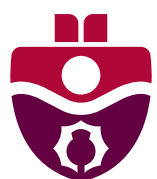


Spring Convocation 2024



**Saint Mary's
University**



O CANADA

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*

Convocation

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



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Message

*from the **President***

**To our graduates: Congratulations!
We are delighted to celebrate
graduates from Spring 2024.**

The entire university community – myself included – has been inspired by the resilience, leadership, and compassion you have shown throughout your degree and certificate programs.

Your experience at Saint Mary's has prepared you well for this moment. You have met people from all over the world, broadening your perspectives and intercultural understanding. Your professors have helped you study the past to change the future and solve problems using innovation and creativity. You have grown, personally and intellectually, and developed the skills to help you succeed, no matter what path you choose to pursue in the future. You have explored the complexities of a World without limits – and engaged in the opportunities and possibilities to overcome limits, whether they are social, cultural, economic, environmental, scientific, technical or driven by the business or political structures around us.



This convocation program will be a reminder for years to come that the Class of Spring 2024 did not stumble in the face of adversity but instead stepped forward with courage and determination.

As you begin this new chapter in your lives, with lessons learned and eyes to the future as graduates of Saint Mary's, please know that you are, and always will be, a part of the Santamarian community. Together, we will continue to build a World without limits!

Congratulations on your achievements!

Age quod agis.

**Robert Summerby-Murray, PhD
President and Vice-Chancellor**



Message *from the* **Chancellor**

Congratulations graduates!

Today, faculty, staff, family and honoured guests join with you on campus and online. It is fitting we are all here together to witness this major milestone in your lives.

Please know how proud we are—of you and your accomplishments! Convocation is a special time, a time for thanks, reflection and, above all, celebration!

Please remember that no matter where you go, or whatever future endeavours you pursue, you will always be part of the large, extended family of proud SMU alumni.

We will stay connected at events and homecomings.

We will stay connected online.

You always have a home at Saint Mary's University.

We will never forget this day and the unique circumstances that bring us together. You will always hold a special place in the history of this great university.



Dr. Michael Durland, BComm, PhD, DComm
Chancellor





Order of Academic Procession

Marshal of Convocation

Alumni Honour Guard

Graduates

Faculty

Board of Governors

Deans of Faculties

Honorary Degree Recipients

Vice-Presidents

President and Vice-Chancellor

Chancellor

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

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



Order of Proceedings

Processional (*Audience stands*)

Welcome Remarks:

Madine VanderPlaat, BA (Hons.), MA, PhD, Interim VPAR

Presidential Remarks:

Robert Summerby-Murray, BA, MA (Hons.), PhD, A.T.C.L.

Presentation of Awards

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates:

Sobey School of Business - Mark Raymond, BA, MA, PhD, Interim Dean of the Sobey School of Business

Faculty of Science - Sam Veres, BEng, PhD, Interim Dean of Science

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research - Adam J. Sarty, BSc (Engineering), PhD, Associate Vice-President Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

Faculty of Arts - Sara Malton, BA (Hons.), MA, PhD, Acting Dean of Arts

Valedictory Addresses

Alexia Bourgeois (BComm)

Nyah Razan Abu Sahyoun (BComm)

Jonathan Cornelius Mansvelt (BSc Hons.)

Itai Ashley Kuwodza (MA ACST)

Holly Faith Kanyamunyu (BA)

Madison Diane Vanderlinden (BA)

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Wednesday, May 15 | 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa): Karen Darcell Hudson

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa): Hon. Kevin S. Murphy

Friday, May 17 | 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa): Lawrence A. Freeman, K.C.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa): Donica Susan Pottie

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation:

Michael Durland, BComm, PhD, DComm, Chancellor

O Canada (*Audience stands*)

Recessional (*Audience remains standing*)



Chancellor of Saint Mary's University

Michael Durland, BComm, PhD, DComm

Chairperson of Convocation

Madine VanderPlaat, BA (Hons.), MA, PhD,
Interim Vice-President, Academic and Research

Marshals of Convocation

Karen Grandy, BA, MA, PhD, Chair and Professor of Marketing,
Chairperson of the Academic Senate

Roby Austin, BSc, MSc, PhD, Associate Professor of Physics,
Associate Dean of Science – Curriculum, Academic Senate
Parliamentarian

Jason Grek-Martin, PhD, Associate Professor of Geography
and Environmental Studies, Bachelor of Environmental
Studies Program Coordinator, Vice-Chairperson of the
Academic Senate

Student Marshals

Miyuki Arai, MA, Director, Global Learning Services

Lynn Cashen Basso, Director, Student Accessibility, Wellness
and Success | Student Affairs and Services

The Ceremonial Mace

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

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



University Motto

AGE QUOD AGIS

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



Flags on the Stage



The flags which you see displayed on the stage

for Convocation are from the countries representing our graduating students. The globalization of the Saint Mary's University community is a feature of justifiable pride which contributes markedly to the growth and understanding of both Canadian and non-Canadian students.

Included in the University's permanent collection of flags is one from the International Year of the Disabled signifying the University's commitment to people with disabilities. The Mi'kmaq flag is an important part of this collection in recognition of their First Nation's Status. The University's Bicentennial flag was made a part of our permanent collection in 2002.



Academic Hoods

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

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



Degrees and Diplomas

Awarded with Distinctions

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

BA, BES, BComm, & BSc	Grade Point Av.	Diploma in Engineering
summa cum laude	4.00 - 4.30	with greatest distinction
magna cum laude	3.85 - 3.99	with great distinction
cum laude	3.70 - 3.84	with distinction

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



Medals & Awards

Governor General Medals

Governor General's Silver Medal – Undergraduate

Recipient: Jonathan Cornelius Mansvelt

Donor: Governor General of Canada

Governor General's Gold Medal – Graduate

Recipient: Lázaro Andrés Monteserín Castanedo

Donor: Governor General of Canada

Gold Medals - Undergraduate

Bachelor of Arts

Recipient: Hollis T. Holden

Bachelor of Commerce

Recipient: Aaron James Currie

Bachelor of Science

Recipient: Maximilian R. Moeller

Diploma in Engineering

Recipient: Lucas A. Orychock

Faculty Medals - Graduate

James Morrison International Development Studies Medal

Recipient: Laura Lorena Sarmiento Salazar

Donor: Dr. James H. Morrison

Master of Business Administration:

Dr. Harold G. Beazley Medal*

Recipient: Yu Chung Chiu

Donor: Dr. Harold G. Beazley

Master of Science (Applied Psychology):

Recipient: Myles Alexander Davidson

Donor: Aramark Canada Ltd.



