

SPRING CONVOCATION
SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY
2018





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.

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.

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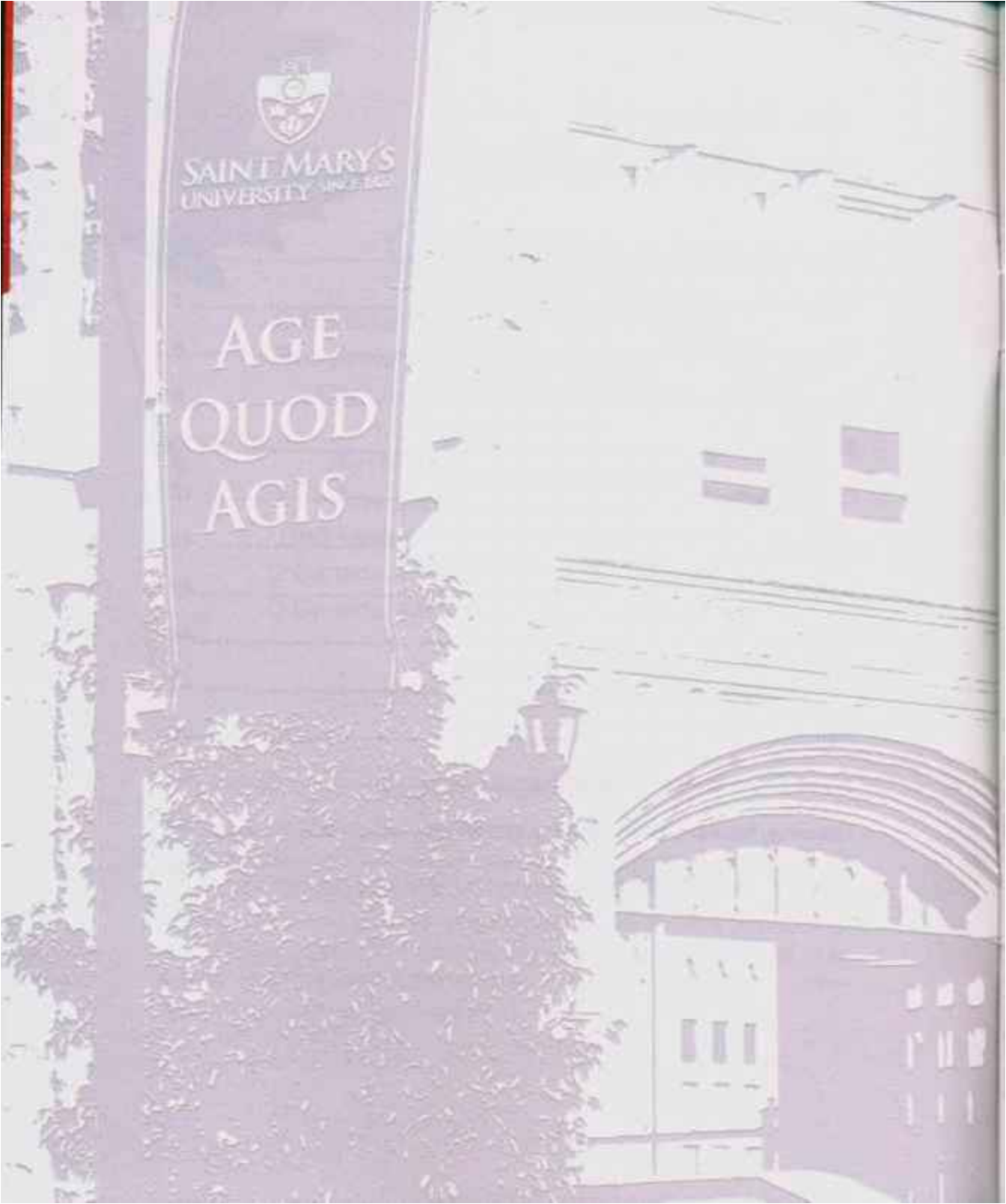
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SAINTE MARY'S
UNIVERSITY SINCE 1863

