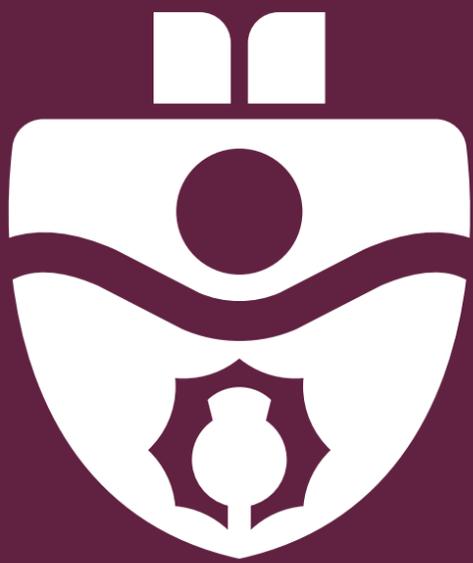


Saint Mary's University

Convocation

Fall 2023





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 Fall 2023.

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 Fall 2023 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!

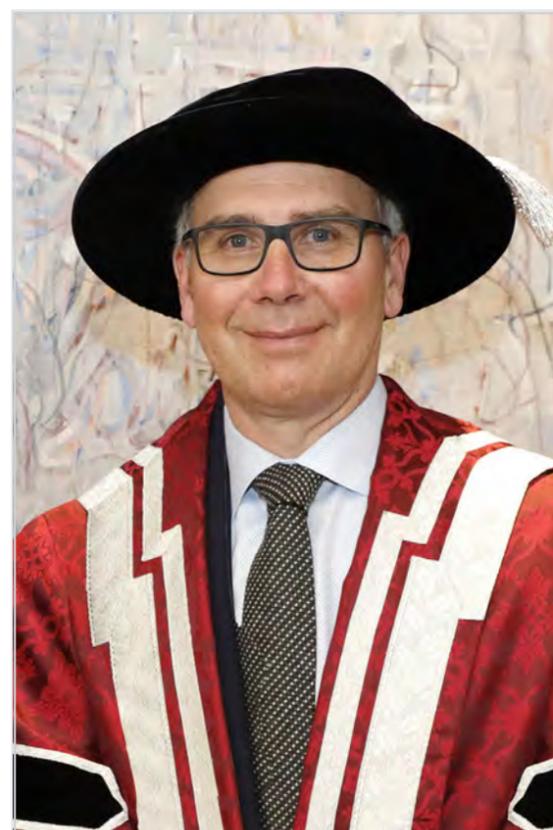
Please remember that no matter where you go, or whatever future endeavours you pursue, you will always be part of the large, extended family of proud SMU alumni.

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

Vice-Presidents

President and Vice-Chancellor

Chancellor

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



Order of Proceedings

Processional

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

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

Presentation of Awards

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Friday, September 22, 7 p.m.

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

Sobey School of Business

Saturday, September 23, 10 a.m.

Mark Raymond, BA, MA, PhD, Interim Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates.

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science

Saturday, September 23, 2 p.m.

Mary Ingraham BMus, MA, PhD, Dean of Arts and Sam Veres, BEng, PhD, Interim Dean of Science, will present the candidates.

Valedictory Addresses

Friday, September 22

7 p.m.-Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research-
Myles Alexander Davidson (MSc Applied PSYC)

Saturday, September 23

10 a.m.-Sobey School of Business–Ammar Abdul Shakoor (BComm)

2 p.m.-Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science–Stephanie Helena
Muhangi Kansiime Alyek (BSc)



Conferral of Honorary Degree

Saturday, September 23, 2 p.m.

To be Doctor of Letters (honoris causa): Kim Thúy

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation

O Canada

Recessional

Chancellor of Saint Mary's University

Michael Durland, BComm, PhD, DComm

Chairperson of Convocation

Madine VanderPlaat, BA (Hons), MA, PhD, Interim Vice-President, Academic & 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

Student Marshals

Tom Brophy, BA, MEd, Associate Vice-President, Student Affairs and Services

Miyuki Arai, MA, Director, Global Learning Services

Orator

Alexandre Avdulov, BA, MA, PhD, Associate Professor of Japanese and Asian Studies

THE CEREMONIAL MACE

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

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



UNIVERSITY MOTTO

AGE QUOD AGIS

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



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 color 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