**Master of Science (Applied Science):
The Georgia Pe-Piper Medal for Excellence
in Applied Science**

Recipient: Daniel Alan Jewell

Donor: Applied Science Faculty Members

Prizes & Awards for Graduates

CAG Undergraduate Award in Geography

Recipient: Olivia Margaret Kokkinen

Donor: Canadian Association of Geographers

Durland Family Doctoral Convocation Award

Recipients: Adèle L. Bunbury-Blanchette

Erika Jean Koss

Lázaro Andrés Monteserín Castanedo

Fariba Seyedjafarrangraz

Tianyuan Yu

Donor: Durland Learning Foundation

Edna and Velma Thomas Kane Writers Award

Recipient: Rheannon McInnes Richards

Donor: Floyd Kane

Edwin C. Harris Tax Prize*

Recipients: Jacquelyn Laure-Anna Larochelle

Heshan Deelaka Palliyaguruge

Hyomin Seo

Donor: Atlantic Provinces Tax Conference Planning Committee

Environmental Studies Prize

Recipient: Rory Kent McGarvey

Donor: Dr. Tony Charles

French Prize

Recipient: Viviana Betancourt

Donor: Department of Languages and Cultures

**Hermann F. Schwind Award for Excellence in
Human Resource Management***

Recipient: Reegan K. Prete

Donor: Department of Management Faculty Members,
past and present



J. Kevin Vessey Award for the PhD in Applied Science*

Recipient: Adèle L. Bunbury-Blanchette

Donor: Dr. J. Kevin Vessey

Linguistics Book Prize

Recipient: Chau Thuy Nguyen Tran

Donor: Linguistics Program

O'Brien Award in Irish Studies*

Recipient: Charlotte Loreen Susana Ens

Donor: Dr. Brian O'Brien

The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award

Recipient: Kaveh Amir Wornell

Donor: The Family of Dr. Brij M. Kapoor

The John and Heather Fitzpatrick Valedictorian Award*

Recipients: Alexia Bourgeois

Nyah Razan Abu Sahyoun

Jonathan Cornelius Mansvelt

Itai Ashley Kuwodza

Holly Faith Kanyamunyu

Madison Diane Vanderlinden

Donors: John BA'81, DCL'17 and Heather Fitzpatrick

The Mining Society of Nova Scotia Centennial Award

Recipient: Gracie Phillis Avery

Donor: The Mining Society of Nova Scotia



Saint Mary's University is grateful for the continued support to scholarships, bursaries, awards and services provided to our students. These awards are given to qualifying students during convocation ceremonies and are made possible by our friends and valued supporters. With this support, our graduates are prepared to take their place in the world of tomorrow.

In addition to awards presented during Spring 2024 Convocation, please note awards presented at other Convocations ceremonies.

Faculty Medals - Graduate

Executive Master of Business Administration

Master of Finance Gold Medal

Master of Management – Co-operatives and Credit

Unions: Pobihuschy Medal

Prizes & Awards for Graduates

CMC Atlantic Student Award

Environmental Science Prize

Eric & Ingeborg Enns Family IMTE Convocation Award

History Honours Thesis Award

Mary Ann and Edward J. McBride Law Prize*

The McMullan & Rege Honours in Criminology

Convocation Award

Faculty Awards

President's Award for Excellence in Research

*** *Represents endowed awards***

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Professor Emeritus

Dr. David Wicks



Dr. David Wicks retired as a Professor of Management from the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's University. Dr. Wicks' research interests are in organizational behavior and strategic management in topics such as institutions and organizations, organizational culture and discrimination. He has written one book and numerous journal articles, served as a referee for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada's grant programs, reviewed articles for many leading scholarly journals, served as a peer reviewer for AACSB International and conducted several program reviews in the Maritime provinces.

He joined Saint Mary's in 1996 as an Assistant Professor of Management, and since that time has been the Chairperson of the Department of Management (2000-2003), Dean of the Sobey School of Business (2005-2011) and has received the Award of Teaching Excellence by the MBA Student Society (2003 & 2013) and the Full-Time Professor of the Year Award at the Saint Mary's University Commerce Society (2002). For many years he was actively involved with the Sobey MBA's case competition team that represents Saint Mary's at the MBA Games and the John Molson School of Business International MBA Case Competition. He holds a BComm (Honours) from Carleton University, BA (Music) from Dalhousie University and earned his MBA and PhD from the Schulich School of Business at York University.



The Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award

Dr. Margaret McKee



The Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award recognizes innovative educational leadership practices on the part of distinguished teachers at Saint Mary's University. Its purpose is to recognize a faculty member's excellence in and long-term commitment to the improvement of teaching with an emphasis on institutional contributions that extend beyond their own discipline and professional role within Saint Mary's University.

The award was established in 2007 by the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching (previously the Quality of Teaching Committee) with support from the Saint Mary's Faculty Union (SMUFU). This award is named for Dr. Geraldine Thomas, a 3M national teaching fellow (1993) and founding member of the Quality of Teaching Committee. Throughout her academic career, as a former professor of Classics, Dr. Thomas supported efforts to improve teaching and learning within the university, the Atlantic region, and nationally.

The recipient of the award for 2024 is Dr. Margaret McKee, Associate Professor of Management and Associate Dean of Undergraduate and Professional Graduate Programs within the Sobey School of Business. Throughout her career as a leadership and ethics scholar and educator, Dr. McKee has demonstrated a sustained commitment to fostering transformative learning environments grounded in principles of inclusivity, sustainability,



The Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award

Dr. Margaret McKee

and ethical leadership. To this end, a key part of Dr. McKee's teaching philosophy and approach is, as she defines it, "to ignite curiosity, critical thinking, and innovative thinking through student experiential learning." She has achieved this by designing courses and programs that facilitate service-based learning opportunities and teaching with case studies.

Committed to a case-study based approach to teaching and learning, Dr. McKee has actively supported her colleagues in developing their expertise in this area by creating opportunities for faculty beyond her discipline to develop their abilities in writing and teaching cases. Likewise, she has been involved in the mentorship of new and established faculty in their teaching practices, most notably during the transition to online learning during the COVID pandemic. Dr. McKee has also organized symposia, seminars, conferences, and other faculty development initiatives that inspired pedagogical renewal and curriculum development in the areas of ethics and sustainability.

Since 2014, Dr. McKee has been a recognized champion in advancing the Sobey School of Business' commitment to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) and, more broadly, supporting faculty's incorporation of sustainability into teaching and research at the School. Dr. McKee's academic leadership in this area culminated in her receiving the Excellence Award for Service from the North America Chapter of PRME in April 2022. Indeed, Dr. McKee's tireless efforts to integrate sustainability into university curriculum led to the development of a new Sustainability Business Certificate which will further transform teaching and learning in this critical area at Saint Mary's.

More information about the award and nomination process can be found at studio.smu.ca/sponsored-awards-grants



The Father William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching Dr. Valerie Creelman



Dr. Creelman is a Professor of Communication within the Department of Marketing and Communication at the Sobey School of Business. After completing her PhD at the University of Waterloo, Dr. Creelman returned to her home province of Nova Scotia to launch her academic career at Saint Mary's University.

