



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 Winter 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 Winter 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



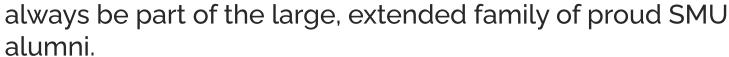
Message from the Chancellor

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





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

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:

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

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

Sobey School of Business

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

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science

Mary Ingraham, BMus, MA, PhD, Dean of Arts, will present the candidates.

Sam Veres, BEng, PhD, Acting Dean of Science, will present the candidates.

Valedictory Addresses

Friday, January 26 | 7 p.m.

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Sheldon Anthony Bhawanie (MTEI)

Saturday, January 27 | 10 a.m.

Sobey School of Business

Funmilayo Chioma Adegoke (BComm)

Saturday, January 27 | 2 p.m.

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science

Celina Cynara Jelisa Rolle (BA)



Conferral of Honorary Degrees Saturday, January 27 | 2 p.m.

To be Doctor of Letters (honoris causa): **Dr. Ailan Fu**To be Doctor of Letters (honoris causa): **Dr. Mingyuan Zhang**To be Doctor of Science (honoris causa): **David Lane**

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 & Research

Marshals of Convocation

Roby Austin, BSc, MSc, PhD, Associate Professor of Physics, Associate Dean of Science - Curriculum

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

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

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 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

summa cum laude magna cum laude cum laude

Grade Point Av.

4.00 - 4.30

3.85 - 3.99

3.70 - 3.84

Diploma in Engineering

with greatest distinction with great distinction 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

Prizes & Awards for Graduates ——

Durland Family Doctoral Convocation Award

Recipient: Mary Elizabeth Doucette **Donor:** Durland Learning Foundation

Eric & Ingeborg Enns Family IMTE Convocation Award

Recipient: Andy Kwing Yin Ho

Donor: Enns Family

The John and Heather Fitzpatrick Valedictorian Award*

Recipients: Sheldon Anthony Bhawanie Funmilayo Chioma Adegoke Celina Cynara Jelisa Rolle

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



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 Winter 2024 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 Finance Gold Medal

Master of Management - Co-operatives and Credit Unions:

Pobihuschy 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** 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

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

* 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!

President's Award for Excellence in Research



Dr. Luigi Gallo



As an astrophysicist in high-profile international research projects, Dr. Luigi Gallo has been involved in major missions with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), NASA, and the Canadian Space Agency, and has received more than \$10-million in funding for projects such as the Astro-H Metrology System.

Dr. Gallo's research interests include supermassive black holes, or active galactic nuclei, and X-rays emitted from the innermost regions of black hole

environments; accretion powered systems of all scales (e.g. cataclysmic variables, X-ray binaries, AGN); and the definition and realization of future X-ray missions. His work has led to discoveries that have altered scientists' understanding of black holes, their formation, growth, behaviour, and their influence on the evolution of galaxies.

After a stint in industry, Dr. Gallo returned to academia and completed his PhD at the prestigious Max Planck Institute for Extraterrestrial Physics in Germany, and then joined JAXA before becoming a faculty member at Saint Mary's University in 2007.

A prolific publisher, Dr. Gallo is credited with more than 80 successful observing proposals and more than 150 refereed publications written as part of his own research on black holes and instrumentation, work with peers, and as a supervisor to many of his students and postdocs. He has also published work with large collaborations, including papers by the Hitomi Collaboration, which he made significant contributions to, as well as other publications on future missions.

As a professor, Dr. Gallo is focused on supporting the next generation of researchers, co-writing papers with undergraduate and graduate students who have gone on to higher level studies and research of their own. He contributes significant time and knowledge to the advancement of his field through committee work and outreach initiatives and as a member of the Canadian Astronomical Society.

The President's Award for Excellence in Research honours continued exceptional contributions to research and scholarship conducted by a full-time Saint Mary's University faculty member. More information can be found at smu.ca/fgsr/presidents-award.

Congratulations Dr. Luigi Gallo!