AGE
QUOD
AGIS



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 & Vice-Chancellor

Chancellor

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

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

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Processional

Welcome

Invocation

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

Presentation of Governor General's Medals & Faculty Awards

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

BUSINESS Wednesday Morning and Afternoon Ceremonies

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

SCIENCE Thursday Morning Ceremony

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

GRADUATE STUDIES Thursday Afternoon Ceremony

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 all discipline

ARTS Friday Morning and Afternoon Ceremonies

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

Valedictory Addresses

Wednesday morning	Sarah Rose Cameron
Wednesday afternoon	Hannah Alyson Smith
Thursday morning	Madeline Jane Clarke
Thursday afternoon	Han Henry Liu
Friday morning	Bvumai Umambo Kurebgaseka
Friday afternoon	Nechelle J. E. Nicholas

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Wednesday, May 16th, 10:00am

To be Doctor of Commerce (*honoris causa*)

Robert Steele

Thursday, May 17th, 10:00am

To be Doctor of Science (*honoris causa*)

Paul Gauthier

Friday, May 18th, 10:00am

To be Doctor of Civil Law (*honoris causa*)

Bernie Francis

Friday, May 18th, 2:00pm

To be Doctor of Commerce (*honoris causa*)

Dominic Barton

Convocation Address

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation

O Canada

Recessional

Chancellor of Saint Mary's University

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

Master of Ceremonies

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

Marshal of Students

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

Orator

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



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



THE HOODING CEREMONY

1 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.



MEDALS AND AWARDS

UNDERGRADUATE

MEDALS AND AWARDS

Governor General's Silver Medal
Donor: Governor General of Canada

Recipient: *Tianci Dong*

UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY AND DIVISION MEDALS

Bachelor of Arts

Recipient: *Simon William A. Gordon*

Bachelor of Science

Recipient: *Jason Normand d'Eon*

Diploma in Engineering

Recipient: *Annika Sydney Benson*

Bachelor of Commerce

Recipient: *Michael Wayne Curtis*

GRADUATE MEDALS

Governor General's Gold Medal

Donor: Governor General of Canada

Recipient: *Stefanie R. Slaunwhite*

UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY MEDALS

Master of Arts (International Development Studies)

Donor: Dr. James H. Morrison

Recipient: *Jillian Danielle McPherso.*

Master of Business Administration: Dr. Harold G. Beazley Medal

Recipient: *Derek Russel James Dow*

Executive Master of Business Administration

Donor: Bridges Family

Recipient: *David Michael Downey*

Master of Science (Applied Psychology)

Donor: Aramark Canada Ltd.

Recipient: *Carrie Nicole Topping*

Master of Science (Applied Science):

The Georgia Pe-Piper Medal for Excellence in Applied Science

Donor: Applied Science Faculty members

Recipient: *Isabel Chavez Gutierrez*

ACADEMIC SUBJECT

AWARDS

Biology: The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award

Donor: The family of Dr. Brij M. Kapoor

Recipient: *Madeline Jane Clarke*

Environment: Environmental Prize

Donor: Dr. Tony Charles

Recipient: *Bridget M. Stevens
Liam Sean Goulding*

Geology: The Centennial Medal

Donor: The Mining Society of Nova Scotia

Recipient: *Justin F. Nagle*

Human Resource Management:

Hermann F. Schwind Award for Excellence in Human Resource Management

Donor: Department of Management Faculty members, past and present

Recipient: *Simon William A. Gordon*

Brian O'Brien Irish Studies Medal

Donor: Dr. Brian O'Brien

Recipient: *Maggie Beth Redden*

Modern Languages: Prize of the Ambassador of Switzerland

Donor: Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada

Recipient: *Emily Jane White*

JOHN AND HEATHER FITZPATRICK

VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

Recipients: *Sarah Rose Cameron
Madeline Jane Clarke
Bvumai Umambo Kurebgaseka*

*Hannah Alyson Smith
Han Henry Liu
Nechelle J. E. Nicholas*

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

FACULTY AWARDS

Father William A. Stewart, SJ, Medal for Excellence in Teaching

2018 Recipient - Dr. David Bourgeois

Associate Professor, Department of Psychology

Dr. David Bourgeois, Associate Professor of Psychology, is known for offering students interactive, hands-on learning experiences. He respects diverse learning needs and places great importance on cross-cultural education.

