS
Matthew Cluett	Cole Harbour, NS
Donald Joseph Connolly	Halifax, NS
Elisha E. Crook	Yarmouth, NS
Feifei Cui	Langfang, China
Manjyot Singh Daid	Halifax, NS
Julia Rosemarie Daniel	Dartmouth, NS
Xiaofeng Deng	Baotou, China
Peter T. Dietrich	Halifax, NS
Long Van Do	Hue, Vietnam
Lin Dong	Beijing, China
Noor El Massalme	Daraa, Syria
Yilin Fan	Taiyuan, China
Logan John Allan Fletcher (Co-operative Education)	Coldbrook, NS

Danielle Fleury (**summa cum laude**)

Westville, NS

Brittany Jane Gale

Halifax, NS

JiaWei Ge

Danyang, China

Lily Ella Lorraine Gilbert

Fredericton, NB

Bryan J. Gillis

Cole Harbour, NS

LinhuiGong (**cum laude**)

Changsha, China

Chenyi Guo

Beijing, China

Jun Liang Guo (**cum laude**)

Zhongshan, China

Yanan Guo (**summa cum laude**)

Beijing, China

Yin Guo

Fuzhou, China

Yuhan Guo

Shenzhen, China

Hadeel Hafez (Co-operative Education)

Halifax, NS

Ahmad Hatem Hamdan

Halifax, NS

Soolun Han (**magna cum laude**)

Seoul, South Korea

Xuedi Han

Henan, China

Andrew Thomas Ian Harvey

Oakville, ON

Sohaib Hassan

Lahore, Pakistan

Bin He

Halifax, NS

Yidan Hong

Beijing, China

Brandi Horton

Bridgewater, NS

Jon Hoskin

Dartmouth, NS

Rui Huang

Zhanjiang, China

Yanwei Huang

Chongqing, China

James Walter Isaacs

Folsom, CA, USA

Ryan Frederick Johnson (Co-operative Education)

Lower Sackville, NS

Linda M. Jumat

Cairo, Egypt

Tracey Namutebi Kakembo

Kampala, Uganda

Daniel Leon Kennedy

Halifax, NS

Jinhwan Kim

Seoul, South Korea

Namyun Kim

Seoul, South Korea

Akiko Kozai

Tsukuba, Japan

Jacob M. Kronick

Ottawa, ON

Shi Kuang

Nanjing, China

Monica Lillian Lauder

Hubley, NS

Wenyi Li

Beijing, China

Yanlin Li

Linyi, China

Yichun Li

Linfen, China

Guohui Liang

Guangzhou, China

Yingzhi Liao

Shenzhen, China

Dawei Liu

Gansu, China

Fan Liu	Shenzhen, China
Mengying Liu	Jinan, China
Ninghui Liu	Shandong, China
Tong Liu	Luoyang, China
Wei Liu	Beijing, China
Xiaodan Liu	Qingdao, China
Mareah A. Long	Port Hawkesbury, NS

Weijia Ma	Changzhi, China
John MacAdam	Glace Bay, NS
Nathaniel C. Macdonald	Timberlea, NS
Christopher MacKinnon	Richmond Hill, ON
Peter John MacLeod	Dartmouth, NS
Aksheeta Madugula	Halifax, NS
Kazi Ashek Manzur	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Alexander John Marr	Saint John, NB
Mitchell L. McCallum	Halifax, NS
Alexander Michael John McInnis	Dartmouth, NS
Jennifer Lynn McKnight (cum laude)	Moncton, NB
Callum Brian McLeod	Belnan, NS
Krystal Ann Messervey	Tantallon, NS
Brett Mosher	Poplar Grove, NS
Luther Simbanai Munzara	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Takudzwa Adrian Zvinaiye Murahwi	Toronto, ON

Rohan Narang (cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Sonny John Newman	Miramichi, NB
John-Angus Liam Newton	Halifax, NS
Zijian Niu	Liaoning, China

Brody Finnegan O'Connor	Montreal, QC
Rory Patrick O'Neill	Halifax, NS

Alexander Robert-Joseph Porter	Halifax, NS
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Marie Mediatrix Valino Reyes (magna cum laude)	Paranaque, Philippines
Dane Richard	Dartmouth, NS
Garrett Ritchie	Yarmouth, NS
Eric Robertson	New Glasgow, NS
Alec Robichaud	Halifax, NS
Timothy Douglas Cooper Robinson	Halifax, NS
Kyle Rogers	D'Escousse, NS

