

WINTER CONVOCATION  
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY  
2019





## *O CANADA*

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all of us 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.

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## CONVOCATION

is a joyous yet formal ceremony, bound by traditions which have evolved over centuries. Thank you for your participation in this important academic occasion. Graduating students and their guests are asked to remain seated until the formal ceremony has been completed in its entirety – the President and Vice-Chancellor of the University has officially closed Convocation and the stage party and graduates have recessed.

Saint Mary's University acknowledges our presence today in the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq nation. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship which the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) peoples first signed with the British crown in 1725. The Treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship.

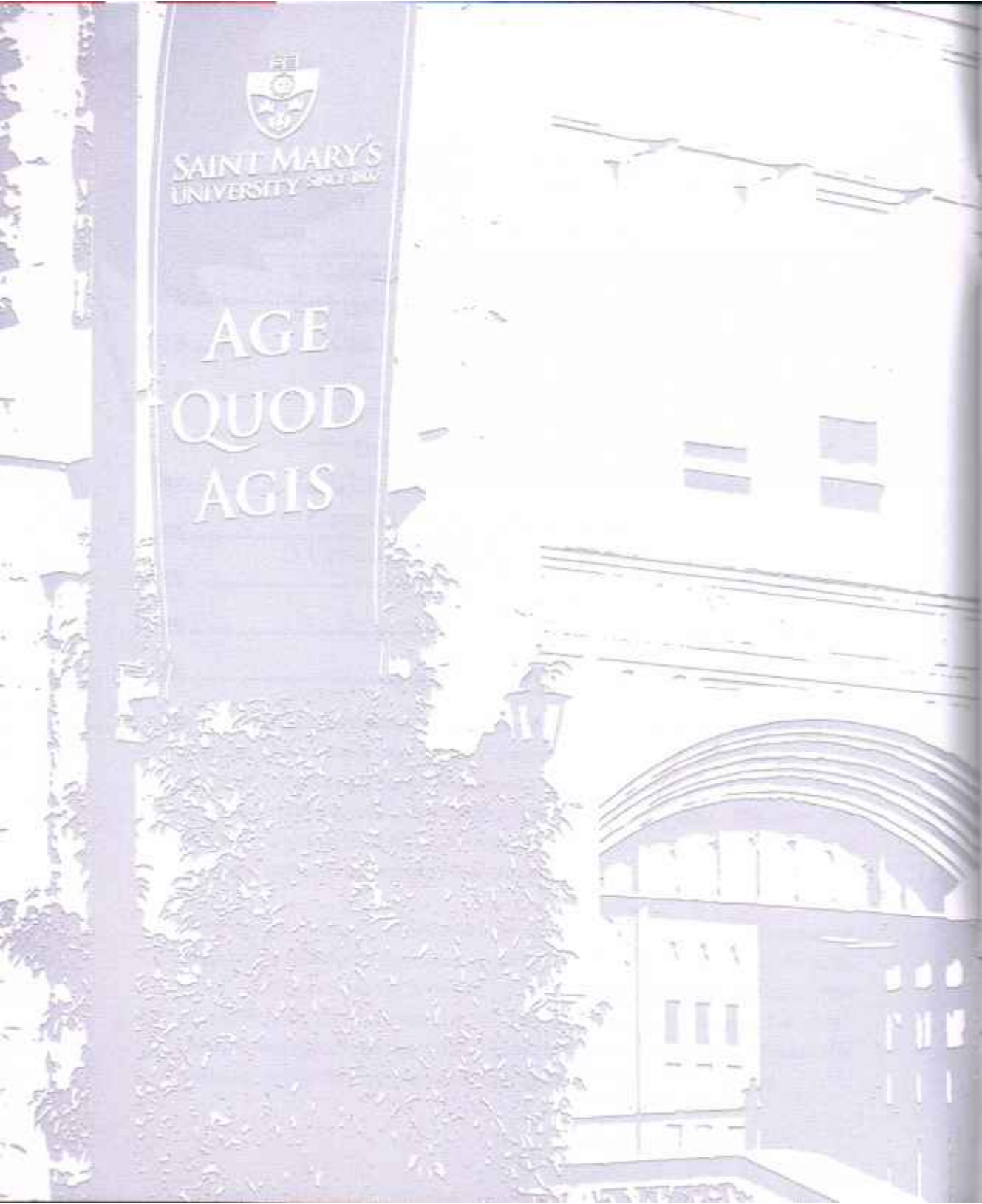
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## ORDER OF ACADEMIC PROCESSION

**Marshal of Convocation**

**Alumni Honour Guard**

**Graduates**

**Faculty**

**Board of Governors**

**Deans of Faculties**

**Recipients of Honorary Degrees**

**Vice-Presidents**

**President**

**Chancellor**

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

# ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

## Processional

## Welcome

## Invocation

## First Nations Welcome

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

## Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

### *Morning Convocation*

#### **Business**

Harjeet S. Bhabra, MBA, Ph.D., Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates for undergraduate degrees in Business.