Honorary Degree Recipients



Ailan Fu, Doctor of Letters, honoris causa



Dr. Fu has an exceptional record as an academic leader and administrator. In addition to her academic appointments as Professor of Linguistics at Central University for Nationalities, and then at BNUZ, Dr. Fu has led global engagement for BNUZ and the partnership with Saint Mary's University. This has resulted in the exchange of students, faculty, and staff between our universities over the past two decades. Dr. Fu is a well recognized scholar in linguistics and has held visiting appointments at SMU, Hong Kong Baptist University, and the University of Texas.

Dr. Fu's service to community includes her work as a scholar and academic administrator at BNUZ but extends also locally to her work as counsellor on the city of Zhuhai Municipal council. Her work for the city of Zhuhai let to the creation of the sister-city relationship between Zhuhai and the Halifax Regional Municipality. Her focus on international education and connection demonstrates Dr. Fu's commitment to intercultural learning, a key value for Saint Mary's University.

Dr. Fu has made an extraordinary contribution to Saint Mary's University, primarily through SMU/BNUZ partnership for the past two decades. This partnership has included Five 2 + 2 programs, which has allowed over 1000 BNUZ students to study at SMU. This included the first, and currently only, Arts degree (2 + 2) between Canadian and Chinese universities. Dr. Fu has focuses also on intercultural learning and understanding through staff and faculty exchange, including through summer institutes and her involvement in the International Masters of Teaching English Program. In partnership with Mingyuan Zhang (Dean of the school of Chinese at BNUZ), Dr. Fu has provided a supportive and innovative academic pathway between our two universities.



Mingyuan Zhang, Doctor of Letters, honoris causa

Dr. Zhang has an exceptional record as a scholar of Chinese language culture and folklore. Holding a Doctorate in Chinese folklore from Beijing Normal University, Beijing, Dr. Zhang has had a distinguished academic career as a Professor of Chinese Language and Literature at Renmin University, as Dean of Arts at Hong Kong Shue Yan University and most recently, and since 2004, as Dean of the School of Chinese at BNUZ.



Particularly in his role as Dean of the School of Chinese, Dr. Zhang has

established the study of Chinese language and culture, including in partnership with Saint Mary's University. His quiet, behind-the-scenes, leadership has provided a supportive environment for many Saint Mary's students, staff and faculty participating in the partnership between SMU and BNUZ. His service to the values of Saint Mary's, and particularly to intercultural learning, make him worthy of an honorary degree.

Dr. Zhang has been involved in the partnership between BNUZ and SMU for many years. Participating the design of academic curriculum for Saint Mary's students at BNUZ and partnering with Saint Mary's and Acadia University for many summer-institute programs. It was his design work on curriculum that led to the development of the 2 + 2 Arts program between SMU and BNUZ in 2015 (still the only Arts 2 + 2 program between Canadian can Chinese Universities). In addition to his leadership of student programming, Dr. Zhang was instrumental in hosting the 2017 summer institute for Saint Mary's faculty and staff in Zhuhai.



David Lane, Doctor of Science, honoris causa



Tens of thousands of Saint Mary's University students and members of the public have experienced the wonders of the night sky at the Burke-Gaffney Observatory. On every clear weekend, the Observatory receives dozens of visitors, and thousands more from across the world access it remotely to reach for the sky. This phenomenon is due to the efforts of one man, David Lane, who, for nearly thirty years, has been quietly inspiring generations of children, parents, students, and teachers by transporting them across the universe.

From 1992 until his retirement, Mr. Lane was

employed as the Astronomy Technician and System Administrator in the Astronomy & Physics Department. His outreach efforts are extraordinary, and the university has benefited from the international exposure. David single-handedly automated the Burke Gaffney Observatory and made it available to the world through Twitter and Facebook. He has been a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) since the 1980s and served as president of the National Chapter and the Halifax Chapter. He has won countless awards for service to Canadians including the Discovery Center Science Champion, Chant Medal, Service Award, President's Award, Ken Chilton Prize and the Fellowship Award for long-serving members of the RASC.

