

Saint Mary's University

Spring Convocation



Friday, 20 May 2011

O CANADA

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

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

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

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

Order of Academic Procession

Marshal of Convocation

Graduates

Guests

Faculty

Board of Governors

Deans of Faculties

Recipients of Honorary Degrees

Vice-President, Academic and Research

President

Chancellor

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

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

Order of Proceedings

Processional

Welcome

O Canada

Heather Fitzpatrick, B.P.R.

Introduction of Special Guests

Invocation

Valedictory Address

Morning Convocation
Latero Rolle

Afternoon Convocation
Caitlin Dix

Symbolic Hooding and Presentation of Alumni Pin

Morning Convocation
Seyara Shwetz

Afternoon Convocation
Natasha Butterfield

Presentation of Governor-General's Medals & Faculty Awards

Presidential Remarks

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

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Morning Convocation
To be Doctor of Fine Arts (honoris causa)
Leica Hardy

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)
Donald Savoie, Ph.D., OC, FRSC

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)
Paul D. Sobey, B.Comm., FCA

Afternoon Convocation

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)
Peter Aucoin, CM, Ph.D., FRSC

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa)
Sarah Dennis, B.A., MBA

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)
Hon. Helen Gillis

Convocation Addresses

Morning

Paul D. Sobey, B.Comm., FCA

Afternoon

Sarah Dennis, B.A., MBA

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and the Presentation of the University's Gold Medals and Academic Subject Awards.

Morning Convocation

Science

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

J. Kevin Vessey, B.Sc. (Hon.), M.Sc., Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in Science.

Business

David Wicks, B.Comm., M.B.A., Ph.D., B.A., Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates for undergraduate degrees in Business.

J. Kevin Vessey, B.Sc. (Hon.), M.Sc., Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in Business.

Afternoon Convocation

Arts

Esther E. Enns, B.S.L., M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., Dean of Arts, will present the candidates for undergraduate degrees in Arts.

J. Kevin Vessey, B.Sc. (Hon.), M.Sc., Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in Arts.

Closing of Convocation

Recessional

Chancellor of Saint Mary's University

Robert Kelly, B.Comm., D.Comm.

Chairman of Convocation

David Gauthier, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

Vice-President, Academic and Research

Marshal of Convocation

Donald J. Naulls, B.A. (Hon.) M.A., Ph.D.

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

Marshal of Students

Keith Hotchkiss, B.A.

Director of Student Services

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Acknowledgement

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

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MEDALS

Undergraduate Students

Governor General's Silver Medal

Donor: Governor General of Canada

Recipient: Lisa M. Verge, Bachelor of Arts

University's Faculty and Division Medals

Bachelor of Arts

Donor: the Archbishop of Halifax

Recipient: Jacqueline E. Scott

Bachelor of Science

Donor: Saint Mary's University Alumni Association

Recipient: Jillian T. Tonet

Diploma in Engineering

Recipient: Bryce G. Clothier

Bachelor of Commerce

Recipient: Bin Hou

Academic Subject Awards

Biology: The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award

Donor: The family of Dr. Brij M. Kapoor

Recipient: Leah Ellingwood

Geology: The Centennial Medal

Donor: The Mining Society of Nova Scotia

Recipient: Michael Warren

Human Resource Management: The Hermann Schwind Medal

Donors: Department of Management faculty members, past and present

Recipient: Lydia C. Mombourquette

Law: Mary Ann and Edward J. McBride Law Prize

Donor: Professor Edward J. McBride

Recipient: Lauren Baldwin

Modern Languages: Prize of the Ambassador of Switzerland

Donor: Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada

Recipient: Erin Hornsby

Tax: The Edwin C. Harris Tax Prize
Donor: Atlantic Tax Conference Planning Committee
Recipient: Brittany Davison

Graduate Students

Governor General's Gold Medal
Donor: Governor General of Canada
Recipient: James Scott MacIvor, Master of Science

University's Faculty Medals

Master of Arts (International Development Studies)
Donor: Dr. James H. Morrison
Recipient: Meaghan Simms

Master of Business Administration: Dr. Harold G. Beazley Medal
Donor: Dr. H. G. Beazley Trust
Recipients (tie): Rosalie Allen-Jarvis
Julie-Ann Vincent

Executive Master of Business Administration
Donor: Bridges Family
Recipient: Edwin Y. Hanada

Master of Science (Applied Psychology)
Donor: Aramark Canada Ltd.
Recipient: Meghan Donohoe

Master of Management – Co-operatives and Credit Unions: Pobihusky Medal
Recipient: Alan Dootson

Faculty

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. This 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. Nominations are invited from alumni, students, and faculty members. This medal is normally presented at Spring Convocation together with a cheque for \$1,500. Previous winners of this prestigious award are:

1983 Professor David Hope (Accounting)
1984 Professor Dermot Mulrooney (Engineering)
1985 Dr. David Perrier (Sociology)
1986 Dr. John Young (Chemistry)
1987 Professor Edward McBride (Political Science)
1988 Dr. Jack Ginsburg (Chemistry)
1989 Dr. Peter March (Philosophy)
1990 Dr. Andrew Seaman (English)
1991 Dr. Phil Street (Psychology)
1992 Dr. Francis Phillips (Education)
1993 Dr. Janet Baker (English)
1994 Dr. Cyril Byrne (English)
1995 Professor Nicola Young (Accounting)
1996 Dr. Ronald Landes (Political Science)
1997 Dr. Paul Muir (Mathematics and Computing Science)
1998 Dr. David Cone (Biology)
1999 Dr. Robert Singer (Chemistry)
2000 Dr. Eric Lee (Finance and Management Science)
2001 Dr. Janet Gregory (Finance and Management Science)
2002 Dr. Gillian Thomas (English and Women and Gender Studies)
2003 Dr. Janet Hill (English)
2004 Dr. Porter Scobey (Mathematics and Computing Science)
2005 Dr. Adam Sarty (Astronomy and Physics)
2006 Dr. Edna Keeble (Political Science)
2007 Dr. Stephen Davis (Anthropology)
2008 Dr. Shelagh Crooks (Philosophy)
2009 Dr. Pawan Lingras (Mathematics and Computing Science)
2010 Dr. Barry Borman (Accounting)

This year's recipient is **Dr. Brian Bartlett**, Department of English.

Dr. Bartlett began his teaching career in 1990 and took on the task of establishing the Creative Writing program at Saint Mary's. He has been Coordinator of this program for more than twenty years, and it has grown steadily under his direction in terms of students and recognition. He has also been active in other University wide activities and is the founder and organizer of the Atrium Reading Series.

An important measure of Dr. Bartlett's success is the success of his students. Several of them have gone on to do the English masters in Creative Writing at various universities; and students who completed his workshops have gone on to become published poets and fiction writers, a Governors General's Award and an Atlantic Poetry Prize nominee, the first Halifax Poet Laureate, several winners of literary-journal prizes and competitions, editors, and journalists.

The Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award

In 2007, the Quality of Teaching Committee established an Educational Leadership Award to recognize the long-term commitment of faculty who develop, enhance and promote the quality of teaching and learning 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. Dr. Thomas has spent the past twenty years of her academic career supporting efforts which improve teaching and learning within the University, the Atlantic region, and nationally.

Previous recipients of the award are:

2007 Dr. Shelagh Crooks (Philosophy)

2008 Dr. Adam Sarty (Astronomy and Physics)

The recipient of the Award for 2011 is **Dr. Howard Donohoe**, a part-time instructor in the Department of Geology. As a geologist with the Department of Natural Resources, Howard has brought real-world experiences to classrooms at Saint Mary's since 1996. However, he is not only an excellent teacher, he is also a life-long learner, one who has taken the time to learn about teaching. And one who is eager to share what he has learned with his colleagues – in workshops, conference presentations, articles in teaching newsletters, and in individual consultations and discussions. As an active member of Saint Mary's Quality of Teaching Committee since 2006, he has participated in many committee sponsored activities and sits as a reviewer on the Instructional Development Grants Sub-Committee. For the past two years, his leadership has contributed to the development of two interdisciplinary Communities of Practice. In addition to teaching and educational leadership within Saint Mary's, Howard has also provided disciplinary and pedagogical expertise and support to the Association of Science Teachers, the Atlantic Geoscience Society and the NS Department of Education. The reason Howard teaches, and spends time and energy developing his teaching, and the teaching of others, is his caring and respect for students. His interest in student success has been most recently demonstrated by his involvement in a new initiative in the Faculty of Science called "STEPS" (Strategies Towards Establishing Personal Success). This program provides an opportunity for students who were not initially successful at university to reapply and to work with an 'academic coach' to make positive changes to enhance their chances for success. Howard Donohoe, the STEPS 'academic coach' for 2009/10, used a holistic approach in working with students to help them focus on their overall wellness as well as their academic issues.