Adam J. Sarty, B.Sc. (Engineering), Ph.D., Associate Vice-President Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in Business.

### *Afternoon Convocation*

#### **Arts**

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

Adam J. Sarty, B.Sc. (Engineering), Ph.D., Associate Vice-President Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in Arts.

#### **Science**

Lori Francis, BSc., M.Sc., Ph.D., Acting Dean of Science, will present the candidates for undergraduate degrees in Science.

Adam J. Sarty, B.Sc. (Engineering), Ph.D., Associate Vice-President Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in Science.



## **Valedictory Addresses**

**Morning Ceremony** - Gernic Nita Soudine

**Afternoon Ceremony** – Collette Lucille Robert

## **Conferral of Honorary Degree**

**Morning Ceremony**

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)

Scott Armour McCrea

**Afternoon Ceremony**

To be Doctor of Science (honoris causa)

Hope Swinimer

## **Convocation Address**

**Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence**

**Closing of Convocation**

**O Canada**

**Recessional**

## **Chairperson of Convocation**

Malcolm N. Butler, B.Sc. (Hons.), Ph.D.

Vice-President, Academic and Research

## **Marshal of Convocation**

Madine VanderPlaat B.A. (Hons.), M.A., Ph.D. Associate Dean of Arts,  
Professor of Sociology and Chairperson of the Academic Senate

## **Student Marshals**

Miyuki Arai, B.A., Global Learning and Intercultural Support

Tara McKinney, B.Comm., Enrolment Services

## **Orator**

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



## THE CEREMONIAL MACE



**The ceremonial mace**, carried by the Marshal of Convocation, was presented to Saint Mary's University in 1980. It symbolizes the University's authority to grant degrees and is a gift from Maritime Command in honour of alumni killed in both world wars. The mace also recognizes serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have been students at Saint Mary's.

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

## UNIVERSITY MOTTO

**Age Quod Agis** means to 'do what you do.' This phrase exhorts us to focus on our work, to be in the moment, and devote our fullest attention to the task at hand. It is a call for dedication, a focus on duty and perseverance, a statement of process. It is a proclamation of the importance of disciplining ourselves to our studies, to our scientific, artistic, cultural, commercial, and athletic pursuits. It is a call to action to act in the world, to shoulder responsibility, to champion social justice, environmental justice, and ethical values.

# AGE QUOD AGIS





## DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS AWARDED WITH DISTINCTIONS

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

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

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

## FLAGS ON THE STAGE

**The flags** which you see displayed on the stage for Convocation are from some of the countries from which our 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 commitment to people with disabilities. The Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag, which now has a permanent home on the Saint Mary's campus, also takes its place among the other nation flags. The University's Bicentennial flag was made a part of our permanent collection in 2002.



## THE HOODING CEREMONY

**Graduates and members** of the academic procession are attired in the basic elements of formal academic dress, which follow general guidelines established at England's Oxford and Cambridge Universities. It consists of the academic robe, hood, and mortar board (at Saint Mary's, the latter is limited to Master's graduates).

The academic hood symbolizes the degree into which each graduate has been admitted, its outer edge trimmed with a colour to indicate a particular Faculty and degree: white symbolizes Arts; gold, Science; grey, Commerce, and green for Environmental Studies. Bachelor-level hoods are lined with satin in the colours of the institution granting the degree. Hence at Saint Mary's, they are maroon satin with a white chevron. The Master's hood is lined with maroon satin only, giving it added distinction.