For Dr. Creelman, conversations on topics she cares passionately about are where teaching and learning begin. Preparing students for their professional lives beyond Saint Mary's is a hallmark of her teaching practice. For her students, her enthusiasm, passion, and care for their learning and for her subject matter emerge as prominent, recurring themes in their evaluations of her teaching practices and classroom learning environment. Students consistently praised the active, experiential, and applied learning environment she creates in her classes as well as her deep respect for diverse student learning needs. Her respect for learning diversity is also evident in teaching she has done outside the classroom, most notably in the managerial communication training programs she has both developed and delivered throughout Nunavut.

In recognition of her long-term commitment to developing and promoting the quality of teaching and learning at Saint Mary's, Dr. Creelman received the prestigious Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award in 2013, which made her the first faculty member in the Sobey School of Business ever to receive that award. In 2015, Dr. Creelman won the Sobey School of Business Commerce Society Full-time Professor of the Year Award, making her the first faculty member in the business school to receive both awards.



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

Dr. Valerie Creelman

Dr. Creelman's deep commitment to teaching excellence is also reflected in her service activities, both on and off campus. Within the Sobey School of Business, Dr. Creelman's educational leadership has been demonstrated through her early involvement in defining the learning goals and outcomes for the Bachelor of Commerce program. Her commitment to this process eventually led to her appointment as the acting associate dean of the undergraduate program, wherein she established and led the first Assurance of Learning Committee to facilitate the Sobey School's AACSB re-accreditation.

Beyond Saint Mary's, Dr. Creelman's contributions to research, teaching, and service in her discipline were recognized in 2017 at the Association of Business Communication's Annual International Conference in Dublin, Ireland, where she received its Rising Star Award. She presently serves on its board of directors as its Regional Vice-President for Canada. In that role, she has organized and hosted numerous virtual workshops for business communications instructors. In 2015, she was invited to co-chair the association's international conference in Seattle, which had as its theme "Innovation and Creativity in Business Communication Teaching."

Dr. Creelman is also an active researcher in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. Her research on business communications pedagogy appears in various peer-reviewed journals and in a collection of scholarly essays titled *Rhetorical Theory and Praxis in the Business Communication Classroom* (Routledge, 2018). Cited in many of the leading business communication textbooks, her research has advanced the teaching of educators in her discipline across several continents. Professors from across North America and as far afield as Europe and Southeast Asia have noted the positive impact of Dr. Creelman's pedagogical scholarship on their own teaching.

As a long-serving member of the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching, Dr. Creelman has also been involved in the planning and delivery of many teaching-related workshops, panel discussions, and communities of practice on our campus. As Dr. Paul Muir, a former recipient of this award, observed in his supporting letter, "Since her arrival at Saint Mary's, Dr. Creelman has demonstrated an inspirational commitment to teaching and learning...I know her to be one of the best thinkers about and strongest voices for teaching and learning on our campus."

For the past 20 years, Dr. Creelman has been authentically engaged in conversations with her students and colleagues about teaching and learning. She looks forward to having many more, both within Saint Mary's and beyond.

Spring Graduates 2024





Bachelor of Commerce

Shahlan Ahamed

Thalassery, India

Sarah Jill Alexander

summa cum laude

Co-operative Education

Halifax, NS

Ahmed Al-Karkhi

Halifax, NS

Amro Ghassan Alkasem

Bedford, NS

Mohammed Yahya Alsayaghi

Sana'a, Yemen

Angad Singh Anand

Halifax, NS

Hikmat Araim

Halifax, NS

Sarika Arora

summa cum laude

Dartmouth, NS

Audrie Yue Min Au

summa cum laude

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Shruti Bajaj

magna cum laude

Jalandhar, India

Mitchell Ryan Balmas

Sydney, NS

Rilla S. Barrett

cum laude

Beaver Bank, NS

Bryce William Bathurst

Riverview, NB

Lucina Jane Beaumont

cum laude

Honours Economics

Fredericton, NB

Keith R. Beck

Dartmouth, NS

Zoe Kathleen Betts

Lawrencetown, NS

Huzaiifa Idris Bharmal

Halifax, NS

Dipshikha Bheekhee

Dagotière, Mauritius

Paige B. Bigelow

summa cum laude

Kentville, NS

Tucker Brady Bigelow

Dartmouth, NS

Joel Bobby

cum laude

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Brett William Michael Boudreau

cum laude

Halifax, NS

Meghan Marie Boudreau

New Minas, NS

Alexia Bourgeois

Dieppe, NB

Ashley Dawn Briggs

Hillsborough, NB

Isabella Brynn Brock

Burlington, ON

Wesley Kirkwood Brouse

summa cum laude

Oakville, ON

George Ethan Brown

Halifax, NS

Jacob Scott Bruce

magna cum laude

Souris, PE

Megan Carine Bruhm

Halifax, NS



Ahmed Bsoul

Halifax, NS

Andrew Williams Burns

summa cum laude

Co-operative Education

Bedford, NS

Isaiah Calvin Byard

cum laude

Enfield, NS

Jordon M. Carey

Halifax, NS

Mia Simone Carey

summa cum laude

Wolfville, NS

Chelsea Marie Carreiro

Bermuda

Ayden Sidney Carroll

magna cum laude

Dartmouth, NS

Oliver James Carter

East Hants, NS

Sydney Jane Chapman

summa cum laude

Bridgewater, NS

Sarah Lydia Chaytor

St. John's, NL

Tia S. Chew

magna cum laude

Co-operative Education

Halifax, NS

Suyog Chitrakar

summa cum laude

Kathmandu, Nepal

Viktoriya Chystiakova

Poltava, Ukraine

Jacob Tyler Clarke

cum laude

Dartmouth, NS

William David Paquet Clarke

Cole Harbour, NS

Dylan R. Cole

magna cum laude

Co-operative Education

Whites Lake, NS

Dominic Comeau

summa cum laude

Halifax, NS

Sierra Kaycee Comeau

Meteghan, NS

Reid J. Coreschi

Bridgewater, NS

Sarah Anne Corkum

Halifax, NS

Samuel Stone Cormier

Halifax, NS

Rena Anne Cossar

Beaver Bank, NS

Andrew Jonathon Coxhead

summa cum laude

Fall River, NS

Aaron James Currie

summa cum laude

Charlottetown, PE

Durjoy Das

Halifax, NS

Nicholas P. Davies

Halifax, NS

Cotney Deondre Davis

Massade, Saint Lucia

Jacob William Day

Dartmouth, NS

Matthew Allen Delano

cum laude

Halifax, NS



Omar Diab
Halifax, NS

Matthew David Dickinson
Halifax, NS

Wenxi Ding
Lanzhou, China

Chau Dinh
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Skylar Daniel Dixon
Dartmouth, NS

Ahmed M. Eissa
Halifax, NS

John Francis Eliot
Halifax, NS

Sarah Ashraf Elnakhala
Halifax, NS

Khan Emaz Uddin
magna cum laude
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Nicholas Donald Fewer
cum laude
Timberlea, NS

