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- Thokozani Sithole



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



During the last six months Saint Mary's has celebrated many academic and athletic achievements. Our Burke-Gaffney Observatory has received accolades

for taking space image requests from Twitter users and tweeting back pictures. Dr. Luigi Gallo, an Astronomy and Physics professor, has had a part in the Japanese launch of ASTRO-H, checking out black holes. And our Enactus Team continues to represent us well with five wins at the Regionals. Next stop is Toronto in May.

In sports, we have achieved three CIS Bronze medals in Women's Hockey, Men's Hockey, and Women's Basketball. All are great accomplishments but seeing the success of the Women's Team is especially heartwarming, considering that program was cancelled briefly five years ago. Congrats to Chris Larade, their coach, for being named CIS Coach of the year.

At the Men's first hockey game in the CIS championship, SMUSA invited 80 Syrian newcomers to attend the game. For all of these new Canadians, it was their first hockey game and an amazing experience! Huskie football players and interpreters helped give the guests the basics. In other football news, James Colzie III was recently welcomed as the new Huskies Coach.

I have only highlighted a few of the many accomplishments happening at your alma mater. It is a dynamic campus and an exciting time to be president. I especially enjoy my time with the students, our future alumni. To keep and to enhance all the wonderful programs and activities going on at Saint Mary's, please consider giving back—no gift is ever too small.

Save these 2016 dates! August 18 – 40th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament; October 13 to 15 – Homecoming.

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Mary-Evelyn Ternan
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SOMETHING'S HAPPENING HERE

BY SUZANNE ROBICHEAU

GET CAUGHT UP ON CAMPUS NEWS, RESEARCH, AWARDS, AND NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AT SAINT MARY'S.



The Saint Mary's Huskies Women's hockey and basketball teams and Men's hockey team all won bronze medals at the national championships.

TRIPLE BRONZE WINS

In athletics news, Saint Mary's snagged three bronze medals at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Championships in March. The Saint Mary's Women's Hockey Huskies made history for their program by claiming their first ever bronze medal after defeating the No. 1 Guelph Gryphons 3-1 in the bronze medal game of the CIS Women's Hockey Championships on Sunday, March 20th.

The Saint Mary's Women's Basketball Huskies also made their fans proud by defeating the McGill University Martlets 56-43 in the bronze medal game of the 2016 ArcelorMittal Dofasco CIS Women's Basketball Championship.

Finally, the Saint Mary's Men's Hockey Huskies skated to a 5-2 bronze medal victory over the Saskatchewan Huskies in the 2016 University Cup at Scotiabank Centre.

FORGING INTERCULTURAL CONNECTIONS

As Syrian refugees continue to arrive in Nova Scotia, our Language Centre has stepped up to smooth their transition by offering beginners' courses in Arabic for members of the campus community as well as the general public.

"Even being able to say hello in someone else's language can help put them at ease in a difficult situation," says Zak McLaren, Director of the Language Centre. "Learning just a few words in another language gives some communicative ability."

In conjunction with the new Arabic courses, The Language Centre has also partnered with Languages Canada to offer refugees up to 10 fully-sponsored, one-year courses in English.



From right to left are Maureen O'Neill, Administrator, The Joyce Foundation; Andrea Rosgen, The Joyce Foundation; Lauren Keyes, Saint Mary's University alumna; Heather Fitzpatrick, Director of Development, Saint Mary's University; President Rob Summerby-Murray, Saint Mary's University; and sitting, Dr. Ron Joyce, The Joyce Foundation.

CONNECTING RURAL COMMUNITIES

Rural communities seeking help solving complex social problems like outmigration and unemployment need to look no further than the Change Lab Action Research Institute (CLARI), soon to be up and running in Saint Mary's University's Atrium. The CLARI hub was conceived as a way to drive economic development by connecting rural communities and small business with a network of experts and researchers at Nova Scotia's post-secondary institutions.

Thanks to \$1.1 million in funding from the Department of Labour and Advanced Education, specialized video links will connect Saint Mary's with six partner institutions: Cape Breton University, St. Francis Xavier University, Mount Saint Vincent University, Acadia University, Université de Saint-Anne, and NSCC. Completion is slated for the Fall of 2016.



(From left to right) Dr. David MacKinnon, Dean Research and Graduate Studies, Acadia University; Dr. Kevin Vessey, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, Saint Mary's University; Kelly Regan, Minister of Labour and Advanced Education; Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray, President, Saint Mary's University; and Rachel MacDonald, VP Student Affairs, SMUSA, Saint Mary's University discuss the future benefits of CLARI at the official funding announcement.

LEVELLING THE LEARNING FIELD

A \$2 million gift from the Joyce Foundation in December 2015 will create a legacy of support for students with disabilities and keep Saint Mary's affordable for all deserving students. A significant portion of this transformative gift is designated for students registered with the Fred Smithers Centre of Support for Students with Disabilities. The remainder goes to support economically disadvantaged students through the Joyce Foundation Bursaries Fund. "This generous donation helps us ensure that Saint Mary's is accessible to all academically-qualified students," says Saint Mary's President Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray. "We are deeply indebted to Dr. Ron Joyce and the Joyce Foundation's Board of Trustees for honouring Saint Mary's with such a substantial gift."

SHARING THE WEALTH

The non-profit landscape shifted at Saint Mary's University's One World Alumni Awards Gala during Homecoming 2015 with a remarkable display of giving by Brigadoon, a non-profit camp facility for children, youth, and families living with a chronic illness, chronic conditions, or special needs. When called upon to receive the top award of \$10,000, Brigadoon's founder David McKeage (BComm'91) announced the decision to share his organization's winnings with the two runners-up: McPhee Centre for Creative Learning and Peaceful Schools International.

"This generosity has opened a new world of opportunities to work together," says Saint Mary's alumna Karn Nichols (MBA'09), Board Chair for the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning. "I'd have greater hope for the world if there were more organizations like Brigadoon."



Saint Mary's football coach James Colzie III.

SHARING AN EVENING WITH PARLIAMENT'S POET LAUREATE

Those who attended Saint Mary's 2016 Cyril Byrne Lecture in March had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear Canada's newly installed Parliamentary Poet Laureate, Dr. George Elliott Clarke, read from his earliest works.

A talented poet, playwright, and literary critic, Dr. Clarke is an officer of the Order of Nova Scotia and the Order of Canada. He has also received the National Magazine Awards' Gold Medal for Poetry, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award, and the 2001 Governor General's Award for Poetry for his book, *Execution Poems*. In exploring the African experience in Canada, he has made a significant contribution to the cultural fabric of our country.

In keeping with the themes of Clarke's first book, *Saltwater Spirituals and Deeper Blues*, the evening included a special performance by the ECMA-winning jazz and gospel singer Linda Carvery and the Loppie family choir. Both Carvery and Clarke hold honorary degrees from Saint Mary's University.

SCORING A NEW FOOTBALL COACH

As a collegiate football player and coach, James Colzie III accrued a wealth of experience by taking part in two national championships, six conference titles, and 12 bowl games. As the new head coach of the Saint Mary's Huskies football program, he'll put that experience to good use bringing Huskies football back to prominence in the CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport).

Colzie debuted as a player at Florida State University, winning a National Championship in 1993. A 15-year coaching career in the southern United States took him to Florida International University, Valdosta State University, University of West Georgia, and Southern Arkansas University.

He comes to Saint Mary's fresh from the University of British Columbia, where he spent last season as the defensive coordinator and defensive backs' coach.

"Coach Colzie's vast experience in football as a player, coach, and recruiter makes him the right fit to lead the Huskies football program," says Kevin Downie, Saint Mary's Director of Athletics and Recreation.



Enactus Co-Presidents Ali Algermozi and Bridget Stevens. A third year BSc student majoring in Environmental Science, Stevens was named the HSBC Woman Leader of Tomorrow (Atlantic Region) at the Enactus Regional Competition.

A CLEAN SWEEP FOR SAINT MARY'S ENACTUS TEAM

"There's a first time for everything!" That was the reaction of Enactus Saint Mary's co-president Ali Algermozi on Friday, February 26, when the Enactus Saint Mary's team made history, going up against 13 Enactus groups from universities in Atlantic Canada to bring home five big wins: first place trophies in all four categories at the Enactus Regional Competition, plus the Woman Leader of Tomorrow award. Later this year, the team will go on to compete at the National Enactus Exposition in Toronto, where in 2015 they took the number two spot.

These awards are only the latest achievement for Saint Mary's members of Enactus, an international, non-profit organization that sets up chapters on campuses around the world to develop entrepreneurial students who want to make a difference. Recent projects by our team members have directly empowered 691 Nova Scotia youth, assisted 84 entrepreneurs in South America, and helped 25 Atlantic Canadian startups become sustainable businesses.



Jonathan Shaw and the students from his Canadian Citizenship Test Preparation Class.

TAKING THE STRESS FROM THE TEST

A collaboration between Saint Mary's University and Halifax Public Libraries will make the Canadian citizenship test far less intimidating for a small group of immigrants.

"The test is tough even for those born in Canada," says Saint Mary's alumnus Jonathan Shaw. "Imagine how difficult it is for someone who speaks English as a new and second language."

As part of the practicum for his Masters of Education in Curriculum Studies, Shaw volunteered to teach a Citizenship Test Preparation class at Dartmouth's Woodlawn Library. With his guidance and encouragement, immigrants, from as far away as Iran, Bhutan, China, Syria, Thailand, Slovakia, and Germany, now feel ready to take the test and become Canadian citizens.

"They have become more knowledgeable about Canada and more patriotic than most people I know," says Shaw.

A GIFT THAT WILL GROW THE ECONOMY

The Master of Technology Entrepreneurship and Innovation (MTEI) program at the Sobey School of Business received some exciting news in October 2015. Alumnus Mike Durland (BComm '87) announced two gifts totalling \$1.5 million. One from Scotiabank – where at the time, Durland was CEO, Global Banking and Markets – and one from Mike and his wife Catherine, also a Saint Mary's graduate (BComm '87). Scotiabank's gift created the Scotiabank Professorship in Technology Entrepreneurship and Innovation, a position held by MTEI founder and designer Professor Dawn Jutla. The Durlands' support went to MTEI student scholarships and the Durland Innovation Fund.