## AWARDS

### JOHN AND HEATHER FITZPATRICK VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

**Recipients:** Gernic Nita Soudine  
Collette Lucille Robert

**Donor:** John BA'81, LLD'17 & Heather Fitzpatrick



## BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Farida Abdelaziz

*Halifax, NS*

Shahbaz M. Alam

**Co-operative Education**

*Dhaka, Bangladesh*

Shaheen Youssef Alasmar

*Damascus, Syria*

Usman Ali **summa cum laude**

*Halifax, NS*

Hassan Maki Alkhamis

*Alqatif, Saudi Arabia*

Abdulrahman Eyad Alrumaih

*Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*

Hussain J. Al-Shawaf

*Kuwait, Kuwait*

Jonathan Jacques Armoyan

*Halifax, NS*

Anfal Ali Aubaid

*Halifax, NS*

Jade Marie Bain

*Nassau, Bahamas*

Abigail Ray Billard

*Bedford, NS*

Melissa Ellen Black

*Dartmouth, NS*

Andrew James Blackburn

*St. Albert, AB*

Eric Levi Bowdridge

*Mount Uniacke, NS*



Andre Almeida Brezzi

*São Paulo, Brazil*

Lisa Allison Brown

*Stellarton, NS*

Tasha Michelle Brown

*Halifax, NS*

Clara Budag

*Halifax, NS*

Ethan Alexander Caines

*Cole Harbour, NS*

Keivette Rochan Carey

*Nassau, Bahamas*

Namrata Chakraborty

**Co-operative Education**

*Muscat, Oman*

Jayde C. Charlow

*Nassau, Bahamas*

Jing Chen

**Honours Economics**

**Co-operative Education**

*Guangzhou, China*

Larry Chen  
*Hammonds Plains, NS*

Sidao Chen  
*Guangdong, China*

Yuxin Chen *cum laude*  
*Changsha, China*

Yaxuan Cheng  
*Handan, China*

Laura E. Courtney  
*Halifax, NS*

Michaela Danielle Cunningham  
*Dartmouth, NS*

Kimerline Vanora D'Souza  
*Co-operative Education*  
*Bridgewater, NS*

Matthew William Ducey  
*Lower Sackville, NS*

Chad Robert Francis  
*Lower Sackville, NS*

Leslie Katherine Gates  
*Cole Harbour, NS*

Nancy Sarah Gomes *summa cum laude*  
*Co-operative Education*  
*Dhaka, Bangladesh*

Qi Gui  
*Hubei, China*

Brittney A. Hanna  
*Nassau, Bahamas*

Evan Higgins  
*Co-operative Education*  
*Dartmouth, NS*

Samuel W. Holmes  
*Halifax, NS*

Jamie Alexander Wheadon Hore  
*Timberlea, NS*

Ning Huang  
*Tongchuan, China*

Nice Ishimwe  
*Kigali, Rwanda*

Tawanda Martyn Jhamba  
*Harare, Zimbabwe*

Oren A. J. Joseph  
*Castries, Saint Lucia*

Omar Ahmed Karaballi  
*Aleppo, Syria*

Wanyi Ke  
*Zhongshan, China*

Bryan L. Kidd  
*Halifax, NS*

Jianqiang Lai  
*Guangzhou, China*

Ammar Lakhani  
*Halifax, NS*

Magdalene L. Lalong  
*Limbe, Cameroon*

Jeong Seob Lee  
*Seoul, South Korea*





Kun Leng  
*Qingdao, China*

Shihong Li  
*Guangzhou, China*

Tong Li  
*Halifax, NS*

Ying Liu  
*Chengdu, China*

Yitong Liu  
*Guangdong, China*

Johann A. Lorde  
*Halifax, NS*

Yicong Luo  
*Wuhan, China*

Sarah Marie MacAskill  
*Halifax, NS*

Justin David MacEachern *summa cum laude*  
*Summerside, PE*

Jennifer Lynn MacLean *cum laude*  
*Glace Bay, NS*

Craig Francis MacRae  
*Port Hawkesbury, NS*

Noah J. Matthews  
*Halifax, NS*

Delia Stefania Mazzorana *cum laude*  
*Montreal, QC*

Nikhil Mehra  
*Halifax, NS*

Ping Meng  
*Shiyan, China*



**XiangJing Meng**  
*Weifang, China*

**Thomas James Messenger**  
*Co-operative Education*  
*Halifax, NS*

**Cem Monus**  
*Co-operative Education*  
*Halifax, NS*

**Christopher John Matthew Morash**  
*Co-operative Education*  
*Cole Harbour, NS*

**Brandon Wallace Morrissey** *summa cum laude*  
*Co-operative Education*  
*Beaverbank, NS*

**Evelyne Munezero**  
*Kigali, Rwanda*

**Zeinab Nouri Rashed** *magna cum laude*  
*Isfahan, Iran*

**Kizito Ofomah**  
*Suleja, Nigeria*

**Xin Pang**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Lilith Louise Power-Lush**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Sadiqur Rahman**  
*Dhaka, Bangladesh*

**Justin Garfield Grant Rhyno**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Kenneth Edward Richardson**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Brianne Katherine Roberts** *summa cum laude*  
*Halifax, NS*

**Ashley Jessica Rogers**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Samantha Breanne Rudolph** *summa cum laude*  
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**Mustafa Salah-I**  
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MD Tanveer Shahriyar  
*Dhaka, Bangladesh*

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Yufeng Song  
*Zhengzhou, China*

Gernic Nita Soudine *summa cum laude*  
*Castries, Saint Lucia*

Cody G. Stead *summa cum laude*  
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Chuanfeng Tang  
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Zehui Tao  
*Wuhan, China*

Boran Wang  
*Heilongjiang, China*

Haoyuan Wang  
*Jinan, China*

Jitao Weng  
*Guangzhou, China*

Jordan Glen Wentzell  
*Timberlea, NS*

Lauren Kaitlain Whidden  
*Bedford, NS*

Qianyi Wu *summa cum laude*  
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Junkai Xu  
*Wenzhou, China*

Zhaoran Xu  
*Yanji, China*

Zheng Zeng  
*Chengdu, China*

Haiwei Zhang  
*Beijing, China*

Jingying Zhang  
*Xian, China*

Wenqian Zhang  
*Tianjin, China*

Yueting Zhao  
*Halifax, NS*

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*Wuhan, China*

## CERTIFICATE OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Farida Abdelaziz  
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Keviette Rochan Carey  
*Nassau, Bahamas*

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**Noah J. Matthews**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Delia Stefania Mazzorana**  
*Montreal, QC*