Walter Trent Flower
Lunenburg, NS

Aaliyah Hayley Fraser
Dartmouth, NS

John Angus Furey
Middle Sackville, NS

Donavin R. George
Belnan, NS

Gabriella Chantal Gittens
St. John's, Antigua & Barbuda

Omari David Gregory
St. John's, Antigua & Barbuda

Parker Savoury Grover
Halifax, NS

Tayah Joy Guilderson
Eastern Passage, NS

Nicholas M. Habib
summa cum laude
Halifax, NS

Nicholas G. Haddad
Halifax, NS

Connor Joseph Charles Haines
summa cum laude
Lunenburg, NS

Brooke Alexandra Hamilton
Bedford, NS





Tiffani Hamilton

Sarnia, ON

Katherine A. Hanscom

Moncton, NB

Jennifer Elaine Harbin

summa cum laude

Halifax, NS

Jessica Eileen Harper

Halifax, NS

Maheer Hasan

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Kennedy Jeffrey Hawes

Mineville, NS

Kylie Ellen Elizabeth Hebb

Halifax, NS

Benjamin David Roger Higgins

Truro, NS

Emily Hilani

Dartmouth, NS

Isaac D. Hinkley

Cheticamp, NS

Ryan Michael Hipson

cum laude

Montreal, QC

Dragan Hristov Bukinac

Skopje, North Macedonia

Qing Huang

Chaozhou, China

Yanek Elliott Seymour Huggins

Nassau, Bahamas

Zaid Zakir Hussain

Halifax, NS

Nathan Hussey

Dartmouth, NS

Alex Michael Ingram

Bedford, NS

Kinda Issa

Halifax, NS

Anubhav Kapil Jain

Halifax, NS

Nathan Rivers Noah Jollymore

Halifax, NS

Fernando Sebastian Kaadou

Dartmouth, NS

Sanjana N. Karani

Co-operative Education

Halifax, NS

June Wanjeri Karanja

Nairobi, Kenya

Ebony Jade Alexandria Kelly

summa cum laude

Freeport, Bahamas

Jacob Blakeney Kempster

Upper Rawdon, NS

Liam Kenney

summa cum laude

Corner Brook, NL

Awais Khalid

magna cum laude

Halifax, NS

Shuyogya Khatri

magna cum laude

Co-operative Education

Kathmandu, Nepal

Ali Khouri

Halifax, NS

Ryan M. King

Halifax, NS

Aljero Giavano Knowles

Nassau, Bahamas



Christina Kodaysi
magna cum laude
Halifax, NS

Zaki Christopher Krey
Co-operative Education
Seaforth, NS

Siyi Lai
Luoyang, China

Alyssa Lamothe
cum laude
Dartmouth, NS

Jacquelyn Laure-Anna Larochelle
summa cum laude
St. Paul, AB

Tien Diem Le
Tuy Hoa, Vietnam

Nicholas Roy Leblanc
Moncton, NB

Max Henderson Legere
magna cum laude
Rothesay, NB

Zoe Samantha Levings
summa cum laude
Halifax, NS

Miao Ling Li
summa cum laude
Halifax, NS

Yongbo Li
Luoyang, China

Biqi Liang
cum laude
Guangzhou, China

Minh Thinh Lim
magna cum laude
Co-operative Education
Dartmouth, NS





Breanna Lloy

cum laude

Newport, NS

Malayzia May Lopez

Dartmouth, NS

Dominick William Lowe

Simms Settlement, NS

Ci Xi Lu

Halifax, NS

Jayce Daniel MacDonald

magna cum laude

Eastern Passage, NS

Matthew G. MacKay

Dartmouth, NS

Ryan Kenneth MacKay

Fall River, NS

Keanan Daniel MacNeil

Port Hawkesbury, NS

Justin E. MacPherson

East Gwillimbury, ON

Olivia Ann MacPherson

cum laude

Sydney, NS

Keisha A. Maillet

Co-operative Education

Clare, NS

Sophie Ann Malenfant

Whitby, ON

Kye Maloney

Dartmouth, NS

Paige Grayson Mathias

New Glasgow, NS

Hayden Scott McCarthy

Petite Riviere, NS

Tellis Shaquille McFord

Nassau, Bahamas

Thomas John McGrath

Bedford, NS

Blaire Anne McKenzie

magna cum laude

Halifax, NS

Scott Emery McKinnon

magna cum laude

Wolfville, NS

Lyon Lewis Josey McLean

Halifax, NS

Molly Michelle McLeod

Kamloops, BC

Luke Duncan McOnie

Co-operative Education

Halifax, NS

Catherine M. Meagher

summa cum laude

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Allyson Paige Fennell

magna cum laude

Stillwater Lake, NS

Nadia Orla Flett

cum laude

Honours Criminology

Musquodoboit Harbour, NS

Caden Nicholas Flynn

Enfield, NS

Morgan Jaye Charles Foster

Woodstock, NB

Ethan Edward Fudge

Halifax, NS

Devin J. Gallo

cum laude

Honours Political Science

Halifax, NS

Madison Cameron Ganong

summa cum laude

Riverview, NB

Madison Geldart

East Preston, NS

John Timothy Gibson

Bedford, NS

Emily Catherine Rose Gildert

Sydney, NS

Alexa C. Gorman

Bedford, NS

Brooke Elyse Grace

Halifax, NS

Meaghan E. Graham

cum laude

Honours Political Science

Halifax, NS

Anne Gratton

Honours Psychology

Co-operative Education

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Rachel Catherine Groves

cum laude

Enfield, NS

Sun Guo

summa cum laude

Shunde, China

Madison Emerald Gurney

Halifax, NS

Anne Leah Hagon

summa cum laude

Toronto, ON

Grace Mary Delilah Hall

summa cum laude

Stellarton, NS

Blake Reginald Hamill

Searletown, PE

Chukwudi O. Harris-Eze

Halifax, NS

Rebecca Lynn Hartery

magna cum laude

Halifax, NS

Madison Camille Hartlen

summa cum laude

Lower Sackville, NS



Connor Ford Hattie
summa cum laude
Yarmouth, NS

Nadia Hazgour
magna cum laude
Dieppe, NB

Morgan R. Hicks
Lutes Mountain, NB

Rachel Ann Higgins
cum laude
Honours Criminology
Halifax, NS

Desiree Dawn Hodges
Halifax, NS

Hollis T. Holden
summa cum laude
Honours Psychology
Antigonish, NS

Alec Cameron Howie
Timberlea, NS

Rachael Nicole Irene Hue
cum laude
Middle Sackville, NS

Amina Hossam Abdelmeguid
Loutfy Hussein
Halifax, NS

Gabriel M. Isenor
Latties Brook, NS

Jamie Lynn Itterman
summa cum laude
Halifax, NS

Rita Jabbour
summa cum laude
Honours Psychology
Diman, Lebanon

Finley C. Jack
Lower Sackville, NS

Charles M. Jackson
magna cum laude
Halifax, NS

Samuel Dominic Jobb
Lower Sackville, NS