MORNING CONVOCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Maha Abdel Maqsud Ajjour	Palestine
Krista Arseneault (Hon. Biology)	Moncton, NB
Josephine J. Awkar	Halifax, NS
Karen Christine Beales	Ottawa, ON
Alessandra Benigno	Halifax, NS
Gillian Marie Imelda Bent	Hammonds Plains, NS
Jeffrey T. Burke	Halifax, NS
Ashley M. T. Campbell (Hon. Mathematics and Physics)	Dartmouth, NS
Cassandra Cephas	Grand Cay, Bahamas
Evan Williams Cervelli (Hon. Environmental Studies)	Head of St. Margaret's Bay, NS
Jessica M. Chisholm	Porters Lake, NS
Shaun H. J. Cogswell	Dartmouth, NS
Andrea Elizabeth Corrigan	Dartmouth, NS
Zenon James Czenze (Hon. Biology)	Halifax, NS
Jennifer Lynn Delorey	Kentville, NS
Anna Maria D'Intino (Hon. Biology)	Port Hastings, NS
Ayha A. El-Darahali (cum laude)	Yafa, Palestine
Emma Lorraine Garden (Hon. Environmental Studies)	Enfield, NS
Jessica Jennifer Gideon	Listuguj, QC
Nick A. Giffin (Hon. Chemistry: summa cum laude)	Springhill, NS
Nancy Elizabeth Gould	Halifax, NS
Naveen Gupta	Halifax, NS
Sarah Elizabeth Hall (summa cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Alexander Roy Harper	Dartmouth, NS
Zachary F. Harvey	Bear River, NS
Erica J. Hatfield	Yarmouth, NS
Gabrielle Wendy Hatfield (cum laude)	Cape Sable Island, NS
Melissa Nicole Healey	St. John's, NL
Courtney Grace Heisler (Hon. Psychology: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Amanda Marie Hemsworth (Hon. Psychology - Co-operative Education: cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Crystal M. Hillier (Co-operative Education)	Halifax, NS
Glen Daniel Hodge	Dartmouth, NS
Mark A. W. Hornsby (Hon. Biology)	Halifax, NS
Chi Huang	Chengdu, China
Shinoko Iida	Hong Kong, China

Miranda Eileen Jones (cum laude)	Cole Harbour, NS
Rebecca Mae Kennedy (magna cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Rhonda Lynn Kennedy	Truro, NS
Mohammad Hossein Khoshnevis	Tehran, Iran
Monique Noelle Legatto	Sydney Mines, NS
Scott K. Levy	Halifax, NS
Pat Linton (Hon. Biology)	Dalhousie, NB
Randi E. Livingstone (Hon. Psychology)	Port Howe, NS
Shiva Eltoy Lloyd	Nassau, Bahamas
Erin Alexandra MacLeod (magna cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Jennifer Lynn Marriott (Co-operative Education: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Ashley-Dawn Marsh (Hon. Psychology)	Sydney Mines, NS
Jessica Rose McCarron (summa cum laude)	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Melanie Elaine McNeil (Hon. Psychology)	Sydney, NS
Harrison M. Moore (Hon. Biology)	Dartmouth, NS
Kathryn Leah Myatt	Sydney, NS
Emily Amanda Nickerson (cum laude)	Barrington, NS
Gregory James Oliver	Hammonds Plains, NS
Sherida A. Philip	Antigua & Barbuda
Daniel Edward Rafuse	Liverpool, NS
Stephen Kenneth Rankin	Dartmouth, NS
Ashley Marie Rawle	Halifax, NS
Kyle Matthew Harnish Robinson	Bedford, NS
Ashley Jennifer Rowe (Hon. Chemistry and Mathematics: magna cum laude)	Bedford, NS
Ashley Murphy Shelton (Hon. Environmental Studies)	Charlottetown, PE
Laura Elizabeth Shepherd (Hon. Biology: cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Jordan N. Sherry (magna cum laude)	Beaver Bank, NS
Seyara T. Shwetz (summa cum laude)	Waskatenau, AB
Paul Anderson Simmons (summa cum laude)	Trinity Bay, NL
Sara Grace Skentelbery (Hon. Psychology)	Moncton, NB
Catherine Louise Small (Hon. Psychology: cum laude)	Grand Manan, NB
Curtis R. D. Stacey	Dartmouth, NS
Thomas Jean Steele (Hon. Biology - Co-operative Education: cum laude)	Halifax, NS

Amy Kathryn Stromquist	Calgary, AB
Michael H. Sun (Hon. Biology: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Eddina Tennelle Taylor	Nassau, Bahamas
Phuc T. Tran (Co-operative Education: cum laude)	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Nicholas Brian Turple	Enfield, NS
Masaki Uchida (Hon. Astrophysics: magna cum laude)	Tokyo, Japan
Jennifer J. Veinot	Chester Basin, NS
Christopher Lewis Walsh (summa cum laude)	Timberlea, NS
Alyson E. Walters	Lunenburg, NS
Crystal Eve Winters	Halifax, NS
Jeff W. Zelinski	Mission, BC
Kaitlin Kathleen Zwicker	Lower Sackville, NS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE & DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Bradley Paul Vickers	Hubley, NS
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CERTIFICATE OF HONORS – SCIENCE

Amanda Marie MacDonald	Summerside, PE
Laura Nicole Slauenwhite	Halifax, NS

CERTIFICATE IN THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES FOR EDUCATION

Wendy J. Brackett-Hill	Porters Lake, NS
Michelle Louise Langille	Spryfield, NS

DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Chinweotito Atansi (with great distinction)	Onitsha, Nigeria
Thomas Codey Barnett	Hammonds Plains, NS
Ashley M. T. Campbell	Dartmouth, NS
Bryce G. Clothier (with greatest distinction)	Port Howe, NS
Shane F. Cormier	Stephenville, NL
Matthew Fraser Cruickshank	Riverton, NS
Virgilio Olores De Lara	Manila, Philippines
Christopher John Dean	Ottawa, ON
Irem Direkci	Istanbul, Turkey
Aime Roger Dushime	Halifax, NS

Alexander Joseph Heukshorst
Whitney Erin Hurlbut
Lane Jeff Inkpen
J. Sebastien R. Kirouac
John A. Kushneryk
Shuang Lin
Kyle James Peter MacDonald
Nicholas Phylip Montrose MacDonald
Edward Neil MacKenzie
Marlon Lenin McCombie
Christopher David Nantau
Gregory James Oliver
Chevy Akim Phillips
Jenna Kathleen Richardson-Prager
Andrew David Rockwell
Giovanni Alexander Rojas
Samer Khalil Salbad
Yasser Sh Shaath
Devarsh Sood (**with great distinction**)
Adam Thomas Stockermans
Miguel Magnus Swann
Myriam Talha (**with great distinction**)
Mathew D. Zimola

DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES

Courtney Leah Glen
Miranda Eileen Jones
Prima Jean Kelly
Amanda Marie MacDonald
Amy Kathryn Stromquist
Alyson E. Walters

MASTER OF SCIENCE (APPLIED SCIENCE)

Rui Ding
John Alexander Barra MacNeil (Co-operative Education)
Robert Craig Stewart
Huan Wang

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ASTRONOMY)

Kathleen Elizabeth Moncrieff

Mabou, NS
Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS
Cole Harbour, NS
Pointe-Claire, QC
Chengdu, China
Enfield, NS
Port Hood, NS
Canso, NS
Castries, St. Lucia
Halifax, NS
Hammonds Plains, NS
Castries, St. Lucia
Cole Harbour, NS
Enfield, NS
Halifax, NS
Amman, Jordan
Gaza, Palestine
Faridabad, India
Halifax, NS
Nassau, Bahamas
Halifax, NS
Thompson, MB

Lunenburg, NS
Cole Harbour, NS
Fall River, NS
Summerside, PE
Calgary, AB
Lunenburg, NS

