

Saint Mary's University

Spring Convocation



Wednesday, 17 May 2017

Thursday, 18 May 2017

Friday, 19 May 2017

O C A N A D A

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

Alumni Honour Guard

Graduates

Faculty

Board of Governors

Deans of Faculties

Recipients of Honorary Degrees

Vice President, Academic and Research

President and Vice-Chancellor

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

Invocation

Presidential Remarks

Robert Summerby-Murray, B.A., M.A. (Hons.), Ph.D., A.T.C.L.

Presentation of Governor-General's Medals & Faculty Awards

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

**Business** Wednesday Morning **and** Afternoon Ceremonies

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

**Science** Thursday Morning Ceremony

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

Graduate **Studies** Thursday Afternoon Ceremony

J. Kevin Vessey, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.Sc., Ph.D., Associate Vice-President Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in all disciplines.

Arts Friday Morning and Afternoon Ceremonies

Margaret Y. MacDonald, B.A. (Hons.), D.Phil., Dean of Arts, will present the candidates for undergraduate degrees in Arts.

Valedictory Addresses

Wednesday morning - Vishwa R. Bhayani

Wednesday afternoon - Lukundo Nakazwe

Thursday morning - Yu Ting (Kiera) Chang

Thursday afternoon - Jodi-Ann Aera Francis

Friday morning - Sydney A. Hull

Friday afternoon - John-Paul Nduka Nwaezeigwe

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Wednesday Afternoon Ceremony

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)

William Ritchie

Thursday Morning Ceremony  
To be Doctor of Science (honoris causa)  
Louise Bradley

Thursday Afternoon Ceremony  
To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)  
Dr. Joseph G. Jabbra

Friday Morning Ceremony  
To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)  
John S. Fitzpatrick

Friday Afternoon Ceremony  
To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Dr. Donald M. Julien  
Convocation Address

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation

*0 Canada*

\*\*\*\* *Recessional*

**Chancellor of Saint Mary's University**

Paul D. Sobey, B.Comm., D.Comm.

**Master of Ceremonies**

Esther E. Enns, B.S.L. (Hons.), M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D.  
Vice President, Academic and Research (Acting)

**Marshal of Convocation**

Don Naulls, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., Ph.D.  
Associate Dean of Arts, Associate Professor of Political Science,  
and Chairperson of the Academic Senate

**Marshal of Students**

Tom Brophy, B.A., M.Ed.  
Senior Director of Student Services

**Orator**

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

## **Board of Governors**

Ms. Karen Oldfield, Chairperson

Mr. Scott Norton, Vice-Chairperson

Dr. Paul Sobey, Chancellor

Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray, President and Vice-Chancellor

Mr. Alan R. Abraham, Jr.

Mr. Paul Baxter

Ms. Barb Bell

Mr. Greg Dickie

Dr. Alexandra Dobrowolsky

Ms. Mary-Lou Donnelly

Dr. Esther Enns

Ms. Sarah Ferguson

Mr. Philip Fraser

Mr. Lawrence Freeman

Mr. Ben Gaunce

Dr. Besim Halef

Ms. Karen Henderson

Dr. Renee Hulan

Mr. Rakesh Jain

Ms. Jane Hans

Dr. Natali;: Kochetova-Kozloski

Mr. Michael London

Ms. Jennifer Liu

Mr. Jamie MacNeil

The Most Reverend Anthony Mancini, Visitor

Mr. Joseph Metlege

Ms. Gabrielle Morrison

Mr. Kazi Rahman

Mr. Bryan Rice

Ms. Karen Ross

Dr. Goran Stanivukovic

Ms. Mary-Evelyn Teman

Dr. Peter Twohig

Dr. Danika van Proosdij

## **University Senate**

Dr. Don Naulls, Chair of Senate

Mr Homood Alana:

Ms. Deeksha Bhaskar

Dr. Patricia Bradshaw

Mr. Tom Brophy

Dr. Linda Campbell

Dr. Nicole Conrad

Ms. Marie De Young

Dr. Paul Dixon

Dr. Esther Enns

Dr. Karen Grandy

Dr. Jason Grek-Mamn

Dr. Daniel Hall

Dr. Eric Henry

Dr. Gugu Hlongwane

Ms Blair Jones

Dr. Margaret MacDonaid

Dr. Myles McCallum

Mr. Gordon Michael

Dr. Tanya Peckmann

Dr. Mohammad Pahaman

Mr. Kazi Rahman

Mr. Bryan Rice

Dr. Kathy Singfield

Dr. Veronica Stinson

Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray

Dr. Tatjana Takseve

Dr. Madine VanderPlaat

Dr. Kevin Vessey

Dr. Lyndan Warner

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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.

## **MEDALS and AWARDS**

John and Heather Fitzpatrick Valedictorian Award

Recipients: Vishwa R. Bhayani  
Lukundo Nakazwe  
Yul Ig (Kiera) Chang  
Jocn-Ann Aera Francis  
Sydney A. Hull  
John-Paul Nduka Nwaezeigv/e

## **Undergraduate Medals and Awards**

### **Governor General's Silver Medal**

Donor: Governor General of Canada  
Recipient: Cameron Wallace Taylor

### **University's Faculty and Division Medals**

Bachelor of Arts  
Recipient: Richard Sandy Drake

Bachelor of Science  
Recipient: Thomas Jeffrey Helson

Diploma in Engineering  
Recipient: Adam Jeffrey Landry O'Brien

Bachelor of Commerce  
Recipient: Jorge Luis Gonzalez

## **Academic Subject Awards**

Biology: The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award  
Donor- The family of Dr. Brij M. Kapoor  
Recipient: Cameron Wallace Taylor

Environment: Environmental Studies Prize  
Donor: Dr. Tony Charles  
Recipient: Haley M. Welsh

Environment: Environmental Science Prize  
Donor: Dr. Tony Charles  
Recipient: Julia Kathryn Purcell



Geology: The Centennial Medal  
Donor: The Mining Society of Nova Scotia  
Recipient: Connor John Dalzell

Human Resource Management: Hermann F. Schwind Award for Excellence in Human  
Resource Management  
Donors: Department of Management Faculty members- past and present  
Recipient: Michael J. P. Hampson

Brian O'Brien Irish Studies Medal  
Donor: Dr. Brian O'Brien  
Recipient: Bronson Michael Abraham MacFarlane

Modern Languages: Prize of the Ambassador of Switzerland  
Donor: Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada  
Recipient: Krystyna Angela Marie Brown

Law: The Ed McBride Law Prize  
Donor: Dr. Ed McBride  
Recipient: Sydney A. Hull

## **Graduate Medals**

### **Governor General's Gold Medal**

Donor: Governor General of Canada  
Recipient: Heather Dawn Baglole

### **University's Faculty Medals**

Master of Business Administration: Dr. Harold G. Beazley Medal  
Recipient: Raphael Liakas

Executive Master of Business Administration  
Donor: Bidges Family  
Recipient: Amy Lynn Patterson

Master of Science (Applied Psychology)  
Donor: Aramark Canada Ltd.  
Recipient: Alycia Damp

Master of Science (Applied Science): The Georgia Pe-Piner Medal for Excellence in Applied  
Science  
Donor: Applied Science Faculty members  
Recipient: Kevin John Neyedley

## Facility Awards

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

In 1983, the Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Faculty Union and the Students' Representative Council, established the Reverend William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching. The award is open to faculty members who have made an extraordinary contribution to the education of Saint Mary's students through teaching in the University's tradition of quality undergraduate education.

The recipient of the Medal for 2017 is **Dr. Marc G. Doucet** in the Department of Political Science.

Dr. Doucet is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department at Saint Mary's, where he has taught since 2000. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences from University de Moncton, his Master of Arts in Political Science and Ph.D. in Political Science from University of Ottawa.

Dr. Doucet describes his teaching philosophy as "facilitating the creation of an environment, inside and outside the classroom where students can cultivate their learning capabilities and hone their analytical skills" This philosophy is proven in his engaging classes and tireless work with the Model UN Delegation, which sees great success each year under Dr. Doucet's guidance.

Highly regarded by his colleagues for his teaching methods, service as department Chair, and published academic works, Dr. Doucet proves again and again his passion for the study of politics and world issues. Students greatly enjoy his classes and have found his in-class learning exercises to be engaging and thought provoking. In their comments on his teaching, current and former students often highlight his Model UN course, which is described as "the gem of the Political Science Department and the University as a whole" and has been credited with "shaping students future aspirations in academia and beyond". Dr. Doucet guides students through the course, which culminates with attending the annual National Model UN (NMUN) Conference in New York, where Saint Mary's students have received numerous awards and honours in recognition of their outstanding individual and group achievements.

For the great impact he has had on his students in their current and future studies, and for the inspiring leadership he provides his colleagues, Dr. Doucet is a deserving recipient of this award.

The Father William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching was created in 1983 by the Alumni Association, Faculty Union, and Students' Representative Council (now SMUSA), in honour of Father Stewart who faithfully served the Saint Mary's community for many years, both as a teacher of Philosophy and an academic administrator.

## **The Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award**

In 2007, the Quality of Teaching Committee (now the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching) established an Educational Leadership Award to recognize the long-term commitment of faculty who develop, enhance, and promote the quality of teaching at Saint Mary's and beyond. The Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union for this Award. The Award is named for Dr. Geraldine Thomas, national teaching award winner and founding member of the Quality of Teaching Committee. Throughout her academic career, Dr. Thomas supported efforts to improve teaching and learning within the University, the Atlantic region, and nationally.

The recipient of the Award for 2017 is Dr. Kathy Singfield, faculty member in the Department of Chemistry

As both an educator and an administrator, Dr. Kathy Singfield has made an outstanding contribution to student success at Saint Mary's University. Since joining the Department of Chemistry in 1997, through her work as Department Chair, and as Associate Dean of Science - Curriculum, Dr. Singfield has been guided by a single passion: to help shape and manage the experiences through which Saint Mary's students prepare for their own life-long learning in careers, further study, and as engaged citizens.

From classroom to community, Dr. Singfield has demonstrated remarkable leadership and mentorship of both her fellow faculty and students. In the Department of Chemistry, she championed the implementation of active learning strategies, creating over fifty popular YouTube instructional videos for first-year chemistry student lab and coursework. As Chair of Saint Mary's Department of Chemistry in 2009, she was instrumental in the development of the unit's first strategic five-year plan.