**Kizito Ofomah**  
*Suleja, Nigeria*

**Ayralee Marie Oulton**  
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**Ebrahim Ghazi Taher Sha'ath**  
*Gaza, Palestine*

**Kyle Johnathan Skerry**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Sandra L. Thibeault**  
*Halifax, NS*

## **MASTER OF APPLIED ECONOMICS**

**Peter Hage**  
*Halifax, NS*

## **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Dhruv Bhasin**  
*Delhi, India*

**Jaime Alexander Christian**  
*London, ON*

**Stuart Philip MacArthur Clow**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Alexander William Cord**  
*Toronto, ON*

**Parker Jamie Diamond**  
*Charlottetown, PE*

**Lu Fang**  
*Wenling, China*

**Keith Alexander Fitzpatrick**  
*Souris, PE*

**Karol Krzysztof Gorski**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Choudhury Maksudul Haq**  
*Dhaka, Bangladesh*

**Akshita Jain**  
*Delhi, India*

**Andrew Dennis Jessop**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Shadab Khan Khusru**  
*Patna, India*

**Asma Kottapalli**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Aniruddha J. Kulkarni**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Daramfon Christopher Morgan**  
*Toronto, ON*

**Warren M. Mosley**  
*London, ON*

**Ashley Ann Neynens**  
*Fall River, NS*

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**Emily Kate Parker**  
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**Dennis Donald James Patterson**  
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**Vivekanandhan Ramasamy**  
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**Rohit Ratnam**  
*Patna, India*

**Steven Jeffrey Shipley**  
*Ilderton, ON*

**Aditi Singh**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Harmandeep Singh**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Anshika Tandon**  
*Lucknow, India*

**Arpit Wadhawan**  
*New Delhi, India*

**Aqsa Zaidi**  
*Lucknow, India*

## MASTER OF FINANCE

**Mubarak Aldossary**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Omar Abdulraheem Alsakarneh**  
*Amman, Jordan*

**Gawdat Basel Bibi**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Yunke Wang**  
*Baoji, China*

**Ke Zhang**  
*Zhengzhou, China*

## MASTER OF MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATIVES AND CREDIT UNIONS

**Randal Gary Tate**  
*Okotoks, AB*

## MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

**Farzaneh Abdollah Zadeh**  
*Tehran, Iran*

**Olufemi Emmanuel Adeniyi**  
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*Rabat, Morocco*

Zheni Ge  
*Dongguan, China*

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*Waverley, NS*

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Hussain Abdullah Mabood  
*Delhi, India*

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Shubha Prasad  
*Bangalore, India*

Ashish Sonik  
*New Delhi, India*

Aaron David Stevenson  
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Nandhini Suresh Kumar  
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Rui Tian  
*Wuhan, China*

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*Colombo, Sri Lanka*

## BACHELOR OF ARTS

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*Mount Uniacke, NS*

Tiana Elizabeth Berardi  
*Cole Harbour, NS*

Isaac K. L. Berry  
*Honours International Development Studies*  
*Coldbrook, NS*

Saidee Selina Brown  
*Vancouver, BC*

Whitney Grace Marie Cameron  
*Dartmouth, NS*

Jewelle Felisha Carroll  
*Nassau, Bahamas*

Nikolai M. Chorney  
*Halifax, NS*

Alison J. Coldwell  
*Port Williams, NS*

Alyse Marie Comeau  
*Yarmouth, NS*

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*New Delhi, India*

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*Honours Criminology*  
*Canso, NS*

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*Halifax, NS*

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*Halifax, NS*

Allison Marie Danielle Denney  
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*Halifax, NS*

Meredith Eleanor Faulkner  
*Fall River, NS*

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*Lower Sackville, NS*

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*Halifax, NS*

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*Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire*

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Rongzhang Lin  
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*Timberlea, NS*





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Lakeview, NS

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**Gregory Ebuka Ofomah**  
Halifax, NS

**Kayla M. Parsons** *cum laude*  
*Honours Psychology*  
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**Jody Elizabeth Paul**  
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**Tori Anne Jeanetta Rainforth**  
Halifax, NS

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**Kayla Renee Marie Rees**  
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**Dane Sheets**  
Charlottetown, PE

**Bobbie Louise Blaine Slaunwhite**  
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**Catherine Jane Olilo Smalley**  
Uxbridge, ON

**Brianna Louise Swimm**  
Clark's Harbour, NS

**Emma Camille Temaat** *summa cum laude*  
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**Sandra L. Thibeault**  
Halifax, NS

