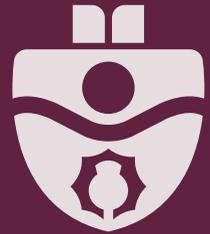


Saint Mary's University

Convocation

Winter 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 2022 and Winter 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 University 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.

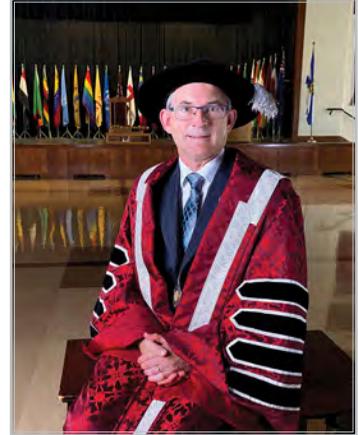
This convocation program will be a reminder for years to come that the Class of Winter 2023 did not stumble in the face of adversity but instead stepped forward with courage and determination.

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!

But please remember that no matter where you go, or what future endeavours you pursue, you will always be part of our large, global and close-knit Santamarian family.

In the years ahead, we will come together at alumni events across the country around the world.

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.



**Michael Durland, BComm'87 PhD DComm'10
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, to remain standing until the close of the Prayer of Invocation, and at the close of Convocation, to remain standing until all of the Academic Procession has recessed.

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

Order of Proceedings

Processional

Welcome Remarks

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 in Business

Friday, January 27, 2 p.m.

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

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research in Arts, Education and Science

Friday, January 27, 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, January 28, 10 a.m.

Harjeet S. Bhabra, MBA, PhD, Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates.

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science

Saturday, January 28, 2 p.m.

Mary Ingraham, BMus, MA, PhD, Dean of Arts and
Lori Francis, BSc, MSc, PhD, Dean of Science, will present the candidates.



Valedictory Addresses

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research in Business – Kapil Sahni (MTEI)

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research in Arts, Education and Science –
Jaideep Tuli (IMTE)

Sobey School of Business – Bernadine Baual (BComm)

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Science – Anastasia Sagel (BSc)

Conferral of Honorary Degree

Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.

To be Doctor of Commerce (honoris causa): Stanley James Hartling

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation

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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

James O'Brien, BA, MA, MBA, PhD, Chair and Associate Professor of Management

Marshal of Students

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



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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 that 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 that 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

CMC-Atlantic Student Award (MBA)

Recipient: Tarandeep Singh Batra

Donor: Family of John Turner

Executive Master of Business Administration Gold Medal

Recipient: Amanda Hatt

Donor: Bridges family

Eric & Ingeborg Enns Family IMTE Convocation Award

Recipient: Kay-Ann O. Scott

Donor: Enns Family

The John and Heather Fitzpatrick Valedictorian Award

Recipients: Kapil Sahni, Jaideep Tuli, Bernadine Inah Bual, Anastasia M. K. E. Sagel

Donor: John Fitzpatrick BA'81 LLD'17 and Heather Fitzpatrick

Durland Family Doctoral Convocation Award

Recipient: Pranav Subramaniam

Donor: Chancellor Michael Durland BComm'87 DComm'10,

Catherine Durland BComm'87 and their family



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

Faculty Medals – Undergraduate

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Commerce

Bachelor of Science

Diploma in Engineering

Faculty Medals – Graduate

James Morrison International Development Studies Medal

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

Master of Finance Gold Medal

Master of Science (Applied Psychology) Medal

The Georgia Pe-Piper Medal for Excellence in Applied Science

Prizes and Awards for Graduates

CAG Undergraduate Award in Geography

Edna and Velma Thomas Kane Writers Award

Edwin C. Harris Tax Prize*

Environmental Prize

French Book 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*

Peace and Conflict Studies Book Prize

The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award

The McMullan & Rege Honours in Criminology Convocation Award

The Mining Society of Nova Scotia Centennial Award

*** Represents endowed awards**

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President's Award for Excellence in Research

Dr. Danika van Proosdij

An international leader in her field and established pioneer in the implementation of nature-based solutions for climate change adaptation, Dr. Danika van Proosdij has dedicated almost three decades to finding and promoting nature-based solutions to prevent coastal erosion. In the past six years Dr. van Proosdij has received \$15.8M in direct research funding from federal and international agencies.