Aside from teaching in the classroom, Dr. Bourgeois shares talks and lectures with the broader community, including Nova Scotia school teachers, prospective Saint Mary's students and their parents, and visiting academics from Beijing Normal University. He also created the Documentaries with Dave series, which is open to the public and covers social justice issues and politics.

Dr. Bourgeois' interest in Peace and Conflict Studies is demonstrated in his role as a faculty mentor in the Northern Ireland Conflict Resolution Program (NICRP); this initiative has existed at Saint Mary's since 2004 and has included more than 180 students in its mission of fostering peace education locally and abroad. Dr. Bourgeois also contributed significantly to the development of the University's new Peace and Conflict Studies minor, and he has been a member of the Board of Directors for Peaceful Schools International, a partner organization of the NICRP, for over a decade.

Submitted to university affairs, Dr. Bourgeois serves on a number of Saint Mary's committees, including the Faculty of Science Curriculum Committee, the Academic Discipline Committee, the Social Benefits Committee of the Faculty Union, and the Conflict Resolution Advisory Committee.

The Medal for Excellence in Teaching is named for the late Father William A. Stewart, a philosophy professor and administrator at Saint Mary's from 1950-1982. Father Stewart was known for his inclusivity, approachability, innovative teaching, and service to the University.



The Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award

2018 Recipient - Dr. Wendy R. Carroll

Associate Professor, Department of Management, Sobey School of Business

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

Dr. Carroll is an award-winning teacher and researcher who is an Associate Professor and the Director of the EMBA program. As an educator, Dr. Carroll has worked boldly to advance the quality of education in business programs in the Sobey School and to raise the profile of Saint Mary's as a centre of excellence in evidence-based management. In all that she does, Dr. Carroll is an advocate for using evidence-based approaches. Her teaching has motivated students to answer challenging questions about human resource management and to transfer this knowledge to practice. Her excellence as an educator is evidenced by the seven teaching awards she has received in the past eight years.

Dr. Carroll's research focuses on current issues and challenges in human resource management and leadership. In July 2016, she was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant for work on exploring employee silence in organizations after unjust events, such as harassment or bullying. She has advised and mentored students to examine the evidence about a variety of human resource practices and worked with them to share the findings through conference presentations and other publications. Through scholarship and workshops, Dr. Carroll is committed to sharing her pedagogical approach and methods with colleagues within and outside of the University.

Dr. Carroll's commitment to enhancing decision making goes beyond the classroom and takes her into a number of practitioner forums to share knowledge about evidence-based HR. As an early associate of Center for Evidence-based Management, Dr. Carroll subscribes to the principles of knowledge mobilization and sharing by presenting at HR conferences, and at other practitioner associations. For her role as an educator and researcher impacting practice, Dr. Carroll was named one of the top HR professionals of 2016 in Canada by Canadian HR Reporter Magazine.

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Samuel Dylan Abbass

Halifax, NS

Alexia Abou Rahal

Beirut, Lebanon

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Youssef Mohamed Ahmed Alshimy

Cairo, Egypt

Bandar Mohammed Alamri

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Mohammed Fawaz Aldawood

Al-Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Abrar Hani Alem

Makkah, Saudi Arabia

Mohammed Abdullah Algethami

Al-Taif, Saudi Arabia

Saad Abdulrahman Alhamid

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Abdulmalik Ali Alhamzah

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Hassan Ali Aljumah

Oatif, Saudi Arabia

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MacKenzie James Brown

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Tyler Redmond Burns *cum laude*

Halifax, NS

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Fall River, NS

Austin Roberto Castellanos

Truro, NS

Jirapa Charoonchat

Bangkok, Thailand

Junru Chen

Halifax, NS

Wendi Chen

Zhongshan, China

Yinny Chen *cum laude*

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Zifeng Chen

Zhuhai, China

Heizen Cheong

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Mingjie Feng
Halifax, NS

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Yarmouth, NS

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Daecheon, South Korea

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Amherst, NS

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Seoul, South Korea

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Shenzhen, China

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Xinhui, China

Siyu Lin

Fuzhou, China

Xueying Lin

Shenzhen, China

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Ainsley Teah Nichols
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Halifax, NS