Drawing from her commitment to staying abreast of high-impact education practices, Dr. Singfield has made significant contributions to the success of new students at Saint Mary's. Within the Faculty of Science, she initiated and managed a science faculty-student mentorship program that ran for over a decade until, under her leadership, it evolved into the PEER One Mentorship program in 2013. In recent years, Dr. Singfield has led academic orientation for all science students

At the university-wide level, her colleagues credit her for her tremendous leadership of the Committee on Academic Planning, which spearheaded many of the initiatives that will form the core of Saint Mary's comprehensive new first-year student experience. Following this, the conceptual framework she introduced through her role on the Community and Student Engagement (CASE) Committee, will further guide the development of this new programming

A true scientist, Dr. Singfield believes that "change involves decision making that is supported by evidence." Consequently, she is deeply committed to the employment of high-impact practices and developments in teaching and learning, and higher education development. She believes strongly in sharing this information with her colleagues across disciplines, because, as she is wont to say, "It is always about the students."

## Wednesday 17 May 2017 Morning Ceremony - Bachelor of Commerce A - L

### BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Bassam Raafat Abdeldayem	Halifax. NS
Mohamed Mohallall Abdelmonem	Halifax. NS
Roben G. Abel	Kelowna. BC
Tareq J. Abou Youncs	Halifax, NS
Jonathon Pearce Adams (ma^na cum laude)	Summerside, PE
Ahmad A. Afani	Amman, Jordan
Sahil Lakhi Ahuja	Phitipsburg, St Maarten
Mohammed Saeed AlAbdulghani	Tarout Island. Saudi Arabia
Tarikt Al-Bahrani	Halifax. NS
Adel Muawwadh Albalawi	Medinah. Saudi Arabia
Mustafa A. Alhamad	Saihat, Saudia Arabia
Hussam Alhamoud	Halifax. NS
Basmah Waleed Alkhudair	Riyadh. Saudi Arabia
Khadijah Hejji Almaslami	Alhasa. Saudi Arabia
Ahmed Habeeb Alsaihati	Halifax, NS
Sultan Gassem Alsheraibi	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Ahmed Mohammed Alshehri	Halifax, NS
Naimah Abdulsaiar Alzaver	Qalif, Saudi Arabia
Noor Anwar Alzayer	Qatif, Saudi Arabia
Jessica M. Anderson	Dartmouth. NS
Ali Arab	Damascus. Syria
Harry T. Armsworthy	Sheet Harbour. NS
Salman Asadi	Dartmouth. NS
Joseph Anthony Awad	Halifax. NS
Michelle Anne Baker	Victoria Mines, NS
Nujhath Begh	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Trevon Jorel Wayne Best (cum laude)	Toronto. ON
Vishwa R. Bhayani	Ahmedabad, India
Hailey H. Black	Toronto. ON
Nicole Holly Blanche	Dunville. NL
J. David Boudreau	Dartmouth. NS
Colin J Boyd I cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Kathleen N. Brennan tcum laudci	Florence, NS
Mason Brodie-Hall	Sherbom, MA, USA
Rachel Marie Brown ( magna cum laude)	Brookfield, NS
Sharon Burgesson	Accra. Ghana
Samantha Alice Jamieson Bums (vumma cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Majid Idrees Butt	Halifax. NS
Umit Omer Buyukada	Ankara, Turkey
Yongpei Cai (summa cum laude)	Guangdong. China
Shea Lynn Callaghan (cum laude)	Halifax. NS

Hongbo Cao  
Lucas Matthew Carree  
Joshua Fitzgerald Carroll  
Soureen Chattopadhyay  
Chen Chen  
Danyang Chen  
Mengqing Chen (summa cum laude)  
Rong Yin Chen  
Xidong Chen  
Zhantao Chen  
Michael G. Chiasson  
Raihan Chowdhury  
Tasfia Ishrar Chowdhury  
David Clattenburg  
Sandra J. Hutchinson CofTill  
Kyle W. Connolly  
Kyle J. Cruickshanks  
Mitchell Paul Cume  
Stephanie Isabelle Cyr

Jinjin Dai (**magna cum laude**)  
Anthony A. DaSilva Ramos (**magna cum laudi**)  
Lee Edward Gordon Davidson  
Cameron Charles deGooyer  
Wei'e Deng  
Jeffrey Aaron Den<sup>A</sup>son  
Pascal Taylor De\ iljers  
Edward Earl Thomas Dexter  
Fay G. Dickinson (**summa cum iaude**)  
Thierno Hamidou Sy Piop  
Carol-Ann Dodsworth  
Zhitong Dong  
XiyuDu  
YiFanDu  
Benjamin M. Duffy  
Jennifer K. Du<sup>A</sup>ng  
Michael Geoffrey Durkee (**summa cum laude**)  
Jonah Nathaniel Dwyer (Honours Economics **su  
laude**)

Andre Felipe Edwards  
SherifWahbi El Wardani (**summa cum laude**)  
Douglas William Embleton

Mark Charles Fenton (**magna cum laude**)  
Anna Jean Ferguson (**cum laude**)

Halifax. NS  
Kentville, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Kolkata. India  
Nanchang, China  
Chengdu, China  
Zhengzhou. China  
Zhongshan, China  
Yiyang, China  
Guangzhou, China  
Bedford. NS  
Chittagong. Bangladesh  
Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Halifax, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
Conquerallbank. NS  
Halifax, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
Bathurst, NB

Heyuan, C >na  
Rio De Janeiro, Brazt  
Central North River, NS  
Hammonds Plains. NS  
Halifax, NS  
Bridgewater, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Seabright, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Guangzhou, China  
Dongguan, China  
Urumqi, China  
Lower Sackville, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Yarmouth, NS  
Burlington, ON

St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda  
Alexandria, Egvpt  
Oakville, ON

St. Alphonse, NS  
Halifax. NS

Alexander Kyle Fowler ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Moncton, NB
Jie Fu	Foshan, China
Steven P. Fullerton (Co-operative Education <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Brookside, NS
Jesse Alexander Gagne ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Grand Manan, NB
Theodore A. Gallant	Halifax, NS
Neng Gao	Wuhan, China
Xi Gao	Shangqiu, China
Naii,a Garg (Honors Economics <b>summa cum laude</b> )	New Delhi, India
Mufaro Nayasha Patience Gavaza	Triangle, Zimbabwe
Jianwei Ge	Zhaoqing, China
Juncheng Geng	HuaiBei, China
Danielle Leta George ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Cape Breton, NS
Amanda J. Glover	Fall River, NS
Anna Godfrey	Halifax, NS
Jorge Luf Gonzalez ( <b>sumina cum laude</b> )	Caracas, Venezuela
Courtney Leanne Gracewood	Quispamsis, NB
Cassandra Georgina Greenslade-McClair	Halifax, NS
Elmar Guliyev	Baku, Azerbaijan
Tim M. Hackett ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Basel K. Halaseh	Halifax, NS
Teyana C. Haley	Halifax, NS
Amy Constance Hamilton	Rothesay, NB
Tessica Nicole Hamilton	Halifax, NS
Haoyu Han	Anyang, China
Reema Harhash	Toronto, ON
Alexander J Harris ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Calgary, AB
Tyler William Baker Hartwell	Calgary, AB
Gavin D. Harvey	West Kelowna, BC
Yuting He	Hunan, China
Zhaojin He	Foshan, China
Zhengye He	Dongguan, China
Jonathan Ryan Hebb	Halifax, NS
Kaitlyn Rose Henderson (Co-operative Education <b>cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Chia-Hua Ho	Taoyuan, Taiwan
Cassidy Mae Hooper	Lower Sackville, NS
Gemma Mae Louise Howell (Co-operative Education)	Halifax, NS
Mingjie Hu	Halifax, NS
Sivu Hu	Nanchang, China
Wenhui Hu	Wenzhou, China
Zhipeng Huang	Shenzhen, China
Charles A. Ibeh	Lagos, Nigeria
Kaori Ichikawa (Honors Economics <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Mie, Japan

S. M. Ami Islam	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Konatsu Itoh	Tokyo, Japan
Selby A. Jessiman	Calgary, AB
Jinwen Jiarg	Foshan, China
Hongze Jin	Baoding, China
Chelsea Elizabeth Johns	Dartmouth, NS
Mitchell Cook Jones	Middle Sackville, NS
Shannon M. Jones (summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Eriecia N. Joseph	St. John's, Anugua
Batoul Kababji	Mississauga, ON
Rebecca Rosalind Kane (Co-operative Education)	Bathurst, NB
Yuning Kang	Weiha, China
Abdullah Abdulrahman Kashg2ri	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
John David Keays	Moncton, NB
Davis Hubert Keough	Cole Harbour, NS
Aaron Lai Pir Khan (summa cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Duane Daryl Khodra	Castles, St. Lucia
Hyojin Kim	Pohang, South Korea
Bethany Michelle King (summa cum laude)	River Bourgeois, NS
John M. Klug	Halifax, NS
Jue'Rissa Samantha Knowles	Nassau, Bahamas
Neelesh Singh Kunwai	Dehradun, India
Jenna Victoria Kyle	Bedford, NS
Eric Allen Ladovicb	Dartmouth, NS
Pierre Layden	London, ON
Kathryn Amelia LeBlanc	Bedford, NS
Justin Jeongmin Lee (summa cum laude)	Fredericton, NB
KeonJoo Lee	Seoul, South Korea
Angela Sabrina Lentin'	Thornhill, ON
Jenny Susan Lewis	Fall River, NS
Dan Li	Dongguan, China
Jiaji Li	Nanjing, China
Quan Ke Li	Hangzhou, China
MuGong Li	Linfen, China
Shaohui Li	Halifax, NS
Sixiao Li (cum laude)	Chengdu, China
Wenjing Li	Halifax, NS
Xuanpeng Li	Zhanjiang, China
Yipeng Li	Halifax, NS
Feng Yang Liang	Hubei, China
Chenyu Liu	Wenzhou, China
Min Liu	Guangzhou, China
Yuhui Liu	Halifax, NS

Yuying Liu  
Jeron A. J. Lloyd  
Ertai Lu (**cum laude**)  
Liran Lu  
Jaeleigh Ashley Lucas  
Yayuan Luo  
Chaoyi Lyu

Zhengzhou, China  
Pare's Village, Antigua  
Wuhan, China  
Beijing, China  
Dartmouth, NS  
Chongqing, China  
Xian, China

**Wednesday 17 May 2017 Afternoon Ceremony - Bachelor of Commerce M - Z and  
Certificates in Sobey School of Business**

**BACHELOR OF COMMERCE**

Stephen Peter Joseph MacAulay  
Brandon Alexander MacBurnie (**Co-operative Education**)  
Andrew Robert MacDonald  
Candace Michelle MacDonald  
Jonathan Daniel MacDonald  
Tanner Jessie MacDonald  
Katrina Jolene MacLean  
Catherine Shanahan MacNeil  
Gillian Amelia MacNeill  
Nicole Marie MacPheison (**cum laude**)  
Maisha Mamun  
Christlyn Alexandra Manning  
Jose David Mantilla  
Derek Pasquale Mayich  
Lisa Diane McArthur (**Co-operative Education summa cum  
laude**)  
Danielle Elizabeth McCabe (**cum laude**)  
Maxwell Donald McIver  
Christian James McKeage  
Dion James McKenna  
Morgan Elizabeth McKenna (**magna cum laude**)  
Jennifer Maureen McMullin  
Ronan T. Meagher  
Courtney Elizabeth Merks  
Yanyanl Miao (**cum laude**)  
Gregory James Miles  
Andrew Minani  
Yong Sylvia Mo  
Joey Isaac Alexander Morrison  
  