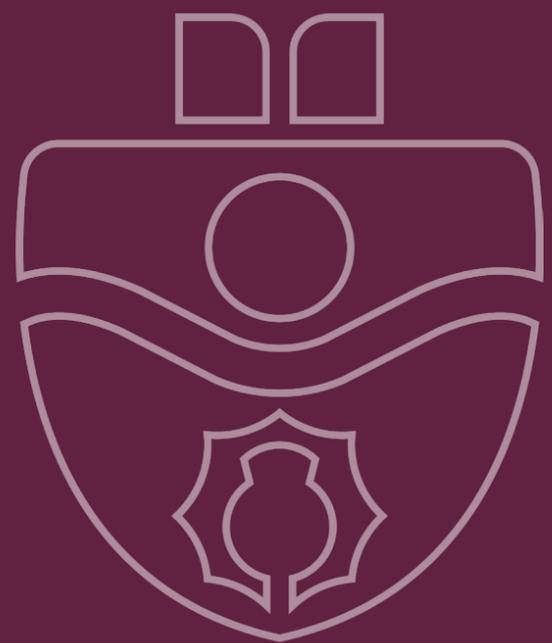
At Saint Mary's University in the general undergraduate degree and diploma programs, academic distinctions are awarded to successful candidates on the basis of the following cumulative grade point averages of all courses taken at Saint Mary's University. There are no distinctions awarded in graduate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





Faculty Medals – Graduate

Master of Finance Gold Medal

Recipients: Richard Rocco Abbass
Christopher Lloyd Fanning

Donor: Dr. Colin Dodds (President Emeritus) & Family

Master of Management – Co-operatives and Credit Unions: Pobihuschy Medal

Recipient: Stephen Russell Gill

Prizes & Awards for Graduates

The John and Heather Fitzpatrick Valedictorian Award*

Recipients: Myles Alexander Davidson, Ammar Abdul Shakoor,
Stephanie Helena Muhangi Kansiime Alyek

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

Durland Family Doctoral Convocation Award

Recipients: Abdlmutaleb Boshanna, Kerry Ann Watson

Donor: Durland Learning Foundation

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 Fall 2023 Convocation, please note awards presented at other Convocations ceremonies.



Governor General Medals

Governor General's Silver Medal – Undergraduate

Governor General's Gold Medal – Graduate

Gold Medals - Undergraduate

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Commerce

Bachelor of Science

Diploma in Engineering

Faculty Medals - Graduate

Executive Master of Business Administration

James Morrison International Development Studies Medal

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

Master of Science (Applied Psychology)

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

Prizes & Awards for Graduates

CAG Undergraduate Award in Geography

CMC Atlantic Student Award

Edna and Velma Thomas Kane Writers Award

Edwin C. Harris Tax Prize*

Environmental Science Prize

Environmental Studies Prize

Eric & Ingeborg Enns Family IMTE Convocation Award

French Prize

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

History Honours Thesis Award

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

Linguistics Book Prize

Mary Ann and Edward J. McBride Law Prize*

O'Brien Award in Irish Studies*

The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award

The McMullan & Rege Honours in Criminology Convocation Award

The Mining Society of Nova Scotia Centennial Award

Faculty Awards

Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award

President's Award for Excellence in Research

*** Represents endowed awards**

Endowments are the most enduring investment you can make to Saint Mary's as they provide stable, dependable support for programs and students—now and in the future. Visit smu.ca/graduation to learn more about our donated convocation awards and to make a gift today!

Fall Graduates 2023





Master of Arts
(Atlantic Canada Studies)

Johanna E. Cole
St. John's, NL

Master of Arts
(Global Development Studies)

Camila Dos Reis Santos Da Silva
Salvador, Brazil

Stanley Egenti
Ifitedunu, Nigeria

Master of Arts
(History)

Kennady Christina Wright
Vernon, BC

Master of Arts
(Theology and Religious Studies)

Natasha J. H. Wright
Riverview, NB

Master of Arts
(Women and Gender Studies)

Ahrthyh Arumugam
Melaka, Malaysia

Tamsin Johanna Sloots
Halifax, NS

Gabrielle Catherine Smith
Dominion, NS

**Master of Applied
Economics**

Michael Kwame Asiedu
Halifax, NS

Yincong Chen
Xian, China

Susmita Das
Halifax, NS

Jiahui Jin
Halifax, NS

Mohshinul Karim
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Prabhleen Kaur
Halifax, NS