"Saint Mary's Sobey School of Business has a vision to increase the number of technology start-ups in Canada and drive innovation and entrepreneurial activity," said Saint Mary's President Dr. Summerby-Murray. "With the support of Scotiabank and Mike and Catherine Durland, the MTEI program will contribute to the growth of Atlantic Canada's economy by preparing our next generation of leaders for new technologies and transformative opportunities."

right: Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray and alumnus Mike Durland BComm'87.

A STELLAR EVENT

Thanks to an endowed gift from the family of the late Dan Alexander MacLennan, more than 300 astronomers and stargazers crowded into the McNally Theatre Auditorium on October 17th. They were there to hear award-winning astronomer Alex Filippenko share his insights on exploding stars and the expanding universe.

"We were very excited to host the inaugural Dan MacLennan Lecture," says Dr. Marcin Sawicki, Department Chair and professor in Saint Mary's Department of Astronomy and Physics. This new lecture series will see world-leading astronomers give annual public talks at Saint Mary's University. "I can't think of a better tribute to Dan MacLennan's passion for learning about the universe."





Arthur McDonald
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ANOTHER STAR ON THE HORIZON

Saint Mary's University's Department of Astronomy and Physics is excited to announce that Nobel Laureate Arthur B. McDonald will be the guest speaker for the second annual Dan MacLennan Lecture on Friday October 21, 2016.

Arthur McDonald, a professor emeritus at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, shared the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics with Takaaki Kajita of the University of Tokyo for discovering that particles known as

neutrinos can change their identity — or “oscillate” — as they travel from the sun, shedding new light on the fundamental properties of the universe.

Only a few weeks after earning the Nobel Prize, Dr. McDonald, who was born and raised in Cape Breton, also made headlines as one of the winners of the \$3-million 2016 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics.



Dr. Isabelle Knockwood BA '92; DCL'13, third from left, helped dedicate the new Indigenous Student space on campus.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

At a dedication ceremony in early February, Mi'kmaw elder, author, and Saint Mary's alumnus Dr. Isabelle Knockwood (BA'92; DCL'13) helped the University celebrate the opening of our new Indigenous Student Space. According to Elora Gehue, President of Saint Mary's Aboriginal Society, this dedicated on-campus location for indigenous students to meet, work, share, and collaborate is “a place to call home.” By fostering the engagement of our indigenous community, the creation of this space meets one of the key recommendations in the President's Task Force on Aboriginal Students and answers a call to action put forth in 2015 by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.



Dr. Lindsay Carmichael's latest book *Fuzzy Forensics: DNA Fingerprinting Gets Wild* won the prestigious Lane Anderson Award.

PROTECTING WILDLIFE WITH FUZZY FORENSICS

Dr. Lindsay Carmichael was too excited to write even 140 characters after an awards dinner in the fall of 2015 to announce the winners of last year's Lane Anderson Award. Her author friends, on the other hand, lost no time tweeting that Carmichael's book *Fuzzy Forensics: DNA Fingerprinting Gets Wild* had been named the best science book in Canada in the young readers' category.

In addition to receiving one of the nation's most prestigious book awards, and \$10,000 in prize money, Carmichael, a Senior Tutor at Saint Mary's University's Writing Centre, benefits from the knowledge that her win will draw attention to the dedicated men and women who use forensic science to investigate wildlife crime and protect wild species in Canada and around the world. “They deserve to have their contributions recognized,” says Carmichael, who has a PhD in wildlife population genetics and writes under the name L.E. Carmichael. ✧



top row: Laura Langille,
Ali Algermozi, Amali Armony,
bottom row: Brad Greene,
Doris Wu, Tristan Brow.

SIX BRIGHT LIGHTS

Join the Alumni Ranks

BY RENÉE HARTLEIB

Meet some of Saint Mary's newest alumni. All six of these featured grads have made a big impact in their time at Saint Mary's and will continue to be bright lights in their chosen fields.

Another thing these outstanding individuals have in common is their belief that attending university is about more than just sitting in a classroom. Everyone in this small group gave of themselves as peer mentors, as representatives in student government, as business collaborators, as innovative agents for change, and as leaders and role models for the next generation.

And as each one attests, their gifts of time and energy were returned to them, times ten. Friendships, fun, travel opportunities, expanded networks, and confidence top the list of positive experiences these grads gained when they gave back during their years at Saint Mary's.

Each and every one of them make a direct link between the extent of their campus involvement and their personal levels of happiness and success. Read on for an inspiring glimpse of how these extraordinary new alumni will make their own unique waves in the world.

Less than three years in Canada and Xijie (Doris) Wu's personal and professional networks are likely more extensive than yours or mine. It's a far cry from June of 2013 when she moved to Halifax without knowing a soul. How did she do it? Quite simply, by becoming involved.

After two years of credit hours in China, Doris chose Saint Mary's for its excellent reputation and transferred for her third and fourth years of business study. Once here, she jumped in with both feet, immediately taking advantage of the career workshops hosted by

Career Services and participating in myriad networking events.

Add to that her involvement in a host of volunteer opportunities, and Doris quickly became one of Saint Mary's most recognizable faces on campus. Student journalist, Safe at SMU facilitator, Here for Peers Project Coordinator, and group leader for the Speak Up Society, Doris did it all.

"The most important thing I learned at SMU was that being involved does pay off," she says. "People often complain about not having enough time or motivation to stay involved with campus activities with a full-time course load. If I had just focused on my academics instead of participating in any activities, I would have missed out on a lot of opportunities to grow my skillset and reach my potential. I would not have made as many friends, and I would have less confidence."

The 25-year-old graduated in January with a Bachelor of Commerce (Marketing Major). Her keen interest in digital marketing and learning programming will drive further learning and Doris looks forward possibly starting her own business or joining a marketing organization.

One thing is certain: she is definitely staying connected to the place she got her start in Canada. “Being a SMU alumni is an honour and I am excited to stay connected with the SMU community and continue to give back.”

After three years of junior hockey following high school, Brad Greene was offered a SMU hockey scholarship. He has spent the last four years proving himself on the ice and in the classroom, and learning the fine arts of time management and work-life balance along the way.

Juggling sports and books is never an easy feat. This modest 25-year-old, originally from Tilting, Newfoundland—a rural community on the northeast coast (population 150!)—is quick to credit the support of his professors, coaches, and the Saint Mary’s community for helping him achieve both academic and athletic success.

“Being a student athlete requires a lot of sacrifice, but also a lot of support from professors, who gave a lot of their own time to accommodate me. I learned how important it was to put the extra effort in when they were so willing to help me. It seemed like the only appropriate way to show them how much I appreciated what they were doing for me.”

Brad also took the time to be involved in various campus activities including hockey schools, tutoring, peer mentoring, soup kitchens, and a trip to rural Africa. But in terms of ‘giving back,’ Brad likes to think that his biggest impact has been as a role model for future student athletes who are interested in both athletics and academics. “I hope I showed them that if you are willing to put the time and effort in, then you can succeed in both areas.”

Graduating this spring with a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Chemistry, Brad is going on to attend Memorial University Medical School next fall. “SMU has taught me so much. It has definitely helped me grow as a person.”

“When you are inspired by the people around you, you know that you are in the right place.” And 25-year-old Ali Algermozi has certainly had an inspiring year. As the Co-President of Saint Mary’s Enactus team, he was heartily involved in the lead-up to their huge national win last May that saw their “Startup 100” earn best First Project Partnership in Canada.

The Startup 100 provided over 125 youth from 50 communities across Nova Scotia with the opportunity to design, plan, and implement business ideas that would reenergize their local economies - all over the course of 100 days. Working under this kind of pressure, Ali and his colleagues quickly saw what they were made of. “Meeting constant deadlines allowed me to build my organizational, time management, and interpersonal skills.” Three things that have been constantly needed during his five-year school career with a triple major in Entrepreneurship, Marketing, and Human Resource Management & Industrial Relations.

Born in Yemen and raised in Halifax, Ali pursued other avenues of work before coming to Saint Mary’s, including a career in networking systems and a stint as a yoga studio operator. But, when he joined the Sobey School of Business, it felt like a match made in heaven. “I have been welcomed with open arms and I see myself really striving and growing, not only on a professional level but on a personal level as well.”

It’s Saint Mary’s culture of giving back that has most resonated with Ali. He challenged himself to become as engaged as possible in both extracurricular activities and community involvement. In addition

to his commitment to Enactus, he also worked at the Sobey School of Business Development Centre, served on SMUSA’s Board of Directors, and acted as VP External for the Sobey School of Business Commerce Society.

“My experience at SMU has allowed me to drive change by giving back and helping others.”

Not only has Laura Langille excelled on the basketball court, but she made the Dean’s list every year of her last five in psychology at Saint Mary’s and achieved Academic All-Canadian status every one of those years. In 2014, she was also honoured with the prestigious President’s Award for academic and athletic excellence.

Having been recruited by Saint Mary’s to play basketball, the Labrador native feels proud of the fact that as team captain, she has led the Huskies through several successful seasons, winning three Atlantic University Sport championship titles and netting two bronze and one silver medal at the CIS National Championships.

But the 22-year-old didn’t stop at success in the classroom and on the court. With a deep interest in helping people and with a special passion for igniting resiliency in others, she became a LEAP peer mentor for first year students and was a lead facilitator for Safe at SMU about sexual consent. In addition, having sensed a void for first year athletes, Laura also created a student athlete peer-mentoring program called Here for Peers.

“SMU helped me uncover my passion for mental well-being and resiliency, which led to me studying psychology,” she says. “It was exciting for me to be able to give back to the university community that brought all of this to light for me.”

Laura has been accepted to the Masters of Counselling Psychology program at McGill University for this upcoming school year. Her area of specialty will focus on individuals

who have experienced traumatic setbacks in their lives, helping them achieve a sense of resiliency and accomplishment.

Amali Armony's first year at Saint Mary's was rough. The 26-year-old, originally from St. Kitts & Nevis in the eastern Caribbean, had trouble fitting in. Connecting with the Caribbean Society helped, but it was during his third year, when he became involved in SMUSA, that things really clicked into place.

Originally hired as their marketing coordinator, Amali quickly grew his aspirations, becoming the Associate VP of Promotions and then VP of University Affairs. It seemed only natural that he would run for President next, and after a "humbling" win, took office in May of 2015.

According to Amali, the last few years have really helped him define his life purpose: being of service to others. And he is extraordinarily proud of the work he has accomplished on behalf of the student body. From increases to financial aid to improved bus shelters to the construction of gender neutral bathrooms, the SMUSA President fulfilled his desire to give back to the Saint Mary's community.