Taiesha Trenea Moss  
Elica Patreka Moxey (**magna cum laude**)

Cole Harbour, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Sydney, NS  
Ajitigonish, NS  
Baker Settlement, N  
Dartmouth, NS  
Little Narrows, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Timberlea, NS  
Hammonds Plains,  
Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Cambridge, ON  
Halifax, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
  
Truro, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
Cole Harbour, NS  
Cardigan, PE  
Ottawa, ON  
Halifax, NS  
Grand Pre, NS  
Wenzhou, China  
Dartmouth, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Guangdong, China  
Listuguj, QC  
Fall River, NS  
Freeport, Bahamas  
Nassau, Bahamas



Chanelle Janine Muise	Onawa, ON
Tapiwa Blessing Munyanyi	Harare, Zimbabwe
Brennan Patrick Murphy	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Kaylene A. M. Murphy	Cole Harbour, NS
Shadman Noor Nafi	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Lukundo Nakazwe	Lusaka, Zambia
Benjamin David Napier ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Erin Elise Nash	Halifax, NS
Ping Ni	Erds, China
Xin Ni	Wuhu, China
Mitchell C. Norrie ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Calgary, AB
Mashtura Noshin ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Patrick S. O'Brien	Sackville, NS
A. Thomas Edward O'Handley ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Uwayemen Gloria Okundonor	Edo State, Nigeria
Kelah J. F. Osborne	Hamilton, Bermuda
Stephanie Mary-Anne Parent	Halifax, NS
Shaquille S. Parke'	St. John's, Antigua
Aaron Tyler Pearce	Truro, NS
Asha Marie Pelly	Halifax, NS
Jorge Carlos Perez Banuelos	Mexico City, Mexico
Anwar Nathan Peters	Roseau, Dominica
Morgan Dianne Peterson	Halifax, NS
Spencer M. Pieczonka	Halifax, NS
Sarita Michelle Pillay ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Maxwell Grimshaw Poole ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Yarmouth, NS
Cassandra L. Provost	Summersville, PE
Qingxiao Oi	Zhongshan, China
Meihua Qiang ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Xian, China
Zhen Qin	Suzhou, China
Liyang Qiu ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Binzhou, China
Francesca Carla Radelich	Halifax, NS
Shaker Khalaf Rashaydeh	Halifax, NS
Denis P. Raymond	Lower Sackville, NS
Amy Alice Rensink	Halifax, NS
Raven Jade Richards	St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda
Juan Carlos Rivera	San Pedro Sula, Honduras
Drake James Robinson	Hubley, NS
Dillon Klyne Ross	Sydney, NS
Corey /vrmana Roy ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Moncton, NB

Brittany Anne Ruggles (**magna cum laude**)  
James Alexander Russell (**summa cum laude**)

Lawrencetown, NS  
Pugwash, NS

Rachelle Agnes Samson  
Thomas L. Sapp  
Zachery Wellington Saunders (**cumlaude**)  
Michaela Dawn Scherger (**summa cum laude**)  
Megan Lee Schrader  
Andrew John Shaar  
Talha Shams  
Anthony Joseph Shanks  
Yiming Shen  
Brianna Elizabeth Soper  
Alexandra Kimberley Sotiropoulos  
Cartlin Marie Spears  
Riley Donald Stuewe  
Carter W. Sullivan  
Sipeng Sun  
Zhao Sun  
Tyler Patrick Sweeney

Arichat, NS  
Halifax, NS  
New Glasgow, NS  
Calgary, AP  
Liverpool, NS  
]Barrington Passage, NS  
Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Halifax, NS  
Guangzhou, China  
Oshawa, ON  
Halifax, NS  
Truro, NS  
Long Sault, ON  
Dartmouth, NS  
Sihong, China  
Shangqiu, China  
West Chezzetcook, NS

Alexander Vincent Tanner (**summa cum laude**)  
Cory Chipman Taylor  
Michaela Marie Taylor  
Emily C. T<sup>A</sup>beault (Co-operative Education)  
Samantha L. Thomson  
Ru. Tian  
Monica Rae Tilley  
Hui Tu

Dartmouth, NS  
Chaswood, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
Nassau, Bahamas  
Mahone Bay, NS  
Wuhan, China  
Burlington, ON  
Shishou, China

Vipin Vijayan

Kerala, India

Bethany Rose Wadden  
Kenneth Jameson Wagner  
Hannah Marie Wallace (Co-operative Education)  
Bo Wang  
Jiajie Wang  
Jiaying Wang  
Nan Wang  
Qingyi Wang  
Sylvia Xiao Yi Wang (**magna cum laude**)  
Xiaolu Wang  
Xin Wang  
Xinyan Wang (Co-operative Education)  
YanJun Marina Wang (**cum laude**)  
Zhige Wang

Halifax, NS  
Port Hawkesbury, NS  
Pictou County, NS  
Changsha, China  
Yinchuan, China  
Foshan, China  
Shanghai, Chine  
Wuhan, China  
Paramaribo, Sunname  
Zhaoqing, Chin?  
Xian, China  
Qinhuangdao, China  
Zhanjiang, China  
Guangzhou, China

Matthew Evan Watson <b>(cum laude)</b>	Dartmouth, NS
Rebecca Lynn Weagle	Lunenburg, NS
Karmen Leigh Wedlake	Halifax, NS
Matthew Richard Weldin <b>(magna cum laude)</b>	Lower Sacb "le, NS
Taylor Ann Wipei	Hammonds PLms, NS
Sean Peter W .ney	Nassau, Bahama <sup>0</sup>
Adam Alexander Wri ie	Halifax, NS

Linda Xie	Changsha, Chin?
Yangyi Xie	Shantou, Chine

Silan Yang	Guangzhou, CLina
Xiaoguang Yang	Halifax, NS
Sihua Ye	Guangzhou, China
Xiaoyu Yin	Weihai, China
Jihyun Yoon	Seoul, South Korea
Chong Yu <b>(magna cum laude)</b>	Nanjing, CI na
Xinle Yu	Guangzhou, China
Samantha Pagie Yuill <b>(cum laude)</b>	Bedford, NS

WenhaoZeng	Shenzhen, China
Zhihui Zeng	Heyuan, China
Mengyuan Zhar g <b>(magna cum laude)</b>	Shijiazhuang, China
Qingw< Zhang	Dongguan, China
Shenhui Zhang	Chengdu, China
Yiran Zhang	Beijing, CI la
Yu Zhang	Huangshi, China
Zhenyu Zhang	Chongqing, China
Zhuokun Zhang	Guangzhou, C una
Manl .Zhao	Shenzhen, China
Shuying Zhao	Ha ier, CI la
Weicheng Zhao	Chengdu, China
Hao Zheng	Wenzhou, China
He Zhu	Zhengzhou, China
Nan Zhuang	Shenzhen, China
Zilong Zou	Zhuzhou, Chin?
Samara Rose Zwicker	Dartmouth, NS

#### CERTIFICATE OF HONORS-COMMERCE

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Adel Muawwadh Albalowi	Mecniah, Sau> Arabia
Aaron Lai Pir Khan	Dartmouth, NS

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Noor Anwar Alzayer

Qatif, Saudi Arabia

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Strathroy, ON

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Kolkata, India

Zhantao Chen

Guangzhou, China

Tasfia Ishrar Chowdhury

Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Mahone Bay, NS

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Hayley J. Gavin

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Courtney Leanne Gracewood

Quispamsis, NB

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Dartmouth, NS

Julia G. Hartling

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Bathurst, NB

Neelesh Singh Kunwar

Dehradun, India

Jenna Victoria Kyle

Bedford, NS

Angela Sabrina Lentini

Thornhill, ON

Melanie Kay Lockyer

Cole Harbour, NS

Jaeleigh Ashley Lucas

Dartmouth, NS

Stephen Peter Joseph MacAulay

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Alyssa Renee MacKinnon

Stellarton, NS

katrina Jolene MacLean

Little Narrows, NS

Gillian Amelia MacNeill

Timberlea, NS

Danielle Elizabeth McCabe

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Lagos, Nigeria

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Halifax, NS

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Halifax, NS

Asha Marie Pelly

Halifax, NS

Jorge Carlos Perez Banuelos

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Shaker KhalafRashaydeh

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Dillon Klyne Ross

Sydney, NS

Rachelle Agnes Samson

Amherst, NS

Brianna Elizabeth Soper

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Halifax, NS

## Thursday 18 May 2017 Morning Ceremony - Faculty of Science

### BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Sabih Abbasi	Halifax, NS
Abdullah M. AlGhamdi	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Abdulrahman Mohammed Aljunaydil	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Emily Rae Allen (Honours Biology)	Halifax, NS
Mohammed Abdullah Almutham	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Ahmad Abdulaziz Alsayed	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Saad Mojob Alshahrani	Yara, Saudi Arabia
Hossam Abdullah AlSharari	Alqurayat, Saudi Arabia
Kelly Marie Anderson	New Glasgow, NS
Julie Marie Anstey ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Cole Harbour, NS
Jon Kyle Await (Honours Chemistry)	Halifax, NS
Matthew T. Bailey (Honours Geology)	Dartmouth, NS
Ryan A. W. Bell	New Glasgow, NS
Justin T. Boucher	Dartmouth, NS
Taylor C. Bouchie ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	New Glasgow, NS
Stephanie J. Boudreau ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Beresford, NB
Samantha Taylor Brown ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Emma-Lee Jayne Burry	Newport, NS
Michael Mark Burton	Dartmouth, NS
Sarah Maclellan Burton ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Bedford, NS
Andrew Douglas Carter	Beaver Bank, NS
Celina Adrianna Cavadini ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Yu Ting Chang (Honours Biology)	Port Moody, BC
Madushi Chooramun ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Flacq, Mauritius
Nrimoni Chowdhury	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Valerie Anne Clark	Bedford, NS
Jenishka Kali Clarke	Nassau, Bahamas
Jaime Christena Clarke Caseley ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Sean D. Colter	Seattle, WA, USA
Daniel Elisee Comeau	Halifax, NS
Brianne Marie Cruickshank (Honours Biology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
James L. Currie-Forbes ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Connor John Dalzell (Honours Geology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Cole Harbour, NS
Melanie Dawn Davidson (Honours Chemistry)	Moncton, NB
Spencer T. Dawson	Sydney, NS
Simone S. Dias	St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda
Amanda Nicole Drake	Halifax, NS