Sean Alexander Claude Landry
Hammonds Plains, NS

Jacob Jean-Marc LeBlanc
Yarmouth, NS

Mahmudul Hossain Nasim
Mymensingh, Bangladesh

Joseph Ikenna Obodo-Elue
Halifax, NS

Sato Omura
Halifax, NS

Dorcas Yetunde Seun-Salami
Halifax, NS

Yashodhara Upekshani Ananda
Thellambura Gamage
Halifax, NS

**Post-Baccalaureate
Certificate in Applied
Economics**

Yincong Chen
Xian, China

Jealous Chishamba
Halifax, NS

Executive Master of Business Administration

Priyanka Mehra
London, ON

Master of Business Administration

Lisa M. Caron
Halifax, NS

Michael James Gagnier
Halifax, NS

Jeffrey Paul Heyman
Halifax, NS

Brennan Patrick Kilfoil
Halifax, NS

Peter James Killorn
Halifax, NS

Chanchrik Mishra
New Delhi, India

John James Muir
Dartmouth, NS

Martina Louise Taylor
Makinsons, NL

Master of Finance

Richard Rocco Abbass
Halifax, NS

Tayyab Ali Akram
Islamabad, Pakistan

Shah Mohammed Bin Ali
Halifax, NS

Shiyao An
Datong, China

Corey J. Arseneau
Halifax, NS

Simarpreet Kaur Batra
Mumbai, India

Darshit Bharat Bauva
Halifax, NS

Ishu Bhardwaj
Jalandhar, India

Ran Bi
Halifax, NS

Christopher Lloyd Fanning
Ottawa, ON

Xuewei Feng
Halifax, NS

Shuning Guan
Halifax, NS

Haining Huang
Halifax, NS

Mahmud Jaji
Kwara, Nigeria

Jasleen Kaur Jhajj
Halifax, NS

Wei Kang
Halifax, NS

Hedi Li
Halifax, NS

Jiacheng Li
Hebei, China

Zeyang Liu
Xining, China

Jai Naresh Madan
Halifax, NS

Julian J. Makary
Stillwater Lake, NS

Yash Kishor Mashalkar
Halifax, NS

Xuerui Mi
Halifax, NS

Anik Mistry
Markham, ON

Ailifeire Mudalifu
Urumqi, China

Santosh Vellayan Murugappan
Chennai, India

Suyasha Narolia
Halifax, NS

Nauman Khalfan Noorullah
Halifax, NS

Christian Pelivanov
Halifax, NS

Benjamin Owen Penrose
Halifax, NS

Uvie Constance Peter
Imode, Nigeria

Shuhong Qiu
Shenyang, China

Jiayu Qu
Beijing, China

William Hudson Walker Ross
Halifax, NS

Jack Dion Ryan
Halifax, NS

Michael Boadi Sarpong
Accra, Ghana

Anton Serov
Halifax, NS

Sajal Takhi
Brampton, ON

Sushmita Tariq
Halifax, NS

Lakshay Wadhawan
New Delhi, India

Yalun Wen
Halifax, NS

Chang Xu
Urimiqi, China

Siwei Xu
Halifax, NS

Wenshu Xu
Maanshan, China

Shuai Yang
Shandong, China



Wentao Yuan
Halifax, NS

Zhen Zhang
Halifax, NS

Binghao Zhao
Halifax, NS

Master of Management Co-operatives and Credit Unions

Bakary Bojang
Banjul, Gambia

Tara Louise Chernoff
Powell River, BC

Stephen Russell Gill
Perth, Scotland

April J. Harkness
Hartland, VT, USA

John C. Horn
Victoria, BC

Iva Jankovic
Vancouver, BC

Paulette Andrea Kirkland
Kingston, Jamaica

Natasha Latour
Greenfield, MA, USA

Amal Maatallah
Brantford, ON

Frederick Jack Medicott
Olympia, WA, USA

Evan D. Proven
Winnipeg, MB

Stephen Truong
Vancouver, BC

Graduate Diploma *(Management Co-operatives and Credit Unions)*

Monette Alaina McCue
Halifax, NS

Master of Science *(Applied Psychology)*

Rebecca Ashley Cairns
Porcupine Plain, SK

Myles Alexander Davidson
St. Peter's, NS

Desiree Lynn Elchuk
Saskatoon, SK

Michael J. Foote
Woodville, NS

Isaiah Hipel
Aurora, ON

Christine Michelle Elizabeth Novitsky
Calgary, AB

Lanxi Wang
Halifax, NS

Samantha K. Williams
Kitchener, ON

Master of Science *(Applied Science)*

John Mishael Garcia Dooma
Co-operative Education
Halifax, NS

Nikolaus Kollo
Eastern Passage, NS

Juliana Elizabeth Phelan
St. John's, NL

Yedhu Sanil Kumar
Halifax, NS

Madison E. Silver
Bedford, NS

Kayla Joann Williams
Co-operative Education
Saint John, NB

Master of Science

(Astronomy)