Emma D. Johnston
Windsor, NS

Madelyn Michelle Johnston
Margaretsville, NS

Marissa Catherine Marie Jones
Truro, NS

Charlene Kankunda
cum laude
Kampala, Uganda

Holly Faith Kanyamunyu
Kampala, Uganda

Sanjana N. Karani
Halifax, NS

Amber Kearney
Woodstock, NB

Sebastian R. Keating
cum laude
Dartmouth, NS

Jesslyn Sarah Kraus
summa cum laude
Regina, SK

Jenna Elizabeth Lacey
summa cum laude
Halifax, NS

Pyper Lee Lane
summa cum laude
Honours Political Science
Riverview, NB

Declan Tyler Larade
Halifax, NS



Zachary W. Lavers
magna cum laude
Brooklyn, NS

Kendra Kathleen Layden
Halifax, NS

David E. LeBlanc
Dartmouth, NS

Emma Dawn LeBlanc
Moncton, NB

Max Legge
Halifax, NS

Alice Leonardi Bison
Honours Criminology
Florianópolis, Brazil

**Mackenzie Anne Catherine
Leydon-Grabosky**
Halifax, NS

Zackary John Little
summa cum laude
Halifax, NS

Ruotong Liu
Harbin, China

Amy Jeanette Lowery
magna cum laude
Honours Psychology
Hatchet Lake, NS

Annie Kathleen MacCoy
Honours Anthropology
Sydney, NS

Brooke Marie MacDonald
Lawrencetown, NS

Christopher David MacDonald
Halifax, NS

Greg A. MacDonald
Beaver Bank, NS

Madeline Janae MacDonald
Pictou County, NS

Quinn MacDonald
magna cum laude
Honours Psychology
Halifax, NS

Ryan Joseph MacIntyre
cum laude
Molega Lake, NS

Lena Rae Mackay
Dartmouth, NS

Bretlyn Park MacKenzie
cum laude
Grand Lake, NS

Lucy Jennie-Lynn MacLean
Cape Breton, NS

Hannah Mackenzie MacNeil
Timberlea, NS

Max Christopher MacQueen
Hammonds Plains, NS

Hannah Fay Markert
summa cum laude
Honours Linguistics
Dartmouth, NS

Charles F. Marques
Halifax, NS

Aidan Leonard Marshall
Dartmouth, NS

Frederick J. Marshall
Nassau, Bahamas

Holly Breanne Masters
Truro, NS

Emily Louise McCallum
summa cum laude
Pictou, NS



Alec E. McConnell

Kingston, ON

Sally Madelaine McGhee

summa cum laude

Honours Psychology

Moncton, NB

Grace Naomi Sharon McGray

Yarmouth, NS

Jo W. McKenzie

Toronto, ON

Alaina Thaïcet McMillan

Brantford, ON

Gabrielle M. Meagher

Halifax, NS

Caleigh Lynn Meraw

cum laude

Red Deer, AB

Tanner Mercer

summa cum laude

Honours Philosophy

Sydney, NS

Kaitlyn Holley Mikkelson

Halifax, NS

Fernanda Monteiro de Castro Matos

cum laude

Honours Political Science

Co-operative Education

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Griffen Cyril Spicer Moore

summa cum laude

Dartmouth, NS

Garret John Morris

Mount Uniacke, NS

Brandon Ryan George Morrow

Stillwater Lake, NS

Gabriella Marie Moulton

Hammonds Plains, NS

Logan Patrick Sean Mulhern

Honours Psychology

Halifax, NS

Evelyn Irene Munroe

magna cum laude

Nova Scotia

Alexis J. A. Murphy

Honours Psychology

Enfield, NS

Yvonne M. Nakad

Dartmouth, NS

Harshath Murali Nambiar

Kerala, India

Zahra Nauman

Halifax, NS

Lary Helma M. Ndonko

Halifax, NS

Paige Elizabeth Newton

Eastern Passage, NS

Aimi Nguyen

Osaka, Japan

Torrance Cecelia O'Brien

Pictou County, NS

Jonathan Joseph O'Donnell

Bridgewater, NS

Aimee Margaret O'Neill

magna cum laude

Glace Bay, NS

Emily Ann Osborne

Halifax, NS

Ian Opiyo Owor

Kampala, Uganda

Douglas A. Ozon

Lunenburg, NS



Annie Lois Patterson
summa cum laude
Moncton, NB

Mark J. Pero
magna cum laude
Hammonds Plains, NS

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Halifax, NS

Alexander Jarrett Pinsent
Eastern Passage, NS

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Halifax, NS

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Middle Sackville, NS

Jeremy J. Richard
Sydney, NS

Rheannon McInnes Richards
magna cum laude
Dartmouth, NS

Margaret Louise Rodwell
summa cum laude
Honours Philosophy
Salmon Arm, BC

**Brayden Thomas Richard
Rogers-Stone**
magna cum laude
Honours Political Science
Florenceville-Bristol, NB

Michael Francis Rumsby
summa cum laude
Honours Psychology
Cole Harbour, NS

Madison Alexandra Sasco
magna cum laude
Lower Sackville, NS

Kaitlyn Mae Sedge
summa cum laude
Halifax, NS

Liam Thomas Goode Selfridge
cum laude
Kentville, NS

Mary Maddison Aline Serkeyn
Honours Psychology
Halifax, NS

Julia Maria Sexton
Halifax, NS

Gabriel Shannon
Hortonville, NS

Rachael Faith Slauenwhite
magna cum laude
Beaverbank, NS

Elizabeth Naomi Smith
cum laude
Mount Uniacke, NS

Grace Cathryn Sobey
Miramichi, NB

Bella Felicité Stephens
Halifax, NS

Tess Rheannon Stephens
Toronto, ON

Brooke Marie Stevenson
Timberlea, NS

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Victoria, BC

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Munich, Germany

Tristan D. Sutherland
Miramichi, NB

Joshua Daniel Sydney
Bridgetown, Barbados

Alexandria I. Timmons
cum laude
Honours English
Halifax, NS



Jillian Marie Trenchard
Sydney, NS

Caitlin Anna van Bilsen
summa cum laude
Honours Psychology
Waverley, NS

Madison Diane Vanderlinden
Cole Harbour, NS

Devyn Veronica Waidson
magna cum laude
Honours Psychology
Halifax, NS

Kyle Lee Walker
cum laude
Amherst, NS

Joehanna Delores Ward
Glace Bay, NS

Margaret Jean Wark
magna cum laude
Bedford, NS

Miranda Jean Watson
Halifax, NS

Jennifer L. Waugh
summa cum laude
Dartmouth, NS

Jessica Anne Webber
Wolastoq

Madison Mackenzie Whynot
Halifax, NS

Naza Yammine
magna cum laude
**Honours Global Development
Studies**
Zgharta, Lebanon