Richard Sandy Drake (Honours Psychology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Mehran Durrani	Halifax, NS
Kaylie Dawn Dyson	Dartmouth, NS
Evan Guy Eastabrook	Dartmouth, NS
Hannah Jae Sariah Ehler (Honours Astrophysics <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Hubbards, NS
Calvin George Elliott	Pugwash, NS
Tiffany Marie Fields (Honours Astrophysics <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Moline, IL, USA
Paige Miriam Fleet (Honours Biology - Co-operative Education <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Cameron A. Francis (Honours Mathematics and Computing Science)	Dartmouth, NS
Kathleen Marie Furlong	Halifax, NS
Jordan Nickole Getchell	Campobello Island, NB
Stephanie Leanne Goodwin (Honours Psychology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Beechville, NS
Alexander Lawrence Hache	Miramichi, NB
Mohammed Abul Hasanat	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Kyle Lyman Henderson	White's Lake, NS
Taylor Jane Hicks	Amherst, NS
Alexander Peter Hope	Halifax, NS
Abdul Wahab Israr	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Kate Louise Johnson	Blacks Harbour, NB
Rebecca Margaret Johnson (Honours Psychology - Co-operative Education)	Stoney Creek, ON
Blair Elizabeth Dawn Jones (Honours Psychology)	Barrington Passage, NS
Khalil Aaron Jutras	Halifax, NS
Gagan Kapoor (Honours Geology Co-operative Education <b>cum laude</b> )	New Delhi, India
Travis Guy Kendall (Honours Geology <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Nanae Kii (Honours Environmental Science <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Osaka, Japan
Julia K. Killorn (Honours Chemistry)	Bedford, NS
Nicole Laidlaw	Ottawa, ON
Yasmine Lam	Hammonds Plains, NS
Louise Emma Larade	Cheticamp, NS

Jaimme L. Lavergne	Halifax, NS
Jacob B. LeBlanc	Fall River, NS
David Matthew Lewis	Strathroy, ON
Owen Richard Lewis	Elora, ON
Janick Camille Lindsay	Vieux-Fort, Saint Lucia
Payton G. Lockhart	Freeport, Bahamas
Brandon Wesley Logan ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Grand Bay-Westfield, NB
Morgan Frances Lowe ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Joseph C. Lucas	Lower Sackville, NS
Ryan Gregory MacDonald	Dartmouth, NS
Bronson Michael Abraham MacFarlane	Halifax, NS
Makeala Bridget Janvier MacIntyre (Honours Environmental Science - Co-operative Education)	Dartmouth, NS
Alexander Brian MacKenzie ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Middle Sackville, NS
Kaitlyn Marie Mackenzie	Eastern Passage, NS
Presley Sarah MacMillan (Honours Chemistry)	Halifax, NS
Tendai Michael Marume	Harare, Zimbabwe
Ifenna Irvin Mbaezue (Honours Chemistry <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Anambra, Nigeria
Christopher S. McKenna	Dartmouth, NS
Sarah M. McNeil ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Lower Sackville, NS
Nadine Josephine Menghin ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Daniel Reid George Monk ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Hammonds Plains, NS
Lori-Anne Taylor Morgan ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Antigonish, NS
Ryan Christopher Morrison	Dartmouth, NS
Tafara Mudenda	Lusaka, Zambia
Andrea Daniela Munoz Gil	Valencia, Venezuela
Caitlin A. Murphy ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Sydney, NS
Benjamin Dean Murray	Dartmouth, NS
Ellen Louise Macintosh Nantau ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Blessing Chioma Nwaigwe	Imo, Nigeria
Liam Patrick O'Handley	York, PE
Daniel John O'Hearn (Honours Chemistry - Co-operative Education)	East Pennant, NS
Rachael Pauline Sarah Organ	Halifax, NS
Evan M. Owen	Hubley, NS
Brianne Sheree Pallan ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Campbell River, BC
Arthur T. J. Paquin-MacLean	Halifax, NS
Samantha Margaret Parsons	Dartmouth, NS
Kelsey Nichole Pettipas	New Glasgow, NS
Laura Elizabeth Polak	Bedford, NS



Julia Kathryn Purcell (Honours Environmental Science <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Middle Sackville, NS
Alexander David Quigley	Halifax, NS
Katherina Radan (Honours Biology <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Makayla D. Raymond	Halifax, NS
Sean G. Robichaud	Dartmouth, NS
Gloria Giselle Rojas	Red Deer, AB
Jesse L. Rudel	Dartmouth, NS
Elias Georges Saba	Bedford, NS
Abbie Lauren Salyzyn	Halifax, NS
Flora Emily Sandham	Judique, NS
Katelyn E. R Somers	Dartmouth, NS
Sean Christopher Sullivan-Smith	Montreal, QC
Cameron Wallace Taylor ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Haylee M. Tretiak ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Teulon, MB
Kislay Trivedi	Halifax, NS
Cameron Alexander Bruce Turnbull ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Lower Sackville, NS
Alexandra Mary van der Valk (Honours Psychology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Lindsay Marion Vandewater (Honours Psychology)	Ottawa, ON
Morgan Rose Webber	Jeddore, NS
Jessica Alice White ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Glavin Barr Wiechert (Honours Computing Science <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Orry S. Workman (Honors Physics <b>summa cum laude</b> )	New Ross, NS
Fei Xie	Fuzhou, China
Brake Yehayes ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Bedford, NS
Yunhe Zhan	Tukuwan, China
Ziyun Zhong	Shantou, China
Ashley A. Zimmel	Halifax, NS

## DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Hind Ababou	Algiers, Algeria
Ahmad Abdulatif Al-Mosawy	Alahmadi, Kuwait
Hebah Alabdalmohsin	Qatif, Saudi Arabia
Scott D. Anderson	New Glasgow, NS
Josh L. F. Armsworthy	Dartmouth, NS
Weijie Cai	Kaiping, China
Andrew Douglas Carter	Beaver Bank, NS
Madushi Chooramun <b>(with distinction)</b>	Flacq, Mauritius
Jenishka Kali Clarke	Nassau, Bahamas
Micah Sasha Gabriel Conwell <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Lower Sackville, NS
Annette Christine Duggan <b>(with distinction)</b>	Antigonish, NS
James Gordon Dyson <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Dartmouth, NS
Evan Guy Eastabrook	Dartmouth, NS
Calvin George Elliott	Pugwash, NS
Frank T. Gembesh	Toronto, ON
Ronish Gobin	Esperance Trebuchet, Mauritius
Robert Thomas Hector	Eastern Passage, NS
Mark D. Hooper <b>(with great distinction)</b>	Halifax, NS
Alexander Peter Hope	Halifax, NS
Evghenii Ilesov <b>(with great distinction)</b>	Chisinau, Moldova
Kevin C. Karam	Halifax, NS
George Kazma	Halifax, NS
Nicholas John Keith <b>(with distinction)</b>	Halifax, NS
Christopher Patrick Kennedy	Eastern Passage, NS
Hyojae Kim	Seoul, South Korea
Jacob B. LeBlanc	Fall River, NS
Payton G. Lockhart	Freeport, Bahamas
Eric Alexander MacInnis	Coldbrook, NS
Daniel Reid George Monk <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Hammonds Plains, NS
Ben M. Morrison	Middleton, NS
Andrea Daniela Munoz Gil	Valencia, Venezuela
Riley N. Nader <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Brookside, NS
Listia Nadira <b>(with distinction)</b>	Cilegon, Indonesia
Ali Yazid Nazzal	Bedford, NS

Adam Jeffrey Landry O'Brien <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Lower Sackville, NS
Matthew Xavier Pellerin	Timberlea, NS
Daniel Alexander Peraza <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Lower Sackville, NS
Konstantin Petrov <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Lower Sackville, NS
Pac Cheong Brandon Pin Young Sen <b>(with great distinction)</b>	'V^d^ Mauritius
Ian J. Robert	Lower Sackville, NS
Aayoosh Sapra	Delhi, India
Sean Howard Spears <b>(with distinction)</b>	Dartmouth, NS
Rhea Jeninne Storr	Freeport, Bahamas
Justin Harold Thomas <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Cole Harbour, NS
Luke C. Vincent <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Hammonds Plains, NS
Andrew Paul Wallace	Dartmouth, NS
Chengyi Wang	Beijing, China
Luke A. W. Whebby	Fall River, NS
Haitham Waleed Farouk Yousif <b>(with greatest distinction)</b>	Khartoum, Sudan
Manaf Zora	Halifax, NS
<b>DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES</b>	
Ryan A. W. Bell	New Glasgow, NS
Jillian A. Blades	Shelburne, NS
Taylor C. Bouchie	New Glasgow, NS
Stephanie J. Boudreau	Beresford, NB
Samantha Taylor Brown	Dartmouth, NS
Yu Ting Chang	Port Moody, BC
Melanie Dawn Davidson	Moncton, NB
Jennifer L. Ferguson	Halifax, NS
Brooke C. Fisher	Bracebridge, ON
Stephanie Leanne Goodwin	Beechville, NS
Michelle D. Gray	Yarmouth, NS
Kate Louise Johnson	Blacks Harbour, NB
Nicole Laidlaw	Ottawa, ON
Brandon Wesley Logan	Grand Bay-Westfield, NB

Morgan Frances Lowe	Dartmouth, NS
Ceilidh Shoneth MacDonald	Sydney, NS
Chelsea M. McKenna	Charlottetown, PE
Kelsey Nicole Pettipas	New Glasgow, NS
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**CERTIFICATE OF HONOURS-SCIENCE**

Robert D. Jeffcock	Truro, NS
Chelsea M. McKenna	Charlottetown, PE

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Evan Michael Aldred	Middleton, NS
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Andrew Paul Kiceniuk	Glen Haven, NS
Lori Jane Macintosh	Shubenacadie, NS
Catherine Marie MacLellan	Truro, NS
Patricia A. Pertus	Lantz, NS
Ginny Lee Singer	Elmsdale, NS
Hana Stephenson	Teplice, Czech Republic

**Thursday 18 May 2017 Afternoon Ceremony - Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research**

**MASTER OF ARTS (ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES)**

Colin John Hicks	Halifax, NS
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**MASTER OF ARTS (GEOGRAPHY)**

Jodi-Ann Aera Francis	Spanish Town, Jamaica
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**MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)**

Matthew T. Lithgow	Lemont, IL, USA
Alayna V. Signorello	Portsmouth, NH, USA
Xiaoyan Song	Beijing, China

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

Heather Dawn Baglole	Freetown, PE
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**MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)**