Longhui, China
Sussex, NB
Paradise, NS
Chengdu, China

Bow Island, AB

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Shaker M. Abunaameh	Palestine
Homoud Fahad Alfayez	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Mohammad Abdulmohsin Al-Joyan	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Mohanad Abdulaziz Al Jumaiah	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Abdullah F. Al-Mumayiz	Halifax, NS
Tiffany Allaway	Halifax, NS
Qi An	Chengdu, China
Jeffrey John Andersen	Kentville, NS
Amanda Brittany Archibald-Moore	Middleton, NS
Chananan Aroonkong	Halifax, NS
Mikeal G. L. Arthurton	St. John's, Antigua
Matthew Thomas Bailey	Truro, NS
Hatim Abdullah Bakhaidar	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Diana Sachi Balabanov (summa cum laude)	Vancouver, BC
Nickesha Mackisha Baltimore	St. John's, Antigua
Tracey Anita Barlow (summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Lara Elizabeth Bean	Halifax, NS
Christopher A. C. Beck	Dartmouth, NS
Jean-Philippe Belanger	Port-Cartier, QC
Robert S. Belliveau	Pubnico, NS
Kelly Dawn Bishop	Windsor, NS
Chanelle Jacqueline Blair	Pictou, NS
Victoria Elizabeth Borges	Paget, Bermuda
Matthew Aaron Boudreau	Halifax, NS
Chris Bourgeois	Salisbury, NB
Lorenzo Enrique C. Brana	Halifax, NS
Lyndsay Mary Leigh Brown	Lower Sackville, NS
Keith Nelson Burgess	Windsor, NS
YingYing Cai	Shanghi, China
Bing Ling Cao	Fuzhou, China
Adrian Paul Carty (cum laude)	New Glasgow, NS
Kyla Elaine Chamberlaine	Lower Sackville, NS
Jo-lene Soraya Charles	St. John's, Antigua
Yanyu Chen	Jiangmen, China
Xiao Chu	Qingdao, China
Holly Elizabeth Churchill	Yarmouth, NS
Jenna Frances Clark	Halifax, NS
David Clarke	Waverley, NS
Alexandra Patricia Connor (Co-operative Education)	Cole Harbour, NS
Carly Reta Conway (summa cum laude)	Doncaster, England

Ashley Elizabeth Crocker
Christopher L. Crowell
Nicholas Emery Crowley

Fangrong Dai
Brittany A. Davison (**summa cum laude**)
Adam Richard Day
Fergus Dearden
Michelle Lauren Debique
Joseph R. DeCoste
Lindsey Dempsey (**magna cum laude**)
Virginia Kirsten Dennis
Erin S. Devine
Marc Jacob Diamond
Catherine Anne Dillon
Conor J. Dolan
Puzhen Dong
Nicole P. Doucette (**cum laude**)
Juan Ignacio Duarte
Tara Nicole Dunnett

Analicia M. Edmunds
Ahmet Onur Eken
Ahmed Bassem El Derbi
Fares AbdulJabbar El-Far
Matthew John Elliott
Ahmed Elsharif
Peter Vance Enman

Mark G. Faddoul
Nicolette Michelle Fader
Tian kai Fan
Rachel Lynn Fancy
Ashley D. Farrell
Sarah Lynn Faulkner
Thomas Cameron Fergus
Colin K. Fetterly
Mark Joseph Fiander
Kathleen Anne Finney
Bradley Everett Flinn
John-Patrick M. Flinn
Francisco Javier Flores Carreon
Hilary Anne Foster
Melanie Gabrielle Fowler

Cole Harbour, NS
Argyle, NS
Dartmouth, NS

Yueyang, China
Liverpool, NS
Ottawa, ON
Halifax, NS
Lower Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS
Annapolis Royal, NS
Sydney Mines, NS
Amherst, NS
Calgary, AB
St. John's, NL
Halifax, NS
Fuzhou, China
Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Eastern Passage, NS

Castries, St. Lucia
Istanbul, Turkey
Palestine
Halifax, NS
Hammonds Plains, NS
Palestine
Summerside, PE

Halifax, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Qingdao, China
Queens County, NS
Woodstock, NB
Upper Sackville, NS
Brantford, ON
Bedford, NS
Halifax, NS
Rothesay, NB
Woodstock, NB
Freeport, NS
Mexico City, Mexico
Mount Uniacke, NS
Bedford, NS

Kaelah Marie Friesen
Bradley Craig Furlong
Nicole Katherine Furlong

Victoria Lynn Gallant
Feng Gao
Ye Gao
Ellen Brecken Garson
Zachary Michael Gay
Shaun K. Gerhardt
Badriyeh Ghaedi
Leigh Marie Ann Giffin
Peter J. W. Gilfoy
Matthew Benoit Giroux
Jack Glick
Jessica Elaine Gomes
Chelse Lynn Gomez Ramirez (**magna cum laude**)
Rachel Megan Griffiths
Jessica Violet Groom
Lyndsay Mary Gulliver

Alanood M. Haider

Brian Joseph Richard Hall
Kaley Deanne Hall
Xue Han
Zackary William Richard Hancock
Krista Lynn Hayman
Jing He
Lexin He
Kaeli-Anne M. Hillier
Craig Scott Hingley
Andrew M. Hotham
Ziqiu Hu
Melissa M. Hubley (**summa cum laude**)
Toni Marie Humber
Kirbey Michelle Hunter

Laura A. Ingles

Patrick John Jayasinghe
John Alexander Solomon Jenkins
Rebecca Elizabeth Jewer
Ying Jiang
Dejie Jin (**cum laude**)

Bedford, NS
Lower Sackville, NS
Halifax, NS

Belfast, PE
Halifax, NS
Shenzhen, China
Halifax, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Digby, NS
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Wellington, NS
Halifax, NS
Lower Sackville, NS
Cole Harbour, NS
Summerside, PE
Newport, NS

Dubai, United Arab
Emirates
New Germany, NS
Halifax, NS
Tianjin, China
Halifax, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Mianyang, China
Guangzhou, China
Bridgewater, NS
Bible Hill, NS
Barrie, ON
Nanchang, China
Cole Harbour, NS
Cole Harbour, NS
Fall River, NS

Bridgewater, NS

Shubenacadie, NS
Lunenburg, NS
Halifax, NS
Suzhou, China
Taizhou, China

Michael W. Johnson	Dartmouth, NS
Stephen William Forbes Johnson	Bedford, NS
Fabian Gerard Joseph	Sydney, NS
Kamal Kamal	New Delhi, India
Jason Edward Kay	Trenton, NS
Jennifer Lynn Kearney	Rothsay, NB
Brett W. Keating	Russell, MB
Jane E. M. Keddy	Halifax, NS
Matthew Jayson Kempton (magna cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Grace Marie Kennedy	Winnipeg, MB
Tara P. King (magna cum laude)	Coquitlam, BC
David Andrew Kipper	Dartmouth, NS
Derek W. J. Kirton	Bridgenorth, ON
Paul Francois Kratz (summa cum laude)	Marseille, France
Justin Alexandre Kuzmicki	Montréal, QC
Kar Chun Lai	Halifax, NS
Serge Richard LeBlanc	Yarmouth, NS
Athena Nicole Leclair	Cole Harbour, NS
HeeSung Jason Lee	Seoul, South Korea
Shuang Lei	Chengdu, China
Elizabeth Lengwe	Lusaka, Zambia
Chantal Allura Leslie	Fletcher's Lake, NS
Ambrose BingYee Leung	Saint John, NB
Terri-Lynn Marie Levy	Chester, NS
Bei Li	Changsha, China
Danna Li (cum laude)	Zengcheng, China
Wei Li	Wenzhou, China
Xiao Li	Guangdong, China
Zhu Li	Sichuan, China
Lester John Ross Lilly	Halifax, NS
Andy Tsz Chun Liu	Halifax, NS
Dong Liu	Shijiazhuang, China
Jennifer Rui Liu (magna cum laude)	Beijing, China
Xiangwei Liu	Yichang, China
Xiying Liu	Xi'an, China
Zhe Liu	Ghangzhou, China
Zhouyi Liu (cum laude)	Ningbo, China
Ming feng Lu	Hangzhou, China
Ning Lu	Jinan, China
XiaoRong Lu (cum laude)	Beijing, China
Yingxu Lu	Beijing, China
Ying Luo	Suzhou, China
Stephen William Lynch (Co-operative Education)	Ottawa, ON