Maigan K. Devries
Port Alberni, BC

Akshay Ghosh
Ottawa, ON

George Elvis Andrew Ridgeway
DeLand, FL, USA

Fraser Mitchell Smith
Beaver Bank, NS

Devin Jarrett Williams
Halifax, NS

Master of Science

(Computing and Data Analytics)

Akhil Roy
Halifax, NS

Doctor of Philosophy

(Business Administration)

Abdlmutaleb Boshanna
Halifax, NS

Kerry Ann Watson
London, ON

Bachelor of Commerce

Dania Alhelwani
Damascus, Syria

Abdulaziz Mutlaq Al-Qahtani
Halifax, NS

Deya Aldeen Al-Sanajleh
Halifax, NS

Nicholas Martin O'Brien Amaral
Dartmouth, NS

John Ifeatu Areh
Halifax, NS

Arnav Arora
New Delhi, India

Abena Ahema Arthur
Accra, Ghana



Faisal Asfour
Halifax, NS

Jeanne Lucie Bécu
Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Zayd Issam Beitar
Halifax, NS

Tsanjou Brahma
New Delhi, India

Julia Louise Colquhoun Brown
Little Harbour, NS

Erick Francisco Catalán Marcial
Mexico City, Mexico

Jiaqian Chen
Xian, China

Jack A. K. Creaser
Lunenburg, NS

Peter Thomas Gregory Crouse
Co-operative Education
Halifax, NS

Jiachen Ding
Xian, China

Benjamin A. K. Effah
Accra, Ghana

Jonique Kevia Gregory
St. John's, Antigua

Don Jayhan Gabriel Haputantri
magna cum laude
Co-operative Education
Halifax, NS

Abdallah Sami Hedaya
Halifax, NS

Connor Douglas Irwin
cum laude
Co-operative Education
Truro, NS

Atiq Shahrier Ishfaq
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Jeffrey Allan Johnson
Truro, NS

Kylar Kikpasanjij Johnson
Potlotek, NS

Peyton Anita Karlsen
Halifax, NS

Divjot Kaur
Halifax, NS

Sam A. King
Hampton, NB

Samyka Kristen Knowles
Nassau, Bahamas

Mohit Kumar
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Kit Hing Kwan
Hong Kong, China

Eric P. W. LaVigne
Devonshire, Bermuda

Hakseong Lee
Seoul, Korea

Patrick William Marcon Lefort
Dartmouth, NS

Michelle Grace Lewis
Halifax, NS

Xingze Li
Halifax, NS

Xinyan Li
Halifax, NS

Kyle Shawn Lillington
Co-operative Education
Halifax, NS

Shenyuan Liu
Halifax, NS

Liam Taran Lynch
Tampa, FL, USA



**World
without
limits.**



Harshita Maan
Co-operative Education
New Delhi, India

Dustin Elijah Cajolais-MacCallum
Bedford, NS

Adam C. MacDonald
Upper Tantallon, NS

Jonah M. MacEachern
magna cum laude
Co-operative Education
Caribou River, NS

Caitlin Theresa Maillet
cum laude
Sainte-Marie-De-Kent, NB

Joshua Dean Mailman
Halifax, NS

Ayden Marr
Sipekne'katik, NS

Geoffrey Patrick Allan Matthews
cum laude
Halifax, NS

Ian Ronald Mayfield
Halifax, NS

Bryanna Christine McVicar
Halifax, NS

Alexander G. Mitchell
Bedford, NS

Jesse Kamau Mugambi
Nairobi, Kenya

Hung Khac Nguyen
summa cum laude
Khanh Hoa, Vietnam

Ryan Thomas Nichol
Hammonds Plains, NS

Josie Kemp O'Sullivan
Halifax, NS

Matthew Hayden Pace
Halifax, NS

Sydney Eileen Parsons
Co-operative Education
St. John's, NL

Rebecca Jane Passmore
magna cum laude
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Waterloo, ON