"Community values are what I hold dear, so SMU was an excellent fit. Not only did the university's solid community and family values resonate with me, but I feel I significantly added to the lifeblood of this great institution." Amali was well known for his support of individual students and also a diverse array of Saint Mary's societies. Bangladeshi Night, Saudi Night, and Africa Night are now important and funded Saint Mary's events because of Amali's support.

After his formal graduation in October from the political science program, Amali hopes to return to St. Kitts & Nevis and find employment with an NGO working to improve communities and eradicate poverty. He is also passionate about the quality of education that young people receive and plans to get involved with the Ministry of Education.

Tristan Brow knows that the opportunity to travel internationally would not have been possible without Saint Mary's unique programming and her own willingness to be involved. In 2013, just after receiving Saint Mary's Student Leadership Recognition Award, she volunteered to travel to Florida with the Saint Mary's Habitat for Humanity Society to help build homes in an area affected by a recent hurricane. Then, in 2015, Tristan had a chance to travel again—this time to the Gambia in West Africa where a Geography Field Course touched on such topics as community forestry, climate change issues, waste management, ecotourism and environmental education.

This experience was directly in line with Tristan's education and career trajectory. She graduated in January with a Bachelor of Science, double major in Environmental Science and Geography, and has been accepted at the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland to take an Advanced Diploma in Water Quality starting in September.

Originally from the small fishing village of Havre Boucher, Tristan hopes to find international work ensuring safe drinking water for those in need. No small feat! But the 24-year-old isn't afraid of hard work. She held two jobs during her full-time studies at Saint Mary's, as a Residence Assistant and an Alumni Assistant, and also served as Vice-President of the Saint Mary's University Environmental Society.

"The most important thing I learned at SMU was that there is more to the university experience than what you learn in the classroom," says Tristan. "If I hadn't put myself out there, I wouldn't be where I am today and I got to meet some amazing people along the way." ♦



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CELEBRATING FORTY YEARS IN BUSINESS

BY ERIN ELAINE CASEY

Turning 40 is a big deal in anyone's book. Some of us pretend it's not happening at all, and some of us pull out all the stops and party like it's 1999. For the Master of Business Administration program at Saint Mary's, the big four-oh really is something to celebrate – not just with a party, but with new and exciting changes that promise to reinforce the program's outstanding reputation in Canada and internationally.

Flash back to 1976, to the very first graduating class. It had only 15 members, most of whom were men. Tuition was around \$600 per year, and a professor's annual salary was about \$16,500. Today, the program has 171 students, 60 full-time and 111 part-time. Forty per cent are women, and 40 per cent of the full-time students are international. Tuition fees and faculty salaries have also gone up—just a little!

George McLellan was in the first graduating class. The Deputy Minister of Finance and Treasury Board with the Province of Nova Scotia was actually working for the Department of Municipal Affairs back in 1976 when a superior noticed he had smarts that he wasn't necessarily using. "He told me he was tired of watching me waste my life and that I needed to smarten up. Then he challenged me to further my education and promised me a job at the end of it all. He took a chance on me."

This led to McLellan taking his GMAT, getting a good score, and applying to the new School of Business. "SMU accepted me on the spot and turned my life around," he says. "They put me on track to four or five fulfilling and different careers. It's been wonderful – there's no one luckier than me."

Paul Baxter, the Senior Vice President Operations and Chief Operating Officer for the Halifax International Airport Authority, agrees. The 1980 graduate says that the education he received from the School of Business also made a big difference in his life path. "It's served me very, very well not just here at the airport, but in the progression of my career." The MBA program gave him exposure to a lot of different disciplines. "I'm more versatile, more flexible, and open to new ideas," he says. "The MBA gave me a very broad perspective in terms of what's important."

Baxter, who was born and raised in Halifax, did all his post-secondary education at Saint Mary's, starting with a

Bachelor of Science. When he took a few commerce electives and discovered a love of business, the MBA was a natural next step. "I chose SMU because of its reputation and all the positive things about a small school. Now I can give back by serving on the Board of Governors, and do something for the institution that's done so much for me."

In 1992, Zeda Redden from Windsor, Nova Scotia, graduated with her MBA. She was already well into her career, and found that other universities didn't accommodate "real life" the way Saint Mary's did. "SMU was absolutely set up for working people," she says. Now the Vice President of Finance and Business Services at Emera, Redden agrees that the program opened her eyes to different ways of doing things. "What the MBA gave you was how to work with people from different backgrounds. You'd have Sunday morning meetings at the library with a nurse, an engineer, a marketing person. You're always working in groups – you can't get through it by yourself."

Sumant Kumar appreciates the international perspective he gained at Saint Mary's. From Rothsay, New Brunswick, he did his undergraduate degree in International Development Studies and finished his MBA in 2002. "I wanted to stay in the Maritimes, and SMU had by far the best reputation. They made me feel very welcome and very wanted. It was a family feeling. I was more than just a number."

Today, Kumar is Asia Pacific HR Manager for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Reflecting on what the program did for him professionally, he says, "The majority of my job is dealing with different cultures and ways of life. I didn't mix much with international students in my undergrad, but in the MBA we did, and I learned so much from all of them."

Monique Fares, from Halifax, graduated just last spring. She started her business while she was still in school. Today, she co-owns Signature Health, a corporate wellness clinic in Halifax. "I always heard great things about the business school at SMU," explains Fares. "It's internationally known, and always top of mind. I really liked that the Sobey School of Business focused on students who have some business experience. So we could take real world experience and theory and put it together."

Doing an internship allowed her to develop a business plan for her clinic while getting credit towards her degree.

2008 grad Nicole Casciato-Csinos agrees that the foundation she built during her MBA was critical to her success, saying, “It opened up a lot of doors into some of the larger, tier-one organizations. My ability to manage others and understand other personalities improved significantly.” And because the atmosphere at Saint Mary’s was “less cutthroat” than at other institutions, she was able to enjoy a more personalized experience. “Everyone in the class knew each other, and no one was trying to outdo anyone else.”

Casciato-Csinos hails from Newmarket, Ontario and now works in Toronto as Client Marketing Manager for LoyaltyOne, the Air Miles program. She’s new to the job, and will be working directly with Sobeys, which she hopes will bring her back to the Maritimes more often. “It’s kind of cool to be able to work with Sobeys – because of the Sobey School of Business. It’s a good fit for me.”

The numbers don’t lie. The largest business school east of Montreal, the Sobey School is accredited by AACSB International, the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Only five per cent of business schools achieve this designation.

The Sobey MBA has recently been redesigned. According to Dr. Cathy Driscoll, the academic lead on the program review, there’s been a trend toward shorter MBA programs. “We wanted to respond to market demand without sacrificing quality, so we’ve made it a 16-month program down from 20 months,” explains the long-time MBA professor. “We’ve refreshed a lot of the courses and introduced some preparatory modules to replace the two courses we’ve eliminated and still ensure students have the foundation they need.”

What’s the advantage? A shorter program and more immersive learning experiences gets MBA graduates out in the workforce sooner, and with better skills. The focus of the immersive experiences is on giving students hands-on learning opportunities. “These can include a service learning program where students work with a charity, social enterprise, or small business that needs support as a way to give back to our communities,” says Dr. Margaret McKee, the MBA Program Director. “We will also emphasize creativity, entrepreneurship, and innovation through activities such as case competitions and collaborative problem solving activities.”

The Saint Mary’s MBA program celebrated its 40th anniversary with a party on the evening of Thursday, May 5th in the Sobey Business School Foyer. A great time was had by all 100+ attendees!

Making sure more students get a chance to learn firsthand about the wider world is also central. “We know from research that only about 2% of students will take advantage of a study abroad program, so we’re working to make it more accessible,” explains McKee. Students can do a traditional study abroad, or take advantage of a seven- to 10-day international and intercultural experience. “We’ll focus on countries that have existing ties or might be important to Canada for social, political, or economic reasons.”

Leah Ray is the Managing Director of the MBA program, and she’s also a graduate. “It’s a safe place to try different leadership styles and roles, and you’re not going to get fired,” she laughs. “You come out with lifelong friends. It’s such an amazing support network, and it’s been nice to come back and be part of that. You can help people who know they need a change, but don’t know

what that change is. My MBA was a huge transformation for me. It was a game changer, and I wouldn’t be where I am now without it.”

The copy from the new MBA ad campaign tells the story: “Succeed, Win, Triumph – On your own terms.” And this isn’t an MBA for only hard-core business types. Students can focus in a range of areas: finance; entrepreneurship, social enterprise and sustainability; marketing; or consulting. They can also take advantage of professional development tailored to their needs. “We have a very special and welcoming community here. We give you the bigger business school experience in the small university environment,” says McKee. “We really are equipping our students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet their personal goals as well as their career goals.”

And succeed they have. Every grad has their favourite memory.

Forty years later, George McLellan fondly remembers the flexible learning experience and the way students were encouraged to team up and learn from one another.

Paul Baxter developed strong relationships and networks during his MBA over three decades ago that he still counts on today.

As president of the MBA Society in her second year, Monique Fares and fellow student Andrew Ling started the MBA Leadership Series, which brings in guest speakers regularly.

Sumant Kumar met his wife Porntina Tangsajaviton, an international student from Thailand, in the program. “I remember the first time I noticed her in class, and we still argue about who made the first move,” he laughs. They’ve been married 11 years.

Nicole Casciato-Csinos says it best. “It was probably the best time of my life, to be honest! It wasn’t just the school and the friends I met and the involvement in community projects – I just love that place! I’d do it all over again.” ♦

A Passion for the Arts

ROHINI BANNERJEE

BY ANNE SIMPSON

When Dr. Rohini Bannerjee was young, she thought she might grow up to become a medical doctor. She did become a doctor, but not the kind she expected. As a student she volunteered as a French reader at the IWK, reading regularly to a little boy. One week, his bed was empty, and the nurses told her he had died. Medicine, she realized, was not for her.

Bannerjee went on to study French, earning a doctorate in French Studies from Western University. Now she teaches in the Department of Modern Languages & Classics at Saint Mary's.

"I knew that being excited about not going to medical school meant that French was my way," Bannerjee says. She loves her work as a professor, looking for ways to enrich learning. About five years ago, she said to her students, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could just talk French outside class?" So began the Immersion Café. She still meets a group at a coffee shop twice weekly, where, she says, "We talk about everything. I'm not a professor there."