Dr. van Proosdij's ability to embrace challenges from the individual through to the planetary scale is what sets her apart. Her work is collaborative, cross-disciplinary and transboundary between biophysical and social sciences; her efforts to address the effects of climate change on ecosystems and ultimately human systems will have a vital impact on the ecosystem in Nova Scotia and beyond.

With a willingness to generously share her knowledge, Dr. van Proosdij has provided a stimulating training environment for 136 highly qualified personnel, from undergraduate to postgraduate levels. She has authored more than 42 papers and 105 technical reports, and has given 200+ presentations around the world.

Dr. van Proosdij earned her PhD in Biophysical Processes and Environmental Analysis from the University of Guelph. She has been a professor of Geography at Saint Mary's since 2001, is also the Director of the TransCoastal Adaptations Centre for Nature-Based Solutions and was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

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.

Honorary Degree Recipient



Stanley (Stan) James Hartling, Doctor of Commerce, honoris causa

Stan Hartling BComm'86, CEO and founder of the Hartling Group is an entrepreneur, business leader and philanthropist. Under Stan's leadership, the Hartling Group has grown to become one of the largest employers within the Turks and Caicos Islands with over 800 employees. The Hartling Group's three luxury resorts have received the industry's highest awards for design and excellence and are valued at over \$500 million. The Group also has interests in large-scale construction and advertising and owns one of the largest private yacht charter operations in the Caribbean. Stan has been recognized as Developer of the Year by *Caribbean World* and *Living Magazine*.



Stan Hartling's strong values infuse his companies and the wider community. In 2021, Stan received the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Turks and Caicos Human Rights Commission for his extensive and generous charitable contributions. He received the Pandemic Icon Award for humanitarian efforts and employee support during the 2020 shutdowns. Stan was recognized as Philanthropist of the Year by the United Way and inducted into the Filipino Basketball Hall of Fame for significant contributions to the sport. Stan is founding director of "Boys to Men", a mentorship organization for youth.

The Hartling Group has raised over \$2 million for local charitable organizations and scholarship programs including the Cancer Foundation, United Way, Kidney Foundation and Salvation Army. Stan is Honorary Chairman of the Salvation Army, Turks and Caicos Islands, a 20-year member of the Board of Trustees for the National Museum and Honorary Director of the Turks and Caicos Aids Awareness Foundation.

In 2022, Stan created the Stan Hartling Scholarship which provides financial support to youth from Turks and Caicos, allowing them the opportunity to attend Saint Mary's University. His passion is to be able to mentor and inspire youth to pursue entrepreneurial careers.

Kapil Sahni

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research



Kapil is a confident, curious, self-driven and kind-hearted person. He believes in striving for continuous improvement in oneself both on the personal and professional front. During his two years at Saint Mary's pursuing his Master's in Technology, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Kapil was actively involved in campus life, volunteered for the International Student Career & Employability program, as well as co-founded the Working Women Network to enhance the employability of women professionals across Canada aiming to bridge the gender diversity gaps in the

corporate world. He has also held the roles of a teaching assistant and research technician at Saint Mary's.

In 2022, his entrepreneurial venture got recognized with the prestigious VOLTA and Mitacs scholarship awards, demonstrating leadership within and beyond the classroom. He plans to pursue his entrepreneurial dream further by commercializing Canada's first women-focused, AI-powered talent management platform in the coming years.

He credits his classmates and mentors from the Saint Mary's University Entrepreneurship Centre for encouraging him to remain resilient through the dry spells of failure. He would also like to thank those who assisted him and made his time at Saint Mary's such a rewarding experience, particularly the respectable faculty and staff of Sobey School of Business—"I could not have done it without you."

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Jaideep Tuli

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Jaideep Tuli hails from the city of Karnal located in Haryana, India. He graduates with an International Master of Teaching English degree. During his time at Saint Mary's, he has been a member of the Graduate Advisory Committee with SMUSA, Vice-President of Halifax Toastmasters at SMU, volunteered with the Language Centre and presented at International Education Week. He currently serves as a Board Member for the Dartmouth Learning Network and Halifax Theatre for Young People, as well as managing his own educational institute JD Classes in India.