Keith Gordon Hartlin Purcell
Halifax, NS

Emily Rose Quigley
Dartmouth, NS

Rami Samer Qwyder
Halifax, NS

Shafayat Rahgir
Halifax, NS

Carmen Mary Yule Scott
Co-operative Education
Riverview, NB

Hyomin Seo
summa cum laude
Halifax, NS

Khaled Mohamed Sewidan
Alexandria, Egypt

Bader Eyad Shaheen
Halifax, NS

Ammar Abdul Shakoor
summa cum laude
Halifax, NS

Wenkai Sun
Xuzhou, China

Daniel Douglas Thompson
summa cum laude
Co-operative Education
Riverview, NB

Qinyue Wang
Shijiazhuang, China

Yixu Wang
Shandong, China

Kristofer H. A. Wemyss
Nassau, Bahamas

Darci Marie White
Halifax, NS

Ruqiao Xiong
Halifax, NS

Yiyin Zhang
Yangjiang, China

Certificate of Human Resource Management

Dania Alhelwani
Damascus, Syria

Dana Dariell Bastian
Freeport, Bahamas

Zayd Issam Beitar
Halifax, NS

Abdallah Sami Hedaya
Halifax, NS

Peyton Anita Karlsen
Halifax, NS

Cianna Raye MacArthur
Sydney, NS

Jennifer Helena Mackenzie
Halifax, NS

Brandie Odlum
Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

Rijun Song
Shenzhen, China

Vanessa Lavette Thompson
Freeport, Bahamas

Bachelor of Arts

Carolee Catherine Margaret Avery
New Glasgow, NS

Dana Dariell Bastian
Freeport, Bahamas

Emma Mae Beaton
Wellington, NS

Madison Nicole Brown
Dartmouth, NS



Tarantino James Burrows
Nassau, Bahamas

Siwei Chen
Wuhan, China

Grace Elizabeth Coleman
Bedford, NS

Paige M. Dauphinee
Halifax, NS

Katie Elizabeth Dennis
summa cum laude
Vernon, BC

KD Dickey
Co-operative Education
London, ON

Sarah El-Chaar
Bedford, NS

Laci Anastasia Eldershaw
Spryfield, NS

Amanda Figueiredo Werneck
cum laude
Halifax, NS

Makeisha Makeba Forde
Co-operative Education
Bridgetown, Barbados

Megan Elizabeth Hurd
Honours Psychology
Dartmouth, NS

Daniel Kagina
Kampala, Uganda

Emmaleen May Keizer
Centreville, NS

Ceilidh Elizabeth Rain Korun
summa cum laude
Hubley, NS

Amber Mercedes LeBlanc
Dartmouth, NS

Mylène Élise Vaughan Williams Léger
Halifax, NS

Gregory Cotter MacKay
Dartmouth, NS



Jennifer Helena Mackenzie
cum laude
Halifax, NS

Catherine Shanahan MacNeil
Halifax, NS

Lydia Rae MacNeil
Halifax, NS

Samuel James MacQuarrie
summa cum laude
Honours Philosophy
Halifax, NS

Hayden Nicole Marchand
Sydney, NS

Anne-Marie M. McDonald
magna cum laude
London, ON

Rebecca M. J. Messom
Kentville, NS

Brianna K. Moser
St. Albert, AB

Kallista Taylor Joan Newby
magna cum laude
Halifax, NS

Brandie Odlum
Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

Amber Jean Penny
Makkovik, NL

Leslie Faith Poirier
cum laude
Halifax, NS

Ocean Elizabeth Pratt
Halifax, NS

Nicholas Charles Roach
Cheticamp, NS

Gabrielle Lynne Rollin
cum laude
Ottawa, ON

Ruining Shao
Taian, China

Véronica Juliet Simard
magna cum laude
Halifax, NS

Jelani M. Simmons
Southampton, Bermuda

Rijun Song
Shenzhen, China

Kateryna Stepanova
Halifax, NS

Jessica Danielle Taylor
Lower Sackville, NS

Cian A. Tousignant-Ó Siadhail
Timberlea, NS

Jordan Vincent Upshaw
Windsor, NS

Katie D. Walsh
Halifax, NS

David R. Warner
summa cum laude
Lake Echo, NS

Zixin Ye
Shenzhen, China

Suado Saleh Yusuf
Charlottetown, PE

Andrea Zein
Dartmouth, NS

Bachelor of Environmental Studies

Amandeep Saini
Halifax, NS

Arush Vinay Kumar
Bangalore, India

Certificate of Honours-Arts

Alia Shannon Ford
Coldbrook, NS

Certificate of Linguistics

Corey Bliss Vautour
Fredericton, NB

Bachelor of Science

Muhammad Bilal Abid
Karachi, Pakistan

Salman Ebrahim Ansari
Bedford, NS

Jensen Kailen Brown
Co-operative Education
Enfield, NS

Kinshuk Chadha
magna cum laude
Co-operative Education
New Delhi, India

Thai Cao Do
Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

Connor John Douglas
Kelowna, BC

Drew Amy Doyle
Dartmouth, NS

Dorota M. Forfa
Honours Geology
Halifax, NS

Natasha E. M. Fralic
Halifax, NS

Ishmam Ibn Hamid
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Sara Kathryn Jackson
summa cum laude
Honours Psychology
Halifax, NS