NaNa Ma	Cangzhou, China
Karen Elizabeth MacCormick	Halifax, NS
Ashley Jean MacDonald	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Kelly Claire MacDonald	Dartmouth, NS
Andrew Kyle MacInnis (cum laude)	Antigonish, NS
Jessica L. MacLean	Pictou, NS
Leah Dawn MacLennan	Truro, NS
Galen DeWolfe MacLeod	Middle Sackville, NS
Jenifer Tatiana Madrid	Colombia
Sarah E. Maher	Dartmouth, NS
Heather Colleen Martin	Mineville, NS
Joy Kentia Martin	Sandys, Bermuda
Nikki L. Martin	Dartmouth, NS
Ayeshanaz Mashoodh	Halifax, NS
Johnny Phillip Maskine	Halifax, NS
Stephen Kyle Maycher	Winnipeg, MB
Peter Thomas McCarron	Bedford, NS
Kelsey Lynn McGibbon	New Glasgow, NS
Jennifer Ann McIsaac	Dartmouth, NS
Lauren Kate McQuaid (Co-operative Education: summa cum laude)	Tracadie Cross, PE
Jie Mei	Nanjing, China
Lauren G. Meisner	Coldbrook, NS
Christopher John Mitchell	Rothesay, NB
Tim F. Mitchell (cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Lydia Claire Rafuse Mombourquette (summa cum laude)	Bridgewater, NS
Adam J. Morehouse (cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Daniel Broderick Morgan (cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Michelle S. Morris	Cole Harbour, NS
Andrea Moulisova	Halifax, NS
Colton E. Muise	Yarmouth, NS
Justin Robert Munden	Halifax, NS
David Robert Murray	Oakville, ON
Robert Leslie Murray	Oakville, ON
Munyaradzi Gary Mwayi	Harare, Zimbabwe
SangMi Nam	Seoul, South Korea
Sarah Lynne Nevins	Ottawa, ON
Christopher Andrew Nguyen	Halifax, NS
Nathan R. Nickerson	New Germany, NS
Tomoo Noguchi	Japan
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Georgia Naomi Schurman (magna cum laude)	Cole Harbour, NS
Jacqueline Elaine Scott (Hon. Psychology: summa cum laude)	Shelburne, NS
Joel William Scott	Lower Sackville, NS
Sinem Sentekin	Ankara, Turkey
Megan A. Shanahan (Hon. Psychology)	Charlottetown, PE
Natalie A. Skoczylas	Bridgewater, NS
Gary Paul Slauenwhite	Coldbrook, NS
Cailen Amy Smith (Hon. Geography: magna cum laude)	Yarmouth, NS
Katelyn Michele Smith	Dartmouth, NS
Ian B. Soper	Halifax, NS
Molly Jean Spinney	Yarmouth, NS
Ashley Jane Steele	Port Williams, NS
Andrew Russell Stewart	Ottawa, ON
Amy Kathryn Stromquist	Calgary, AB
Benjamin J. Sullivan	Halifax, NS
Brandon Doyle Svenningsen (Hon. History: summa cum laude)	Truro, NS
Susann Alexis Symonds	Cape Sable Island, NS
Anzhela Vladilenovna Tereshchenko	Vladivostok, Russia
Sarah Marie Tessier	Ottawa, ON
Amanda Joan Theriault	Halifax, NS
Christine Rose Thibeault (Hon. Religious Studies)	Dartmouth, NS
Cynthia A. Thibodeau	Sheet Harbour, NS
Kathleen Olivia Thomas	Halifax, NS
Pratheesh Thomas (Hon. Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Brenna A. Thompson (Hon. Geography: cum laude)	Milton, ON

Sandra M. Thompson	Lower Sackville, NS
Kayla Amanda Thorburne	Liverpool, NS
Erik W. Thorne	Halifax, NS
Tony Clifton Donald Thurber	Freeport, NS
Emily Dianne Trainor (Hon. International Development Studies)	Charlottetown, PE
Jason Robert Williams Tucker	Debert, NS
James Travis Urquhart (Hon. Philosophy: magna cum laude)	Bathurst, NB
Veronika Vagner	Halifax, NS
Lisa M. Verge (Hon. Psychology: summa cum laude)	Halifax, NS
Alexandre Michel Vezina	Ottawa, ON
Michael Bruce Vickers	Sydney Mines, NS
Reanne Michelle Waller (cum laude)	Pictou, NS
Victoria Kathleen Walsworth	Greenwood, NS
Stuart Matthew Warren	Moncton, NB
Glentine Luenda Wattley-Sutton (summa cum laude)	St. Paul's, St. Kitts
Logan Kenneth Waugh	Bedeque, PE
Britanie Gisele Wentzell	Halifax, NS
Leigh Ann White	Halifax, NS
Kaitlin Jennifer Whitehouse (magna cum laude)	Bedford, NS
Jillian Amy Whitmore (summa cum laude)	Ancaster, ON
Gabrielle Wilson	Dartmouth, NS
Jenna-Leigh M. Wilson (Hon. Religious Studies)	Dartmouth, NS
Lacey Marie Wilson	Linacy, NS
Sarah Elizabeth Wood	Dartmouth, NS
Joseph John Yammine	Halifax, NS
Joseph Edwin Young (Hon. History)	Lantz, NS
Tiffani Ashlee Young	Halifax, NS
Geoffrey Robert Zochodne	Oshawa, ON
Michael Errol Samuel Zwicker	Kentville, NS

CERTIFICATE OF HONORS - ARTS

Julie Marie Franc	Westville, NS
David Harrington MacLachlan	Bedford, NS
Kathleen Erin Elizabeth O'Farrell	New Glasgow, NS

MASTER OF ARTS (ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES)

Peter Gatama Gachira	Halifax, NS
Karl Williams Turner	Dartmouth, NS

MASTER OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY)

Ashley Erin MacPherson	New Glasgow, NS
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MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

Antoinette N. Davis	Halifax, NS
Caitlin V. Dix	Orillia, ON
Claude Joel Fortin	Dartmouth, NS
Isabella M. Krysa	Brieg, Poland
David Thurston Martin	Midland, Texas, USA
Stacey Jane Menzies	Saint John, NB
Priti H. K. Murbah	Mississauga, ON
Graeme Eric Martin Reniers	Brantford, ON
Camaro Carise West	Ajax, ON

MASTER OF ARTS (WOMEN AND GENDER STUDIES)

Eliana Clay	Halifax, NS
Julie Louise Pearl Flanagan Thompson	Moncton, NB

JANUARY 14, 2011 GRADUATES

The following candidates completed their programs in December 2010 and had their degrees conferred at the University Senate meeting of January 14, 2011. They have been invited to participate in the May convocation ceremony.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Jacquelyn Ruth Abraham	Saint John, NB
Lyne E. M. Allain (Hon. Anthropology)	Moncton, NB
Melissa Jayne Birch	Halifax, NS
Emily Frances Broom	Halifax, NS
Matthew Robert Christensen	Dartmouth, NS
Jessica Coskun	Dartmouth, NS
Chynna Nancy Coulter	Moncton, NB
Justin R. Dillman	East Hants, NS
Megan Jean Dillman	Halifax, NS
William J. Dobson	Dartmouth, NS
Emma Elliott Fineblit (Hon. Political Science: summa cum laude)	Winnipeg, MB
Corey John Ford	Dartmouth, NS
Vanessa Frattaroli	Saskatoon, SK
Sarah Elizabeth Fry	Halifax, NS
Stephen Richard Guy Gannon (Hon. Psychology)	Herring Cove, NS
Kendra Lynn Gillis	Antigonish, NS
Samantha Rae Hatfield	Shag Harbour, NS
Christopher Paul Kaus Henderson	Victoria, BC
Danelle Jolene Jobe	Dominion, NS
Kirk Daniel Kendell	New Glasgow, NS
Holly Jane Kingston	Dartmouth, NS
Shawn Robert Knowles	Dartmouth, NS
Claire Marie Lavoie	Riverview, NB
Sheryl Lawrence	St. John's, NL
Brittany Erin LeGresley	River John, NS
Andrew Joseph LeVine	Halifax, NS
Rachelle Anna MacDonald	Fall River, NS
Ryan Fisher MacInnis	Baddeck, NS
Daniel James MacKenzie (magna cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Daniel James MacKenzie	Dartmouth, NS
Joseph Christian MacNeil	Ingonish, NS
Laura Margaret MacNeil	Halifax, NS
Priya Rebeca Mal	Halifax, NS
Sarah E. McFarlane	St. Stephen, NB
Matthew Troy Murphy	Halifax, NS
Bonaventure Nzeyimana	Bujumbura, Burundi
Jessica Anne Raven (Hon. Psychology: cum laude)	Calgary, AB

Jordan Halley Reed
Stephanie Jeanne Robicheau
Kathlina Nicole Royal-Preyra
Jennifer Nicole Smith
Lisa Marie White
Michelle Jean Woodington

Rothesay, NB
Meteghan, NS
Halifax, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Moncton, NB