**Crystal Diane Tibbo**  
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Salt Springs, NS

**Halie Rosemary Wenarchuk**  
Riverview, NB





Lesley-Ann Camille Wilcox  
*Quatre Bornes, Mauritius*

Zijun Wu  
*Wuhan, China*

Bayan A. Younis *magna cum laude*  
*Amman, Jordan*

## BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Michelle Claire Davis  
*Halifax, NS*

Drew Alexandra DeCoste  
*Halifax, NS*

Courtney N. Hangle *summa cum laude*  
*Halifax, NS*

## CERTIFICATE IN ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES

Tyler John David Makin  
*Timberlea, NS*

## MASTER OF ARTS (ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES)

Jeremy A. W. MacDonald  
*Charlottetown, PE*

Amanda Carol McKenzie  
*Dartmouth, NS*

## MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)

Michael Brian Pass  
*Charlottetown, PE*

## MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

Rachel Bosibori Agwata  
*Kisii, Kenya*

Neema Matilda Mwaungulu  
*Karonga, Malawi*

## MASTER OF ARTS (PHILOSOPHY)

Corey Leroy Alexander Grandy  
*Lower Sackville, NS*

Joseph Daniel Trainor-McKinnon  
*Halifax, NS*

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

Isalean Harris  
*St. Peter's, St. Kitts*

Fallen Matthews  
*Truro, NS*

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Adam Al-Jumaily  
*Halifax, NS*

Maverick Lucas Derrick  
*Halifax, NS*

Ashley Sheresse Ferguson  
*Nassau, Bahamas*

Jessica Nellie Irene Heisler  
*Bridgewater, NS*

Navya Kesavan *cum laude*  
*Honours Chemistry*  
*Honours Psychology*  
*Co-operative Education*  
*Haryana, India*

Dennis Andre Knight  
*Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis*

Benjamin Donald Victor Manthorne  
*Co-operative Education*  
*Amherst, NS*

Jacob Riley McDonald  
*Sacramento, CA, USA*

Morgan Jennifer Mitchell *cum laude*  
*Honours Environmental Science*  
*Moorefield, ON*

Brianna A. Myer *summa cum laude*  
*Halifax, NS*

Darci J. Norbert-Inglis  
*Castries, Saint Lucia*

Sylvester Uchechukwuka Obichie  
*Lagos, Nigeria*

Peter Laszlo Opra  
*Dartmouth, NS*

Nikita Dawn Palaisy  
*Cantley, QC*

Quinn R. Polley *magna cum laude*  
*Spruce Grove, AB*

Jessi M. Pothier  
*Middle Sackville, NS*

Olga Laura Zubalska  
*Middle Sackville, NS*

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE & DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING**