Yoon Tak Ok
Halifax, NS

Yuchun Peng
Shenzhen, China

Sadie Kathcrine Petrie
Halifax, NS

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Vacoas, Mauritius

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Xuzhou, China

MingWei Qiu
Nanjing, China



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Wellington, A/S

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Zhengzhou, China

Wenchen Song

Gansu, China

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Nassau, Bahamas

Siqi Sun

Zaozhuang, China

Yufei Sun

Weihai, China

Adrian Addison Surette

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Port Hawkesbuivy, NS

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Foshan, China

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Hefei, China

Aishan Xu
Guangzhou, China

Jianing Xu
Jiangshan, China

Ke Yang
Mianyang, China

Xin Yang
Halifax, NS

Priyantha Palitha Yapa
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Lin Ye
Shenzhen, China

Junchen Yi
Yichun, China

Weijun Yin
Huizhou, China

Youssef Youssef
Dartmouth, NS

Han Zngang
Tangshan, China

Jinyuan Zhang *cum laude*
Halifax, NS

Ruogu Zhang
Wenzhou, China

Wen Zhao
Linyi, China

Yuxin Zheng
Nanjing, China

Linxuan Zhou
Handan, China

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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 studv. The globalization of the Saint Mary's University community is a feature of justifiable pride which contributes markedly to the growth and understanding of both Canadian and non-Canadian students.

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



HONORARY DEGREES

Dominic Barton, Doctor Of Commerce, Honoris Causa

Global Managing Partner, McKinsey & Company

London-based Dominic Barton, global managing partner of consulting firm McKinsey & Company, is committed to the internationalization of Canadian universities and colleges; he leads his company's focus on the role business leadership plays in creating long-term social and economic value.

Author of more than 80 articles on business and society, the issues and opportunities facing markets worldwide, and other related topics, Mr. Barton is the chair of the Canadian Minister of Finance's Advisory Council on Economic Growth and of the Seoul International Business Advisory Council

A trustee of the Rhodes Trust and the Brookings Institution, Mr. Barton has received multiple accolades for his corporate leadership and contributions to the communities in which he has lived and worked.

Ahead of becoming McKinsey's managing partner, Mr. Barton served as its Shanghai-based Asia chairman. Before that, Mr. Barton headed McKinsey's Korea office. In recognition of this work, he was awarded South Korea's Order of Civil Merit and received the Singaporean Public Service Star.



Mr. Barton, an honorary fellow at Btasenose College and an adjunct professor at Beijing's Tsinghua University, is also a member of the Singapore Economic Development Board's International Advisory Council. He also

serves on the boards of the University of Oxford Said Business School, Memorial Sloan Kettering, the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, and FCLT Global.

Bernie Francis, Doctor of Civil Law, Honoris Causa

Author, Linguist, Advocate

A thoughtful and passionate voice for the Mi'kmaq people, Dr. Bernie Francis, along with his mentor and friend, Doug Smith, helped preserve the Mi'kmaq language through an easy-to-learn orthography, which is officially recognized by Mi'kmaq chiefs across the province and by the Canada-Nova Scotia-Mi'kmaq Tripartite Forum.

Raised in Cape Breton's Maupetit (Membertou)



First Nation, Dr. Francis initiated Nova Scotia's Court Worker Program (CWP). Facing opposition and some harassment, he worked for five years to establish the CWP to ensure the fair and proper treatment of Mi'kmaq people within the provincial and federal court systems.

Dr. Francis, a Grand Chief Donald Marshall Senior Memorial Elder Award recipient, later introduced a Mi'kmaq Language Studies Program at Cape Breton University. He also visited First Nations' communities across the Atlantic provinces, helping teachers produce curriculum materials.

An author of academic articles on Mi'kmaq law, Mi'kmaq spirituality, the conceptual differences of thought between Mi'kmaq People and Europeans and books explaining Mi'kmaq tradition and language. Dr. Francis has contributed to the Saint Mary's University community through participation in numerous colloquia, seminars, and conferences.