Huda Ramadan Aamara	Zawia, Libya
Ahoud Yaanallah Alghamdi	Albaha, Saudi Arabia
Dalai Saleh Alhatab	Zawia, Libya
Osai Jelani Ross Clarke	Gros Islet, St. Lucia

Fatima Mohamed Dow	Ajelat, Libya
Kirsten Lee Ellis	Lahave, NS
Robert Graeme Soper	Halifax, NS
Alex J. Veinot	Middleton, NS

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (COMPUTING AND DATA ANALYTICS)**

Gilroy G. Gordon	Kingston, Jamaica
Mahnoush Mohammadi	Halifax, NS
Satish Chandra Panigrahi	Toronto, ON

**EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Corinne Margaret Abraham	Halifax, NS
Ghassan Irfan Alkasem	Bedford, NS
Christina Chisholm	Hammonds Plains, NS
Timothy M. P. Elms	Stillwater Lake, NS
Richard John Foley	Halifax, NS
Tomasz Garus	Halifax, NS
Anuraj Gupta	Halifax, NS
Michael Herenberg	Toronto, ON
Angela D. Langille	Halifax, NS
Mark Christopher McKillop	Quispamsis, NB
Jeremy C. D. Moore	Sherwood-Parkdale, PE
Karim Mukhida	Dartmouth, NS
Bonita Mary O'Toole	Halifax, NS
David Leonard Pace	Halifax, NS
Amy Lynn Patterson	Dieppe, NB
Milad Saikali	Halifax, NS
Blake R. Smith	Halifax, NS
M. Denise Turabull	Falmouth, NS

**MASTER OF APPLIED ECONOMICS**

Tongzhou Ji	Halifax, NS
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**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Ashley Laura Adams	Charlottetown, PE
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Kazi Niaz Ahmed	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Santiago Behar Gomez	Mexico City, Mexico
Daniel Graham Thomas Brown	Truro, NS
Jeremy Stuart Brown	Windsor, NS
Rhonda L. Bursey	Waverley, NS
Natasha Maria Chandler	Halifax, NS
Cole Donald Clarke	New Glasgow, NS
Jamie Garrett Doornbosch	Richmond Hill, ON
Nicole Rachelle Marie Dube	Halifax, NS
Sugandha Gupta	Ghaziabad, India
Adam Peter Johnston	Hantsport, NS
Raphael Liakas	Montreal, QC
Adekunle Akeem Mabadeje	Lagos, Nigeria
Jevin Ambrose MacLellan	Cole Harbour, NS
Hugh Thomas McCulloch McLellan	Halifax, NS
Ana Paula Mercado Farell	Mexico City, Mexico
Sara N. Merchant	Halifax, NS
Parth Monga	Chandigarh, India
Pallav Parikh	Mumbai, India
Megan Alysandra Pollock	Victoria, BC
Dereka Lavon Thompson	Halifax, NS
Li Yin	Beijing, China
Huiyu Zhang	Changchun, China
<b>MASTER OF FINANCE</b>	
Wuyi Gong	Beijing, China
YousefArhuma Ahmed Madi	Algarya, Libya
Wangbei Shi	Huizhou, China
Balsubramaniam Subramanian	Mumbai, India
<b>MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION</b>	
Akram Saleh Al-Otumi	Halifax, NS
Samuel Adetayo Ayanlaja	Ago-Iwoye, Nigeria
Shivani Rawat	Ambala Cantt, India
Bernice Naawunwuriti Yidana	Accra, Ghana

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)**

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ASTRONOMY)**

Robert John Walter Sorba

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (INDUSTRIAL/ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY)**

Jennifer Kaye Dimoff

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Kimberly A. Myrick

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Mariana I. Paludi

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Kathy Joanne Sanderson

Thunder Bay, ON

Heidi Ann Weigand

Halifax, NS

## Friday 19 May 2017 Morning Ceremony - Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Arts A-L

### BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

Olwyn Elizabeth Terris-Gehue

Halifax, NS

### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Sabih Abbasi

Halifax, NS

Jerecho Alonzo M. Abe

Dartmouth, NS

Jermaine Nii Amankwah Addo

Accra, Ghana

Kofi Mireku Akuamoah

Accra, Ghana

Alexandra Scotch Alessi

Brampton, ON

Tamim Abdulrahman Alkhalifah

Halifax, NS

Thawab Lahiq Alotaibi

Halifax, NS

Natalie Louise Ament

Halifax, NS

Kaitlyn M. Anderson (**magna cum laude**)

Beaver Bank, NS

Christopher Chukwuebuka Aniekwena

Lagos, Nigeria

Larissa Denai Constance Anthony

Glace Bay, NS

Jordan Elizabeth Archibald (Honours Psychology **magna cum laude**)

Timberlea, NS

Renee Michelle Archibald

Truro, NS

Sara B. Atkinson

Sheet Harbour, NS

Jordan T. Baker

Middleton, NS

Tejas Ravishankar Balasubramaniam

Hyderabad, India

Babatunde Adewale Olakunle Balogun

Toronto, ON

Allegra Jane Barss

St. Thomas, ON

Amanda Katherine Bayliss (Honours Sociology **magna cum laude**)

Vancouver Island, BC

Andrew Raymond Boyd Beaudoin

Aylesford, NS

Jenna K. Benoit (**cum laude**)

Halifax, NS

Mirriah Elphege Bernard-Wesson

Dartmouth, NS

Colin Scott Blackwood

Halifax, NS

Kimberly Tara Boyce (**cum laude**)

East Hants, NS

Kristen Deborah Boyd

Glendale, NS

Candice Marie Braham

Ajax, ON

Jessica Gail-Alice Briand

Lower Sackville, NS

Evan Brink

Halifax, NS

Katlynn Mae Brittain

Berwick, NS

Paige L. Brookbank

Halifax, NS

Hannah Maureen Brown

Summerside, PE

Kahlie Michelle Brown

Halifax, NS

Krystyna Angela Marie Brown (**magna cum laude**)

Shelburne, NS

Kayla Elaine Burgess (**cum laude**)

Saint John, NB

Samantha Alice Jamieson Burns (**summa cum laude**)

Halifax, NS

Matthew Healey Calder

Cole Harbour, NS



Brandon David Callahan (Honours History)	Waterloo, ON
Cynthia Blair Campbell	Dartmouth, NS
Denise Maria Camps-Saulnier	Halifax, NS
Taylor Joan Carchedi	Bridgewater, NS
Morgan Lee Carruthers	Westville, NS
Marquis Doshea Clayton	Halifax, NS
Matthew Glenn Clerk ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Chantale Michelle Comeau (Honours Criminology <b>cum laude</b> )	Digby County, NS
Tegan Rhiannon Connolly ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Burlington, ON
Meghan Christina Cranidge	Halifax, NS
Laura Ellen Crocker ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Jacob Lee Croft	Mahone Bay, NS
Kassia Lynn Curley	Kensington, PE
Kristy Ann Currie	Windsor, NS
Heidi Kathleen Dawson	Dartmouth, NS
Nicole J. L. DeBellefeuille	Halifax, NS
Breanna Sloane Denton (Honours History)	Truro, NS
Alexandra J. Doherty (Honours English <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Brandon, MB
Ryan Harris Doherty	Black Rock, NS
Sara Jane Doiron	Hammonds Plains, NS
Kelsey Elizabeth Lee Doucette	Bridgewater, NS
Richard Sandy Drake (Honors Linguistics <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Nathalie C. Drouin	Ottawa, ON
Liam Parker Duffy	Toronto, ON
Kathryn June Edwards ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Onur Eksi	Yalova, Turkey
Mohamad Karim El Mahmoud	Tripoli, Lebanon
Hissan M. ElHabibi	Halifax, NS
Jennifer L. Ferguson	Halifax, NS
Julia Christine Fewer	Middle Musquodoboit, NS
Mallory A. Fraser	Sheet Harbour, NS
Elizabeth M. I. Froud	Point Shares, Bermuda
Kelsey Barbara Fuhro	Thornbury, ON
Caleb J. Fultz	Halifax, NS
Taryn N. Gallant	Burlington, ON
Monica Lynn Gates	Bedford, NS
Benjamin Michael Andrew Gaunce (Honours Psychology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Saint John, NB
Elora E. Gehue	Halifax, NS
Joshua Kenneth Gendre	Kingston, NS

Ardalan Gharagozli	Halifax, NS
Brandon Parker Gilfoy	Dartmouth, NS
Stephen Dexter Gillard	St. John's, NL
Brittney Nicole Gillette	Lantz, NS
Jena Alexandra Given	Beaver Bank, NS
William Charles Gloade	Millbrook First Nation, NS
Amiliah Angelique Goodrich ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Guelph, ON
Keely C. Graham	Halifax, NS
De'Shante' Brendette Grant	Nassau, Bahamas
Jessica Greige ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Lunenburg, NS
Haya Hafez ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Cherelle Jasmin Hale	Dartmouth, NS
Kirsten C. Hall ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Cole Harbour, NS
Logan Alexander Hamilton ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Waverley, NS
Elinor J. Hammond (Honours Political Science)	Halifax, NS
Michael J. P. Hampson ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Jacob Scott Hanlon	Halifax, NS
Michaela Rebecca Dawn Harris (Honours Criminology)	Kensington, PE
Julia G. Hartling	Halifax, NS
Jessica Marie Hayman	Halifax, NS
Torkwase Queen Hembah	Lagos, Nigeria
Cassandra J. Hill (Honours Political Science)	Halifax, NS
Dylan Maitland Hill	Fall River, NS
Andrea L. Hiltz	Dartmouth, NS
Kirsti Tamara Horton ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	England, United Kingdom
Shannon Tara Leigh Houghton	Lower Sackville, NS
Sydney A. Hull (Honours Political Science <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Cole Harbour, NS
Emma M. Ingraham	Port Hood, NS
Alexander Ross Isenor (Honours Political Science)	Dartmouth, NS
Devante L. Jackson	Halifax, NS
Shami Umair Javed	Halifax, NS
Gareth William Jenkins ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Madison Andrew Joe	Membertou First Nation, NL
David Clark Johns	Annapolis Royal, NS
Aaron Robert William Johnston (Honours Political Science)	Halifax, NS
Hannah Jeanne Jones	Halifax, NS
Somar Keba	Halifax, NS
Sarah Alicia Kehoe	Halifax, NS
Mitchell Gordon Patrick Kilger (Honours Psychology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Sarah Kim (Honours Sociology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Seoul, South Korea