CERTIFICATE OF HONORS – ARTS

Mary Elizabeth Bryne

Sydney, NS

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

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Sara Abou Diab
Bernard Y. Addae
Mikyung Ahn (**summa cum laude**)
Zaid Sami Al-Dayriyeh
Mohamed Faisal Al-Hammadi
An An
Ryan P. Backman
Robert W. Baillieul (**cum laude**)
Kristy Ann Beck
Kevin Richard Bent
Laura Alison Bevan
Gregory George Blunden
Kaylah I. Cameron
Peggy Anne Campbell
Lei Cao
Elizabeth Carrillo
Szu Hsien Chiang
Chanda Chilanga
Kevin Edward John Cosgrove (**summa cum laude**)
Jessica Dawn Curtis
Youssef M. Dagher
Mallory Patricia Daury
Matthew Paul DeWolfe (Co-operative Education)
Christopher Aaron Ellis
Chelsey Ann Everest
Xueqing Feng
Dino Clifford Gilpin
Xiao Guo
Xiaowei Guo
Ken Jacob Halef
Mohammed Hamed (Hon. Economics)
Gabriel S. Harvey

Gaza, Palestine
Beirut, Lebanon
Accra, Ghana
Halifax, NS
Jordan
Sana'a, Yemen
Tianjin, China
Stillwater Lake, NS
Halifax, NS
Newburne, NS
Springfield, MA, USA
Sherwood Park, AB
Halifax, NS
Halifax, NS
Cole Harbour, NS
Jilin, China
Halifax, NS
Taipei, Taiwan
Lusaka, Zambia
Halifax, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Halifax, NS
Port Mouton, NS
Dartmouth, NS
Yarmouth, NS
Guysborough, NS
Guangzhou, China
Halifax, NS
Shandong, China
Shandong, China
Bedford, NS
Balatah, Palestine
Lower Sackville, NS

Ilker Hason	Istanbul, Turkey
Jjamin He	Zhongshan, China
Bin Hou (summa cum laude)	Taiyuan, China
Dun Hou	Changsha, China
Xiafang Hu	Shaxian, China
Christine Lynn Huntley (Co-operative Education)	Lower Sackville, NS
Amia Tessa-Marie Nadine James (Co-operative Education)	Castries, St. Lucia
Vivek Kumar Jhawar	New Delhi, India
Mohamed A. Khallaf	Halifax, NS
Komal Khosla	New Delhi, India
Gifty Mawuena Koumako	Togo, West Africa
Ailing Lan	Neijiang, China
Angela M. Lane	Dartmouth, NS
Helen E. Lewis	Halifax, NS
Yvette Dale L'Heureux	Dartmouth, NS
Fengji Li	Harbin, China
Junling Li	Sichuan, China
Chen Liang	Shandong, China
Yang Liang	Guangdong, China
Xue Lin	Shandong, China
Chen Liu	Sichuan, China
Shanshan Liu	Henan, China
Yudong Liu	Shenzhen, China
Dana L. Long	Halifax, NS
Ruichao Lu	Botou, China
Kyle J. Lutz	Summerside, PE
Natalie Jane MacDonald	Cole Harbour, NS
Christopher Thomas MacDougall (cum laude)	Bridgewater, NS
Keith Stephen MacInnis	Sydney, NS
Kelly G. MacKay	Truro, NS
Alah J. MacKinnon	Eureka, NS
A. Morgan MacKinnon	Glen Haven, NS
Sarah Elizabeth MacKinnon	Sydney, NS
Courtenay Elizabeth MacLeod	Pleasantville, NS
Cara Lynn Paige MacPhee	Stewiacke, NS
Katie Michelle Matheson (Co-operative Education)	Blues Mills, NS
Kingston Chasa Mbao	Halifax, NS
Kylie Anne McGarvey	Dartmouth, NS
Mark Andrew Miller McLaughlin	Dartmouth, NS
Earlyn Nicole Meroe	Castries, St. Lucia
Margaret A. Morash (Co-operative Education: summa cum laude)	Cole Harbour, NS
Darcy L. R. Morrison	Baddeck, NS
Sarah Marie Mosher	Dartmouth, NS
Miho Moteki	Gumma, Japan

Richard Van Ngo	Halifax, NS
Peng Ouyang	Chenzhou, China
Jillian A. Parker	Enfield, NS
Joseph C. Power	Rawdon, NS
Andrew William Preston	Halifax, NS
Belinda May Randall	Dartmouth, NS
Alix K. Redden (summa cum laude)	Iona, NS
Molly R. Regimbal	Halifax, NS
Wanlu Ren	Urumqi, China
Malovi Roychowdhury	Kolkata, India
Kimberly Lauren Sampson	Cole Harbour, NS
Saif Samir Shaker	Baghdad, Iraq
Yao Zi Shi	Shandong, China
Corey J. Smith	Pictou, NS
Min Jae Song (summa cum laude)	Seoul, South Korea
Aeshna Sripat	Halifax, NS
Gina Belle Stoddart	Tusket, NS
Larry Joseph Conor Sullivan	Halifax, NS
Sidarth Tikoo	New Delhi, India
Chad Everett Totten	Debert, NS
Madelaine R. Trider	Halifax, NS
Christopher Lee Tucker	Bermuda
Ikeobi Chinedu Uchegbu	Abuja, Nigeria
Hai Weng (magna cum laude)	Fujian, China
Ian P. Woodacre	Halifax, NS
Xingsi Xiao	Guangzhou, China
Wentao Xing	Hefei, China
Xin Xu	Fuzhou, China
Chengcheng Yang	Jilin, China
Fan Yang	Shenzhen, China
Jie Yang	Zhuhai, China
Hao Yu Yu	
Jingwen Zeng	Guiyang, China
Dainan Zhang	Beijing, China
Yuliang Zhao	Qikle, China
Chunlai Zhou	Qinzhou, China

CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT ANALYSIS

Kevin Edward John Cosgrove	Halifax, NS
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CERTIFICATE OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Gwendolyn Percilla Andrews	Halifax, NS
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Kaylah I. Cameron	Halifax, NS

Elizabeth Carrillo	Halifax, NS
Szu Hsien Chiang	Taipei, Taiwan
Jessica Dawn Curtis	Dartmouth, NS
Stephen Richard Guy Gannon	Herring Cove, NS
Gabriel S. Harvey	Lower Sackville, NS
Andrew John Keddy	New Ross, NS
Helen E. Lewis	Halifax, NS
Shanshan Liu	Henan, China
Kyle J. Lutz	Summerside, PE
Kelly G. MacKay	Truro, NS
Sarah Elizabeth MacKinnon	Sydney, NS
Courtenay Elizabeth MacLeod	Pleasantville, NS
Kylie Anne McGarvey	Dartmouth, NS
Darcy L. R. Morrison	Baddeck, NS
Sarah Marie Mosher	Dartmouth, NS
Gillian Anne Pierce	Edmonton, AB
Kathlina Nicole Royal-Preyra	Halifax, NS
Aeshna Sripat	Halifax, NS
Kathrine Mary Sullivan	Halifax, NS
Ikeobi Chinedu Uchegbu	Abuja, Nigeria
Sarah Vernon	Halifax, NS
Michelle Jean Woodington	Moncton, NB

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Angela Marie Colville	Halifax, NS
Karen Marie George	Halifax, NS
Evan Robert Gladney (Hon. Geology)	Riverview, NB
Chidubem Kelvin Kachikwu	Delta State, Nigeria
K. Leith A. MacLeod (Co-operative Education)	Hunter River, PE
Brian J. Micallef (Hon. Computing Science Co-operative Education: summa cum laude)	Dartmouth, NS
Eman Mustafa	Tulkarem
Michael Roy Warren (Hon. Geology)	Halifax, NS
Jamie Camille Weatherby (Co-operative Education)	Dartmouth, NS
Brittany Erin Williston (Hon. Psychology: magna cum laude)	Blackville, NB

DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING

Kolthoum Samir Abualsaid	Halifax, NS
Yousif M. Alharmoosh-Alqenai	Kuwait City, Kuwait

DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES

Natalie M. Ehler New Glasgow, NS

CERTIFICATE IN THE MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES FOR EDUCATION

Jason O. Doyle Sydney, NS

GRADUATE DIPLOMA (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

Ngozi Blessing Otti Halifax, NS

MASTER OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY)

Amanda Marie Nelund Kelowna, BC

MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)

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Kimberley Dawn Byers Halifax, NS
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Julie K. Richard Halifax, NS
Alison Elizabeth Schneider Long Point, ON
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Halifax, NS

DEAN EMERITUS

MICHAEL J. LARSEN

Michael J. Larsen has been student, teacher and administrator at Saint Mary's for almost fifty years. Through his many roles at this institution - teacher, writer, researcher and administrator - he has exhibited excellence and distinction. As a student he received awards for high academic achievement; as a professor he has been a highly regarded teacher and a specialist in 20th Century literature, particularly American literature as well as crime and detective fiction; as a dean he is recognized both for outstanding service to students and for leadership in the internationalization of Saint Mary's University.