As a published storyteller and successful linguist, Dr. Francis has expanded people's understanding of the Mi'kmaq language and geographical vision of traditional Mi'kmaq territory, including Nova Scotia. His work has contributed so much to the appreciation of Mi'kma'ki - even among his own people.

Pride has arisen in leaps and bounds, raising great hope for future generations of the First Peoples of this land, Mi'kma'ki!

**Paul Gauthier, Doctor of Science,
Honoris Causa**

Founder & President. Cole Harbour Foundation

Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, native Paul Gauthier is one of Canada's most successful entrepreneurs. As founder and president of the Cole Harbour Foundation, a non-profit foundation focused on improving educational opportunities for children and youth, Mr. Gauthier has a close connection to Sa'nt Mary's through the many students his Foundation has helped over the years.

The Cole Harbour Foundation supports the children and youth of Cole Harbour, from birth through university graduation. It provides thousands of free books each month for parents to read to their infants and pre-schoolers. The Foundation supports students through math and literacy tutoring and by offering classroom materials to teachers. And this year, the Foundation will award its 100th university scholarship.

Previous to launching the Cole Harbour Foundation, Mr. Gauthier was the chief technology officer at Groupon, where he worked to scale the global platform for local e-commerce. Before his time there, he co-founded Inktomi, a Silicon Valley-based software business that developed search engine technology employed by some of the world's biggest brands. He was also a co-founder of Ludic Labs; there, he designed and developed a new class of online promotional tools,



With a bold and ambitious vision to protect The 100 Wild Islands along Nova Scotia's eastern shore, Mr. Gauthier is also a strategic environmentalist. He donated what is believed to be the largest philanthropic gift to environmental conservation in Nova Scotia's history

**Robert (Rob) G. Steele, Doctor of Commerce,
Honoris Causa**

President & CEO, Newfoundland Capital Corporation Limited; CEO, Steele Auto Group



Recognized as one of Atlantic Canada's top chief executive officers, entrepreneur Rob Steele is a natural-born trailblazer.

With more than 18 years in the communications industry, Mr. Steele, a Canadian Broadcast Industry Hall of Fame inductee, also has an impressive record of success in the auto sales sector; he has built the region's largest and most diversified automobile group.

Through meaningful and targeted philanthropy, Mr. Steele's companies, Newcap Radio and the Steele Auto Group, support many charitable causes, and he is personally involved with the Alzheimer's Society, the Mental Health Foundation, Family SOS, Daffodil House, Feed Nova Scotia, and the Arthritis Society.

Committed to giving back to the community, Mr Steele currently sits on the boards of Montreal-based Stingray Digital and Atlantic Signature Mortgage of Halifax. He also serves as a director of the Halifax Mooseheads and is on the advisory committee for junior Achievement of Nova Scotia; he will be inducted into the Nova Scotia Business Hall of Fame in June of this year.

Mr. Steele is past co-chair of the East Coast Music Awards (ECMA) event committee and continues to be involved with the ECMAs in an advisory capacity. He is also a former Halifax Metro Chamber of Commerce board member and former director of Advancement. Nova Scotia, an advocacy organization designed to help build a stronger Nova Scotia economy.

VALEDICTORIAN BIOS

Wednesday, May 16th, 10:00am

Sarah Rose Cameron

Sarah Cameron is a fifth-year Bachelor of Commerce student at Saint Mary's University. Originally from Sydney, Nova Scotia, she moved to Halifax in 2013 to study business and French. Deciding to move away from home wasn't easy, but Sarah's parents, Jamie and Rosanne, and her brother, Kyle, were always supportive.

At Saint Mary's, Sarah has been involved on campus since day one. She was a general memoer for the Commerce Society in her first year. After serving two terms as the Communications Director, and this year serving as President of the Commerce Society, Sarah has learned life lessons and built relationships she will take forward into the workforce. She has also been an active member of the Enactus Saint Mary's team and is the President of the Grad Class Committee.

Although it was a busy journey, Sarah values the friends and people she's met along the way. She is very grateful to have built strong relationships within the Sobey School of Business community and looks forward to visiting campus in the future.