Jiayi Shen (summa cum laude)	Guangzhou, China
Luke Samuel Simms	Dartmouth, NS
Sean Siri-Ngamuang	Halifax, NS

Jade Ashely Smith
Brent Stevenson
Shandiona Franciska Gwyneth Stuart
Ruolin Sun (**summa cum laude**)
Richard Nigel Sy

Shahin Tabrizi
LiLi Tian
Chieh-Hsin Tien
Stephen P. Tonet
Ying Tong

Hao Wang
Hejin Wang
Jiazhi Wang
Jai Lin Wang
Yameng Wang
Yang Wang
Le Wei
Wen Wei
Zachary Dylan Weseen
Joseph Stephen Whittle
Jiarong Wu
Kunze Wu
Si Wu
Xuanying Wu

JunYu Xiao
Keqi Xing
Bei Xu

Farid Yammine
Chang Yang (**cum laude**)
Chunjie Yang
Yang Yang

Obaid Zaman
Lianping Zhang
Shijun Zhang
Xuming Zhang
Ying Zhang
Lina Zhao
Ruoqi Zhao
Wenhui Zheng
Qian Zhou (**summa cum laude**)
Weiran Zhou

Nassau, Bahamas
Oakville, ON
Nassau, Bahamas
Shanxi, China
Halifax, NS

Halifax, NS
Liaoning, China
Kaohsiung, Taiwan
Bedford, NS
Beijing, China

Nanjing, China
Kunming, China
Baoying, China
Taipei, Taiwan
Jinan, China
Beijing, China
Guixi, China
Chengdu, China
Bedford, NS
Regina, SK
Shantou, China
Raoping, China
Shunde, China
Suzhou, China

Guiyang, China
Baotou, China
Wuhan, China

Halifax, NS
Beijing, China
Jiangsu, China
Haikou, China

Dhaka, Bangladesh
Shanghai, China
Shanghai, China
Yantai, China
Fujian, China
Beijing, China
Shijiazhuang, China
Shenzhen, China
Danyang, China
Zhuhai, China

Jinxin Zhu
Di Zu

Halifax, NS
Jining, China

CERTIFICATE OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Lamis Abozeidan
Mohammed Hamed Almousa

Gaza, Palestine
Doha, Qatar

Danielle J. Chiasson
Donna Clayton

Bathurst, NB
Dartmouth, NS

Carolyn Dawson
Lin Dong
Ashley Rae Dubois

Dartmouth, NS
Beijing, China
Naples, Italy

Brittany Jane Gale
Lamis Ghanem Ghanem

Halifax, NS
Tulkarem, Palestine

Robin Marie Jardine
Linda M. Jumat

Halifax, NS
Cairo, Egypt

Brittany Keough

Halifax, NS

Ninghui Liu
Xiaodan Liu

Shandong, China
Qingdao, China

Weijia Ma

Changzhi, China

Nathaniel C. Macdonald
Ian Matthew MacLeod
Krystal Ann Messervey

Timberlea, NS
Sydney, NS
Tantallon, NS

Alexander Robert-Joseph Porter
Megan Elizabeth Pothier

Halifax, NS
Lower Sackville, NS

Garrett Ritchie
Kyle Rogers

Yarmouth, NS
D'Escousse, NS

Paula Anne Smith
Brent Stevenson
Shelagh Maura Summers

Dartmouth, NS
Oakville, ON
Halifax, NS

Kayleigh Lauren Thompson

Moncton, NB

Zachary Dylan Weseen

Bedford. NS

Carol Wafik Zakhary

Halifax, NS

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

FRIDAY EVENING CEREMONY

FREDERICK R. MACGILLIVRAY

Frederick R. MacGillivray is a management consultant, board member, and dedicated community volunteer. As President and CEO of TRADE CENTRE LIMITED, he made a positive impact on active, healthy lifestyles and the perception of sports in Nova Scotia.

A graduate of the last class of Saint Mary's High School, and a student at Saint Mary's University until 1965, MacGillivray began his career in the grocery business as a carry-out boy, working his way up to senior management with Dominion Stores Ltd.; a position as President and CEO of Lumsden Brothers Ltd., a Sobey's company, in 1983; and an appointment as President and CEO of Bolands/IGA in 1988. From 1994 until his retirement in 2009, he was President and CEO of TRADE CENTRE LIMITED, and under his leadership, Halifax was proud to host three IIHF World Hockey Championships.