Stephanie Helena Muhangi
Kansiime Alyek
Halifax, NS

Jasleen Kaur
Halifax, NS

Evan Joshua Anthony Lucas-Currie
Honours Computing Science
Halifax, NS

Shaquille O. Lynch
Halifax, NS

Caitlin Theresa Maillet
cum laude
Sainte-Marie-De-Kent, NB

Dylan J. McKeen
summa cum laude
Honours Geology
Dartmouth, NS

Evan Lloyd Meunier
Halifax, NS

Eric John Mullaley
cum laude
Eastern Passage, NS

Jeeva Murugesan
Halifax, NS

Joshua Sicine Noronha
magna cum laude
Goa, India

Liev E. Serieux
Micoud, Saint Lucia

Sarah Lynn Stacey
Petawawa, ON

Hassan Tavari
magna cum laude
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Bachelor of Science and Diploma in Engineering

Riley Frederick Romeo Curry
Hortonville, NS

Matthew Eon Fisher
Halifax, NS

Zachary Cassidy Garrison
Dartmouth, NS

Christopher Timothy Joseph Jackson
Halifax, NS

Oliver Oskar von Kursell
cum laude
Halifax, NS

Eric Stephen Woodman
cum laude
Windsor Junction, NS

Diploma in Engineering

Selina Jane Adema
Halifax, NS

Michel Nadim Ayoub
Halifax, NS

Jason H. T. Bayer
Lower Sackville, NS

Brianna Lorraine Sandra Boddy
Halifax, NS

Brady Alexander Chipman
Halifax, NS

Tate Miller Dauphinee
Dartmouth, NS

Kedar Dhungana
Kathmandu, Nepal

Oluwatomiwa Oluwapelumi
Dotun- Olutola
Osun, Nigeria

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Falkenham
Halifax, NS

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Halifax, NS

Jack J. G. Gillespie
Sydney, NS

Minh Quan Ha
Halifax, NS

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Dartmouth, NS

Benjamin Hayden Israel
Three Mile Plains, NS

Sidy Keita
Halifax, NS

Riley Edward MacDonell
Enfield, NS

Parker Winston MacPherson
Dartmouth, NS

Rachel Elizabeth Markert
with great distinction
Dartmouth, NS

Alexander Paul Napier
Halifax, NS

Paul Sujith Sujar Jacob
Nagercoil, India

Shikshyan Sunar
Kathmandu, Nepal

Certificate of Honours-Science

Yusreen Bibi Shah
Halifax, NS



Professor Emeritus

Dr. Bruce Anderson

Bruce started at Saint Mary's in 2001 after eight years at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England. During his time at Saint Mary's, he first taught political science courses, and then business law to over 5000 undergraduate and graduate students in the Sobey School of Business. He received the SMUSA Teaching Excellence Award in 2007.

Bruce's research is interdisciplinary and includes work in legal theory/legal philosophy, economics, ethics and visual art. He is one of the leaders in investigating legal reasoning. His scholarship includes three books, forty book chapters and scholarly articles, review articles, magazine articles, book reviews for publishers, conference and seminar presentations, and sculpture installations (including three temporary interventions in the Sobey School of Business).

He served as Chair of the Department of Accounting, the Bachelor of Commerce Program Coordinator, and a member of Saint Mary's Faculty Union's Grievance Committee. He was also a Senior Research Fellow at the Woodstock Institute, Georgetown University and a Post-doctoral Fellow at the Lonergan Institute, Boston College.

His immediate retirement plans include completing a book on the decision process in law and making contemporary visual art.



Professor Emerita

Dr. Cathy Driscoll

Cathy was instrumental in the movement to integrate ethics and sustainability into business programs at Saint Mary's University. She developed and taught the first business ethics courses in the BComm and MBA programs and has integrated community-based service-learning into her MBA courses since 1994. Cathy taught 11 different courses in undergraduate and graduate programs, supervised 29 graduate students, and coached students in case competitions. Beginning in 1996, she initiated, developed, and managed the MBA Internal Case Competition, that later became the annual Bob Shaw Case Competition.



Cathy has made a significant contribution to the broad field of business ethics. In a May 2022 60th Anniversary Special Issue of the journal *Business & Society* entitled *Building on Its Past: The Future of Business and Society* Scholarship, her work was cited in three different articles. In 2007, she was chosen as one of seven scholars to be a co-investigator and sit on the advisory council for the Canadian Business Ethics Research Network. She also served twice as Scholar in Residence at the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Public Affairs. In 2017, she received the Atlantic Schools of Business Award of Excellence for Outstanding Service to Business Scholarship.