Today, Sarah is graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce, with a major in Global Business Management, a minor in French, and a certificate in Human Resource Management.

Wednesday, May 16th, 2:00pm

Hannah Alyson Smith

Born and raised in Kentville, Nova Scotia, Hannah is a Sobey School of Business Dean's List student, graduating today with a Bachelor of Commerce, *summa cum laude*, in Accounting.

When she began her studies in 2014, Hannah quickly found her propensity and passion for leadership while enrolled in the LEAP Program. She went on to work as a LEAP Peer Mentor and volunteered as a Peer Workshop Facilitator for two years. She thoroughly enjoyed working with first-year students from all over the world. Hannah also served for two years on the executive of the Accounting Society, where she sat on various committees and helped plan, promote, and organize student activities. She has volunteered at many campus events, including the Atlantic Provinces Tax Conference, multiple career fairs and receptions, as well as open houses and orientations.

During her final year of study, Hannah worked as a Teaching Assistant within the accounting department. She is a member of the global academic honour society Beta Gamma Sigma and was most recently awarded the Accounting Achievement Award for Demonstrated Leadership. Hannah is so grateful for the teamwork-driven environment here at Saint Mary's¹

Hannah completed two co-op work terms at different locations before being offered the full-time position of her dreams at Grant Thornton LLP. She will begin pursuing her CPA designation this fall.

Hannah would like to thank her parents, extended family, boyfriend of more than half a decade, friends, and peers for their steady support and encouragement throughout the entirety of her degree. She would also like to thank all of her professors, as well as Dr. Patricia Bradshaw, Leigh Gillis, Heather Sceles, and Mahbouba Kafrouny for their commitment to her success. She is incredibly proud to be part of such an ambitious graduating class and is so honoured to serve as Valedictorian.

Thursday, May 17th, 10:00am

Madeline Jane Clarke

Madeline Jane Clarke came to Halifax from Ottawa, Ontario in the fall of 2014. Madeline is the youngest of two siblings and daughter of Ronald and Katherine Clarke. She came to Saint Mary's University to pursue a bachelor's degree in science and had the opportunity to play on the women's varsity volleyball team. Today, Madeline will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Biology, *summa cum laude*.

Madeline has been very active in the sports and academic communities on campus and has participated in several charity events, including Coldest Night of the Year and the RBC Fanfit Challenge. She has received several awards for her academic and sports achievements, including the Dr. Alfonso Rojo Award, a nomination for the James Bayer Award, and is a three-time recipient of the President's Award for varsity athletes. Madeline also was a starter all four years of her varsity volleyball career and was awarded member of the All-Rookie Team in her first year and Second Team All-Star in her final year.

Madeline will not be going far as she will be pursuing a Master's of Applied Science at Saint Mary's University, where she will be assessing trail damage in Cape Breton Highlands National Park and implementing experimental restoration techniques and assessing for vegetation recovery. She hopes to continue learning about the natural world in perpetuity.

Madeline attributes her success to her amazing teammates who pushed her to be her best and to her friends and family for their unwavering support.

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Thursday, May 17th, 2:00pm

Han Henry Liu

Born and raised in Anhui Province, China, Han moved to Halifax in 2011 to pursue his bachelor's degree at Saint Mary's University. Today, he is graduating with a Master of Business Administration degree from Sobey School of Business. Prior to his MBA, Han worked as a Financial Services Manager at the Bank of Montreal, where he helped to build the first Asian banking centre in Halifax. As an MBA student, Han went on a summer exchange program back to China and worked for a leading global consulting firm in Shanghai.

Throughout his time at Saint Mary's, Han worked as a Residence Services Officer and served as a volunteer for SAGA, a student society dedicated to promoting global awareness on campus.

Han is extremely grateful for the diverse and international environment that Saint Mary's University has nurtured in our community, and credits this environment for sparking his interest in cross-cultural communication and diversity management. He would also like to give special thanks to the Sobey MBA program, which motivates him to become a responsible leader, as well as a citizen of the world.

After graduation, Han will continue seizing any opportunities to live, work, and volunteer in different countries. He credits the support and encouragement he received from his professors, family, and friends for his academic success and personal achievement; and he is excited to share this special day with those closest to him.