At an awards dinner at Saint Mary's in 2012, she listened as the winner was described as a dedicated professor who had started a café for her students. "I dropped my fork!" she recalls. Students had selected her for the Saint Mary's University Student Association Award (for Overall Excellence in the Field of Education). "It meant the time and energy I was focusing on students was not in vain," she says. The award gave her the confidence to redouble her efforts.

"As far as student-friendly professors go, she is a prime example," Isalean Phillip, a fourth-year student, says. "Many times I have just stopped by to have a chat and she has always been welcoming with chocolate or goodies to share."

It is not just that she encourages her students to speak French outside class, she helps them appreciate the context in which French language and literature developed around the world. She says, "The French courses I teach about the literature of the Indian Ocean are the only ones like this in Atlantic Canada." She herself wrote a dissertation on Ananda Devi, a novelist and poet from Mauritius who reclaims Hindu myths to tell stories about silenced women.

Her interest in women's issues led to an invitation for her to join the Women and Gender Studies Program. This allows for a flow of students back and forth between courses in Women and Gender Studies and Modern Languages. She is also a faculty member in the Asian Studies Program. To engage students in the culture of India, she proposed a special topics course about Bollywood. It's not about "musicals and flashy dance numbers and sparkly make-up." Instead, she says, "It's about globalization, history, gender—a lot of very big issues."

She looks at Bollywood films in terms of music and dance, the construction of the hero and heroine, and the way Indian epics have influenced cinematic narratives.

She brims with enthusiasm when she talks about the Faculty of Arts. "We have a lot of young faculty—there's a vibrancy here." She is involved with the Arts Ambassador Program, which matches faculty members with first year students to provide mentoring through the degree program. "Ultimately, university is not a service," Bannerjee points out. "It's an experience."

Students benefit from Bannerjee's multifaceted view of the world. "I have the perspective of being born here in Canada; I have a Western point of view," she says. "At the same time I have that other perspective of being someone whose origins are from India." She has an instinctive ability to relate to students, wherever they come from.

Melissa Nguyen, a student currently working on her Honours thesis under Bannerjee's supervision, says, "She makes every class interesting. . . I'm thankful and lucky to have worked with her." Shallon Costello, a former student, remarks, "Having in-depth literature discussions with Rohini is better than going to the movies!" Four years after Costello had been Bannerjee's student, her professor helped her young protégé land a job teaching French in Halifax.

Certainly Bannerjee helps her students realize what is possible. "There are layers and layers that make up who you are," she says. "I tell my students no matter what you do, you're going to be disturbing the peace." Just as she challenges her students to think beyond their limits, so she challenges herself. ♦



Dr. Bannerjee at Convocation last October where she gave the citation for an Honourary Degree.

Back Where He Belongs

COACH BOB HAYES

BY GAIL LETHBRIDGE



left: A young Bob Hayes. above: Bob's two daughters—Laurel and Holly—and their families. photo credit: Mona Ghiz

You could forgive the average Saint Mary's University student for not knowing who Bob Hayes was. His tenure as legendary football coach, director of athletics, and builder of a college sports dynasty long predates the birth of most of today's Saint Mary's students, so why would they know who he was? And why would they care?

Well, there are plenty of reasons for students to know and care about Coach Hayes, according to former Huskies players. Under his leadership, a small relatively unknown university in Atlantic Canada became a tour de force, winning national championships, recruiting top athletes, and carving out a reputation for Saint Mary's University as a powerhouse of intercollegiate varsity sport.

"We were able to compete with anyone in Canada," says Paul Puma, who played football for Coach Hayes in the 1960s. Puma was a member of the 1964 Saint Mary's Huskies football team when—under the leadership of Coach Hayes—it won its first Atlantic Bowl (now Larry Uteck) championship.

In 2014, when team members gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the victory, Puma, teammate David Murphy, and fellow team members decided it was time to put Bob Hayes back where he belongs: right at the heart of athletics at Saint Mary's.

And thanks to their efforts, a bronze bust of Hayes now stands proudly in the main lobby of the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness. Hayes is smiling. It's an avuncular smile that makes you instantly like the man, even if you never knew him. That face and smile draw you to him and make you want to know who he was.

"He was tough and very demanding as a coach," says Puma. "But he cared beyond the football field and in many

ways he made us men."

Murphy echoes these sentiments, saying Hayes was an "icon in the history of Saint Mary's University," but he was also a mentor and a friend. "He recruited kids that would never have gone to university," says Murphy. "When he recruited you, he made sure you got through university. When he recruited you, you were his responsibility."

His football players admired Coach Hayes because he was not afraid to speak his mind, or get out there on the field and show players how it was done. "He would practise with us," says Murphy. "That was not a day you looked forward to because he could whack the living daylights out of you. He didn't wear pads either. Just a helmet."

Work on the bust project began in 2014. Puma and Murphy sourced a local sculptor, Douglas Squarek, and began fundraising. "When the letter was sent out to Hayes' friends and family, we had money in no time," says Puma, adding this is a testament to the loyalty that remains more than 20 years after Coach Hayes' retirement and seven years after his death.

"Almost everyone who played for him went on to do something meaningful in life and we can attribute a lot of that to Bob Hayes," says Puma, who became a school teacher and principal in Halifax. Murphy went to medical school and became a maxillofacial surgeon. Later he followed in Hayes' footsteps, working as an assistant coach on the Huskies football team and serving two stints as athletic director at Saint Mary's.

During the 50th reunion of the 1964 team, Murphy said he realized there was no such thing as a "former" teammate. Those players would always be teammates.

In the case of Hayes, there is no such thing as a former coach either. Bob Hayes will always be the coach at Saint Mary's. ♦



above: A recent photo of Blair Lopes.
right: Blair Lopes' yearbook photo.



Saint Mary's of the 1960s

A WORLD APART

BY JORDAN WHITEHOUSE

One of the Huskies' first black football players says positive experiences at Saint Mary's allowed him to "think big and reach high."

If you were black and living in Halifax in the 1960s, life was, to say the least, not easy. This isn't to say racism doesn't still exist today in the city, but as Blair Lopes (BA'69) puts it, discrimination was very much "alive and well" at that time.

"It was a racialized society, and the black community was situated in pockets—places like Africville, the Prestons, Hammonds Plains, and the Creighton Street area, where I grew up," he says. "It affected one's self esteem and self-confidence when you were restricted as to where you could go, where you could stay, and where you could work."

That negative self-perception began to change for the high school football star, however, when he crossed town to enroll at Saint Mary's as a sociology student. "The restrictions that I had been experiencing my whole life weren't present at SMU and it brought me to a realization of there being two very different worlds," he says. "At SMU, everyone seemed to be treated the same no matter your race or nationality, where you were from or your financial status."

This was especially evident on the Huskies football team, under Coach Bob Hayes. Lopes joined as one of its first black football players. "Whether or not I played and what position I played depended on my abilities and determination, not on the colour of my skin." Lopes directly credits Bob Hayes for this inclusive and positive environment, saying Hayes consistently emphasized teamwork, working toward a common goal, being

respectful, and accepting responsibility for one's actions.

"I have the utmost respect for Coach Hayes," he says.

"Through football, he gave me the opportunity to have positive experiences and be a part of something successful to which I was a contributing member."

Looking back on how he was treated as a player and a person at Saint Mary's, the now retired 70-year-old Lopes says that experience gave him the confidence and motivation to dream of success after graduating. "It introduced me to what life could be without racism and discrimination and heightened my resolve to continue to experience what it was like to live in a positive environment."

He went on to join the Federal Public Service, where he spent nearly three decades, retiring as the Regional Director of the Federal Public Service Commission for Atlantic Canada. During that time, he was sent to Gambia as a labour market planning expert, along with representatives from the United Nations and the British Commonwealth Secretariat. Along the way he also launched his own management consulting business, was appointed to Dalhousie University's faculty of management as an adjunct professor, and sat on various national and local boards and committees, including the Black Educators Association of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.

"I would not have dared to dream that any of this could have been possible before attending SMU," he says. "When I entered SMU, I had little confidence and little self-esteem. However, when I left there, I was full of confidence and had a more positive perception of myself and my abilities. This propelled me to think big and to reach high." ♦



Receiving the Most Improved Society Award from SMUSA are Speak Up Executive members (left to right), Claire Chu, Redempta Ishimwe, Samantha Burns, Scott Xing, and Stephanie Zhang. Amali Armony, President of SMUSA, stands in the centre.

Ahead of the Game in WELCOMING REFUGEES

BY RENÉE HARTLEIB

The Syrian refugee crisis is bringing Canadians of all stripes together to help settle tens of thousands of new families over the next year. This influx of newcomers is also shining a spotlight on certain organizations and institutions who are already doing a great job of welcoming people to our region.

Saint Mary's University is one of them. With a student body that is 30% international students, from over 100 countries around the world, Saint Mary's has long taken a leadership role in assisting students as they settle into school and life in Halifax.

The International Centre is a great first stop, providing support, assistance, and advice to international students, all year around. Couple that with The Language Centre that offers English as a Second Language courses and The Writing Centre that can provide support with classroom note-taking and assignments. Together, these resources help international students with some of the basic building blocks they will need to succeed in their new life, far from home.

But what about making new friends? What about homesickness? What about fun? That's where the Speak Up Society comes in.

A desire to make friends and practice her English was what prompted Claire Hou to create the student group three years ago. From a handful of people to literally hundreds, Speak Up is now a SMUSA society that offers events all year around.

From dance workshops to "speed-friending" to a city-wide scavenger hunt, Speak Up is completely run by volunteers, over eighty of them, from over 25 countries! According to Co-President Samantha Burns, the volunteers are the heart of the society.

"Many of our volunteers are past participants. Speak Up helped them meet new people, make friends, and gain confidence, and then they were inspired to share this experience with others." The numbers are growing every year and Burns says that having eager volunteers to help plan and pull off their events is essential.

The fifth year student, majoring in Global Business Management and International Development Studies, is passionate about openness and inclusion. She adds that there is a beautiful blend of native English speakers and those who are just learning the language. "You can't underestimate the importance of these friendships – it's really helping to bridge the gap between international and Canadian students."

Aryadev Roy (Arjo) Chakma agrees. The Asian Studies Major, originally, from Bangladesh, attended his first Speak Up event back in 2013, one week after starting at Saint Mary's. In the midst of a difficult adjustment to North American culture and society, Chakma quickly found a place that made him feel excited, happy, and comfortable. "That first event I attended was, hands down, the most welcomed and warm I felt in Canada since arriving."