Jaideep's work in India has been widely acclaimed for its social impact. He has been recognized as the Best Youth by the Indian Red Cross Society and has also been awarded several prestigious accolades for his works in poetry, writing, acting, motivational speaking and social activism. He was a delegate at the National Youth Parliament and has received recognition from the Government of India. He's regularly invited to platforms to address audiences on social issues with a special emphasis on the power of love.

Jaideep expresses his sincere gratitude to his parents Mrs. Gurvinder Kaur and Mr. Mohinder Pal Singh. He is committed to using his talents to live in the hearts of people while bringing love, joy, positivity and smiles to the world.

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Bernadine Inah Baul

Sobey School of Business



Bernadine was born and raised in the Philippines and moved to Canada in 2017. She joined the Saint Mary's University community in 2019 and is graduating today, *summa cum laude*, with a bachelor's degree in Commerce, majoring in Accounting. She consistently earned a spot on the Dean's List throughout her academic journey at SMU.

During her time as a student, Bernadine was a Teaching Assistant for Spirituality and Work, supporting the professor in the overall teaching and learning experience of the students in the course. She was also the student representative and a member of the Service-Learning Advisory Committee (SLAC), which discusses Service Learning and its approaches in the university, student engagement and community partnerships to encourage students and support them in attaining additional learning outside of the classroom.

Bernadine would like to extend her gratitude to her parents, Benedick and Irish, her siblings, Ivan, Irah, Isabelle and Ilyssa, her boyfriend Stephen, and the rest of her family and friends for their unending support, motivation and love throughout her journey. She graduates today with a thankful heart and is constantly reminded of a verse from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

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Anastasia M. K. E. Sagel

Faculty of Science



Anastasia Sagel moved to Halifax in 2018 from Bad Driburg, Germany. Today she graduates from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, Honours Psychology, and a minor in Spanish and Hispanic Culture.

Her thesis discussed the impact of being bilingual on emotion regulation. Being multilingual herself, she wanted to see how people are influenced by it and how it makes them different. While studying her minor, she was able to not only learn another language

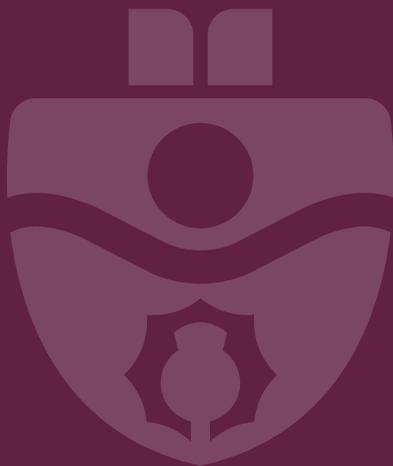
but also got to study different cultures. She earned a place on the Dean's List several times throughout her studies. After graduation, she will be moving to Berlin to pursue a master's degree in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy.

During her time at Saint Mary's, Anastasia was actively involved on campus with our SMU Cheerleading team where she held the position of Captain for three years. In this position she volunteered at society events, sport games and in the community at multiple schools. She also displayed her leadership skills during her time as a TA for the Spanish Department.

She would like to express her appreciation to her parents Martin and Kirsten, her brother Martinus, her friends Giselle, Yasmine, Makhaila, Jaisma, Ali and others for their endless support and encouragement.