Julia Emily Yurchesyn
summa cum laude
Honours English
Dartmouth, NS

Kamryn Elizabeth Zboya
Honours Political Science
Surrey, BC

Bachelor of Environmental Studies

Lily Emerald Charlotte Binney
St. Stephen, NB

Madeleine Anique Hughes
Dartmouth, NS

Madison Victoria Larade
magna cum laude
Truro, NS

Rory Kent McGarvey
summa cum laude
Belleville, ON

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Kelsey May Morse
Halifax, NS

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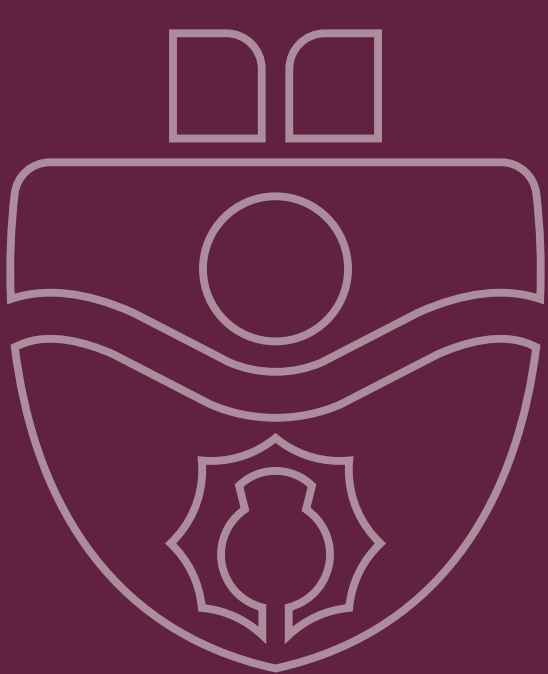
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Valedictorians





Alexia Jo-Ann Bourgeois

Sobey School of Business



Born and raised in Dieppe, New Brunswick, Alexia is graduating from the Sobey School of Business with a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in marketing. She is French-Acadian and proud of her heritage and native language “Chiac”.

She is a third generation Rotarian, who grew up watching her parents and grandfather give back to their community. Before she began her studies she participated in a “Rotary Youth Exchange” in Spain where she moved abroad for the year to volunteer and learn Spanish.

She served on the “Rotaract Club of Burgos” Spain where she got to immerse in the local community and help teach English to youth. During her time in Spain, she also played on a semi-professional soccer team.

Before her time at Saint Mary’s University, she attended Mount Allison University where she served on the executive board of the “Women in Commerce Society” and the “Rotaract club of Sackville”. She played on the varsity soccer team where she made lifelong friends. Alexia then decided to pursue her love of aviation and travel by earning her private pilot license from the “Moncton Flight College”.

At Saint Mary’s, Alexia founded a club called “GalPal” where a group of student innovators got together to develop a solution to fight against gender-based violence and sexual assault on campuses. She is grateful for the staff at the Arthur L. Irving Entrepreneurship Centre for providing her team with support and guidance as they strived to make a difference in the community.

Alexia would like to thank her parents, brother, grandmother, friends, and peers for their support during her degree. She would also like to thank her professors, mentors, and coaches for all the guidance throughout the years. She is grateful to be a part of such an ambitious class and is incredibly honored to serve as valedictorian.



Nyah Sahyoun

Sobey School of Business



Nyah was born and raised in Saint John, New Brunswick, where she was raised by her Palestinian father and Saint John-native mother. Drawn to the esteemed business program at Saint Mary's University, Nyah embarked on her academic journey with us in 2020, driven by a commitment to excellence.

Nyah is graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce, with a double major in Marketing and Human Resource Management. Throughout her time at Saint Mary's, Nyah has embodied hard work and dedication. Her pursuit of experience led her

to complete three co-op placements, where she made significant contributions as an Engagement Officer at the Saint John Tool Library, an Event Coordinator at Tennis Nova Scotia, and a Project Assistant at TEAM Work Cooperative.

Beyond her academic pursuits, Nyah's adventurous spirit has fueled her desire to explore the world. Following graduation, she plans to travel Europe with her closest companions, seeking to immerse herself in diverse cultures and experiences.

As she reflects on her time at Saint Mary's, she extends heartfelt gratitude to the faculty and staff who have supported her every step of the way. Nyah would like to thank her friends and family for their unwavering encouragement and support.



Jonathan Cornelius Mansvelt

Faculty of Science



Proud to represent his hometown of Grand Lake, Nova Scotia, Jonathan is graduating today with a Bachelor of Science in Honours Psychology, *summa cum laude*.

Throughout his degree, Jonathan's greatest pleasure was engaging with the amazing students, staff, and faculty at SMU. He has had the privilege to work at the SNAP Centre, providing free tutoring for first-year science students.

Jonathan also enjoyed his time spent in various teaching assistant roles, especially as a demonstrator for organic chemistry labs. Additionally, he served as the president of the SMU Medical Campus Response Team, a group of student volunteers who provide advanced first aid coverage for campus events.

Jonathan would like to thank his parents and friends for their love and support throughout his degree. He would also like to give special recognition to his Honours supervisor, Dr. Meg Ternes. Having spent over two years researching together, she has celebrated with him through the highs, encouraged him through the lows, and always believed in his ability to succeed. Jonathan is incredibly grateful for her guidance and camaraderie during this journey.

After graduation, Jonathan will remain close to SMU as he attends Dalhousie Medical School. He is excited to pursue a career in medicine caring for patients, just like his mother Jody who has worked as a nurse for over 25 years.



Itai Kuwodza

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research



Itai Kuwodza came to Halifax from Harare, Zimbabwe. She graduates today with a 4.0 GPA and a Master of Arts in Atlantic Canadian Studies. She is now a two-time Husky alumna who also got her Bachelor of Arts at Saint Mary's University. This will be her first time walking the stage!

Her post-graduate endeavours include a two-year passion thesis titled *Performing Diversity: Black Bodies in Atlantic Canadian Post-Secondary Institutions*, driven

by a desire to understand how race permeates higher education and racialized learning. Itai sees herself as an academic activist. As a result, she will continue to question, examine, and investigate the role of racism in institutions in service of a larger goal of earnestly and accurately articulating the experiences of Black learners in Nova Scotia. Stay tuned as her journey continues with her PhD at Acadia University, starting this summer!

During her time at Saint Mary's, Itai's love for service, traits she carries with her from home, particularly her high school, Chisipite Senior School, have overflowed into different aspects of her life here as a student-athlete, graduate assistant coach, teaching assistant, and more. Itai is grateful for the blessings in her life that take the form of great people who have sustained, championed, supported, and, most importantly, loved her. Coming to a university classroom near you soon!