Friday, May 18th, 10:00am

Bvumai Umambo Kurebgaseka

Born and raised in Harare, Zimbabwe, Bvumai left Africa for the first time to come to Saint Mary's University. He is now graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and in doing so has been afforded the opportunity to learn more about himself and the society around him. Bvumai has used his love of poetry and spoken word to both tell his life story and listen to those of his fellow students.

Bvumai is extremely grateful for the invaluable opportunity to connect with the different cultures, experiences, and ways of thinking that Saint Mary's University is renowned for. It is through these mind-expanding experiences that he found himself involved with various initiatives such as the African Society, the Navigators International Community poetry evenings, and the opportunity to travel to Cuba where he worked on a potato farm for a month.

Upon graduating, Bvumai plans to take his love for all things psychology and apply it to his goal of studying law: he intends to receive his Juris Doctor in the next few years.

tivumai attributes a large part of the man he has matured into, to his years here in Halifax. This community has become his home away from home, filled with loving friends, supportive mentors, and a smile around every corner. Bvumai is extremely grateful to have reached this milestone with the love and support of his most cherished friends and family and is very optimistic about what the future holds for the Class of 2018.

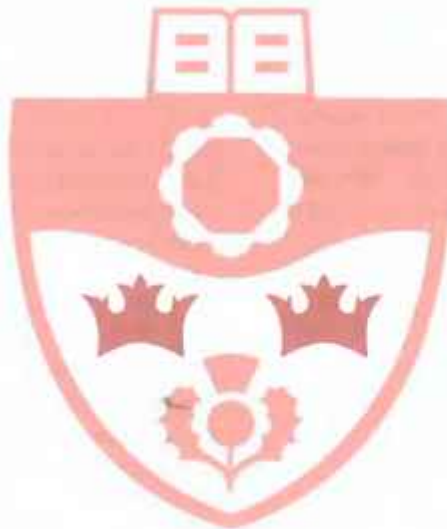
Friday, May 18th, 2:00pm

Nechelle J. E. Nicholas

Hailing from the twin-island state of Antigua and Barbuda, Nechelle Nicholas is graduating today with a Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, with Honours in Political Science and a minor in Criminology.

During her time at Saint Mary's, Nechelle has been a Pack Leader two years in a row for Welcome Week and has travelled to New York for the annual Model United Nations conference with the Saint Mary's delegation. She has also been a Peer Mentor to first-year students, worked as a Teaching Assistant in the Political Science Department and has held the position of Communications Coordinator at the Saint Mary's Women's Centre.

Nechelle is thankful to have been given the opportunity to engage with students from many countries and backgrounds and is also grateful to have been guided by the faculty, staff, and professors here at Saint Mary's.



PROFESSORS EMERITI

Nicola (Nickie) M. Young

Nicola (Ni kie) M. Young, B.Comm., M.B.A., FCPA, FCA, Professor of Accounting in the Sobey School of Business, has taught for many years in the area of her greatest interest: financial accounting and reporting issues in both the private and public sectors. She has greatly enjoyed student interactions both in and outside the classroom and has received teaching award including the University-wide Father Stewart Award. She has also contributed to the life of the University through membership on the Board of Governors, the Faculty Union, and the pension and many Faculty and departmental committees. Her academic career spanned from 1975 to 2018

Ms. Young was associated with the Atlantic School of Chartered Accountancy for over twenty-five years in roles ranging from teaching up-and-coming professionals to program reform and course and program development. She has been active in the provincial and national accounting profession, serving on boards of the CICA (now CPA Canada) that deal with licensure, standard setting, education and governance. Ms. Young has also been involved with the Public Sector Accounting Board and many of its related task forces for almost 30 years. Recently, she was the winner of the first Volunteer Award for Standards sponsored by CPA Canada. Ms. Young is the *co-author* of five editions of the most widely used Canadian Intermediate Accounting text, and of the IFRS Primer: International GAAP Basics (Canadian and U.S. editions).

Ms. Young is grateful for the wonderful students, colleagues and staff she has had the pleasure to work with over many, many years.