Dr. Larsen graduated with a B.A. *summa cum laude* in 1966 and received the Governor General's silver medal for his academic achievement. He finished his studies with a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1974, and earned the rank of Full Professor in 1988. Dr. Larsen has been a member of the English Department for 40 years - since 1971, serving as Chair of the Department for 7 years. Just to show his versatility he chaired the Biology Department as External Chair in 2005-2006. He served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts from 1989 to 2001, and concurrently as Acting Dean of Education from 1994 to 2001. The SMUSA Honorary Gold *M* award was bestowed upon him in 2000 for his exceptional service to students.

Throughout the 1990s, Dr. Larsen was deeply involved in successfully presenting the University's academic case to the Nova Scotia government during the difficult process of rationalization. Out of that process came the effort by Saint Mary's to maintain its Faculty of Education, and as a consequence Dr. Larsen became its dean.

An exceptional and lasting legacy of Dr. Larsen's deanship is his leadership role in the project that led ultimately to the establishment of the University of the Gambia. This project started as a Saint Mary's University Extension Programme in The Gambia. Due to Dr. Larsen's efforts, SMU was able to deliver a degree programme to an African country that did not have a university. This programme was innovative and daringly successful such that the University of The Gambia opened in 2002 and several hundred Gambians now have their first degrees from Saint Mary's. The programme enjoyed national attention, and was awarded the Scotiabank-AUCC Award for Excellence in Internationalization. The project was publicized also by way of the book entitled *Partners for Progress: A Canada-Africa Venture in University Building*, which Dr. Larsen co-edited with Dr. James Morrison (Fernwood Publishing, 2006).

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

LINDA CHISTIANSSEN-RUFFMAN

Dr. Linda Chistiansen-Ruffman is a feminist pioneer at Saint Mary's University as well as a champion of interdisciplinary scholarship. She is best known for her leadership in establishing Women's Studies as part of our curriculum, and for making feminist concerns a part of the institutional culture.

Dr. Christiansen-Ruffman has served Saint Mary's University with distinction since she joined faculty in 1970. She played a lead role in developing interdisciplinary studies at Saint Mary's. An important legacy of her professorship is the Inter-University Master of Arts program in Women's Studies. She is widely recognized as having played a lead role in the conception, development and operation of this unique program. Since its inception in the late 1990s, some twenty-five Saint Mary's students have graduated from the program, many of whom proceeded to doctoral degrees from major and internationally recognized universities.

She has an extensive and distinguished record of research and scholarly publication encompassing publications that range from important local social issues to those of national and international concern. She is presented as a "feature researcher" in a well-used textbook on sociological research methods, and the significance of her work was recognized by her peers when she was presented with the *Outstanding Contribution Award* by the Canadian Society of Sociology and Criminology in 1994. Her research has been funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Status of Women Canada, Health Canada, Canada's Ministry of State for Urban Affairs, IWK Health Foundation, the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, and other organizations.

Dr. Christian-Ruffman has held numerous leadership positions with such organizations as the *Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women*, the *Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association*, *Feminist Alliance for International for International Action*, *Wise Women International Feminist University Network*, and numerous others. As a member of the *International Sociological Association*, she served as a representative to the United Nations. She also was active in the women's caucus at the *World Summit for Social Development* and the economic justice caucus at the Fourth World Conference in Beijing. She relates any effectiveness she has had in these national and international associations with her grounding in women's organizations in her community, including CRIAW-Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia Voice of Women (for Peace), Nova Scotia Women's FishNet, Feminists for a Just and Equitable Public Policy and REST, Residential Environmental Security Today.

HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

At this year's Spring Convocations, Saint Mary's University will confer six honorary degrees: three in the morning and three in the afternoon.

MORNING CEREMONY

LEICA HARDY

Leica Hardy is a master teacher, choreographer and artistic director. For thirty years she has worked in Nova Scotia to instill a love of dance in people of all ages.

Hardy is the owner and Artistic Director of the Leica Hardy School of Dance in Dartmouth. She was born in Toronto and as a child trained with Doris Pollock, Diana Jablakova-Vorps, Hilda Strombergs and Marijan Bayer. She later trained extensively in ballet and modern dance at York University, The Royal Winnipeg Ballet School, The School of American Ballet (New York), The Banff Centre, with Nesta Toumine, and noted Canadian modern dance instructors Linda Rabin, David Earle and Carol Anderson.

Her professional performing career spanned 20 years, performing as an independent soloist from coast to coast and with La Troupe de Danse Pointepienu, Spindrift Dance Theatre and Halifax's Nova Dance Theatre.

Since 1982 she has choreographed more than 40 works, including pieces for Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia and Mocean Dance. Two of Hardy's works, *The Circus Show: Ophelia's Folly* and *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* have been performed for thousands of elementary school children across the province. In December 2010 she celebrated her 20th season as the director/choreographer of Symphony Nova Scotia's beloved, annual presentation of *The Nutcracker*.

Hardy has had a varied and successful career as a dance educator. In Ontario she taught at North York's Claude Watson High School of the Arts and George Brown College. From 1983 to 2006 she was an instructor at Halifax Dance, where in 1988 she founded the Young Company of Halifax Dance and blazed a trail as its Artistic Director and Resident Choreographer. She holds her Advanced Teacher's Certificate with the Society of Russian Ballet, and in 1997 became a ballet examiner for the Society and a member of its National Executive Committee.

Hardy's students have gone on to study at such institutions as The National Ballet School, The School of Toronto Dance Theatre, The North Carolina School of the Arts, Les Ateliers de Danse Moderne de Montreal, The Royal Winnipeg Ballet School, Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, and The Banff Centre.

DONALD SAVOIE, Ph.D., OC, FRSC

Donald J. Savoie is one of Atlantic Canada's leading economists, academicians and policy advisors. The Clement-Cormier Chair in Economic Development and a professor of public administration at Université de Moncton, he holds the Canada Research Chair in Public Administration and Governance.

Born in St. Maurice, New Brunswick, Donald Savoie has degrees in politics and economics from University of Moncton, the University of New Brunswick, and Oxford University. He has honorary doctorates from the Université Sainte-Anne, Mount Allison, The University of New Brunswick, Dalhousie University, and St. Francis Xavier University and was awarded a Doctor of Letters from Oxford University.

Dr. Savoie has held senior positions as an advisor to government agencies, the private sector, independent associations, the World Bank and the United Nations. In 1983, he founded the Canadian Institute for Research on Regional Development at l'Université de Moncton and in 1986, at the request of the Canadian Prime Minister; he reviewed the federal government's regional development efforts in Atlantic Canada and prepared a report that led to the establishment of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

The author of 35 books and hundreds of scholarly articles, Dr. Savoie has sat on the board of governors of the Canadian Centre for Management Development and the board of directors of insurance giant Industrial-Alliance. He has been a member of the Advisory Committee of the Order of Canada, the National Task Force on Incomes and Adjustment in the Atlantic Fishery, Canada's International Trade Advisory Committee, the Economic Council of Canada and the national executive of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada.

For his contributions to the field of public administration in Canada, Dr. Savoie has received awards that include the Trudeau Fellowships Prize (2004), the Sun Life Public Service Citation Award (2004), finalist for the SSHRC Gold Medal for Achievement in Research (2003) and the Vanier Gold Medal (1999). He was elected president of the Canadian Association of Political Science (1998), made an Officer of the Order of Canada (1993) and elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1992).

PAUL D. SOBEY, B.Comm., FCA

Paul David Sobey is President and Chief Executive Officer of Empire Company Limited, a food distributor, real estate and investment company with diverse business interests that include Sobeys and Empire Theatres.

Born in Halifax, and raised in New Glasgow, Paul Sobey graduated from Dalhousie University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Commerce and worked for four years in Toronto as a Chartered Accountant with Grant Thornton. In the summer of 1981, he resumed his business studies at Saint Mary's University and joined Empire Company Limited in 1982 after obtaining his CA.

Prior to attaining his present position, Sobey worked through various positions in Empire and its subsidiaries. In 1985 he became the company's Vice-President & Secretary. The following year he became President & CEO of their real estate subsidiary, Sobey Leased Properties Limited. In 1988 he took over as Chairman of Lawton's Drug Stores Limited and in 1989 as President & CEO of Atlantic Shopping Centres Limited.

Paul Sobey attended the Harvard University Business School in 1996 and shortly after completing an Advanced Management Program he assumed the position of President & CEO of Empire Company Limited. In 2006 the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia awarded him the Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) designation.