Othmane Kribissou	Marrakesh, Morocco
Latika Bhawna Kumar	Port Coquitlam, BC
Mary Ann Laba	Halifax, NS
Amber Lamont	Dartmouth, NS
Alysha L. G. Langille (Co-operative Education)	Mahone Bay, NS
Melissa Sue Larkin	Sackville, NS
Emily Tate Latimer ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Sydney River, NS
Meghan Elizabeth Sarah Lawrence (Honours Criminology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Kentville, NS
Brooke Mackenzie Leahy	Jeddore, NS
Clara Anne Leahy (Honours History)	Douro, ON
Emma Nathalie Lindala ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Sara Renae Little (Honours International Development Studies)	Halifax, NS
Jenna Elizabeth Margaret Locke (Honours Anthropology)	Oshawa, ON
Adam Nicholas Lockwood	Halifax, NS
Analia Danielle Lowe	Abaco, Bahamas
Ryan J. A. Lowe	Dartmouth, NS
Connor Jeremy Lynds	Truro, NS

**Friday 19 May 2017 Afternoon Ceremony - Bachelor of Arts M - Z, Bachelor of Environmental Studies and Certificates in the Faculty of Arts**

Jacqueline Rose MacBurnie	Halifax, NS
Mallory Christine MacDermid ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Westville, NS
Erika Margaret MacDonald	Little Pond, PE
Victoria A. MacDonald	Halifax, NS
Emilee Rebecca MacDougall	Halifax, NS
Marcus Alexander MacIsaac	Elmsdale, NS
Elizabeth J. MacKay	Oakville, ON
Michael Thomas MacKinnon	Bedford, NS
Emily N. MacLaren ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Cameron Alexander MacLellan	Halifax, NS
Keenan Ryan MacLeod (Honours Psychology)	Beaver Bank, NS
Kendra Melita MacMillan	Halifax, NS
<b>Buffy</b> Fiona Marie MacNeil ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Emily Christina MacNeil	Yarmouth, NS
Ian M. MacNeil	Bedford, NS
Meagan Ondra MacPherson	Fall River, NS
Dylan David Marriott	Halifax, NS
Amanda Marie Martin	Greenwood, NS
Thomas Earl Vincent Martin	Hammonds Plains, NS
Tiffany Matinjanin	Halifax, NS

Wilana Senova Matthews	Alliston, ON
Jesse Tompkins Alan McBride	Upper Tantallon, NS
Jenna Marie McCarthy	Halifax, NS
Britany Maryann McKie	Halifax, NS
Ross Arthur Hugh McLeod	Sydney, NS
Alicia Marie McVaroock (Honours Psychology <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Nadine Josephine Menghin ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Paul A. Merrimen (Honours English <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Amanda Thersa-Lynn Mont	Truro, NS
Tanner Theodora Montag	Middle Sackville, NS
Kara Kathryn Moore	Bedford, NS
Zakiya M. Morris (Honours Psychology)	Pembroke, Bermuda
Stuart Ian Morrison	Halifax, NS
Stephanie G. Mrad	Halifax, NS
Doaa Mudaiheg	Halifax, NS
Kayla M. Mullins	Cole Harbour, NS
Julia Maureen Murphy	Halifax, NS
Michael Charles Murphy	Dartmouth, NS
Samantha E. Murray	Masstown, NS
Katie Lynn Noble	Lower Sackville, NS
Lindsay Elizabeth Norcott	Fredericton, NB
John-Paul Nduka Nwaezeigwe (Honours Political Science <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Lagos, Nigeria
Emilie Grace O'Brien	Dartmouth, NS
Shawn Anthony O'Brien	Bedford, NS
Oluwayomi Esther Odediran (Co-operative Education)	Lagos, Nigeria
Erin Renee O'Keefe	Halifax, NS
Courtney Natasha Violet Oldham	Lower Sackville, NS
Brianne Sheree Pallan ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Campbell River, BC
Alyssa Megan Peeples	Halifax, NS
Jenna Ann Marie Penny (Honours Criminology <b>cum laude</b> )	Cape Breton, NS
Brette S. Perry (Honours Psychology <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Shelburne, NS
Kelsey Nicole Pettipas	New Glasgow, NS
Sarita Michelle Pillay ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Ossie M. Pineau	Halifax, NS
Ashley Rae Beatrice Pomeroy	Kingston, NS
Jessica L. Portinari (Honours Psychology <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Hammonds Plains, NS
Amanda M. Pracz	Halifax, NS
Christopher James Prodger	Cardiff, Wales
Anna Rose Pudder	Suffolk, VA, USA
Kala Ashley Rafuse (Honours Sociology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	West Chezzetcook, NS

Meaghan Michelle Ramsay	Truro, NS
Brady Tanner Reid (Honours Criminology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Corner Brook, NL
Nathan Alexander Reid	New Glasgow, NS
Ryan Thomas James Reilly	Lower Sackville, NS
Kelsey Roberta-June Richardson	West Dover, NS
Dakota Alice Rideout	West Arichat, NS
Dyson Garnett Roberts Murphy	Yarmouth, NS
Kirby Lee Ross (Honours History)	Hammonds Plains, NS
Rajkumar Tribhuvan Aryadev Roy	Rangamati, Bangladesh
Mark Gary Russell	Dartmouth, NS
Amber L. Sampson	Harvre Boucher, NS
Kellie Morgan Sanford (Honours Psychology <b>cum laude</b> )	Hantsport, NS
Allison Leigh Schnare ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Andrew James Sedge (Honours History <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Winnipeg, MB
Miranda Beth Sewell	St. Stephen, NB
Sarah R. Shaw (Honours Psychology <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Upper Tantallon, NS
Courtney Meagan Sibley	Halifax, NS
Marlee Linnea Cameron Silliker	Dartmouth, NS
Maria Dianne Simmons (Honours Psychology <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Baylie Fay Simms	Grande Prairie, AB
Jilliane B. E. Singer-Fredette	Halifax, NS
Ro J. Skinner	New Glasgow, NS
Harrison Thayne Smith	Acton, ON
Jeremy James Smith (Honours Psychology)	North Preston, NS
Patrick Charles Smith	Kingston, NS
Spencer S. Smith	Halifax, NS
Tyler Ian Riley Smith	Dartmouth, NS
Morgan Elizabeth Spearns	Portuguese Cove, NS
Shannon M. Squarey	North Sydney, NS
Ashlyn L. Staples	Bedford, NS
Kaley St-Jean	Halifax, NS
Matthew John Sullivan	Dartmouth, NS
Jessica Nicole Sundblad	Saint John, NB
Kenneth Barry Tanner	Halifax, NS
Emily Jane Taylor	Cole Harbour, NS
Cassandra Sharon Teal (Honours English)	Halifax, NS
Imara F. Tettey	Accra, Ghana
Marie-Michelle Thibodeau	Bathurst, NB
Darrian Autumn Thome	Saint John, NB
Devin Scott Abner Toope	Lake Loon, NS
Nicole Marie Tracey	Stratford, ON

Justin Hendrick Vanderlaan

New Glasgow, NS

Emma-Sue Wagner

New Germany, NS

Jasmine Leah Warrington

Liverpool, NS

Emily Grace Watkins

Yarmouth, NS

Madeleine Belle Wensel

Halifax, NS

Colin Keith Werle (Honours Geography)

Halifax, NS

Natalie Marie Westhaver (**summa cum laude**)

Halifax, NS

Kirsty Whyte

Fraserburgh, Scotland

Asurede N. Wilkin

Nevis, St. Kitts and Nevis

Kayla Robyn Winsor

Sackville, NS

Megan Lynne Wright

Middle Stewiacke, NS

Shauna W. S. Wright

Salt Springs, NS

Marcy Anne Yorke

Kingston, NS

Chloe Eden Zarzycki

Baden, ON

### **BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

Andrew J. Bowers

Windsor, NS

Marie Christine Gallant

Halifax, NS

Devon James Harlow-Gillighan

Port Lome, NS

Katherine Alexandra Keene

Dartmouth, NS

Nicholas K. MacKintosh

Kentville, NS

Eric John Norris

Sackville, NS

Charles Opoku-Danquah

Halifax, NS

Ashley Elisa Rolle

Nassau, Bahamas

Kelly N.Umlah (**summa cum laude**)

Halifax, NS

### **CERTIFICATE OF CHINESE STUDIES**

John David Keays

Moncton, NB

## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

### **WILLIAM RITCHIE, Doctor of Commerce, Honoris Causa**

Born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, J. William (Bill) Ritchie has raised millions of dollars for governments, businesses, charitable institutions and individuals over a nearly six decade-long career in the investment industry. He has also mentored and assisted many start-up companies and aspiring entrepreneurs during his career.

In 1951, Mr. Ritchie received his B.Sc. (Agr.) from McGill University (Macdonald College) specializing in economics. After his graduation he joined a leading investment firm, A.E. Ames & Co. Limited, where he spent four years being trained in the art of finance. From there he and a partner acquired a small firm in Fredericton, which was later sold to Eastern Securities Co. Limited of Saint John. That firm transferred Mr. Ritchie to Halifax in 1958, where he managed their operations until resigning in 1963 to acquire Scotia Bond Company Limited with a silent partner.

From a relatively modest beginning with only one salesman and two assistants, Mr. Ritchie grew the company to a total of fifty five employees in four offices. Along the way, the company acquired seats on the Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges. The company engaged in both institutional and retail business and acted as a fiscal agent for the Province of Nova Scotia.

During the seventies, Mr. Ritchie worked very closely with Michael Donovan helping him with the establishment of the film industry in Nova Scotia. He was a director of Salter Street Films Limited which was subsequently sold to Alliance Atlantic, a leading Canadian film production company of that era. Subsequently, Mr. Donovan incorporated DHX Inc. which in twelve years has grown to become a leading owner and provider of children's television programming with a market capitalization of nearly one billion dollars. Mr. Ritchie assisted with the financing of that entity and served as a director from inception until his retirement from the board in 2014.

Mr. Ritchie has been involved in numerous business ventures over the years including his role as Chairman and CEO of Scotia Bond. He was a founder of Keltic Savings Corporation Limited. He served on over forty boards of directors for various periods of time including over twenty-five years on the boards of Empire Company Limited and Sobeys Inc.

Mr. Ritchie is currently active on the boards of Kivuto Inc., SimplyCast and Morien Resources

## **LOUISE BRADLEY, Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa**

Louise Bradley, MS, RN, CHE, has dedicated her professional life to improving the mental health of Canadians

Ms. Bradley's own deeply personal experience with recovery has informed a leadership style that is both compassionate and courageous. Unwavering in her commitment to reimagining a recovery-oriented, person-centred mental health system, Ms. Bradley has influenced improved patient care through large-scale hospital administration and pioneered recovery within a forensics and corrections setting.