Cathy has an international reputation as a scholar who has bridged business studies with religion and spirituality. Her recent work has focused on institutional moral disengagement in the context of clergy sex abuse. In addition to an extensive record of scholarly publications and presentations at national and international conferences, Cathy has been invited to present her findings to not-for-profit organizations such as the Survivor's Network for Those Abused by Priests and Outrage Canada, as well as to provide recommendations to officials within the Catholic Church. She also served as the Co-Founder and Executive Director of the former Centre for Spirituality and the Workplace at SMU, in which she organized over 20 public lectures and outreach programs.

Cathy has also been an active contributor to many university, school, and departmental committees over the past 30 years and has been committed to outreach in the business community through board memberships, speaking engagements, and training seminars. She was recruited as an ethics champion to serve on the Better Business Bureau of the Atlantic Provinces Board where she served for 11 years.



Honorary Degree Recipient

Kim Thúy, Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*



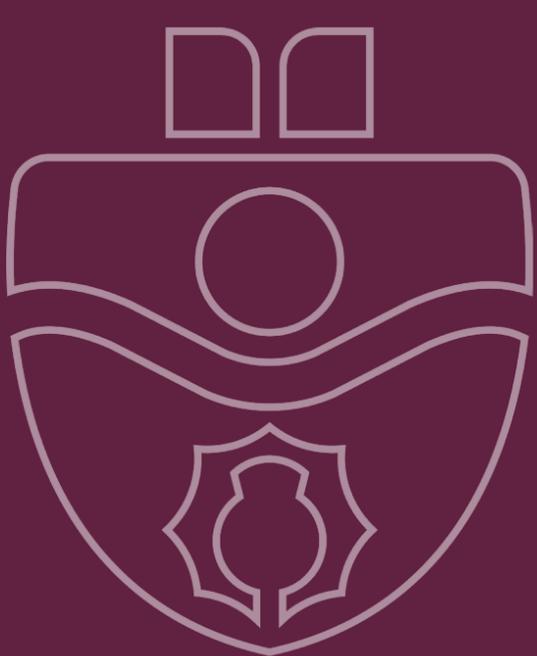
Kim Thúy fled post-war Vietnam in 1978 with her parents and siblings when she was ten. The Thúy family was part of the mass migration of more than a million Vietnamese known as *Thuyñ nhñ Vit Nam*, the “boat people”, who took to the sea in makeshift boats. After living in a refugee camp in Malaysia, Thúy and her family settled in Granby, Québec.

Kim Thúy held several careers over the years as a seamstress, interpreter, lawyer, and restaurant owner before she decided to write about the refugee experience. Her debut novel, *Ru*, first published in French in 2009, tells the story of her family’s long journey from Vietnam to Québec and the discovery of their new home in Canada. *Ru* — which translates as “lullaby” in Vietnamese — won the 2010 Governor General’s Literary Award and was shortlisted for the New Academy Prize in Literature. Thúy’s published oeuvre include her 2017 collection of cross-stories of exile titled *À toi*, with French-Slovakian-Swiss author Pascal Janovjak.

Thúy’s novel *mãn* in 2013 explored the power of cuisine and connection to family and identity. It was in 2016 that *Vi* was published, navigating the migratory experience from Thúy’s mother’s experience. Beyond her creative work, Thúy assumed the role of the Québec representative for *Le Petit Robert* and was a contributor to the book *L’Autisme expliqué aux non-autistes*. In October 2017, Thúy wrote *Le secret des Vietnamiennes*, a cookbook containing recipes from Vietnam.

Kim Thúy’s books have been distributed across 43 countries and territories and have been enjoyed in 31 languages. Thúy lives in Montréal where she devotes her time to writing. Kim Thúy holds a degree in linguistics and translation and a degree in law from the Université de Montréal. In 2015, she was a recipient of the Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards. Among the many honours she has received, Thúy was knighted *Chevalière de l’Ordre national du Québec* by the Government of Québec in 2015, and knighted *Chevalière de l’Ordre des Arts et des Lettres* by the French Republic in 2023.