The energetic enthusiasm of the group grew on him and he began to attend volunteer meetings. "At Speak Up, I found a fun, safe, and non-judgmental environment and also a place where I could give back to newer students through volunteering, organizing, and captaining events."

Best of all, Chakma has met his best friends at Speak Up functions. "I've probably made a few hundred friends directly through attending, participating, and helping to organize the events," he says. "Meeting new people every time, talking to them and getting to know them provides the refreshing feeling one needs so badly after putting in incalculable hours over assignments, exams, and part time jobs."

Happy participants aren't the only ones noticing that Speak Up is a society to watch. It was recently named the 'Most Improved Society of the Year' by SMUSA and has a popular Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/speakupsmu

ARABIC COURSES AT THE LANGUAGE CENTRE

If you'd like to be able to communicate with some of your new Syrian neighbours, how about a course in Arabic? The Language Centre at Saint Mary's offers an introductory four-week course in Arabic with two-hour classes twice per week. It has grown in popularity since it launched in January, and includes how to greet people and some short social exchanges. According to Director Zak McLaren, it provides an opportunity for the general public to learn a different language and is a great taste of the challenge of being a newcomer to Canada and not knowing the language.

WHAT ELSE DOES SAINT MARY'S DO FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?

Since 1983, Saint Mary's has been changing lives by enabling refugees to attend a Canadian university. The World University Service of Canada (WUSC), funded by Saint Mary's students (who each pay a \$2 levy) and a variety of other stakeholders on campus, provides tuition, a meal plan, health coverage, study tools, and a clothing allowance to up to four students per year. Individuals have emigrated from places such as Rwanda, Sudan, Ethiopia, and Burundi. Not only does this program help those who might not otherwise be able to access an education, it also ensures Permanent Resident status in Canada.

Created by the International Development Studies Undergrad Society, the International Development Initiative Fund (IDIF) supports any Saint Mary's student participating in a development initiative geared to a developing country. Funded projects vary but have one thing in common. All of them aim to meaningfully improve quality of life through foreign aid, healthcare, education, poverty reduction, gender equality, racial or ethnic equality, disaster preparedness, economic stability, human rights, food security, etc. ♦

WASTE NOT-WANT NOT

Finding a Planet-friendly "Ink" for Bioprinting

BY SUZANNE ROBICHEAU



Dr. Rob Singer (left) smiles as he examines a beaker filled with sludge from a paper mill's recovery boiler. What most people see as chemical waste looks like a golden opportunity to the Saint Mary's University Chemistry professor and his collaborators at Thinking Robot Studios (TRS), a Nova Scotia company that uses 3D printers to manufacture patient-specific, biomedical devices like artificial hips or prosthetic limbs.

The muck fuelling their optimism is lignin, a tough, biodegradable polymer that could revolutionize 3D printing as it reduces our eco footprint. While some scientists look for new ways to eliminate it as a byproduct of the pulping process, Dr. Singer and a team of Saint Mary's researchers think it has a positive use. Thanks to a National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada grant, they are hard at work assessing the feasibility of using local sources of lignin and other waste bio-mass to feed TRS's large-scale industrial 3D printers.

"It's really the ultimate value-added product," says Gregor Ash, Director of Global Projects for Thinking Robot Studios. "What better value proposition than sourcing locally available materials that would otherwise be thrown away?"

The 3D printer uses computer-assisted drawings to fabricate 3D models, laying down successive layers of powder, liquid, or sheet materials and fusing them together to make objects that range from rocket components, drones, and auto parts to dental implants, hearing aids, and prosthetic limbs. It's now even possible to *print* human organs and tissue for specific individuals.

"The 3D printing revolution is redefining global manufacturing, including opportunities for on-demand, patient-specific implant solutions," says Ash. "Part of this revolution will be driven by replacing costly, hard-to-find materials with locally-sourced ones that decrease costs, improve and diversify products, and minimize our overall eco footprint."

In a collaboration brokered by Saint Mary's University's Office of Innovation and Community Engagement, TRS is working with Dr. Singer to unlock the hidden potential in Atlantic Canada's abundant biomass waste. As a scientist who dedicates his research to reducing and eliminating the hazardous substances in chemical products, Singer sees tremendous potential in this kind of tech-driven research. He's also excited at the prospect of finding organic, bioegradable alternatives to the costly powders, plastics, and resins currently used in 3D printing.

"We're hoping to use something that's typically discarded to supply the needs of a state-of-the-art manufacturer located, not in Boston or Chicago, but right here in Nova Scotia," says Dr. Singer. "It's a winning proposition."

Gregor Ash also sees great potential in the collaboration, including the possibility of selling waste bio-mass as feedstock for the growing 3D manufacturing sector. "TRS is positioned at the forefront of the current revolution in advanced manufacturing," he says. "The partnership with Saint Mary's could secure our place well into the future." ♦



Gallo's last look at the rocket, five minutes before Astro-H separated and made its way into orbit.

BY KARALEE CLERK

NEW FRONTIERS IN SPACE RESEARCH

International Project Highlights Astrophysics at Saint Mary's

In Mid-February, Dr. Luigi Gallo pulled an unexpected all-nighter. He'd travelled from Canada to Tanegashima Space Center in Japan, eager to witness the launch of that country's Aerospace Exploration Agency's ASTRO-H space observatory. But high winds and cloud-cover had delayed the February 12th takeoff.

An astronomy and physics professor at Saint Mary's University, Gallo was also Principal Investigator of the Canadian ASTRO-H Metrology system (CAMS), Canada's contribution to the space observatory being readied for launch.

The mission, if successful, would position the world's most advanced X-ray detectors and laser measurement system in orbit around the Earth. With telescopes aimed at distant galaxies, capturing X-ray emissions in unparalleled detail, a new vision of the universe and its phenomenon, including black holes, was imminent. And black holes are Gallo's specialty.

Recently, observations of one black hole in particular—Markarian 335—by Gallo and his team at Saint Mary's caused quite a stir. The team, led by Dr. Dan Wilkins, discovered that black hole was actually launching matter-emitting X-rays, outwards. The discovery radically altered previous understandings of black holes and illuminated just how much was yet to be known of their enigmatic depths.

Six days after his arrival in Japan, Gallo, along with a group of scientists and international project contributors, had finally received notice that all systems were go. Launch was set for the next day.

Gallo's exhilaration of being that much closer to first-of-its-kind data came with the nerve-racking reality that the observatory's telescopes, part of the half-billion dollar project and the culmination of hundreds of scientists' collaborative

efforts, was strapped within a rocket being prepared for blast off 550 kilometers into space. Truly, how could Gallo possibly sleep?

Gallo first got wind of the proposed space observatory in 2006. While working on his post-doc, he saw drawings of the Japanese-led project and knew a venture of such magnitude couldn't happen in isolation. It would need collaboration—at a national level. His interest was piqued at what he suspected to be an incredible opportunity, for his own work and for Canada.

Explains Gallo, "Scientifically, it's impossible to know everything. The only way to progress is to work together. The project required a laser alignment system, and I knew we had the know-how to build one. I saw Canada's involvement as a way to establish us as experts, so the next time a nation needed expertise, they would come to us."

Gallo contacted the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) when he returned to Canada in 2007. Eventually, he persuaded the CSA to become involved. In exchange, and once the project was operational, the Japanese would ensure all collaborators had access to the data. It's this kind of data that is integral to Gallo's work.

"My work is driven by X-ray data collected from observing phenomenon in space, such as black holes, over and over again for long periods," explains Gallo. "We know the data changes over time, and the better and more detailed the X-rays, the closer we can get to understanding what drives the changes and how they occur."

Quality data is key, but there are issues inherent in its collection. A common difficulty with orbital measurement devices is that stability and focus are often disrupted during long-term observations, billions of miles away. The data is slightly off, producing results akin to what you might expect

if you took a long-exposure photo of an image held by wobbly hands.

Canada's alignment system would resolve this problem. As Lead Investigator of the team, Gallo helped design a calibration device, four years in the making, to measure and correct that wobble. Nine years later, once in orbit and if all went well, the ASTRO-H's telescopes would send back drastically improved and more detailed data than ever, just what he was looking for.

One sleepless night later, the rocket was in position. On February 17th and exactly on schedule, flames signaled ignition and years of work headed up into the sky. Three kilometers away, Gallo stood with fellow scientists and watched the rocket climb and then arc over the moon, before disappearing beyond their sightlines. And then, they waited.

With the rocket out of sight, every eye, including Gallo's, was locked on the monitor showing mission control's tracking of its progress.

Fifteen minutes in, whoops of joy confirmed the device was successfully deployed. In another hour, it was in orbit and stabilized, earlier than anyone had expected. For two months following the launch, Gallo and fellow scientists, scattered across the globe, held their breath during the mission check out phase.

In late February, mission control began to test out the telescope and its instrumentation, and the ASTRO-H team received the first sample of x-ray data. Though excited, Gallo remained guarded on the mission itself. All was proceeding smoothly, but until the final check out phase was complete, anything could happen.

As Gallo was quick to point out, "Things don't always work out in space as they do on the ground."

On March 26th, Gallo's caution was elevated to concern when mission control lost communication with ASTRO-H. As days and then weeks passed, investigative reports eventually made it clear that the failure was critical.

"Space is hard. But we have to explore," explains Gallo. "What happened was an unfortunate string of events that began with an internal error. This set into motion a series of corrective reactions that led to a rapid spin the satellite wasn't built to endure. As a result, a series of components broke off."

While future data from the mission is certainly in question, Gallo takes heart that at least the team still has the test data. Always an optimist, Gallo notes, "There is something to be learned, even from failure. In early 1960s, Riccardo Giacconi's first two attempts to detect cosmic X-rays failed. His third attempt in 1962 was successful, and in 2002, he won the Nobel Prize."

Gallo and his team found something amazing with Markarian 335, and it was ground-breaking. Chances are, in spite of what happened with CAMS, Gallo and his team will do it again.



DR. LUIGI GALLO TALKS STARS, HOLES, NUMBERS, AND LIFE.

The truth about black holes: "Every galaxy has a Black Hole at its centre, which actually takes up a only a small part of that galaxy. What is really neat is that we know that these black holes, each of them millions of times more massive than our sun, are somehow linked to that galaxy's formation. What is also interesting is that we know that black holes don't only suck in everything around them. Simply put and contrary to conventional belief, they're not vacuums. Through data from a black hole called Markian 335, we learned they can actually expel materials."