Born and raised in Halifax, MacGillivray has volunteered tirelessly, serving on boards that include Blue Cross of Atlantic Canada, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, and the Pier 21 Society. He has also provided leadership and support for the Nova Scotia Special Olympics Committee, Sisters of Charity, Phoenix House, Parker Street Furniture Bank, Kids Help Phone, Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia, and the Learning Disabilities Association of Nova Scotia. He currently chairs the Chisholm Foundation for Children, Halifax; the Prostate Cancer Canada Atlantic Region Advisory Council, and is a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, Atlantic; the Telus Community Board, Atlantic Canada; and Hope Cottage Fund Development, Halifax.

Fred MacGillivray has received dozens of awards for service to the community and leadership in business. These include: two honorary degrees, induction into the Atlantic Business Top 50 CEO Hall of Fame, Canadian Progress award, Atlantic Canada Plus Distinguished Service award, Governor General's Medal Commemorating Canada's 125th Anniversary, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond and Golden Jubilee Medals, Honorary Colonel 423 Squadron Shearwater, Nova Scotia, Big Brothers Big Sisters Inspire Award for Community Spirit, Nova Scotia Visionary Award for Tourism and the Paul Harris Fellowship Award from Rotary International

A loyal Saint Mary's alumnus, he has also devoted his vision and service as a member of the University's Board of Governors and Sobey School of Business Advisory Board, and the driving force behind the Saint Mary's Home lottery, an initiative which raised more than \$750,000 for scholarships and bursaries.

SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY

DONALD JOSEPH CONNOLLY

Don Connolly is someone we know. A veteran CBC broadcaster and the reigning king of morning radio as co-host of CBC's Information Morning program for Mainland Nova Scotia, he has demonstrated a commitment and dedication to public service for almost 40 years.

Born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia and raised in Bathurst, New Brunswick, Connolly graduated from St. Francis Xavier University with a Bachelor of Arts in 1969. Following a brief stint in Ottawa as a radio news editor, he joined the Information Morning team in 1976 as the "new kid on the block". Thirty-eight years later, he continues to bring his unique perspective to interviews and stories that capture the interest of Nova Scotians. From literature, history, and art to politics, sports and cooking, a vast range of subject matter is clarified and improved by the insights of Don Connolly.

Connolly understands how morning radio connects the people of this Province, and has made it a hallmark of Information Morning's operations to go out on the road and meet people where they live—whether to discuss an upcoming election or provide live coverage of tough stories like the Westray NS mine disaster, the tragic crash of Swissair Flight 111, and Hurricane Juan. Recently his road show format made history by hosting the first live radio broadcast from the wilds of Sable Island.

Connolly also understands the importance of community support. For more than two decades, he has been the MC and a major promoter for Nova Scotia's Peter Gzowski golf tournament, a fundraiser for literacy. He was also a key player in creating the "Sharing the View" calendar, a project initiated by CBC in 2009 in support of Feed Nova Scotia. Through his efforts, CBC has developed an enduring partnership with Feed Nova Scotia to raise money for hungry Nova Scotians.

For his many contributions to public broadcasting and community service, Connolly has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Radio Television News Directors Association and Atlantic Journalism's Founder's Award for Distinguished Journalistic Achievement. Along with his team at Information Morning, he has received two Regional Program of the Year awards from CBC.

Don lives in Halifax with his wife Maureen and has four children, Kathleen, Mollie, Joe and Deirdre.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

RANIA GUINDI LLEWELLYN

Saint Mary's alumna Rania Llewellyn (BComm, MBA) is a respected leader in the national banking sector and a role model for newcomers to Canada.

Ms. Llewellyn entered the banking world as a part time teller in a Dartmouth branch while completing her MBA in the Sobey School of Business. Now the Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking Growth Strategy at Scotiabank, she works with multiple stakeholders to drive growth in the Commercial Bank in Canada. In addition to her responsibilities for strategic planning and development, Ms. Llewellyn is charged with leading transformational change that spans all aspects of operations.