David Lane's contributions to teaching and learning are significant. At Saint Mary's, he created astronomy exercises, ran tutorials in classes, and tutored students. He created The Earth Centered Universe (ECU), which is an easy-to-use planetarium and telescope-control program, allowing institutes the ability to operate their own educational astronomy platforms for teaching astronomy.

David Lane's contribution to professional astronomy is impressive; he has more than 100 professional publications in the field of variable stars and telescope operations. Several of the refereed publications are co-authored with students and professors at SMU. He was recognized by the International Astronomy Union for the co-discovery of three supernovae and has an asteroid named after him!





Sheldon Anthony Bhawanie (MTEI)

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research



Born and raised in Trinidad and Tobago, Sheldon
Bhawanie came to Saint
Mary's University to further his education at the
Sobey School of Business after researching the top business schools in Atlantic Canada. He spent time on campus as a student and working in different capacities.

Sheldon values his inclass experiences and has learnt a great deal not only from his research and professors but also from his classmates who bring

a true international flavour to the classroom. He has experienced the value of understanding the many cultures that make up Nova Scotia's melting pot. Always gregarious, Sheldon interacted with graduate and undergraduate students while playing intra-mural soccer and volunteering as a mentor at the Arthur L. Irving Entrepreneurship Centre in the Sobeys Inspiration Hub. He regularly volunteers as a youth soccer coach with a club in Halifax.

Sheldon takes much pride in his roots in Trinidad and Tobago and feels proud to represent his country in Canada. His affinity for Saint Mary's University makes him a perfect representative and ambassador for the university and he plans to continue making a positive impact on students in the future.



Funmilayo Chioma Adegoke (BComm)

Sobey School of Business



Funmilayo Chioma Adegoke, from Nigeria, embarked on a journey at Saint Mary's University, achieving a Bachelor of Commerce with a double major in Accounting and Computing & Information Systems.

As a dynamic presence, she served as an RA and was a dedicated volunteer, leaving an indelible mark on the Saint Mary's community.

Rooted in personal experiences, her empathy and welcoming nature guided new students into the Saint Mary's Family.

Now, as a Saint Mary's Alumna, Funmilayo eagerly anticipates obtaining her CPA certification and pursuing a Ph.D. soon, aspiring to make a lasting impact in the global business world while projecting the spirit of her alma mater forward.



Celina Cynara Jelisa Rolle (BA)

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science



Hailing from the beautiful islands of The Bahamas, Celina Cynara Jelisa Rolle came to Saint Mary's University on a mission, determined that she was not leaving emptyhanded. Throughout her time at university, Celina took six classes each semester, testing her tenacity and drive.

Despite the challenges, she remained determined to achieve her goals and ultimately graduated with a Bachelor of

Arts degree in Global Development Studies, *cum laude*. While only Celina's name appears on the degree, she acknowledges that her God, family and friends played a critical role in supporting her every step of the way and encouraging her to finish strong.

With this degree, Celina is pursuing becoming a part of the team that establishes The Bahamas as a developed country rather than a developing one. The passion and drive she possesses are her superpowers, along with kindness. She will utilize these qualities to do her part in building a better future and a better now for The Bahamas.

Winter Graduates 2024



International Master of Teaching English

Lilian Nidal Al-Boukhari *Jordan*

Rita Andraous Halifax, NS

Fatemeh Azizi Halifax, NS

Chunyang Bai Daqing, China

Elen Grasiele Cavalcante da Silva Halifax, NS

Dulan Halifax, NS

Nastaran Esfandiari Halifax, NS

Jannatul Ferdoushi Barishal, Bangladesh

Ali Foroughi Far Halifax, NS

Mona Heidary Halifax, NS

Andy Kwing Yin Ho Hong Kong

Jessica Voke Itietie Halifax, NS

Daniela Jost Guimaraes Florianopolis, Brazil

Neda Moeini Isfahan, Iran

Shida Najafi Halifax, NS Jannatul Maoa Nisa Dhaka, Bangladesh

Eter Ozbetelashvili Halifax, NS

Carlos Eduardo Peralta Rodríguez Bogotá, Colombia

Karan Zal Sethna *Mumbai, India*

Jing Tang Halifax, NS

Esther Tong Yi Zhen Halifax, NS

Amna Umair Rawalpindi, Pakistan

Weijian Zeng Chengdu, China

Master of Arts
(Atlantic Canada Studies)