An impassioned advocate, Ms. Bradley feels her professional perspective is enriched and authenticated by her lived experience. In her current role as President and CEO of the Mental Health Commission of Canada (MHCC), Ms. Bradley oversaw the development of Canada's first Mental Health Strategy, undertook the signature Opening Minds anti-stigma initiative, and created a globally recognized Knowledge Exchange Centre. A tireless advocate for workplace mental health, Ms. Bradley has overseen the creation of the world's first workplace psychological safety standard, which has gained international acclaim.

Lauded as a transformational leader by the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), Ms. Bradley will receive the 2017 Humanitarian Award for her work to enhance the psychological well-being of Canadians. Ms. Bradley is also the recipient of the Innovation Award for Health Care Leadership, bestowed by the Canadian College of Health Leaders, as well as the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

She holds degrees from Dalhousie University and Northeastern University in Boston, and is frequently called upon to speak and write nationally and internationally on various mental health topics. Ms. Bradley uses her platform to urge increased mental health funding, and highlight the need to work inclusively to address the mental health needs of vulnerable and at-risk populations.

Ms. Bradley has a passion for nurturing emerging mental health leaders, and prioritizes the mentorship of young champions in the hope of inspiring the next generation of transformational leaders.



**DR. JOSEPH JABBRA, Doctor of Civil Law, Honoris Causa**

Dr. Joseph Jabbara has played a prominent role in higher education and accreditation in Atlantic Canada and the United States for decades.

Currently the President of the Lebanese American University, Dr. Jabbara has served in this capacity since 2004. He has also served as Vice President of Loyola Marymount University (LMU) in Los Angeles. He is well remembered at Saint Mary's University as both an active member of the Political Science Department and as the Vice President, Academic and Research from 1980 to 1990.

During his time at LMU and SMU, Dr. Jabbara gained profound experience in academic administration. He served on and chaired over 100 academic committees and boards, ranging from academic senates to boards of trustees. At both universities, Dr. Jabbara was fully engaged in strategic planning and fundraising.

In Canada, he played a major role in the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC), which accredits university and college programs in the three Canadian Maritime Provinces. In the United States, he was very active in the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), a leading U.S. accrediting commission. He always participated vigorously in the revision of accreditation standards and served on accreditation visits for many institutions. He also was active in the accreditation of American law schools for the American Bar Association (ABA).

Dr. Jabbara earned his law degree at the Universite Saint-Joseph in Beirut, and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

He is the author, co-author, and co-editor of 12 books. The latest, *Public Administration in Transition*, was recently published in London, England. He has also published over 33 articles and chapters in books and scholarly journals, over 26 book reviews in both English and French, and scores of scholarly papers and keynote addresses given at society meetings and professional gatherings.

**DR. DONALD JULIEN, Doctor of Civil Law, Honoris Causa**

Dr. Donald Julien is a Mi'kmaq Historian, Human Rights Advocate, and Leader. With over 40 years of experience researching and documenting Mi'kmaq history, Donald shares his knowledge and experiences through speaking engagements, University Lectures, and research papers. His lifelong advocacy has also helped to preserve important archaeological sites in Nova Scotia. No matter the topic, Donald brings a well-grounded, informed, and unique Mi'kmaq perspective to current issues.

Donald has 30 years of experience with the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, and has held the position of Executive Director of the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq since 1994. Donald is a member of both the Order of Canada and the Order of Nova Scotia. He has earned the United Nations Peace Keeping Medal (Cyprus), the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal, the Queen's Golden Jubilee and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medals. He has received two Honorary Doctorate Degrees in Civil Law and Humane Letters from Acadia University and Mount St. Vincent Universities, respectively.

Donald is a peacetime veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces, has served with the Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, in both the Second Battalion in Calgary, and with the First Battalion in Esquimalt, and has served in the United Nations Peacekeeping Tour in Cyprus. Donald is presently serving on the Community Liaison Advisory Committee for Maritime Command for the Admiral of the Canadian Navy. He has been an Advisor to the Commissioners of the RCMF and the Advisor to the Auditor General of Canada on First Nations Issues.

In 2012, he donned the Canadian Army uniform once again becoming the third Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 3 Intelligence Company at the very same location where he signed on 45 years earlier. In 2016, he was appointed Full Colonel to 5th CDTC, Gagetown N.B., for another three-year term as the first honorary colonel to a Canadian Army Training Centre in Canada.

Donald is a family man, and currently lives in Truro, Nova Scotia along with wife Diane and four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In his spare time, Donald is a sports enthusiast, an avid golfer and enjoys reading and researching history.

**JOHN FITZPATRICK, Doctor of Civil Law, Honoris Causa**

John S. Fitzpatrick, Q.C. is a senior partner at BOYNECLARKE LLP. Over his 30 year legal career, John has been a committed volunteer for a myriad of community and professional organizations, who have benefited from his energy and commitment.

John graduated with a B.A. in Political Science from Saint Mary's University and an LLB from Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law.

For John, Saint Mary's University has always been close to his heart. John has served on the Board of Governors for 20 years, with eight years as Chair and Vice-Chair. John served on and chaired a multitude of Board committees. He was a member of the Hearts and Minds Campaign Cabinet. He also chaired the 2015 Presidential Search Committee. In recognition of his commitment to students, he was awarded an honorary "Gold M" by the Saint Mary's University Students' Association.

A tireless advocate for literacy causes, John is the past Chair and Co-Chair of several Peter Gzowski Golf Tournaments for Literacy. For ten years, John served on the Board of Directors and Executive of ABC Canada Literacy Foundation (now ABC Life Literacy) in Toronto.

For more than 20 years, John has been actively involved in politics having served as a regional chair for Federal and Provincial leadership and election campaigns and as past president and executive member of Federal and Provincial riding associations.

In recognition of his volunteerism, John has received the Canada 125 Medal, the Peter Gzowski Award, and the Canadian Bar Association Community Service Award. He is also a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Appointed Queens Counsel in 2008, John's distinguished career in law has been recognised by the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association and the Schulich School of Law, as a recipient of the Weldon Award for Unselfish Public Service and as an inductee into the Bertha Wilson Honor Society. Since 2012, John has been selected by his peers to be included in "Best Lawyers in Canada".

He is currently a member of the National Board of Directors for World Wildlife Fund Canada and the Halifax International Airport Authority. He is also a member of the advisory committee for Queens Counsel Appointments.

John resides in Halifax with his wife Heather, and their three children Laura, Jennifer and Andrew. John's father, Ed, is a proud 1953 Saint Mary's graduate.

## PROFESSOR EMERITUS

### JIM MORRISON

Since joining the Saint Mary's community as a part-time lecturer in 1976, Dr. James Morrison has built an extraordinary legacy as a teacher, scholar, and colleague, and has consistently taken a leading role in defining the University's commitment to local and global outreach.

Dr. Morrison's contributions in these areas go back to his earliest years at Saint Mary's. Between 1979 and 1983 he served as Executive Director of the International Education Centre, and so was one of the earliest advocates of an international role for the university. He was Dean of Arts between 1983 and 1989, and then returned to full-time teaching and research as Professor of History. Also active in interdisciplinary programs, and one of the architects of the development of interdisciplinarity as a key and distinguishing element of the intellectual life of Saint Mary's, Dr. Morrison has held Coordinatorships at various points in both the International Development Studies and Asian Studies programs.

Dr. Morrison has balanced these on-campus commitments with a similarly impressive record of community service. He has been President and Vice-President of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, historian and archivist with Frontier College since 2000, and an advisor for the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia and the Black Loyalist Museum. Since 2007, he has been a member of the Advisory Committee on the Interpretive Master Plan for Heritage in Nova Scotia. For many years, Dr. Morrison served as an advisor and historian with the Pier 21 Museum, where he contributed to developing educational programming and exhibitions and thus helped to prepare for the transition of that institution to become in 2011 the National Museum of Immigration at Pier 21.

As a publishing scholar, Dr. Morrison has also attained distinction. The broad scope of his research interests is shown in his authorship and editorship of 13 books and monographs, which range from Nova Scotian history to the history of Southeast Asia and Japan. Recurrent themes include his leading contributions to the development of oral history methodology, and his longstanding interest in the social history of Frontier College. These areas are also prominently represented among his many important articles and reviews.

Over the years, Dr. Morrison has received well-deserved national and international recognition. In 2008, he was appointed to the Order of Canada for "lasting contributions to his province and to the field of historical research." In 2013, he was awarded a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal in recognition of his research and advocacy on immigration and oral history. He has also been the recipient of many fellowships and accolades, including Senior Visiting Fellow at Singapore's Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (1989-90), Visiting Scholar at Hokkaido University of Education (1996, 2004), and a Visiting Fellow at Jawaharlal Nehru University (1999).

With all of this, Jim Morrison has always maintained the true values and demeanour of the scholar-teacher. His gift to Saint Mary's is represented not just in his many achievements, but also in the depth of his commitment to the humane qualities of higher education. His remarkable

legacy will be long-lasting, at the university and in the wider community, and will undoubtedly be further augmented in his role as Professor Emeritus.

## **RETIREMENTS**

### **JUDY HAIVEN**

On July 1, Judy Haiven is retiring as a Professor at SMU after 17 years. She taught industrial relations and human resource management in the Department of Management in the Sobey School of Business. However her passion: include social justice, workers' rights and civil liberties. She has published widely in the fields of industrial relations and HRM, in scholarly journals and in popular magazines, newspapers and blogs. She took her students on field trips to food banks, picket lines and art galleries. Some students completed paintings, made sculptures and prepared videos to fulfill their course requirements. Judy served as department chair of the Management Dept., President and activist in the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union, and on many university committees. In 2016, she was awarded the NUCAUT (National Union of Canadian Association of University Teachers), **Patricia Baker Award** for union activism and advancement of equity in the post-secondary education sector.

Dr Haiven has lived across Canada and in the UK where she completed her M.A., and her Ph.D in Industrial Relations at the University of Warwick. After many years as a factory worker, a journalist, a filmmaker and a union organizer, she began her career at Saint Mary's University. She continues to live in Halifax, NS.

### **JAMES MORRISON**

See Professor Emeritus entry above.

### **NAJMA SHARIF**

Dr. Najma Sharif (joined the Department of Economics as a full-time member in 1997. After taking time off to raise two children, she returned to graduate studies and earned her Ph.D degree from McMaster University in 1992. Her teaching and research interests were primarily in the areas of development economics and the economics of immigration. She taught courses in development economics, monetary economics, and social cost-benefit analysis, among others. Her research ranged from topics like youth livelihoods, micro-credit programs and the empowerment of women, and the status of girls in poor countries, to immigrant entrepreneurship in Nova Scotia, the socioeconomic implications of mixed unions, and the labour market outcomes of migrant women in Canada. Her research was presented to national and International audiences, academic and non-academic, and she has published in acclaimed journals such as the Journal of Development Studies, the Canadian Journal of Development Studies, the Canadian Journal of Economics, and the International Review of Applied Economics. Najma is an accomplished water-colour artist, and looks forward to further pursuing this passion during retirement.