Holly Kanyamunyu

Faculty of Arts



Today, Holly marks her graduation, achieving a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Psychology and a minor in General Business. Although born in London, England, she has always found a home in Halifax and at Saint Mary's University. Her family relocated to Halifax when she was four years old, and those early years living on campus while her mother pursued her MBA cemented her connection to the university.

During her time at SMU, Holly embraced various roles that enriched her experience. Inspired by her father's work as an international agent, she contributed to the recruitment centre, following in his footsteps with pride. Engaging in her academic passions, she found joy in the Dean of Sciences Lab, where her love for research blossomed. But it was her role as the creative director of the African Society that truly resonated with her. Working alongside fellow student leaders, she helped create a supportive space for African students, a place where she felt closer to her Ugandan heritage. Through the African Society, Holly formed lasting friendships that became like family.

Reflecting on her journey, Holly recognizes the unwavering support of her loving parents and her three younger siblings, who were her constant motivation. She attributes her success to the tight-knit community she found in Halifax, where friendships flourished into a lifeline of support. Above all, she acknowledges the grace of God, guiding her path and shaping her into the person she is today.

Today, Holly stands as living proof of the power of faith, family, and community, ready to embrace the next chapter of her journey with gratitude and humility.



Madison Vanderlinden

Faculty of Arts



Maddie is a Bachelor of Arts undergraduate hailing from Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia. She proudly graduates today with a double major in French and Intercultural Studies, complemented by a minor in Asian Studies.

Her journey at Saint Mary's commenced in 2019, where she discovered her passion while volunteering with the Students Acting for Global Awareness (SAGA) team on campus. She then progressed to roles such as the SAGA Coordinator and

the International Student Engagement Advisor. Throughout her degree, Maddie has dedicated herself to supporting incoming and current international and exchange students. Among her fondest memories is her involvement in coordinating International Night in 2023. In her final year, she served as the International Programs Assistant and Global Skills Opportunity Ambassador at the Global Learning & Intercultural Support Office. Maddie was recently awarded the 2024 Student Leadership Recognition Award for her efforts and involvement at Saint Mary's during the past year. She appreciates Saint Mary's for cultivating an atmosphere that promotes personal development, education, and for the numerous opportunities it has offered.

Maddie extends her deepest appreciation to her parents, grandparents, extended family, friends, and peers for their unwavering encouragement and support throughout her journey. She also expresses gratitude to the Intercultural Studies, French, and Asian Studies departments, along with her professors, especially Dr. Sophie Beaulé, Dr. Jean-Blaise Samou, and Dr. Jean-Jacques Defert, for fostering an exceptional learning environment. Furthermore, she expresses gratitude to Ysaac Rodriguez and Miyuki Arai for their instrumental roles in enhancing her professional development.

As the Valedictorian for her graduating class, Maddie feels immensely grateful and honored. She eagerly anticipates exploring the myriad opportunities that await both her peers and her in the future.

Honorary Degree

Recipients





Karen Darcell Hudson, **Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa**



Karen Hudson hails from the community of Cherry Brook Lake Loon, and is involved in her Church and community organizations. She is a dedicated educator committed to educational leadership and is currently principal at Auburn Drive High School. Her greatest influence has always been her family which continues to be the foundation for the work she does every day. She has chaired, co-founded, and participated on many boards

that include the African Nova Scotian Freedom School, Africentric Learning Institute, Connecting to Africa, Black Educators Association of Nova Scotia, and the African Nova Scotian Education Foundation, The Environmental Racism Panel, the Educator consultant for the COVID Response and currently the Black Wellness Team for the Preston communities, #1792Project, and the Indigenous Black and Mi'kmaq committee at Dalhousie Law School.

Her passion and experience are evident in the work she does within her community and with youth. Karen's passion rooted in her cultural work that grew out of her involvement with the Cultural Awareness Youth Group led by Dr. David Woods, providing a formative space to explore and learn about African Culture and her rich history. Karen continues her unwavering dedication to youth within her community by providing support and encouragement to the work that youth embark on today. She is humble in her work and continues to advocate for changes within the education system on behalf of all learners and stakeholders. Karen's vision, her work and her understanding provide her the ability to address what needs to be done and to influence the lives of many youths within her community and school. She is a source of expertise on Africentricity, and is sought out as a presenter provincially,



Karen Darcell Hudson, Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa

nationally, and internationally speaking to diverse audiences and sharing her foundational plans for the creation of Africentric cohorts. In addition to her outstanding leadership as a high school principal, Karen leads by example, and can be found facilitating and coaching new educators and administrators, coordinating conferences, mentoring youth, and developing leaders. She has a BA in International Development, BEd and several Masters which include Administration Leadership and from the School of Resource and Environmental Studies a thesis which addresses "A Question of Environmental Racism within the Preston Area, Nova Scotia" written in 2001. She has shared expertise and initiative in public historical lectures at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and the Nova Scotia Historical Society addressing historical erasure and promoting awareness for needed monumentation in the #1792Project.

She is the recipient of numerous awards including the N.S. Teachers Award, Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, and the Nova Scotia Family Volunteer Award. In 2019, she was recognized Nationally as an Outstanding Principal by the Learning Partnership for her groundbreaking development and success which embeds Africentricity within the Math curriculum.

Karen is featured in John Morrison's book *The IT Factor: Discover and Unleash Your Own Unique Leadership Potential*. Karen is an outstanding leader who is committed to excellence, impacting the lives and creating opportunities for youth to achieve their potential and elevating the voices of people of African ancestry.



Hon. Kevin S. Murphy, Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa



Honourable Kevin Murphy grew up in a close-knit small business family in Dartmouth and Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia. Kevin sustained a spinal cord injury in 1985 at age 14 while playing competitive hockey, quickly having to adjust to a new life from a wheelchair.

Kevin is a 1985 commerce graduate of Saint Mary's University and a self-described "serial entrepreneur" with a career that includes business

ventures in entertainment, publishing, advertising, restaurants, junior hockey, motor coach operations and disability consulting.

Kevin credits his time at Saint Mary's for "opening his eyes to a world of possibilities", becoming an advocate for accessibility improvements on campus, to meet not only his needs, but the needs of other students with disabilities.

Kevin has held management positions with the Canadian Paraplegic Association and the Rick Hansen Foundation, while volunteering with executive board positions the HRM Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Metro Transit Access-A-Bus Advisory Committee, Independent Living Nova Scotia and many more minor sports and community-based organisations.

Kevin received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal in 2012 in recognition of his dedicated community service.

With a passion for his home community and a desire to have the voice of Nova Scotians with disabilities heard, Kevin became the elected Member of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly for Eastern Shore from 2013-2021. He was the 4th longest serving Speaker in



Hon. Kevin S. Murphy,

Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa

the history of the Assembly, serving eight consecutive years in the position. Kevin became the first Speaker in the history of the Commonwealth to have a significant disability. During this time, Kevin capably represented Nova Scotia in matters of democracy across Canada, the Commonwealth and throughout the United States, especially when it came to matters of ensuring the voices of persons with disabilities were heard and duly represented in elected parliaments. Kevin was a prominent part of Government's passing of the Nova Scotia Accessibility Act in 2017, bringing community together with the political will of government to make Nova Scotia barrier free by 2030.