Elizabeth R. Michels

Dartmouth, NS

Master of Arts

(Geography)

Sade Khaliah Hanley Halifax, NS

Master of Arts

(Global Development Studies)

Tamana Abdul Hamid Halifax, NS

Samin Farhan Asef Halifax, NS



Master of Arts

(History)

Claudia Ayari Fuentes Villa Mexico City, Mexico

Claire Elizabeth Mercer Hubley, NS

Master of Arts

(Philosophy)

Jason Ross Burns North York, ON

Master of Arts

(Women and Gender Studies)

Crenda Obenewaa Marfo Accra, Ghana

Master of Applied Economics

Rowshon Ara Eayrin Sunamganj, Bangladesh

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Economics

Nivethika Hariprashanth Colombo, Sri Lanka

Master of Business Administration

Sai Kumar Rao Aineni Halifax, NS Mousumi Behera Halifax, NS

Anish Bhatia Halifax, NS

Carly Kathleen Burrows New Glasgow, NS

Neelgiri Chatterjee Halifax, NS

Ziyu Chen Halifax, NS

Neil Chettri Darjeeling, India

Yu Chung Chiu Hong Kong, China

Ditsha Fairuz Dhaka, Bangladesh

Aditya Gautam Halifax, NS

Ken Thoms George Halifax, NS

Puneet Gogia Halifax, NS

Zahra Gohari Halifax, NS

Haribabu Gorle

Hiramandalam, India

Sai Prasad Kanteti Halifax, NS

Kaitlyn Mary Keller Halifax, NS

Tabish Hussain Khan Halifax, NS



Maharshi Kota Andhra Pradesh, India

Akshith Kurra Halifax, NS

Jiaying Lai Halifax, NS

Vishal Marken Halifax, NS

Ryan James Maxwell Saint John, NB

Jeffrey Earl Meister Coldbrook, NS

Ankit Mittal Chandigarh, India

Madison Morgan Halifax, NS

Julie Anne Naugler Stillwater Lake, NS

Duncan Jude Patterson Bedford, NS

Andrew Price Peverill Lower Sackville, NS

Gaurav Phore Halifax, NS

Taylor Jane Quayle *Quispamsis, NB*

Naufil Mohammed Sayed Halifax, NS

Amitoj Singh Sidhu Amritsar, India

Gurprit Singh Gurgaon, India

Sushant Sudhir Sutrave Aurangabad, India

Aditya Tanwer Halifax, NS

Avinash Kumar Thakur Halifax, NS

Ibrahim Hisham Helmy Mahmoud Yousef *Cairo, Egypt*







Prabhnoor Kaur Delhi, India

Md Sazzadur Rahman Abir Halifax, NS

Basiriat Ibironke Afolabi Lagos, Nigeria

Abhishek Chauhan Halifax, NS

Sourabh Joshi Nainital, India

Rahul Kashyap Halifax, NS

Sangeeth Kumar Kesavan Salem. India

Ross M. Krill Halifax, NS

Qing Li Chengde, China

Fana Abaynew Mandefro *Halifax, NS*

Mina Mikhail Bedford, NS

Tasleem Bibi Moossun Vacoas, Mauritius

Zohaib Nasir Halifax, NS

Dolapo Temitope Oyetunji Halifax, NS

Fenil Nareshbhai Patel Halifax, NS



Johnson Mawuli Tsimese Tema, Ghana

Varsha Vaddiraj Hyderabad, India

Yiran Wang Halifax, NS

Xinyuan Xu Changzhou, China

Master of Finance

Terran A. Newry Nassau, Bahamas

Yiran Wang Baotou, China

Master of Technology Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Aminu Saleh Abdullahi Halifax, NS