Roshan Gaya *magna cum laude*  
*Flacq, Mauritius*

Adeline Umwari  
*Kigali, Rwanda*

## **DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING**

Abdulkarem Abdullah Alharbi  
*Halifax, NS*



**Anthony-Alan J. Burns**  
*Halifax, NS*

**Chiranjeev Choolhun**  
*Vacoas, Mauritius*

**Christopher I. Moffitt**  
*Harvey Station, NB*

**Nzubechukwu Chinweike Obika**  
*Grande Prairie, AB*

**Liam D. Reeder** *with distinction*  
*Sackville, NS*

**Yaasir Muhammad Uthman Subratty**  
*Halifax, NS*

## **DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES**

**Jessica Nellie Irene Heisler**  
*Bridgewater, NS*

**Nikita Dawn Palaisy**  
*Cantley, QC*

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY)**

**Ying Zhang**  
*Chengdu, China*

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)**

**Collette Lucille Robert**  
*Dartmouth, NS*

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

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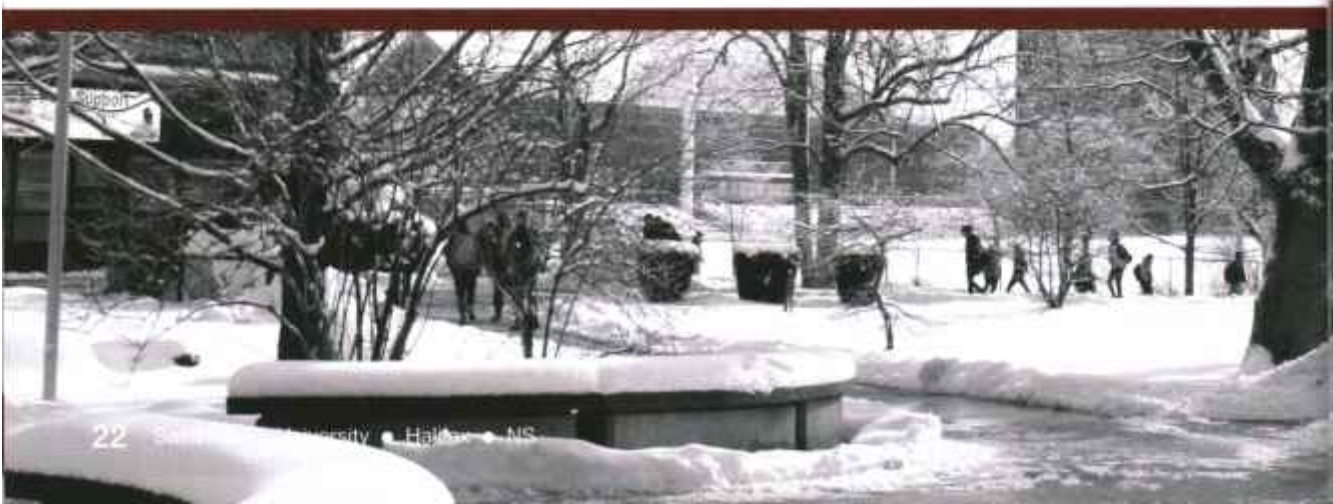
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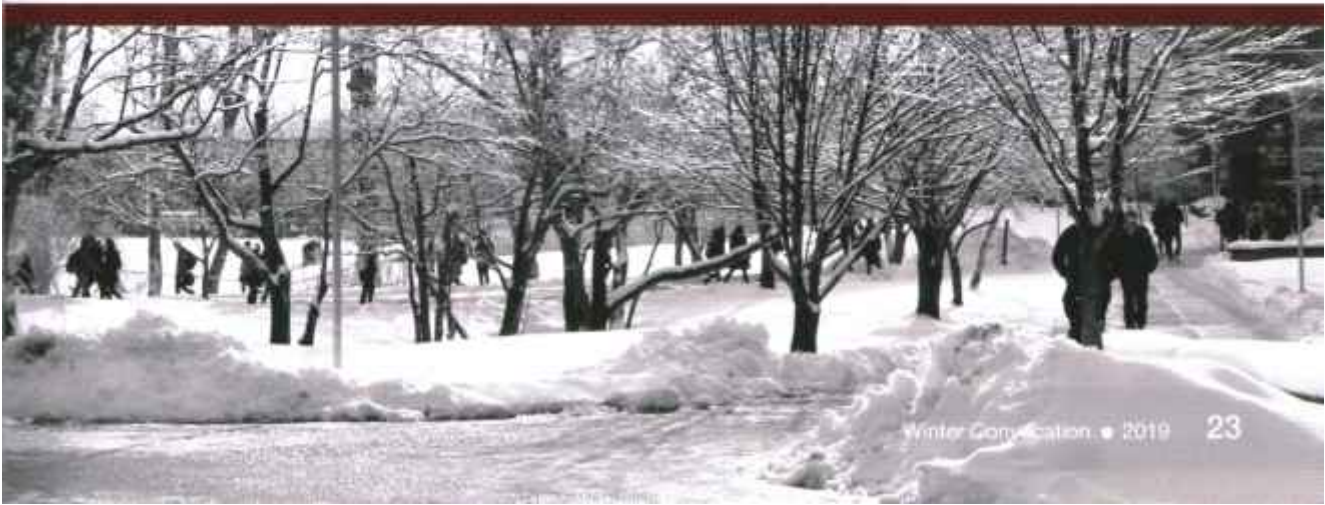
## VALEDICTORIAN BIOGRAPHIES

### **Collette Lucille Robert**

Collette Robert grew up in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia and moved to Halifax shortly after starting her Bachelor of Science (Hons. in Psychology) degree at Saint Mary's University (SMU). Collette is now graduating with a Master of Science in Applied Science (Neuroscience/Psychology). Throughout her time at SMU, Collette was involved with Students' Association (SMUSA) and held many different positions including Vice-President University and Vice-President Equity and Wellness. Collette won several student leadership recognition awards through the university, and the 'Gold M' from SMUSA, which is the highest award granted to graduating students who have given outstanding contributions in the area of student affairs. Collette was elected as Chair of Students Nova Scotia, where she represented students at the provincial level, and was chosen to be a member of The Halifax Youth Council, a special advisory group to the local Halifax Member of Parliament. Currently, Collette is the Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator for the 10 Nova Scotia universities and 13 community colleges, and remains involved with SMU as the Vice-President of the SMU Alumni Council. Collette will always value the guidance received and friendships made during her time at SMU, and the support from her family and friends that made it possible.

### **Gernic Nita Soudine**

Gernic is from the small island of St. Lucia in the Caribbean, graduating today with a Bachelor of Commerce, major in accounting, *summa cum laude*. After completing community college in St. Lucia, she began working but after two years, Gernic made the decision to further her education, researching schools and scholarships across the world until she found Saint Mary's University. She began her journey at Saint Mary's in September, 2015, and was awarded the presidential scholarship and residence leadership excellence award. She continued to excel in academics while also enjoying an active life on campus. Her favorite roles included lab coordinator, teaching assistant, peer mentor and welcome week pack leader because it fueled her passion for student development. She is thankful to all her classmates and professors who made the journey absolutely exhilarating and fulfilling.



## HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

**Scott Armour McCrea, Doctor of Commerce, honoris causa**  
Community builder, real estate innovator and entrepreneur

A life-long Haligonian, Mr. McCrea's deep-rooted understanding of the enduring impact of real estate development on communities comes naturally to him. He is the second generation to direct The Armour Group Limited, a family-held company whose roots in Halifax are anchored to the integration of the ownership, construction and management of their properties, which include many of the city's historic and traditional spaces.



As the Chief Executive Officer of The Armour Group Limited, he leads one of Atlantic Canada's largest fully integrated real estate and investment concerns. An essential part of his work is fostering community development. He wants his grandchildren to be able to see the positive impact that The Armour Group's real estate developments have had on the region.