Valedictorians





Myles Alexander Davidson

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research



Myles is an emerging research professional who was raised in St. Peter's on the island of Cape Breton. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Criminology (Honours) and Psychology from Saint Mary's University in 2021. Exhibiting a strong passion for both research and academia, Myles chose to stay at Saint Mary's and enroll in the Master of Science in Applied Psychology. In his seven years

at Saint Mary's, Myles has been involved in various research projects centered on the prevention of sexual abuse, child sexual abuse, and substance abuse. With 10 publications to his credit, Myles' research contributions have led to real-world changes, most notably as a member of the research team that informed the current vaping legislation in Nova Scotia. Myles has participated in several academic conferences to date, with his presentation at the 2023 Canadian Psychological Association conference winning second place among graduate presentations. In addition to his research, Myles has been a teaching assistant at Saint Mary's for the last five years specializing in research methods and statistics. For this work, he was recognized with an excellence in teaching award from the Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology in 2022. During his Master's program, Myles received research funding from several notable organizations including Research Nova Scotia and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Myles is also an accomplished professional musician. He has released two studio albums and has performed extensively throughout the Maritimes. Some of the highlights of his career include performing at the Celtic Colours International Festival and the East Coast Music Awards, and one of his songs was featured in a museum in Barra, Scotland. Myles ensures that music continues to be a central focus in his life. Myles intends to pursue a Doctorate in Forensic Psychology and carve out his own path in academia by conducting impactful research.



Ammar Abdul Shakoor

Sobey School of Business



Ammar was born in the United Arab Emirates and later moved to India where he completed high school. His journey took a big jump when his dream to study in Canada became a reality and his family emigrated in 2019. Pursuing a bachelor of commerce degree with a major in accounting, Ammar's dedication and hard work have garnered the prestigious *summa cum laude* distinction. Looking forward, he is resolute in his aspiration to attain the

CPA designation, viewing it as a stepping stone to professional excellence.

Beyond his academic pursuits, Ammar's heart lies in community development, particularly focusing on youth empowerment. Over four years, he has actively volunteered with multiple non-profit organizations, playing a pivotal role as a youth leader. Notably, Ammar is an integral member of the operations team at Sabeel, a non-profit committed to revitalizing the Islamic spirit. Through a diverse array of activities including weekly religious gatherings, soccer tournaments, camps, and more, Ammar and his colleagues work passionately to instill purpose and belonging among the younger generation.

Ammar's commitment to fostering understanding and respect took shape with the restoration of the SMU Muslim Society at Saint Mary's. Guiding the society as its president for two years, he aimed to bridge the gap between Muslim students and the broader university community. This was achieved through enlightening information sessions, heartwarming Ramadan dinners, and educational booths that dispelled misconceptions and fostered bridges of love and respect.

Recognizing the broader impact of his efforts, Ammar also assumed the role of campus liaison for the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) for two years. This multifaceted role involved advocating for Muslim rights at the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa, engaging in insightful discussions as a panellist alongside local MLAs and MPs, and assessing the potential impact of government bills on the Muslim community and youth.



Stephanie Helena Muhangi Kansiime Alyek

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science



Quoting my mother's wisdom, 'Everything you do, do it well. Your work is the only thing that speaks of and for you when you're not in the room.' These words have guided my journey from my birthplace in Uganda to pursuing a brighter future in Canada, which eventually led me to Saint Mary's University.

My lifelong aspiration, both personally and professionally, is to make a positive impact on people's lives. To pursue this goal, I actively engaged with the international community at university during my first year and throughout my academic career. These interactions have transformed me into a more open-minded and versatile individual, preparing me for a future where I intend to work on a global scale. The invaluable skills I've acquired, such as leadership and effective communication, have been nurtured here at SMU, which I consider a cultural melting pot.

My defining traits include an insatiable curiosity and a deep commitment to serving my community. These qualities guided me toward a career in Biology, with a specific focus on immunology research. Since high school, I've volunteered at hospitals in my home country and secured an internship studying biopolymers. Armed with the knowledge and skills I've gathered throughout my degree and work experiences, I am poised to innovate and collaborate with multidisciplinary teams to develop efficient solutions, benefiting both my Canadian and Ugandan communities, with a long-term vision of global impact.

I owe my success not only to my dedication but also to the unwavering support of those around me. My mother's sacrifices, my father's steadfastness during challenging times, and the constant encouragement from my siblings, Kristen and Andrew, have been my pillars of strength. Additionally, the support of my parents' friends and extended family has played a crucial role in my journey. Last but not least, the faculty and friends I've encountered during my time at SMU have been instrumental in my growth and success. To all of them, I express my deepest gratitude.

In the wise words of my mother, 'It is not always the smartest people who achieve success, but the people who are organized and willing to put in the effort.' These words continue to motivate and inspire me on my path to greatness.

Alumni

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association

welcomes more than 300 students into its global family this fall.

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 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, 5,000 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 **Loyola Academic Building room L181**. 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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