Anvi Ahuja India

Rama Yousef Alsaeed *Halifax, NS*

Khalid Mohammed Alshaigi Halifax, NS

Ehab M. Alshamleh *Bedford, NS*

Isaac Appiah Barnie Kumasi, Ghana



Gaurav Bhatia Halifax, NS

Sheldon Anthony Bhawanie San Juan, Trinidad & Tobago

Neil Dethe Halifax, NS

Enrique Javier Deza Reynaga Halifax, NS

Tea Govaçi Halifax, NS

Muhammad Jobayer Husain *Halifax, NS*

Audreas Elysian Marques Lagosta Halifax, NS Pranav Mahajan Amritsar, India

Kanchan Malik Chawla Halifax, NS

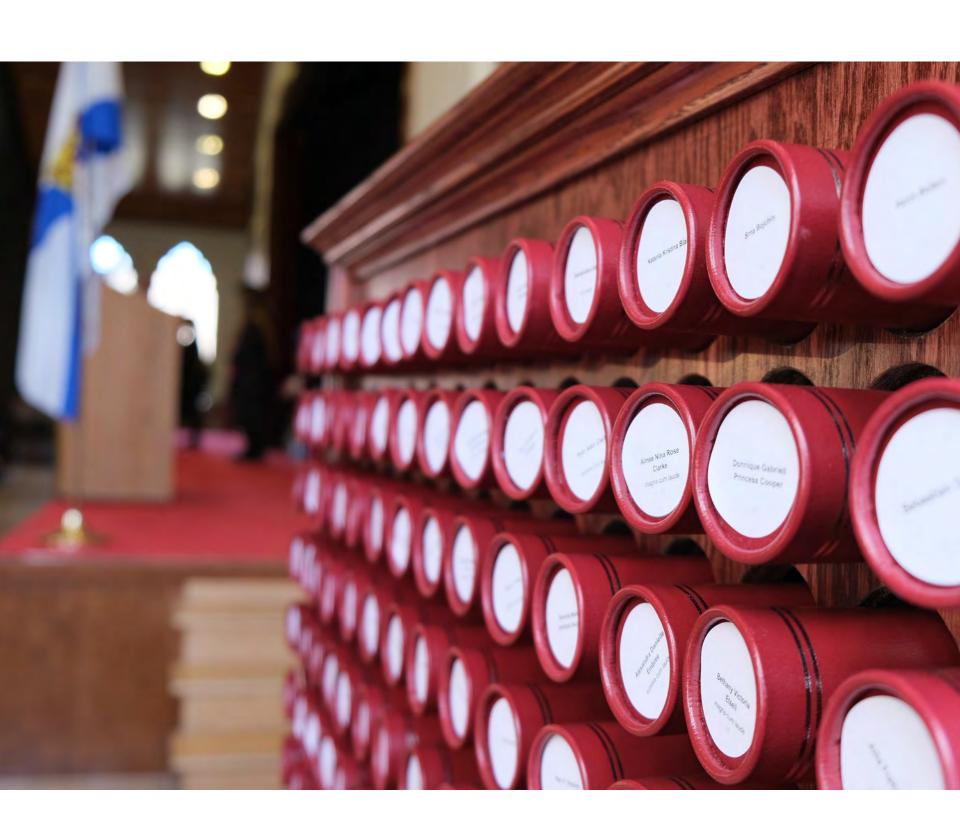
Katerina Wavua Msafari Nairobi, Kenya

Obinna Okwor Nnamani Enugu, Nigeria

Harish Ashok Phadke Mumbai, India

Ashwin Razdan New Delhi, India

Sanjida Salahuddin Halifax, NS



Manishkumar Santoshkumar Shinde Halifax, NS



Adam Bradley Starr Antigonish, NS

Gopala Krishna Thiruvilwamala Shivaram *Halifax, NS*

Thi Huong Giang Vu Halifax, NS

Master of Science

(Applied Science)