Prior to August 2011, Mr. McCrea was Executive Vice-President of Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust (CUF.UN- TSX) and was the founding CEO of Overland Realty; a TSX-V corporation focused on Atlantic Canadian real estate opportunities. Overland Realty was subsequently acquired by Cominar REIT. Mr. McCrea's 25 years of experience include the development and management of complex real estate projects in the commercial, residential, hospitality and tourism-related fields. He has successfully negotiated hundreds of millions in debt and equity placements and property acquisitions. His achievements include the development of the RBC Waterside Centre in downtown Halifax and the Queen's Marque district on the Halifax waterfront, which will represent an almost \$200 million private investment in the region with a target completion date in early 2020.

Mr. McCrea has been an active participant on various Boards and non-profit organizations within the community; most recently these have included Mount Saint Vincent University, Royal Host Inc. and the Halifax Grammar School as co-chair of the Engaging Excellence Capital Campaign. His accomplishments have led him to be the recipient of several awards including Canada's Top 40 under 40, Halifax's Business Person of the Year (2006), and one of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEOs. Mr. McCrea is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario and the University of Toronto, where he studied business and economics.



**Hope Swinimer, Doctor of Science, honoris causa**  
Wildlife champion, animal advocate and rehabilitator

Born and raised in Argyle, Nova Scotia, Ms. Swinimer spent most of her time outdoors as a child enjoying everything the natural world had to offer. She knew that she wanted to work with nature in some capacity, and after missing life by the ocean terribly while attending college in Truro, she knew she needed to stay near the ocean.



While working at Dartmouth Veterinary Hospital as a manager, Ms. Swinimer took in her first rehab animal in 1995—a robin that had been attacked by a cat. Researching how to care for the bird inspired her to learn more about injured wildlife, and as her knowledge grew, colleagues began sending wildlife-related calls her way.

Later that year, she became certified in Basic Wildlife Rehabilitation from the International Wildlife Rehabilitation Association. Ms. Swinimer was offered an opportunity to work as a wildlife rehabilitator in Ontario but couldn't leave behind the place she called home.

With just a few cages in the backyard and a room in her house as a nursery, Ms. Swinimer rehabbed about 40 animals in her first year. By 1996, word of this grew, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) determined that a permit was required; however, such a permit did not exist in the province at that time. She worked with DNR to establish a licensing process (using the United States as a model), and in 1997, moved to Winnie's Way in Seaforth where she received her rehabilitator permit. She considered Seaforth as the perfect place for animal rehabilitation.

The Eastern Shore Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre became the first privately owned wildlife rehabilitation centre in Nova Scotia, taking in about 200 animals per year. The centre was in such demand that it soon outgrew its property again, and in 2001, Ms. Swinimer relocated within Seaforth to "the farm," which was a larger property that would accommodate the rehab's immediate needs but also leave room to grow.

Hope for Wildlife now accepts over 4500 wild animals per year, and over 20,000 callers are assisted through its wildlife helpline, thousands of visitors are also welcomed to its facilities for guided tours. In December of 2015, Hope for Wildlife moved into a new custom-built facility, which replaced the more than 100-year-old barn previously in use, and in the summer of 2017, opened their onsite Country Clinic which acts as a fully functioning wildlife hospital. In 2019, Hope for Wildlife will install 109 solar panels onsite to reduce their ecological footprint, lower electricity costs, and help move the farm from fossil fuels to green energy.

Ms. Swinimer and her team share their journey through their globally-syndicated television show that follows them as they nurse thousands of injured and orphaned wildlife back to health and return them to the wild.