In his role as the Senior Parliamentary Speaker in Canada in 2019, Kevin founded and served as the first Chairperson of the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities Network which has a mandate to support and inspire people with disabilities across the globe to seek elected office. Since 2022, Kevin has been the Senior Policy advisor to Canada's Federal Minister responsible for persons with disabilities on such files as the Accessible Canada Act, the Disability Inclusion Action Plan, the Canada Disability Benefit and Medical Assistance in Dying to name a few. Kevin lives in Porters Lake with his wife of 24 years Stephanie, and their children Rachael aged 21, and Jackson age 19, and their 10-year-old Nova Scotia Duck Toller, Penny.



Lawrence A. Freeman, K.C.

Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa



Lawrence A. Freeman, K.C. is a senior partner at Stewart McKelvey Atlantic Regional Law Firm. Receiving his Queen's Counsel Designation (now King's Counsel) in 2002, Larry was recently recognized by the Canadian Bar Association and Nova Scotia Barrister's Society with his 50 year certificate. Larry enjoys a distinguished career in the practice of law, representing corporate and commercial clients provincially, nationally, and internationally.

Throughout his 5 decades of practice, Larry continues to distinguish himself as a committed volunteer to numerous community and professional organizations, at both the provincial and national level, giving generously of his time, energy and wise counsel as a Board Member and Chair to numerous nonprofit organizations including the Nova Scotia Kidney Foundation, the Nova Scotia Heart and Stroke Foundation and currently as a member of the Leadership Team of the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre, a future cultural centre dedicated to sharing, protecting and exploring the stories and lives of Mi'kmaw ancestors and those who live here today.

Larry graduated from Dalhousie with a Bachelor of Commerce and a Law degree. However, his heart remains with Saint Mary's University, having served as a member of the Board of Governors for 14 years, the last three of which assuming the role as Board Chair. During his years of service to the Board, Larry was instrumental in personally raising over \$12 million for Saint Mary's University.

From 2000 to 2006, Larry had the distinction of serving as Nova Scotia's first Consort as the spouse of Nova Scotia's first female Lieutenant Governor, The Honourable Myra A Freeman, a SMU Honorary Doctorate Recipient in 2006. In his role, Larry's



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commitment to the public of supporting, encouraging and recognizing Nova Scotians from all walks of life, served to motivate volunteers to give back to their communities.

In recognition of his dedication to Public Service, Larry was honoured to be recognized as a Member of the Order of St. John and a proud recipient of Queen Elizabeth II's Golden, Diamond, and Platinum Jubilee Medals.

Larry Freeman has demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication to public service, and outstanding contributions to the legal profession and the community. His commitment to excellence and his passion for making a difference have left an indelible mark on all those he has served.

Larry is a lifelong resident of Halifax and with Myra, they have 3 married children, Daniel, Jonathan and Debra, and are blessed with 5 grandchildren.



Donica Susan Pottie, Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa



Donica Pottie graduated from Saint Mary's University in 1985 following two years' study at Shandong Teachers University as part of a SMU-STU exchange scholarship program. She held positions at the University of Toronto-York University Joint Centre for Asian Pacific Studies, the Ontario Government's International Relations Branch and the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre on Quality of Life in Cancer Care at the University of Manitoba.

In 1991, Ms. Pottie joined Canada's foreign service, where she remained until her retirement in 2022. She served overseas at Canadian embassies in the People's Republic of China (1993-96), the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan (1999-2002) before being appointed Canada's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia (2004-2007). In 2016, she became Canada's first woman Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, where she was concurrently ambassador to Cambodia and Lao PDR. In 2019, she was named Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, a position she held until her retirement.

Ms. Pottie served in numerous positions in Global Affairs Canada's headquarters, including Director-General for Canada's consular operations (2015-16) Director of Peacekeeping and Fragile States Policy (2013-16), Director of Development and Financial Institutions Policy (2012-13), Director of Human Security Policy (2007-2010). She was awarded the Deputy Minister's Award of Excellence in 2010 for her work on corporate social responsibility and Minister's Award for Foreign Policy Excellence as part of the team addressing the Kosovo crisis.



Alumni

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association

welcomes more than 700 students into its global family this spring.

The Alumni Honour Guard, which includes members of our diverse alumni community, proudly leads students to and from their convocation ceremony in the academic procession, signifying their transition from student to alumni.

During the ceremony, each graduate will receive an alumni pin from the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association, a tradition dating back more than 30 years. Graduates are encouraged to wear their pins with pride.

Alumni are ambassadors and champions for the university within their community and around the world. We share pride in your success. As part of a powerful network of more than 55,000 alumni worldwide, your impact is felt in your community and beyond. Philanthropic investments from our alumni, whether it be your time, talent or treasure, will pave the way for the next generation of Santamarians to succeed.

Stay connected through events, webinars and services. Connect with us online at smu.ca/alumni, on social media [@SMUAlumniHFX](https://twitter.com/SMUAlumniHFX) or email alumni@smu.ca for more information.



About Saint Mary's University

Saint Mary's University is one of Canada's top primarily undergraduate universities known for international collaborations, leadership in entrepreneurship and research that benefits local and global communities. Programs in Arts, Science, Graduate Studies and the Sobey School of Business are among Canada's best and feature professors who are committed to the success of their students.

Saint Mary's provides 6,700 students with a place that fosters possibility, excellent research opportunities and distinguished graduate and professional programs combined with a caring community. Saint Mary's is community-focused with strong values, operating the way the world should. We embrace diversity, are committed to sustainability and bravely tackle the issues that matter to society.

Graduates of Saint Mary's—who hail from more than 100 countries—share a special pride. Known as Santamarians, 55,000 alumni are contributing to communities and economies around the globe. Nestled in the heart of Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Canada's East Coast, Saint Mary's University is marked by iconic buildings, green spaces and fresh ocean air.

Saint Mary's University is committed to a prosperous future for the world—a World without limits. So, too, are our graduates.

Saint Mary's University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.



Photography

Calnen Photography is available in Loyola Academic Building room L187 following each ceremony for graduation photos. To arrange an individual sitting at their studio, please book an appointment on their website, calnenphotography.com.



Framing of Parchments

Simply bring your diploma(s) to the parchment framing room in **SMUshop - Loyola Colonnade – Across from Tim Hortons**. In seconds, it will be professionally framed in a high quality, Canadian-made frame complete with a mat emblazoned with the official crest of Saint Mary's University.

Recording

A recording of the ceremony live-stream can be found on our website, smu.ca/graduation.



Flowers

Flowers are available for purchase in the lobby of the McNally building before and after each ceremony.



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