Taking a picture of a black hole: "X-rays have higher energy than visible light. To make an image of a black hole, we use the signals at various stages, assigning each energy level a colour. Plotting the different colours creates the image. Black holes are dynamic. Looking at the same object, again and again, we see changes in the energy levels that affect the images. We're trying to understand both what is driving the changes and how and why they're happening."

Our sun – a star with a lifespan: "Our sun is actually in orbit around our 13.5 billion-year-old galaxy. One orbit takes 220 years to complete. Right now, the sun is about five billion years old, and has the energy to burn for another five billion years, give or take a billion. When our sun begins to die, it will go through several stages. Eventually, when its nuclear fuel begins critically depleting, its outer layers will expand, swelling the star into a Red Giant. Next, the outer layers will begin to peel away, creating a Planetary Nebula. As the sun cools, it will shrink into a White Dwarf, radiating its heat into space. And finally, when completely cooled, it will float in space as a cold, dark Black Dwarf. And the Earth while this happens? Well, when the sun reaches the Red Giant stage, its heat will take the Earth with it."

Is there life somewhere else out there?: "Yes. There has to be. Most of the stars have planets, so it's a matter of finding the ones that support life. This is a question of 'when,' not 'if.' I believe this will happen in the course of our lifetime." ♦



A Legacy of Learning

Sydney Vaughan's prized photo collection is a legacy of love for his family. A generous bequest in his will is a legacy of learning for students at Saint Mary's University. To read more about the late Sydney Reginald Vaughan (1922–2015), a life-long resident of Halifax who attended Saint Mary's College High School and Saint Mary's College (BComm'46), please visit smu.ca/donors

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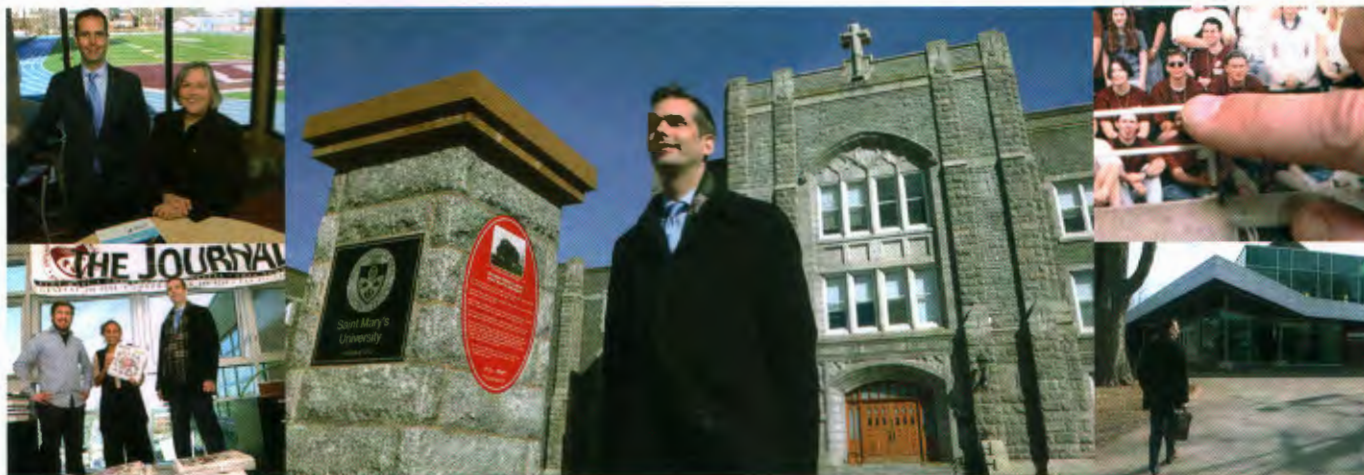
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A CAMPUS WALKABOUT WITH KERRY REINKE



BY SUZANNE ROBICHEAU

Here's the story as Kerry Reinke (BComm'98) tells it. The year was 1994, or possibly 1995, and it was late afternoon or early evening. The year doesn't matter. The time of day doesn't matter. What really mattered then, and still matters now, is what happened when Reinke and a group of his floor-mates from Rice (residence) walked into the Gorsebrook Pub. "I can't remember what was playing when we arrived," says Reinke, "but the bartender saw us come in and by the time we sat down, she had put on our favourite Aerosmith song and had delivered a pitcher of beer – all without saying a word."

It's a memory that speaks in equal parts to Saint Mary's close-knit campus community and Reinke's contribution to student life as a member of the Accounting Society, treasurer of the Commerce Society, residence rep for student council, and sports writer for the Journal. It's also one of the reasons he established a financial award to be given for the first time in 2016-17. The Reinke Leadership Bursary will cover annual tuition and related fees for a full-time Bachelor of Commerce student who demonstrates both leadership potential and financial need.

"You can't really immerse yourself in student life when you're working too many hours to pay for tuition and living expenses," Reinke tells Patricia Bradshaw, Dean of the Sobey School of Business, over lunch at Loyola's Dockside Dining Room. "Involvement in extra-curriculars and student government helped me develop leadership skills, and it's important to me that others have the same opportunity."

It's a blustery day in March 2016 – almost 20 years after Reinke's graduation – and he's back on campus to speak to an accounting class in the Sobey School of Business about his responsibilities as the Chief Risk Officer for Manulife's Canadian Division and Group Head of Enterprise Risk Management. With a few hours to spare before his speaking engagement, Reinke and Bradshaw set off from Loyola on a campus walkabout, passing the food court where he once sold tickets for the residence semi-formal he founded.

"I have a lot of great memories of Saint Mary's, and of this building in particular," he says. "Many of my classes were here, and in the days leading up to exams, I'd park myself in the Commerce Society lounge for 12 hours a day."

Passing Tim Hortons, Reinke bumps into a woman he hasn't seen in 20 years and is shocked when she remembers his name.

"Kerry still has the same mischievous grin," laughs Kati Kilfoil, Assistant Director, Residence Life. "Plus, I remember him because he appeared before me a number of times for residence infractions. It was never anything serious, but on one occasion he insisted on paying a \$50 fine with pennies. No one had ever tried that before, but he had done his homework and argued very persuasively that it was legal tender."

The chance meeting with Kilfoil sets a jovial tone as the tour continues, first to the Sobey building – "This is a great place. They were fundraising for it the last time I was on campus." And then to the iconic McNally building, where

top left: Kerry Reinke's campus walk-about begins in Loyola's Dockside Dining Room with Patricia Bradshaw, Dean, Sobey School of Business. middle: Reinke sets out from the McNally building. top right: Reinke spots himself in a photo of Saint Mary's' frosh leaders from 1997. bottom left: Reinke gets a warm welcome from Journal staff Sandra Hannebohm, editor-in-chief, and Dane Sheets, business manager. bottom right: Reinke's first visit to the Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness.

all seems familiar except for the pedway. “We knew how to sprint in those days.”

After a brief stop to admire the Atrium and Global Learning Commons, Reinke adjourns to a favourite spot by the east-facing windows in the Patrick Power Library, sinking into a chair more comfortable than those he remembers and looking out at the quad: the scene of more than a few late-night debates with campus security.

Next on the tour: Saint Mary’s two newest buildings: 960 Tower Road with its bustling centres for business development and English as a second language; and the Homburg Centre for Health & Wellness, where Reinke is visibly moved by the gift of a football helmet signed by the entire team.

“It was nice to be able to thank Kerry for the generous donations he makes each month for our football team,” says Kevin Downie, Saint Mary’s Director of Athletics and Recreation. “I knew Kerry was a huge Huskies football fan and he was obviously thrilled to receive an autographed helmet.”

Reinke’s walkabout ends, quite suitably in the O’Donnell Hennessey Student Centre, first in the bookstore, where he looks at branded gear for his children and play fights briefly with a life-sized husky toy; and next to the offices of the Journal, a regular hangout in the years that he covered football games. “The Journal office was a lot bigger in my time,” he says. “We needed space for the darkroom and extra room for manual layout.”

In the hallway outside the Journal office, Reinke pauses at a framed photo of the Saint Mary’s’ frosh leaders from 1997. “There I am,” he says, pointing to a smiling face near the bottom. “That was a great year. A group of us had to step up to save the Commerce Society dinner when the president resigned. As treasurer, it was my job to manage costs and help sell enough tickets to make a profit. I can’t imagine a more valuable learning experience.”

It’s almost time for Reinke’s guest lecture, but he can’t leave without dropping into the Gorsebrook Pub. There’s a foosball table where the pool table was, and large screen TVs in the lounge where he once sat and planned the first all-residence pub-crawl, but other than that, it’s much the same.

There’s a touch of nostalgia on the walk back to the Sobey School of Business as Reinke comments that the visit has shown him that he has changed far more than Saint Mary’s has. It’s tempting to agree. After all, he’s a husband and a father and a top executive in one of the world’s leading financial services groups, but he’s also someone who approaches every situation believing that he will do extremely well and taking the chances to make it happen.

And that sounds suspiciously like a certain “bad boy” who once paid a fine with 5,000 pennies. ✦



Wendell Sanford

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

BY SUZANNE ROBICHEAU

Retirement isn’t exactly what Wendell Sanford imagined. “I would never have thought my days would be this full,” says Sanford, who retired in 2013 from Foreign Affairs Trade and Development Canada, shortly after his return from a posting as High Commissioner of Canada to Brunei.

In addition to regular workouts at his neighbourhood gym, occasional skates on the Rideau Canal, and community volunteer work—all pursuits he anticipated—the Saint Mary’s alumnus also spends his time lecturing on international affairs and serving as a Research Associate at the Maritime and Environmental Institute at Dalhousie Law School.

“Academics have a thorough understanding of theory,” he says. “I’m there to provide practical examples, often with reference to boundary disputes around oceans.”

With 35 years as a diplomat, a career that took him to seven Canadian missions in five countries and numerous Foreign Affairs assignments, Sanford is never stuck for examples. As

Director of Oceans and Environmental Law for the Canadian Foreign Service, he was part of a team that negotiated the UN High Seas Fisheries Agreement and the Western-Central Pacific Fisheries Convention. He also chaired a committee that drafted and approved the world's most advanced set of fisheries management rules, and sponsored legislation to extend the Canadian Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act.