Mr. Sobey has served on a number of boards including Emera Inc. and Nova Scotia Power. He is presently a Director of Bank of Nova Scotia, a Director of Empire Company Limited and a member of the Board of Governors of Saint Mary's University. As the chair of Saint Mary's University's Hearts and Minds campaign, an ambitious capital campaign to fund new and renewed facilities, programs, student assistance and faculty initiatives, Paul Sobey has been instrumental in raising more than \$45 million.

AFTERNOON CONVOCATION

PETER AUCOIN, C.M., Ph.D., F.R.S.C.

Dr. Peter Aucoin is Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Public Administration, Dalhousie University. Until his retirement in 2009, he was Eric Dennis Memorial Professor of Government and Political Science and Professor of Public Administration. A leading scholar of public management and government for almost 4 decades, he has served in an advisory capacity at all levels of government in Canada.

Born and raised in Halifax, he received his high school education at Saint Mary's University High School and his university education at Saint Mary's (BA), Dalhousie (MA) and Queen's (Ph.D).

He was appointed to the faculty at Dalhousie University in 1970, became a full professor in 1979, and went on to serve as Director of the School of Public Administration from 1985 to 1990 and Chair of the Department of Political Science from 1992 to 1995.

On secondments from Dalhousie, Aucoin held a variety of government postings including Research Coordinator for the federal Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada in 1985-86 and Research Director for the federal Royal Commission on Electoral Reform and Party Financing in 1990-91. He has been the lead government expert witness for several constitutional cases dealing with election and referendum law.

A prolific writer, his scholarly work is cited extensively in Canadian and international publications. He has authored and edited fifteen books, and authored over eighty articles and book chapters and served on the Editorial Boards of numerous Canadian and

international journals. His 1995 book, *The New Public Management: Canada in Comparative Perspective* was awarded the international Charles Levine Book Prize as the best book in comparative public policy and administration.

In 2007 he was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest civilian award. Earlier honours include being elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2006, receiving the prestigious Governor General Vanier Medal for Exceptional Achievement in Public Administration in 2005 and the Dalhousie University Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence in 2006.

SARAH DENNIS, B.A., MBA

Sarah Dennis is the President and CEO of the Halifax Herald Limited, the publisher of *The Chronicle Herald* - Canada's largest, independently owned newspaper and most visited news website east of Montreal. She is the fourth generation of her family to lead this paper.

Born in Halifax, Sarah graduated first from Dalhousie in 1991 with a Bachelor of Arts and then from Saint Mary's in 1997 with an MBA in Marketing. From her first position on the Halifax Chronicle Herald's classified advertising desk, Ms Dennis has worked for more than 25 years in all areas of her family's business. Prior to assuming her current position, she was acting Vice-President of Content, and a company Director. Named by Caldwell Partners as one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 in 2004, Ms Dennis is believed to have been the youngest Chair of the Board of Directors of the IWK Health Centre. She is a former member of the Board of Governors for Saint Mary's and has extensive board service that includes positions on the Dalhousie Medical Research Foundation, the Board of Governors of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, Dalhousie's Centre for Family Business and Regional Prosperity, the Victoria Order of Nurses, the Canadian Newspaper Association and Canadian Press.

Through her efforts in establishing the William Dennis Chair in Pediatric Epilepsy Research at Dalhousie University and the IWK Health Centre, Sarah Dennis pays a lasting tribute to her brother William (SMU MBA Grad of 2002) who died tragically in 2002 from complications related to an epileptic seizure. Ms Dennis's family made a \$2.3 million gift toward the \$3.5 million fundraising goal for the Chair, an amount that ensures the creation of a major centre for epilepsy research, education and patient care in Halifax.

A role model for young women in this province, she is a mentor with Fusion Halifax, a Member of Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame, contributor to the Homebridge Youth Society and a volunteer with the Danny Gallivan Golf Tournament. In 2004 she received a Women in Excellence Award from the Canadian Progress Club Halifax-Cornwallis.

Her proudest achievement is being the mother of Abigail, Alexandra and Gillian.

THE HON. HELEN GILLIS

Helen Gillis is a retired Citizenship Court Judge and one of Nova Scotia's foremost volunteers.

Born in Halifax, Gillis was a member of the first graduating class from the Halifax Regional Vocational School (HRVS), earning a Commercial (Secretarial) Certificate in June 1951. During her time at HRVS, she was Class Representative on the Student Council and an active leader in school activities like the yearbook, clubs, dances and sporting events.

In 1984, Gillis followed a 31-year career in the insurance industry with an appointment as a Judge of the Citizenship Court of Canada. She was reappointed twice during the ten years that she dedicated to this position.

Gillis has worked with many volunteer organizations over the years including the Nova Scotia Summer Games and the Pan-American Wheelchair Games. She has volunteered in the Lobby Shop of the Halifax Infirmary, at Hope Cottage in Halifax and as a Minister of the Eucharist at St. Agnes Church.

A long-time member of the PC Party, Gillis has filled a variety of roles ranging from PC Youth member in the 1950's to President of the Provincial Association in the 1980's. For the past 16 years she has chaired the Annual Nova Scotia PC General Meeting held in February.

She is an active member of St. Agnes Church in Halifax and served on the Board of the Home of the Guardian Angel for five years. She recently retired as a member of the Board of Governors of Saint Mary's University where she had a record of contributing to the governance and success of this institution.

A popular guest speaker and an avid gardener with a talent for growing beautiful roses, Gillis received an Honorary Diploma from NSCC's School of Business in 2005 in recognition of her generous volunteerism and contribution to the community. In 2010, she was one of 50 women recognized by the Nova Scotia Cancer Society.

RETIREMENTS

LINDA CHISTIANSSEN-RUFFMAN

See previous entry for Professor Emeritus

JANET GREGORY

Dr. Janet Gregory joined the Department of Finance, Information Systems and Management Science in 1979. She took early retirement on December 31, 2010. The University community respects Dr. Gregory's request that no special recognition be made of her retirement.

MICHAEL LARSEN

See previous entry for Dean Emeritus

DAVID TURNER

David joined the Department of Astronomy in 1984 following 10 years spent at the University of Toronto and Laurentian University, bringing with him a NSERC University Research Fellowship awarded in 1980. An observational stellar astronomer, he is one of few people to have used observations from the Burke-Gaffney Observatory in his research, in his case for the North Star, Polaris, a Cepheid variable in which he is a world expert. He is also a leading expert in the study of the Milky Way's star clusters and in several other types of stars that vary in brightness, and retains a strong interest in the mystery of the Star of Bethlehem, gained from many years producing Christmas Star shows for the Doran Planetarium at Laurentian.

His service at Saint Mary's includes eight years as department chair, during which he led the introduction of the undergraduate Astrophysics program and oversaw the 1993 merger with Physics, and many years on the Appointments Committee, University Review Committee, Senate, Senate Research Committee, Board of Governors, Honorary Degrees Committee, Budget Committee, etc. During this period he also found time to chair the Hertzberg Institute of Astrophysics Advisory Committee, serve as chief editor, secretary, ghost writer, copyeditor, and proof reader for the Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (1994-99), and to serve on local astronomy-related organizations. At Laurentian he helped found the Sudbury Astronomy Club in 1992.

He is best known at Saint Mary's for having asteroid 6898 Saint-Marys named for the university in honor of its 200th anniversary celebrations, as well as for his recent work at uncovering the meaning behind the chancel ceiling stars at St. John's Church, Lunenburg, a story that continues to fascinate people of all ages. His special honors include the President's Award for Excellence in Research (1997), the Service Award of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (2001), Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award (2004) from Renison College, University of Waterloo, and the naming of the intriguing asteroid 27810 Daveturner in his honor by Carolyn Shoemaker and David Levy. More than a dozen of our Milky Way's star clusters are also named in his honor, as discoverer. He has published over 400 articles of various types, including 190 refereed papers, on

two thirds of which he is the lead or sole author, and has material for another 30-40, if he can locate it in his office files.

Following perastroika David developed closer ties with eastern block astronomers working in his area of research, which continues to the present. His first Saint Mary's Ph.D. student is among today's graduates, but an Egyptian Ph.D. student Mohamed Sabour graduated from Cairo University in 2004 with him acting as external supervisor. His work in astronomy has been important for strengthening our knowledge of the extragalactic distance scale and for bringing a sense of careful attention to detail in astronomical research. He intends to get back to his research roots in retirement, and to enjoy contacts with his many former students.