Before assuming her current position, Ms. Llewellyn served as President & Chief Executive Officer of Roynat Capital, a Scotiabank subsidiary. In this role, she developed and drove the strategic priorities for a broad and complex portfolio. Her understanding of the business, coupled with her ability to lead change and rally the company around its corporate goals, solidified Roynat Capital's position as a leader in mid-market financing solutions in Canada. During her tenure, Roynat Capital delivered record profitability for three consecutive years and strengthened its reputation for customer solutions.

Ms. Llewellyn is also known for developing and launching Scotiabank's StartRight program, an innovative multicultural banking business platform designed to meet the needs of Canada's growing multicultural communities. The first banking program in the country to be aimed at immigrants, StartRight increased the Bank's market share in this growing area and continues to attract more than 50,000 new clients to Scotiabank each year.

Out of the office, Ms. Llewellyn is equally accomplished. Born in Egypt, she immigrated to Canada with her family in 1992. Her early experiences as a newcomer have shaped her perspective and given her a strong sense of social responsibility. An inspiring and popular guest speaker at our annual Sobey School of Business Commerce Society Business Dinner. Ms. Llewellyn is currently a resident of Toronto, a wife and mother of two children, and a fearsome opponent on the squash court.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

ROBERT DUPREE

Dr. Robert Dupree joined the Department of Astronomy & Physics in 2003, after a 25-year career at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. He was Saint Mary's first Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) and Director of the Institute for Computational Astrophysics (ICA).

During his tenure, Dr. Dupree grew the ICA from three to six full-time faculty members, appointed eight postdoctoral fellows, and hosted two international conferences on computational astrophysics. He also graduated numerous students, including Saint Mary's first Science Ph.D. graduate, who earned the Plaskett award for the year's best Canadian Ph.D. thesis in astronomy.

Dr. Dupree is internationally recognized for his research related to the numerical simulations of the rotation, pulsation, and evolution of stars. During his graduate studies, he solved arguably the most important and difficult unresolved problem in stellar pulsation using a three-dimensional hydrodynamical stellar model. In the early 1980s, he produced an additional model to demonstrate how a star's outer envelope can be blown away without disrupting the remaining star. In recent years, with the support of his Ph.D. students, Dr. Dupree made a seminal contribution to another outstanding difficult problem in stellar pulsation theory: untangling some of the complex structure found in the oscillation spectra of massive, rapidly rotating stars using a model that accounted for the distorted shape of the star.

In addition to his contributions to his field and to Saint Mary's, Dr. Dupree served as the Principal Investigator of ACEnet, the high-performance computing consortium for Atlantic Canada. Under his direction, ACEnet expanded to ten institutions from the original four, and instituted its postdoctoral and post-graduate fellowship programs. Dr. Dupree was also a member of the National Initiatives Committee of Compute Canada, which oversaw the formation of Compute Canada through the CFI National Platform Fund.

JOHN MCMULLAN

Dr. McMullan came to the Department of Sociology and Criminology as an Associate Professor in 1985 after teaching at the University of British Columbia for seven years. Over the years, he served as Chair of the Department and Coordinator of the Graduate Program in Criminology which he helped establish. He taught courses in Law and Society, Criminology, Social Theory, Corporate Crime and Social Surveillance and Social Control.

An internationally renowned scholar, Dr. McMullen's career includes significant contributions as a researcher, advisor to government, teacher, and administrator. He is an eminent researcher who has consistently received significant funding from organizations such as the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia. He received major funding for fifteen research projects related to gambling and society, crimes of the powerful, policing and crime in England, and crime in rural communities. He has an extensive publication record which includes eight scholarly books, sixty-five academic articles and eleven reports for government. Dr. McMullan is an influential voice in the gambling industry acting as both a consultant and a critic and he continues to appear on television and radio discussing various aspects of gambling politics and policy.

Dr. McMullan also served on the Social Policy, Ethics and Executive Committees of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, the Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association and the Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia. He was a member of numerous academic and professional committees, both appointed and elected, including the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Fonds de Recherche du Quebec sur la Societe et la Culture, and the Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation Research Program.

Dr. McMullan has already been recognized for his multifaceted contribution to his field and to the University; most notably, he was awarded the *President's Award for Excellence in Research* in 2012. Other career highlights include being appointed as a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge (1983); Simon Fraser University (1989); Concordia University (1992) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (1996).

John is especially proud of the students he has taught and mentored over the years and he takes this opportunity to thank colleagues and students, both former and new, for the pleasure of their company and their contributions to his many intellectual pursuits.