"As you might imagine, it wasn't all smooth sailing," recalls Sanford, "but my Saint Mary's education provided a solid foundation for facing any situation. I can't tell you how many times I relied on that foundation during times of crisis when others were running around like their hair was on fire."

Sanford first arrived at Saint Mary's in 1965 at the age of 17. Like many of his classmates from St. Pat's High School in Halifax, he was the first in his family to attend university. "Saint Mary's was unique in the kind of entrance scholarships it offered," he says. "A group of us from St. Pat's received \$500 each. It was enough to pay our full tuition, and in many cases, made the difference between going, and not going, to university. I learned then that providing opportunities is terribly important."

"but I decided to apply because it sounded like another good opportunity to see the world. By that time, I had practical experience in the navy and degrees in education, political science, and law. When they handed me the Foreign Service exam, I knew the answers to most of the questions."

A position in Ottawa with the Department of External Affairs (now Global Affairs Canada) led to a world of opportunity as a career diplomat, with postings in Bangkok, Boston, Wellington (NZ), Los Angeles, Brunei, and Burma. Closer to home, assignments in Ottawa included Deputy Coordinator of the Office of the Ambassador for Fisheries Conservation, Director of the International Oceans and Environmental Law Division, and Director of the Criminal, Diplomatic, and Security Law Divisions.

"It was everything I had imagined," says Sanford, "so in 2008, on the 40th anniversary of my graduation, I decided it was time to give back to Saint Mary's for making it all possible. 'Come on now,' I told myself. 'You're an adult. Your kids are out of the house and your mortgage is paid. It's time to pay back that scholarship with interest.'"

After discussions with Saint Mary's Development office,

"[O]n the 40th anniversary of my graduation, I decided it was time to give back to Saint Mary's for making it all possible"

Recognizing those opportunities is also important, as Sanford demonstrated when he joined the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve (RCNR) during his first year at Saint Mary's. "A recruiter for the University Naval Training Division came to campus and promised me a summer job," he recalls. "Jobs were hard to find in those days and I thought that travelling with the navy would be a wonderful way to have plenty of adventures in foreign cities while earning the money to pay for my room and board."

Sanford served in the Reserves for the next two decades, both on land and at sea. He also continued his education, graduating cum laude from Saint Mary's with a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science in 1968 and with a bachelor's degree in education in 1970.

"Those were the days of student protests and during my senior year there was a strike to admit women to Saint Mary's," he recalls. "I wouldn't say that event launched my career in politics, but it certainly got me interested."

After leaving Saint Mary's, Sanford earned a degree in international law, serving for two years in the navy before articling as a staff solicitor in the office of the Attorney General of Nova Scotia.

"I didn't know much about the Foreign Service," he says,

Sanford decided to support the SMUSA Opportunity Bursary, an award established in 2006 under the leadership of Saint Mary's University Student Association (SMUSA) president Zach Churchill, now the MLA for Yarmouth. Described at that time as the largest, single bursary in the country to be organized, and partly funded, by students, it continues to provide financial assistance for students without the means to attend university.

"This is the modern version of what I received," says Sanford. "In fact, it's even better, because the idea for this award came from students. I love that it's the first foot in the door of higher learning for young people who have no tradition of that in their families."

Since then, Sanford has made monthly donations in support of the SMUSA Opportunity Bursary. At the suggestion of his St. Pat's school friend Terry Murphy, former religious studies professor and Vice President Academic and Research for Saint Mary's, Sanford also visits campus once a year to help prepare Dr. Marc Doucet's class for the Model UN in New York.

"I owe a wonderful life and career to the education, experiences, and support I received from Saint Mary's," he says. "It's now my turn to give back and I couldn't be happier." ♦

EVENTS

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Golden Grads, Class of 1965

These alumni celebrated their 50-year graduation from Saint Mary's at our Golden Grad Mass and Luncheon during Homecoming 2015. Class of 1966 - we will be celebrating your 50-year reunion at Homecoming 2016 from October 13th - 15th! Watch for your invitation.



The Parade of Lights

Over 100,000 people gathered in Halifax to watch the Parade of Lights in November. The weather was wet, but we had an enthusiastic group of current students and alumni who helped us walk in the parade and spread holiday cheer.



Ottawa Annual Christmas Brunch

Ottawa alumni gathered in December for their annual Christmas brunch at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. This was the 28th year for the brunch and a great time was had by all! Special thanks to Paul Lynch, BComm'76 for his dedication and commitment over the years to helping us organize alumni in Ottawa.



Master of Finance Information Exchange

A group of Master of Finance alumni gathered in Toronto in December for an information exchange. The event was well attended and we look forward to more events organized by the Master of Finance alumni group.



Antigua Alumni Reception

Marie Braswell, Director Admissions & Recruitment; Kim Squires BA'81, BED'82, MBA'88, Senior Director of Human Resources; and Dr. Margaret MacDonald BA'83, Dean of Arts hosted events in both Antigua and Nassau. Alumni discussed ways they could get involved and showed prospective students what it's like to be a Santamarian.



January Convocation

We welcomed more than 300 new graduates to our Alumni family in January 2016. The Withrow family celebrated Brooke's graduation with matching SMU Alumni t-shirts.



Toronto Raptors Game

We sold out an entire box at the Air Canada Centre again this year to watch the Raptors take on the Cleveland Cavaliers. Harry Ezenibe BA'14, one of our alumni and former basketball players is Assistant, Player Development with the Toronto Raptors. He is pictured here with Nicole Jackson BComm'14 and Mufadzi Nyamarebvu BComm'14.



St. John's Alumni Mixer

A group of alumni in St. John's braved the cold weather in February. Lovely conversations and new Saint Mary's connections were enjoyed by all who attended.



Sobe School of Business Breakfast

Alumni Steven Landry BComm'82 spoke at our Sobe School of Breakfast on campus in February. MBA 2006 alumnae and friends Stephanie Walker, Sarah Chiasson, and Tammy Milbury were in attendance. MBA alumni also gathered on May 5th to celebrate the 40th year celebration of the program at the Sobe School of Business.



Alumni Council Executive

Our Alumni Council Executive celebrated at Huskies Hockey House (Auction House) before the University Cup Celebrations. If you're interested in joining our Alumni Council, please forward your resume to alumni@smu.ca by August 15th, 2016.



University Cup

We had a large group of alumni join together to support our men's hockey team during the University Cup national championship. This was the first time Saint Mary's hosted the national hockey championship and attendance records were broken. The March 19th-20th weekend turned out to be very exciting with three bronze medal wins; men's hockey, women's hockey, and women's basketball. Thanks to all the alumni who helped cheer on our Huskies!



Men's Hockey Alumni

A group of men's hockey alumni gathered at the Gorsebrook before enjoying a weekend full of University Cup hockey at Scotiabank Centre.



Cross Canada Tour

Our new President, Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray was keen to get out and meet SMU Alumni, travelling to receptions in Calgary, Edmonton, and Toronto in late November. Here he is, pictured with Dean of Sobe Business School, Pat Bradshaw, and Distinguished Community Service Award winner for 2015, Cassandra Dorrington BComm'81, EMBA'00.

Alumni Awards Our alumni are doing and achieving great success all over the world. If you would like to recognize those achievements, please nominate someone for an Alumni Award. Deadline is July 15, 2016. These awards are given out during Homecoming at the One World Alumni Gala on October 13, 2016. More information available at: www.smu.ca/alumni/alumni-awards.html

CLASS NOTES

IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CLASS NOTE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ISSUE EMAIL ALUMNI@SMU.CA

1958

Frank Gervais Engineering '58, was on the "Saints" team of 1956 that completed an undefeated season in the fledgling Nova Scotia Junior Football League, swept the Maritimes, and went on to become the first east coast team to engage in a national playoff. They blazed the trail for all the Saint Mary's football greatness that would follow. On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of that great win, Frank had the '56 trophy resurrected from the catacombs of St Patrick's, restored, and displayed for all to see. Go Huskies Go!

1968



Gary Morehouse, BComm '68 retired as Executive Director of Huronia Community Foundation in Midland ON. At 70 years of age, he is very active in promoting healthy active living through pickleball. Visit <http://www.midlandareapickleballclub.ca> to find out what pickleball is!

1967

James J. Oliver, B.A. '67, LL.B., LL.D. '02 was recently honoured with the Penn Liberty Bank's Humanitarian Award. He is involved in various charitable organizations in the Montgomery County, PA area and helped found the Child Development Foundation in

Montgomery County, PA. With over thirty-five years of service, he helped the Foundation become a multi-million dollar entity providing funds for special needs children.

1974

Bette McTamney BA'74 has been honoured with the Realtor of the Year Award from the Pennsylvania Association of Realtors for the entire State of Pennsylvania. She is extremely active not only in real estate but in her community of Skippack, PA, where she lives with her husband Michael McTamney, also a Saint Mary's graduate.

1979

Rev. Dr. Laurence DeWolfe BA'79 has been teaching at Saint Mary's partner institution, Atlantic School of Theology, for 15 years and is now Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Director of the Summer Distance degree program. Since 2009, he has supervised students in placements across Canada and in Bermuda. Last November, he accepted a new position as Senior Minister at Glenview Presbyterian Church in Toronto. He misses Halifax but is delighted to be closer to his daughter Maggie DeWolfe (BA'07, Hons.'08), who works in Human Resources with Ultra Plastics in Waterloo, ON.

1981

Kathleen Corey Rahme BA'81 travelled to Beirut, Lebanon in December 2015 from her home in Methuen, MA. She visited Dr. Joseph Jabbar, the former Academic Vice President at Saint Mary's. He is currently the President of Lebanese American University in

Beirut, but at one time was Kathleen's professor and academic advisor. They had a great reunion, catching up after 34 years.

1983

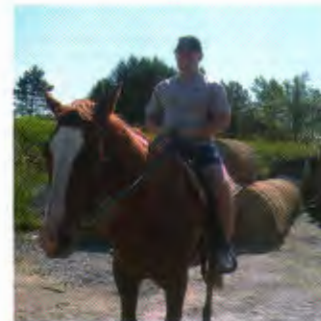
Drew Franklin B.Comm '83 is now Vice President, General Manager for ASEAN for SC Johnson and Son Inc. in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

1986



Michelle L. Wolfe BComm '86 became a Founding Partner at Meritus Trust Company Limited, a licensed Bermuda trust company, regulated by the Bermuda Monetary Authority. She was a former Managing Director of Rothschild Trust (Bermuda) Limited, Coutts Bermuda Limited, and of Butterfield Trust (Bermuda) Limited, and has over 20 years of professional experience in the trust business.