MORNING CONVOCATION

VALEDICTORIAN

LATERO ROLLE

Hailing all the way from sunny Nassau, Bahamas where he was born and raised, Latero is graduating today with a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting. "You are the only obstacle preventing yourself from achieving a fulfilling future," has always been his favourite motto and his recent successes are a product of adhering to these watchwords. Throughout his time at Saint Mary's, he was actively involved with SMUSA as the Chief Returning Officer for student government and the Commerce and Accounting Societies. As well, he was VP Finance of AIESEC, an international organization on campus that focuses on developing globally minded leaders through facilitating student exchanges. Latero has had noted academic accomplishments while at Saint Mary's. He was invited to join Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honour society that recognizes business students in the top 10% of North American accredited universities. As well, today he graduates with a distinction for having achieved a GPA of 3.70 or greater. Latero has started a dynamic career as a Commercial Banker in Halifax with Scotiabank. He credits this unique opportunity to Saint Mary's for hosting the Scotiabank Interviewing Skills competition which he took part in and made an impression on some of the bank's top recruiters. He is thankful to his parents, family and friends for their love and support.

HOODING CANDIDATE

SEYARA SHWETZ

Sey has a scroll of people she would like to recognize, thank and be appreciative too- without their influence, support and friendship, her varsity career wouldn't have been as successful or memorable. Her parents deserve the first nod of appreciation, as they were responsible for shaping her energetic, dynamic and confident personality. Her father molded her pride, humor and integrity while her mother built Sey's love of learning, thirst for knowledge and touch of compassion. Sey would like to acknowledge her brothers and sisters, since it was growing up with five younger siblings, in rural Alberta,

that taught her how to share, communicate and eat very fast. Finally, Sey would like to acknowledge her hockey Coach, Lisa Jordan, and her Husky teammates – they have been her family on the East Coast and she would not have survived in Scotia without their camaraderie. Together, they became AUS Champions, won their first game at Nationals and taught Sey the fine art of catching airborne objects.

Looking to life post-graduation, Sey tends to get sad. She has enjoyed her varsity lifestyle and can't imagine a world that isn't measured by earning a positive Goals Against Average and Academic All-Canadian Awards. Sey intends to pursue a career in medicine while traveling the world, playing semi-pro hockey in the CWHL and volunteering for a plethora of causes.

AFTERNOON CONVOCATION

VALEDICTORIAN

CAITLIN DIX

Cait Dix was born and raised in Orillia, Ontario, and is graduating today with a Master of Arts in International Development Studies, with a focus on climate change in Tuvalu. Cait holds a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from Memorial University, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Newfoundland.

Throughout Cait's three years at Saint Mary's she has taken an active role in the university community. For the last two years she has held the position of SMUSA's Vice President of Academic Affairs. She has sat on over twenty university committees and has been a strong advocate for the sustainability committee, as well as a member of academic senate and a volunteer with the International Centre. Cait has received two awards during her time at Saint Mary's, "Graduate Student of the Year" as well as SMUSA's highest award granted to students with outstanding contribution to extra-curricular activities the "Gold M". Cait had the wonderful opportunity to lead the Conflict Resolution Initiative in Northern Ireland, as well as the chance to travel for her thesis to Tuvalu during her field research last summer. She has had the distinction of presenting her research at two prestigious climate change conferences in Australia. With her visit to Australia, Cait completed her life's goal to visit all seven continents before the age of thirty.

Cait has cherished her time at Saint Mary's and is proud to be a Huskie! She would like to thank her SMUSA family, her mentor Bridget Brownlow and her supervisor Dr. Tony Charles. She would also like to thank her amazing family and friends, for all of their love and support.

HOODING CANDIDATE

NATASHA BUTTERFIELD

Natasha Butterfield was born and raised in the beautiful island of Bermuda, and will be graduating today with a Bachelor of Arts, Honors in English and minoring in Religious Studies. She intends to continue her graduate studies, going on to become a High School English teacher. The time she has spent at Saint Mary's has largely shaped her into the intellectual, goal-oriented, driven individual that she is today. Through the academic and social experiences made available to her while studying at Saint Mary's, she has developed organizational skills, become more outspoken, increased her fondness and knowledge of English literature, all the while having four of the best and most memorable years of her life.

Natasha understands and appreciates that her invaluable experience at Saint Mary's would not have been possible, first and foremost, without God. God continues to be the most important aspect of her life, and without Him she would not have been able to pick herself up from the all-nighters, back-back essays, and rigorous exams over the past four years. Additionally, she largely attributes her success in reaching this pivotal point in her life to the support of her family, professors, and friends who have helped her along the way.

Natasha is sad to be leaving behind this phase of her life, but she walks away from it with her head held high, and her goals and ambitions at the forefront of her life - confidently stepping out into the world, knowing that Saint Mary's has prepared for every bump, hill and ditch along her journey to success!

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 newest building on campus, 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 of the Loyola Residence and most recently the Science Building such that they are essentially new buildings. Ground was broken this spring for the new Atrium Building featuring the Global Learning Commons.

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 will be guided by the Academic Plan, first developed for the period 2002-2007 under the guidance of Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice President, Academic & Research, and recently updated for 2008-2011.

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

One University: Our singular vision and commitment

One World: Unlimited possibilities

Yours: The challenge and the responsibility for all Santamarians

AN EXPLANATION FOR OUR GUESTS: THE CONVOCATION CEREMONY

The Procession

The ceremony starts with the procession — the entering of the members of Convocation, beginning with the Marshall of Convocation and the students who will be presented with degrees, diplomas, and certificates during the service. As the students fill up the chairs in the Metro Centre, 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 Metro Centre could not hold all the individuals who are part of Saint Mary's — the students, the professors, the administration, the staff, and a large number of alumni around the world — not to mention their families and friends.

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

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

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

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

The Ceremonial Mace

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

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

University Crest

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

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

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

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

The Presidential Medallion of Office

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

The Hooding Ceremony

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

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

A symbolic hooding ceremony has become a traditional feature of all Convocations at Saint Mary's.

Flags on the Stage

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

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

Graduation Alumni Pins

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

A symbolic presentation of an Alumni pin to the Hooding Candidate by the President of the Alumni Association has become a traditional feature of all of our Convocations.

Degrees and Diplomas Awarded with Distinctions

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

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

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

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

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

Refreshments

The concession stands on both sides of the Metro Centre on the concourse level will be open for an hour preceding each Convocation. They will NOT be open during the Convocation ceremonies.

Photography

The floor area immediately behind the boards has been left clear for the convenience of members of the audience who wish to take photographs during the ceremony. You may come to this area when it is close to the time that the parchment is to be conferred on the graduating student whose picture you wish to take. In order to ensure that there is no interference with the conferring of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, please note that the audience guests will not have access to the floor area.

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

There will also be two photo backdrops of the University at the back of the floor area for pictures after the ceremony.

A photographer from GradTrak Graduation Images will be at your ceremony to take a candid photograph at your special moment of recognition. You will receive a free passport-sized digital proof of this photo on an order card within 5-7 days following the ceremony. After the ceremony you may order online at www.gradimages.com or call 1-800-424-3686. Since photographs will be available, family members and guests are encouraged to remain in their seats, relax and enjoy the ceremony. To pre-register your permanent email address and receive a \$5.00 coupon towards a purchase of \$25.00 please visit www.gradimages.com and click on Pre-Event Registration. You may add contact information for up to 6 additional relatives and/or friends.

Framing of Parchments

Saint Mary's University Bookstore is pleased to provide an on-site framing service at Convocation in the Metro Centre. Simply pay for the frame at the Bookstore booth on the concourse level, present your parchment and receipt at the Framing area, and it will be professionally mounted in a Canadian-made frame, complete with a maroon mat emblazoned with the official crest of Saint Mary's University. Payment can be made by cash; VISA; Mastercard; American Express, or bankcard for the following options:

Briarwood Frame \$89.99 plus HST

- double-mat in maroon and silver
- wide-profile Briarwood frame

Diplomat Frame \$139.99 plus HST

- Italian highly lacquered, cherry-wood stained frame
- triple-mat in maroon and silver

Also available: Double Briarwood Frames, Award of Excellence Frames and Portrait Frames.

If you (or your friends) wish to do your own framing, you can purchase the frame before or after the Ceremony itself. For your convenience, a pre-payment service is available at the Bookstore and at the gown pickup site on campus. Visit us at www.smubookstore.ca

Flowers

Fresh flowers are available for purchase on the Brunswick Street concourse before and after the ceremony, but not during the ceremony.

DVD

DVDs of the convocation ceremony will be available for purchase on the Brunswick Street concourse level at the Metro Centre immediately following the ceremony. The price is \$20, inclusive. The full ceremony Convocation DVDs may also be ordered online <http://www.bigaro.ca/Saint-Marvs-University-Halifax-Convocations.html>