# ALUMNI

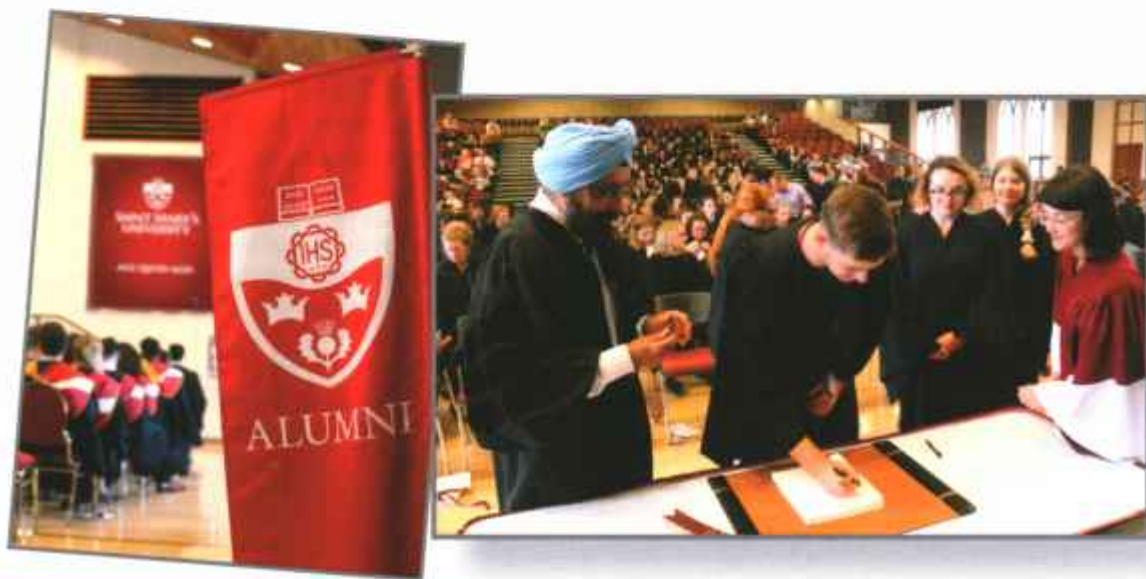


## The Saint Mary's Alumni Association

will welcome more than 280 students into its global family this winter.

To signify the momentous transition from Saint Mary's students to becoming Saint Mary's alumni, volunteer members of the Alumni Honour Guard don special robes to lead graduates in and out of the convocation ceremony.

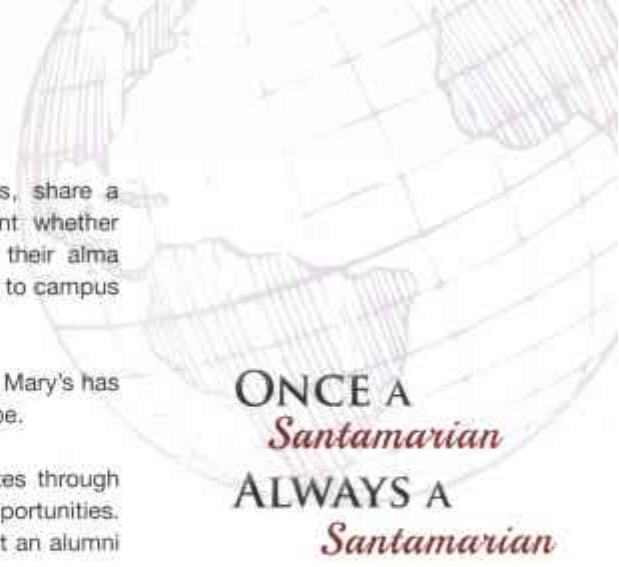
As each graduate crosses the stage, they receive an alumni pin from a member of the Saint Mary's Alumni Association, a tradition dating back to 1990. Graduates are encouraged to wear their pins with pride.



Alumni of Saint Mary's University, Santamarians, share a strong sense of community; this bond is evident whether alumni are cheering on the Huskies, supporting their alma mater with their time or resources, or heading back to campus for Homecoming Weekend.

With more than 51,000 graduates worldwide, Saint Mary's has alumni networks in cities and towns across the globe.

Stay connected and keep in touch with classmates through social media, regional gatherings and networking opportunities. And if you want to volunteer, plan an event, or start an alumni network in your area, visit [smu.ca/alumni](http://smu.ca/alumni).



ONCE A  
*Santamarian*  
ALWAYS A  
*Santamarian*



*Alumni around the world*





# ABOUT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

## NESTLED IN THE HEART OF HALIFAX,

Nova Scotia, Saint Mary's University is marked by iconic buildings, green spaces, and fresh ocean air. A vibrant and culturally diverse campus, Saint Mary's lets students experience the world, all in one city block.

The University's role in the creation and dissemination of knowledge, combined with its entrepreneurial and leadership skills training, provide ample evidence of its ability to change the world for the better – locally, nationally, and internationally.

Graduates of Saint Mary's – who hail from more than 100 countries – share a special pride. Known as Santamarians, 51,000 alumni are contributing to communities and economies around the globe.

Saint Mary's has pioneered a number of academic programs and is home to one of the first Faculties of Commerce in Canada, now recognized as a national leader in business education. In more recent years, the University became known for programs and supports for students with disabilities; when the Fred Smithers Centre of Support for Students with Disabilities opened in 1985, it was one of only a handful of such facilities in the country.

Saint Mary's has always endorsed the idea that physical health is a strong foundation for a productive mind and spirit, and the University has proven time and again the legitimacy of this philosophy, winning many regional and national titles across a number of sports.





Student success requires a strong and comprehensive institutional commitment, focusing on academic excellence, discovery, and innovation. Saint Mary's aims to prepare Santamarians to succeed in a global, intercultural environment, meet the market needs of the Atlantic region and Canada, and provide pathways for career launch and progression.

Building upon its strong history of teaching and research excellence, student-centred learning, community outreach, and commitment to diversity, Saint Mary's University is ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. So, too, are its graduates.



## SAINT MARY'S 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 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 formally recognized the institution's academic role. And in 1952, Saint Mary's College was granted university status. Just 50 years ago, in 1968, the school became a co-ed learning environment.



## 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. In seconds, it will be professionally framed in a high quality, Canadian-made frame, complete with a mat emblazoned with the official crest of Saint Mary's University.



## DVD

DVD videos of the convocation will be available and can be ordered from the website: <https://youtu.be/m4mGYVJBZbU>

## 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.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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