### **DOUG STRONGMAN**

Doug Strongman came to the Biology Department at Saint Mary's in 1987. There have been many highlights in his career but some of the fondest memories are sharing the Biology Field

Course teaching duties with friend and colleague David Cone and the enthusiasm showed by many students who experienced biology first hand in the great outdoors. In the later stage of his career, Doug was very fortunate to be able to pursue pure taxonomic research on a group of fungi found living in the guts of insects. This work was extremely satisfying and he is planning to continue this aspect of his career well into retirement.

### **MARTY ZELENIETZ**

Marty Zelenietz first taught anthropology at Saint Mary's in 1980, shortly after receiving his Ph.D. from McMaster University. He resumed his relationship with Saint Mary's upon his return from Papua New Guinea in 1982. Over the next three decades he made numerous contributions to the Anthropology Department as a part-time instructor, sabbatical replacement, and honours thesis advisor, while also participating in the International Development Studies Programme. In 2010, Marty's relationship with Saint Mary's was formalized with a full-time tenure-track appointment. This new role allowed him to be an integral part of the University's LEAP program. As a full-time faculty member, Marty helped guide the intellectual development of undergraduate and graduate students over their academic careers at Saint Mary's. He took great delight in watching students mature as scholars and as human beings. He will miss this aspect of teaching the most.

Over the course of his career, Marty published many scholarly papers based on his fieldwork in Papua New Guinea. He focussed on basic ethnography of the Kiienge people, as well as the impacts of social change on indigenous cultures in Melanesia.

Heading into retirement, he looks forward to spending more time with his young grandchildren. An active eBirder and citizen scientist, Marty also plans to devote more time and energy to travel and to birding.

## VALEDICTORIANS

### **VISHWA R. BHAYANI** Wednesday Morning

Vishwa Bhayani is from the beautiful subcontinent of India. Having lived half her life in India and the other half between the Middle East and now Canada, she has immensely enjoyed her time at the diverse and multicultural campus of SMU. She came here in fall 2012 to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce and is graduating today with a double major in Finance and Accounting.

Vishwa believes very strongly that people are the most important resource and asset. She believes in synergistic relationships where she grows through the people around her and helps them back in any way she can. Whether this be at work or school, she strives to live by this value each day.

During her academic career at SMU, Vishwa has worked a range of jobs on campus and each of those has taught her valuable lessons. She came here with the intention of doing HR and Marketing and her experience here positively changed her direction to what has always been her passion professionally - empowering people to take control of their lives. She has chosen finance as the field she will try to embody this passion through. She hopes to work in the field of Venture Capital and financial education for youth and empower as many people as she can reach to be financially independent. SMU has helped her lay the foundation for this by molding her personally as well as professionally.

Vishwa is immensely grateful everyday for the blessings in her life - her family, friends and mentors. The inspiration, support and zest for life that they have given her have shaped her ambitions and dreams and continue to fuel her passion everyday.

### **LUKUNDO NAKAZWE** - Wednesday Afternoon.

Lukundo Nakazwe is from Lusaka, Zambia and came to Saint Mary's in the Winter of 2013 to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce. Raised as an only child, the concept of gratitude was introduced to her at a young age and thus Lukundo has a strong passion for helping others and simply believes in treating others the way you would like to be treated. Fondly called Lu by her friends, Lukundo worked in Residence for 3 years as a Residence Assistant and Residence Service Officer. In her final year, she worked as a Career Assistant and Student Ambassador with Career Services and the Admissions & Recruitment Departments on campus. She has also been an active member of the Commerce, African, Speak UP and Habitat for Humanity societies. This past winter she visited South Carolina and assisted in building a home for an economically disadvantaged family. Lukundo was also heavily involved at the International Centre as a SAGA Volunteer (Students Acting for Global Awareness) where she co-hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual International Night and helped organize on and off campus events that promote cultural awareness at Saint Mary's.

Lukundo is looking forward to staying in Halifax and giving back to the community that has become her second home away from home. She would like to thank Heidi Weigand for empowering and helping her become a successful resilient student while she attended Saint Mary's. Lastly, Lukundo is incredibly grateful to her parents Gift & Chitambala Sikazwe who

continuously prayed for her while she pursued her academic studies and ensured she had everything to successfully complete her studies.

#### YU TING (KIERA) CHANG - Thursday Morning

Kiera Chang is originally from China and now calls Canada home. Today she is graduating from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Science Degree, with honours in Biology and a Diploma in Forensic Science. In her time at SMU, she has been a Residence Assistant for 3 years and used that opportunity to improve herself. She fulfilled her undergraduate degree by volunteering with Peer One, participating in SMUSA and societies and involvement in Animal Care in biology department.

Kiera will be enjoying life and will look at the world in a different perspective before moving on to her next new chapter. She is grateful for all the support and help she got at SMU in the past years. Besides the faculty, staff, professors, friends and family, she would like to give special thanks to her Biology Honours 2017 Class for making her last year at Saint Mary's University more than wonderful.

#### JODI-ANN AERA FRANCIS - Thursday Afternoon

Jodi Ann came to Canada in 2012 from the island of Jamaica to pursue an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies. She then decided to follow her passion and pursue a graduate degree in Geography.

A teacher at heart, Jodi<sup>1</sup>-Ann spent eight years as an educator in her home country, and followed up on that experience to become one of the Senior Writing tutors here at Saint Mary's. Jodi Ann also worked in various student leadership positions which highlight that she is dedicated to working with students' she has been invited on three occasions to speak on Confidence and Leadership at the Leadersh'n Summit, as her presentation is timely and well received by the student population

Having been a LEAP Peer Mentor, a Research Assistant, and the Co-Curricular Record Engagement Facilitator, Jodi-Ann has become a familiar face on the University campus; she makes these roles a central part of her personal, academic, and professional development. Jodi-Ann was also a member of the Conflict Resolution Society's team that visited Belfast, Northern Ireland in February, to teach Peace Education and Conflict Resolution to elementary school students. Jodi-Ann was also a panelist at the 19th Annual Metropolis Conference held in Montreal, QC, where she stated the findings of her research. Further, she is also the 2017 3-Minute Thesis Winner at SMU

Her passion for working with students has led to her research which sought to understand international students' motivations to remain in or leave Nova Scotia post graduation. It is her hope that this study will enhance the understanding of international-student dynamics throughout the province.

Jodi Ann is the mum of a dynamic seven year old who she is hoping can join her someday soon as she strives for a future here in Canada.



## **SYDNEY A. HULL** - Friday Morning

Sydney Hull was born and raised just outside of Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia. Her parents, Rosalind and Robert Hull, are local small business owners from whom Sydney gained her approbation for hard work and perseverance.

Today, Sydney graduates with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Science (*summa cum laude*). Her Honours thesis, "Past and Present Populism and Protest in the Labour Party and New Democratic Party: Comparisons and Contrasts", examined key ideas, organizations, and identities in movement challengers to the leading left-wing parties in Canada and Britain.

As a student at Saint Mary's, Sydney was an active participant in the Political Science Department's Model United Nations (UN) Program, where she debated pressing real-world issues at the National Model UN Conference in New York City in 2015 and 2016. Representing Ukraine and Switzerland, Sydney was a part of delegations that were awarded Honourable Mention and Distinguished Delegation recognitions, respectively. This year, as the administrative assistant and student coordinator for the program, Sydney helped prepare the 2017 Saint Mary's delegation to successfully represent Portugal in New York. Through Model UN, Sydney developed a number of critical skills, such as the public speaking abilities she used today.

Outside of academia, Sydney works as the Atlantic Regional Director for Shinerama, a Canada-wide fundraising initiative for Cystic Fibrosis Canada. She eagerly anticipates the day that "CF" stands for "Cure Found" instead of "Cystic Fibrosis",

Although Sydney has yet to finalize where she will be pursuing graduate studies next year, she looks forward to continuing her academic journey. Above all, Sydney is thankful for Saint Mary's University, the Political Science Department, her professors, especially Dr. Alexandra Dobrowolsky and Dr. Marc Doucet, her classmates, and of course, her fellow Political Science Honours students (Cassie, Alex, John-Paul, Elinor and Aaron), for an outstanding undergraduate experience.

**JOHN-PAUL NDUKA NWAEZEIGWE** Friday Afternoon

From an early age, John-Paul Nwaezeigwe discovered a passion for politics, public policy discussion and government. As a student born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria, these topics were never far from every day conversation as well as academic debates. This passion coupled with his background were key in his decision to pursue a double major in Economics and Political Science at Saint Mary's University.

A diverse range of valuable experiences, from being research and teaching assistants for department professors to being a member of this school's delegation in 2016 to the National Model United Nations Conference in New York, have all helped to profoundly shape his outlook towards the world. Over the years, John-Paul has come to deeply appreciate this University and its culture of accepting and valuing diversity, which has allowed a multitude of students to flourish in their academic and general pursuits.

Today, John-Paul graduates with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Science and Economics (*summa cum laude*). He looks forward to continuing his academic journey by pursuing a Masters of Arts degree starting in September, 2017. He is extremely grateful to his family, friends and his cohort of Political Science honours students for their advice, words of encouragement and constant support. Aside from his family and friends, John-Paul would also like to thank the entire Political Science department especially Dr. Edna Keeble, Dr. Marc Doucet (his honours supervisor) and Dr. Alexandra Dobrowolsky (his honours seminar facilitator) for their immense guidance throughout his studies here at Saint Mary's.

## 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 Saint Maryians

# 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, the Alumni Honour Guard 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 Chilian 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 Studio, 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 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 diluted 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 cow-like appendage and tail, was used to cover the shoulders in the cold and draughty medieval buildings or in inclement weather. Gradually this garment was modified and the hood assumed an academic rather than functional significance. The hood has two basic

elements: the trim on the outer edge and an inner satin lining. Each hood has its outer edge trimmed with a colour to indicate a particular faculty and degree: white symbolizes Arts, gold, Science; grey, Commerce and green for the new Bachelor of Environmental Studies. 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 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.

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 their school pride and to consider becoming an active member of the Association.

## Degrees and Diplomas Awarded with Distinctions

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

<b>B.A., B.E.S., B.Commi., &amp; B.Sc.</b>	<b>Grade Point Av.</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 - 3.34	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 Universe community.

## **Photography**

Family and friends are welcome to come forward and take photos of your favourite graduates as they exit the stage. However, we ask that you do not impede the flow of the ceremony or obstruct others taking their photos.

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

There will also be photo backdrops of the University in the Conference Hall for pictures after 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 in the McNally Lobby, 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

<https://youtu.be/m4mGYVJBZbU>



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 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