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Winter Graduates 2023



Executive Master of Business Administration

Matthew R. Atkinson
Truro, NS

Adam John Macaulay Baxter
Waasis, NB

Tanya Lynn Bouchard
Halifax, NS

Stephen Michael Boudreau
Halifax, NS

Sean L. Breedveld
Quispamsis, NB

Ajayi Adebayo Dada
Isofin, Nigeria

John Scott Grant
Halifax, NS

Amanda Hatt
Halifax, NS

Jonathan F. Jessome
Bedford, NS

Bruce Edward Keddy
Irishtown, NB

Angela D. Lewis
Halifax, NS

Bradley J. MacEachen
Halifax, NS

Kenneth J. MacInnes
Bible Hill, NS

Christopher Allen Edward Mahar
Saint John, NB



John Thomas McKenna
Charlottetown, PE

Mary Kathleen Montague
Quispamsis, NB

Emma Mae Pace
Halifax, NS

Brent Theodore Peiser
Quispamsis, NB

Michael D. Peters
Middleton, NS

Erin Sargeant Greenwood
Halifax, NS

Joshua Michael Snyder
Sussex, NB

Marian Athena Stevens
Halifax, NS

Nancy St-Laurent
Halifax, NS

Steve C. Thistle
Lewis Lake, NS

Master of Business Administration

Nirmallya Addy
Kolkata, India

Sayli Gulabrao Ahinave
Mumbai, India

Amit Ahlawat
Brampton, ON

Gauranchal Amarya
Jhansi, India

Vithya Sri Anbalagan
Halifax, NS

Cristian Edgardo Arias Vazquez
Guadalajara, Mexico

Tanish Batra
Delhi, India

Tarandeep Singh Batra
Mumbai, India

Siobhan Elizabeth Birch
Mississauga, ON

Sean Christopher Buchanan
Halifax, NS

Revanth Raaj Chandrasekar Ganesan
Chennai, India

Devesh Singh Chauhan
Ghaziabad, India

Krishna Kanth Cherukupalli
Hyderabad, India

Ayush Subhash Deora
Halifax, NS

Vishnu Sai Desai
Hyderabad, India

Rini Tonia Edward John
Chennai, India

Laksh Gandhi
Halifax, NS

Piyush Gautam
Muzaffarnagar, India





Anica Jestratijevic
Arandjelovac, Serbia

Abhinav Kaushal
Chandigarh, India

Husam Uddin Khan
Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

Raja Kashyap Kota
Visakhapatnam, India

Pratul Carlton Lobo
Halifax, NS

Xiaoyang Luo
Hami, China

Mohammad Safwan
Halifax, NS

Liam J. O'Brien
Parksville, BC

Prashant Pandey
Gorakhpur, India

Benjamin Michael Roberts
Bedford, NS

Subhasmita Sahu
Bangalore, India

Karanbir Singh Sandhar
Jalandhar, India

Chandrika Sanghi
New Delhi, India

Harish Settikere Prabhakara
Bengaluru, India

Nakul Sridhar
Trivandrum, India

Richard Joseph Michael Stilwell
Halifax, NS

Allen J. Stotz
Vernon, BC

Bailey Hanna Sutherland
Quispamsis, NB

Hiromasa Tsuchiya
Chiba, Japan

Hao Zhen
Beijing, China

Master of Technology Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Sochukwuma Ikechukwu Aham-neze
Lagos, Nigeria

Bhavay Ahuja
Panipat, India

Nnadozie Alili
Aba, Nigeria

Maria Fernanda Arias Fierro
Halifax, NS

Muge Avci Kiziltepe
Halifax, NS

Farhat Azra
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Valerie Alyssa Caswell
St. Stephen, NB