Logan Burke Cox Greenville, NC, USA

Andrew Eaton Fraser Bedford, NS

Daniel Alan Jewell Halifax, NS

Amanda Marie Lee Glace Bay, NS

Kelsey Lynn Mercer Sackville, NS

Kara-Lyne B. Shaw *Parrsboro, NS*

Gurmukh Singh Halifax, NS

Master of Science

(Computing and Data Analytics)

John Joseph Alapatt Halifax, NS

Kin Wa Chan Hong Kong, China Evgeny Chudaev Halifax, NS

Shweta Ashish Dalal Halifax, NS

Aravind Gopi Halifax, NS

Rashad Ahmed Imtiaz Halifax, NS

Ajay Jain Halifax, NS

Francis Alex Kuzhippallil *Halifax, NS*

Vishnu Priyan Mahendran Halifax, NS

Shreerag Krishnakumar Marar (posthumously) *Halifax, NS*

Vishnu Tej Nanda Kumar Halifax, NS

Akash Ashok Pandey Halifax, NS

Arpan Mahendrakumar Patel *Halifax, NS*

Mehul Kishorbhai Patel Halifax, NS



Piyush Priyam Halifax, NS

Abhilash Sibi Halifax, NS

Amanpreet Singh *Halifax, NS*

Kamaljeet Singh New Delhi, India

Hemalatha Srinivasan Halifax, NS

Samuel Thiankee Halifax, NS

Venkata Sujay Kumar Vemuri Hyderabad, India

Abhishek Vijayakumar Latha *Halifax, NS*

Sharlene Karina Wadhwa *Halifax, NS*

Doctor of Philosophy

(Business Administration)

Mary Elizabeth Doucette Sydney, NS

Bachelor of Commerce

Funmilayo Chioma Adegoke Lagos, Nigeria

Micheal Oluwatimileyin Adejola Ibadan, Nigeria

Tareq Taleb Al Shaghay Halifax, NS



Justin Scott Boone
Stillwater Lake. NS

Octavian Alexandru Borza Halifax, NS

Andrew Boutres

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Drew Thomas Briand Lower Sackville, NS

Madeline Rose Bristol Amherst, NS

Emily Buzzell Coaticook, QC

Adam Merrill Carmichael *Sydney, NS*

Julia-Lauren Chavy-Waddy *Co-operative Education Halifax, NS*

Vanshika Chopra Halifax, NS

Ashley Brooklyn Comeau *Halifax, NS*

Olivia H. Coupland *Oakville, ON*

Noah James Davis Truro, NS

Jenna Elizabeth Devine *Tantallon, NS*

Eni Elezi Halifax, NS

Marcus Alexander Elias Moncton, NB Alan Edward Ellerker Halifax, NS

Matthew Robert Fancy summa cum laude Lower Sackville, NS

Abigail Johanna Forestell summa cum laude Quispamsis, NB

Sruthi Ganesapandian Co-operative Education Chennai, India

Cameron Scott Gannon cum laude Beaver Bank, NS

Lauren Rebecca Gerow Westphal, NS

Pratham Gupta

Co-operative Education

Halifax, NS

Sarder Faisal Habib Dhaka, Bangladesh Geoffrey Reid Harrison Halifax, NS

Thomas Albert Gregory Hart cum laude Halifax, NS

Delong He Halifax, NS

Erich William Heckel Halifax, NS

Duncan Alexander Holmes *Halifax, NS*

A B M Naimul Islam Dhaka, Bangladesh

Mariama S. Jallow *Banjulinding, Gambia*

Arielle Katherine Jones Dartmouth, NS

Samson Matthew Jones Halifax, NS





Austin Dermot Kemp Fall River. NS

Thomas James Kendall summa cum laude
Co-operative Education
Fredericton, NB

Sabina Khatri Kathmandu, Nepal

Leran Lu Halifax, NS

Zhengsen Lu Taian, China

Kelsie Marie MacDonald Halifax, NS

Evan Patrick MacNeil *Halifax, NS*

Cameron R. Malana magna cum laude Halifax, NS

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Dartmouth. NS

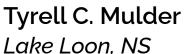
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The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association

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

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 54,000 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.



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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, 54,000 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 befound on our website, **smu.ca/graduation**.



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