Dr. Georgia Pe-Piper

Dr. Georgia Pe-Piper was born in Kos Island, Greece and gained her B.Sc. from the University of Athens and Ph.D. from Cambridge University. She returned to Greece to teach at the new University of Patras, rising rapidly to the rank of Reader. She joined the Department of Geology at Saint Mary's University in 1981, becoming Full Professor in 1990. She taught a wide range of courses, ranging from introductory courses in her specialty of geochemistry to advanced courses such as geophysics and petroleum geology. At Saint Mary's, she has supervised over 60 honours theses and is respected for her dedication to mentoring students and providing experiential learning. As Department Chair, she introduced and fostered the cooperative education program in geology. From 1999-2001, as the first Director of Graduate Studies and Research, she laid the groundwork for the present Faculty of the same name and introduced the MSc in applied science. She was the early proponent of and helped initiate the Environmental Studies program, later acting as Coordinator (2006-10).

Through her research Dr Pe-Piper is recognized as the leading expert on igneous rocks of Greece and her book on this topic is widely used in Greek universities. Closer to home, she has become the expert on the igneous geological systems of the Cobequid Highlands, the volcanic rocks offshore eastern North America, and has developed new methods to define provenance and diagenesis of sandstone petroleum reservoir in the Scotian Basin. Her 1987 paper in *Nature*, with L.F. Jansa, identified the first submarine meteoritic impact crater in the world. As Professor Emerita, she will be continuing with research and supervision of graduate students.

Dr. Hugh Millward

Dr. Hugh Millward is a founding member of the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies and holds Ph.D. (1975) and M.A. (1972) degrees in geography from the University of Western Ontario. He joined Saint Mary's in 1975, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1979 and Full Professor in 1987

Dr. Millward has a distinguished record of research and publications in both urban and rural geography. He has published over 100 scholarly articles in leading national and international journals. His research achievements were recognized by Saint Mary's University through the President's Award for Excellence in Research (2007). He has participated on various local planning advisory committees, most prominently on the Regional Planning Committee of HRM (2003-6).

Dr. Millward served as President of the Atlantic Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) and as Councillor on the association's national committee, both for multiple terms. He is an elected Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, and recipient of the CAG Award for Service to the Profession of Geography, and the Stuart Semple Award from the CAG Atlantic Division, for contributions to geographic education.

Dr. Millward was Chairperson of the Department of Geography from 1988-1993, and Faculty Exchange Scholar at Hokkaido University of Education in Japan (1993 and 2000). Most recently, he served on the executive committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, and on the Board of Directors of the Gorsebrook Institute for Atlantic Canada Studies.

Dr. Brian Bartlett

During his twenty-eight years at Saint Mary's, Dr. Brian Bartlett taught creative writing workshops and courses in poetry, short fiction, nature writing, and Canadian and American literature. For most of that time, he was primary organizer of the Saint Mary's Reading Series, bringing many of Canada's finest writers to Halifax. Recipient of honours such as the Atlantic Poetry Prize and two Malahat Review Long Poem Prizes, Dr. Bartlett has published many books of poetry and non-fiction prose, including *Wanting the Day: Selected Poems*, *The Watchmaker's Table*, and *Ringing Here & There: A Nature Calendar*. He edited selections of several poets' works along with *Collected Poems of Alden Nowlan*. In retirement he will often be found in various forests, fields and coastal areas, absorbed in excursions and outdoor writing.

ALUMNI



The Saint Mary's Alumni Association

will welcome more than 750 students into its global family this spring.

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.

ONCE A
Santamarian
ALWAYS A
Santamarian



Alumni of Saint Mary's University, *Santamarrians*, 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.



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 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.





Home to nine Canada Research Chairs (CRCs), undergraduate and graduate students in all faculties have access to scholars at the very top of their fields. CRCs advance educational quality across the University, strengthening its academic offerings overall.

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.

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



FLOWERS

Fresh flowers are available for purchase in the McNally Lobby, before and after the ceremony, but not during the ceremony.



DVD

DVD videos of the convocation will be available and can be ordered from the website <https://youtu.be/m4mGYVJBzU>

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.



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