Supriya M. Chaudhari
Pune, India



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Purvasha Dewanjee

Halifax, NS

Thi Hong Hanh Do

Halifax, NS

Kenechukwu Elma Esomchukwu

Lagos, Nigeria

Jessi Christena Gillis

Halifax, NS

Supriya Hegde

Bengaluru, India

Ngutor John Ikpaahindi

Abuja, Nigeria

Carl Yoofi Imoru Ayarna

Tema, Ghana

Md. Waliul Islam

Halifax, NS

Taehwa Kang

Seoul, South Korea

Subburaj Karupppasamy

Tirunelveli, India

Masroor Saad Khan

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Lakshmi Aditi Kompella

Surat, India

Sayeda Nabila Mahabub

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Hayam Ashraf Mahmoud-Ahmed

Halifax, NS

Thomas Earle Vincent Martin

Halifax, NS

Briti Mazumder

Halifax, NS

Lawrence Nii Odartey Mills

Halifax, NS

Jorge Luis Morante Iturri

Lima, Peru

Arjun Nandakumar

Bangalore, India

Chirag Narang

Delhi, India

Dung Tuan Nguyen

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

Kavitha Raveendaran

Halifax, NS

Shadman Sadab

Narayanganj, Bangladesh

Kapil Sahni

Halifax, NS

Nawrin Sajjad

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Silvia Aydée Sánchez Fermín

Ciudad de México, México

Shamsher Pratap Singh Sandhu

Mohali, India

Vishakha Shailendra Sharma

Pune, India

Rabeya Akther Shumi

Halifax, NS

Shubhra Singh

Halifax, NS

Ugochi Shirley West
Uyo, Nigeria

Ruobing Zhi
Nanyang, China

Solmaz Ziaabadimiyaji
Tehran, Iran

International Master of Teaching English

Zahra Absalar
Halifax, NS

Jacopo Ambrosini
Nuova Olonio, Italy

Lina Maria Aragon Pardo
Bogota, Colombia

Chunying Bao
Inner Mongolia, China

Setareh Basseri
Tehran, Iran

Seyed Reza Farahmandjoo
Halifax, NS

Sarah Fathima
Chennai, India

Cristina I. Felip
Concepción, Chile

Binlan Gong
Zhangjiajie, China

Farzan Hedayat
Tehran, Iran

Rocio Victoria Hernandez Correa
Halifax, NS

Kwok Yin Ho
Hong Kong

Azinossadat Hosseini
Halifax, NS

Assumpta Ujunwa Ikeme
Onitsha, Nigeria

Kumkum Islam
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Tardip Kaur
Hong Kong

Afrasyaab Khan
Hong Kong, China

Min Li
Xinxiang, China

Maya Maor
Emek-Heffer, Israel

Saba Mogharebi
Tehran, Iran

Maryam Mohseni
Esfahan, Iran

Augustina Ifeoma Opiah
Delta State, Nigeria

Anna Philip
Halifax, NS

Evelise Rabassa de Melo
Mogi das Cruzes, Brasil

MohammadMahdi Ramezanzadeh Kermani
Halifax, NS



Rita Terence Routledge
Hilden, NS

Manar Adel Salem
Halifax, NS

Kenji Sawada
Tokyo, Japan

Kay-Ann O. Scott
St. Catherine, Jamaica

Farshad Shafiei Moghadam
Halifax, NS

Hannah Elise Squires
Greenville, SC, USA

Nisha Siddhish Sriganesh
Mumbai, India

Carolina Suárez Rodríguez
Bogotá, Colombia

Jaideep Tuli
Karnal, India

Roxana Villacorta Hurtado
Lima, Peru

Niluka Sewwandi Wijayathilake Wijethilakage
Colombo, Sri Lanka

Lijiao Xiao
Baoding, China

Lei Xu
Lanzhou, China

Master of Arts
(Geography)

Gabriel Tawiah Nimoh
Kumasi, Ghana



Master of Arts

(Global Development Studies)

Samuel W. Unger
New Westminster, BC

Master of Arts

(Women and Gender Studies)

Mavis Durowaa Mainu
Accra, Ghana

Master of Science

(Applied Science)

Vivek Kamra
Halifax, NS

Katelyn J. McKearney
Dartmouth, NS

Master of Science

(Computing and Data Analytics)

Nikhil Reddy Aileni
Karimnagar, India

Rehnuma Altaf
Guwahati, India

Manjot Singh Bains
Patiala, India

Prashant Bana
Ghaziabad, India

Amandeep Barwal
Halifax, NS

Srikanth Bhamidipati
Hyderabad, India

Gagandeep Singh Chadha
New Delhi, India

Silvi Dheer
Halifax, NS

Bhanu Prakash Ediga
Kurnool, India

Suchandra Ghosh
Hooghly, India

Gurpartap Singh
Patiala, India

Rubin Antony James
New Delhi, India

Advait R. Joshi
Nyeri, Kenya

Sunaritha Rajendra Karanth
Bengaluru, India

Pratik Kanubhai Katharotiya
Surat, India

Sai Teja Katragadda
Vijayawada, India

Akshay Kumar
Sibsagar, India

Nitin Kumar
Kanpur, India

James Alexander Kyasaram
Hyderabad, India

Aamir Faruk Mansuri
Ahmedabad, India

Vinamra Mathur
Halifax, NS



Prabav Murali
Chennai, India

Tanmaya Murthy
Noida, India

Arunselvan Natesan
Namakkal, India

Navdeep Kaur
Karnal, India

Pandurang Anil Pampatwar
Nanded, India

Harsh Rasiklal Panchal
Vadodara, India

Shailesh Pandey
Ghaziabad, India

Mayuresh Sawant
Navi Mumbai, India

Nimish Shivaji Sawant
Mumbai, India

Imtiyaz Abdul Aziz Shaikh
Pune, India

Jongwon Shinn
Halifax, NS

Karnjot Singh
Sultanpur, India

Qing Su
Kunming, China

Kishor Subbarayalu
Coimbatore, India

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The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association

welcomes more than 400 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.

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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.

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

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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.



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