RETIREMENT

PAUL BERNARD

Dr. Paul Bernard joined the faculty in 1976 as a teacher of French language, literature and applied linguistics. In his 38 years at Saint Mary's he has served as Department Chair, as a member of Senate, the University Board of Governors (7 years), and on numerous committees. He was a bibliographer for the Modern Language Association, book review editor for the Canadian Modern Language Review, compiler/editor of the Proceedings of the Association of French Immersion Teachers. His publications appear in the French Review and Africana Journal, among others.

He is particularly proud of his work (along with 4 colleagues) leading to The Student Success Report of 2006 which has seen many structural and policy changes implemented at SMU, all in order to enhance student participation, retention, and academic success.

As education advisor, Dr. Bernard showed students that French was a marketable commodity. He was instrumental in creating a practical curriculum that distinguished SMU's French program from others, that enhanced students' communicative skills and that made them competitive in the job market. Dr. Bernard notes that for many years, SMU was the leader in producing future French teachers in the Maritimes. He can account for over 200 of his students having become French teachers in the Province and beyond.

Dr. Bernard held many leadership roles in the school communities where he lived: president of two PTA's, the Brookside Community School, and the East Hants Rural High Advisory Board. He was also active in the local 4-H, the Pony Club, and several horse organizations. He will spend his retirement with his wife, Irene on their horse farm in Shubenacadie and, in season, on their smaller horse farm in Webster, Florida.

VALEDICTORIANS

SORAYA MERCHANT - FRIDAY EVENING CEREMONY

Soraya Merchant is a native of the beautiful Caribbean island of Antigua. She is the daughter of Maygwen Merchant and the late Lesroy Merchant, and the younger sister of Janel Merchant. After high school, she attended the Antigua State College for two years. Soraya came to Halifax in 2002 to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree. During her undergraduate degree program she was a member of the Chemistry Society and a member of the 2004 organizing committee of the APICS/CIC Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference. She was awarded the Science Communication Award at the APICS/CIC Undergraduate Student Conference in 2004, and she was the 1st Place winner for Best Inorganic Undergraduate Poster in the APICS/CIC Undergraduate Student Conference in 2005. In 2006, Soraya graduated from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Science Honours in Chemistry. She became an employee at Maxxam Analytics Inc., and then met the love of her life, Bjorn Carr. It was in 2012, that Soraya enrolled in the Master of Science in Applied Science degree program at Saint Mary's and worked with Dr. Christa Brosseau in developing model membranes for future investigations in Alzheimer's Disease. Soraya was recognized as one of the best presenters as the Graduate Student Poster Presentation in 2013. Soraya says her success is attributed to God's mercy, supportive family, friends and loved ones, excellent professors, the superb educational institution of the Saint Mary's University, and her determination to always give her best.

MEGAN POTHIER - SATURDAY MORNING CEREMONY

Megan Pothier is from Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia and is the youngest of her family of five. Today she is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology along with the Human Resources Certificate. Megan has participated in many programs on campus such as Co-operative Education where she completed three work terms as well as the Study Abroad program where she got to live and study abroad in Jonkoping, Sweden for six months. She attributed much of her success at Saint Mary's to her fellow students and professors she has encountered along the way and would especially like to thank Faculty from Arts Advising, the Atlantic Centre, International Activities, and Co-operative Education Office for their support and guidance these past four years!

JIAYI SHEN - SATURDAY AFTERNOON CEREMONY

Jiayi (Chai-yee in phonematic) Shen was born in China in a city with a climate very similar to Halifax, especially in the winter. He (Chai-yee) appreciates his family for all the support they have given him to study here and to experience what has been a very unique and special education. He holds dear to his heart his five years living in this friendly and peaceful city and hopes to return here again. Today he is both humbled and proud to graduate with a Bachelor of Commerce with a double major in Accounting and Finance *summa cum laude*. While his academic performance has earned him the Achievement Scholarship twice, a place on the Dean's list and induction into Beta Gamma Sigma, he feels great to live half way around the world in Canada and ranks it among his most impressive accomplishments. He loves talking and sharing ideas and appreciates the opportunity that Saint Mary's has given him in better understanding the world. He is most grateful for his professors and in particular, Steve Foran, who inspired and motivated him to be the best he could be.

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 Convocation, 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.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 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, 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 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.