1989



Donald M. Matthews BA'89 of Ottawa, Ontario, has earned Master

Warrant Officer status (military firefighter) in the RCAF.

1991



Brenda Hogan BComm '91 wonders how many Saint Mary's alumni have rung the bell to open the TSX on Bay Street in Toronto. She had this opportunity in her capacity as a CIX Advisory Board member earlier this year and hopes this news will inspire Saint Mary's students and recent alums who are aiming for a career on Bay Street.

1993

Zoë S. Roy MA'93 released her new novel last October. *Calls Across the Pacific* was launched by Inanna Publications in Toronto, ON.

1994

While at Saint Mary's, **Peter Manuel BA'94** had the opportunity to produce, act, and direct three plays, serve as the treasurer for the Math and Computer Science Society, and make many life-long friends. Today, he is the President of Authentic Air Ventilation Ltd in Chester, Nova Scotia and of Sociable Time DJ service, which he founded. He is most proud of his two beautiful children, one of whom is off to university next year. Peter wishes to thank Saint Mary's for a great education, amazing memories, and wonderful friends!

1995

After graduating from Saint Mary's, **Tara Rye BComm'95**, earned two further degrees—CIP (Chartered Insurance Professional) and FCIP (Fellow Chartered Insurance Professional)—through the University of Toronto. She has worked at Stanhope Simpson Insurance in Halifax for the last 20 years and feels lucky to have a career she loves.

1997

J. Paul Meek BComm'97 was invested into the Order of Ottawa in 2015. He is President and co-owner of Kichesippi Beer Co., one of Ottawa's first and fastest growing craft breweries, established in 2009.

1998

John "Jackie" Barrett, BComm'98 was a finalist for the 2015 "Lou Marsh Award," recognizing Canada's top athletes. During the 2015 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Los Angeles, he won three gold medals and one silver medal, and also set Special Olympics World Games Records in the Squat and the Deadlift.

2002

In September of 2015, **Heather A. Kemahan BA'02** was appointed President of Eastwick, a communications firm in San Francisco, California. She has been with the company since 2013, and under her leadership, Eastwick has achieved record year-over-year growth, industry recognition, geographic expansion, integrated service offerings, the launch of a CMO-in-residence program, and the addition of many blue-chip clients across the technology sector.

2005

Matthew Moore, BComm'05, partner at Moore Suites has recently purchased a property on Coburg Road in Halifax with his father and brother. They are seeking approval to build approximately 30 units that will house students and executives. With over 50 furnished apartments available for nightly and monthly rental in downtown Halifax, their apartment rental business has also recently expanded to Toronto, Calgary and Oslo, Norway. Matthew says he feels grateful to Saint Mary's for giving him the tools needed to succeed in business!

2012

Kevin Fallis BA'12 has recently secured employment with the New Brunswick Department of Education after working as a language assistant in Quebec for two years and presenting at several educational conferences. He is now slowly learning how to speak French!

2013



Helsinki Rooster's Quarterback **Micah Brown BA'13** led his team to victory at the Maple Bowl in Finland last September. With this win, he became only the second quarterback in European major league football to win two titles in the same season in Europe.

In Memoriam

Alberta Baker
BEd'84, DOLETS'85
December 6, 2015

Valerie Billard
BA'07, MA'11
February 27, 2016

Alexander Brown
BComm'71
March 8, 2016

Lynne Carey
BA'97
December 20, 2015

David Christian
BA'02, CertHRMP'02
September 22, 2015

Michael Chubb
BA'73, BEd'74
November 9, 2015

David Cluett
BA'78
December 10, 2015

Joel Cox
BA'77
October 24, 2015

Cecilia Dalziel
BA'74, BEd'76
December 7, 2015

Robert Davies
BComm'55, BEd'69
January 19, 2016

Cayley Fox
January 22, 2016

Scott Fraser
BSc'03
December 12, 2016

Constance Glube
Hon.LL.D'00
February 15, 2016

Barry Hartt
BA'67
October 01, 2015

Michael Himmelman
BComm'73
January 19, 2016

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MEd'90
December 28, 2015

John Hoyt
BComm'88
February 6, 2016

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March 29, 2016

Jack Lucier
BA'66
January 23, 2016

Meaghan MacCormac
BA'12
March 08, 2016

Charles MacDonald
BComm'98, BA'03,
BA'07
January 8, 2016

Arthur Macumber
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October 26, 2015

Elizabeth Maloney
BA'77
March 9, 2016

Denis McCulloch
March 10, 2016

James McDevitt
BA'62
October 17, 2015



Paul O'Neill
DipENG'59
January 4, 2016
Karl Perry
MEd'60
January 27, 2016

Edward Pirie
BA'84
March 7, 2016

John Power
BA'72, BEd'73
March 21, 2016

Frank Reesor
BA'74
August 16, 2015

Clark Robbins
BSc'65
October 26, 2015

W. M. Roma
DipEGN'63
October 2, 2015

Dale Sinclair
BSc'65
July 29, 2015

John Stoddard
BA'72
February 4, 2016

Frank Sullivan
BComm'89
January 4, 2016

Philip Vaughan
BSc'43, HonDSc'96
April 8, 2016

Sydney Vaughan
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November 24, 2015

Anne West
Hon.LL.D'05
November 25, 2015



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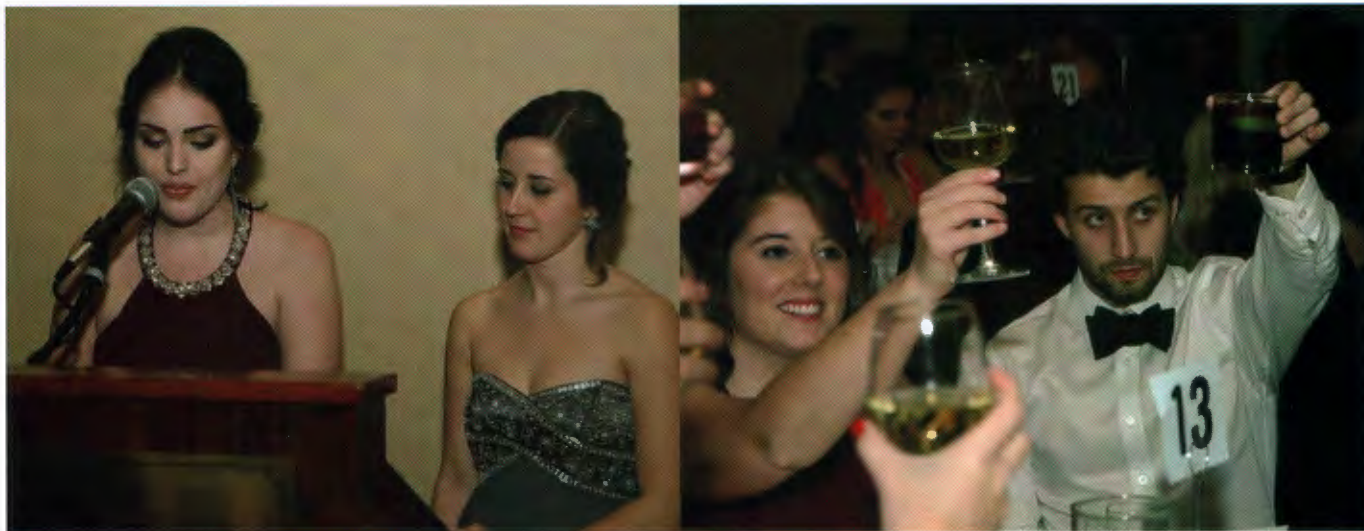
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Healthy Minds members thank and toast the graduating class for their donation.

GRADUATES LEAVE A LEGACY OF WELL-BEING

BY RENÉE HARTLEIB

When looking for a way to give back to the Saint Mary's community, the graduating class of 2016 decided to do things a little differently. They took the money they had raised for the Annual Fund and applied it, not to a bench or a tree, but to a popular and innovative student service.

This year's donation, likely to come in at over \$4,000, is going straight to a new campus initiative called the Healthy Minds Team, which raises awareness about mental health issues.

"We wanted to make sure that the money would have an impact on actual students' lives," says Makenzie Way, President of this year's graduating class and SMUSA's Vice President of Events and Programming.

"The SMU Healthy Minds Team has done a great job of raising awareness about mental health through multiple campaigns this year," says Way. "They have received such positive feedback from students that we thought they were not only deserving of the donation, but that they would use it to benefit all students on campus."

This news created quite a stir among the students who are part of the Healthy Minds Team. "We are so honoured by this recognition," says Dr. Brent Conrad, a clinical psychologist at The Counselling Centre, who also heads up the team. "To us, this is even more validation that what we have started is very much needed on campus and that our efforts have truly made a positive impact at Saint Mary's."

Since its creation last September, nine enthusiastic student volunteers have helped promote weekly events that work to de-stigmatize mental illness and promote mental wellness on campus. "We know that there is still a

stigma associated with mental illness and often a reluctance to seek help," says Conrad. "Research consistently finds that most people who could benefit from mental health treatment never reach out for assistance."

Thomas Helson is a Saint Mary's student who joined the Healthy Minds Team because he has always been a strong advocate for mental health. "It's very rewarding to feel we are making an impact on campus and generating awareness about mental health issues," he says. "Over the year, we saw a steady increase in the attendance of our events, people visiting our Facebook page, and most importantly, people becoming aware of and even scheduling appointments at The Counselling Centre."

According to Dr. Conrad, mental health is not optional. "Academic success, physical health, and interpersonal relationships all depend on a foundation of mental health and emotional wellness," he says. "We want mental health to be something that students feel comfortable talking about."

Feedback from the university community proves this is actively happening. "The reception has been amazing," says Conrad, who adds that the number of volunteers and the number of awareness-raising events is set to grow in the next school year.

"We have received nothing but very positive feedback from staff, faculty, parents, and of course, students. The message that it is okay to talk about mental health issues and that help is available right here on campus is definitely being heard."

Heard, and supported, as this year's graduating class, our newest Saint Mary's alumni, leave behind a wonderful legacy with their fundraising dollars. ✦

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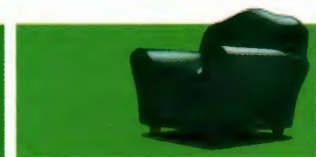
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