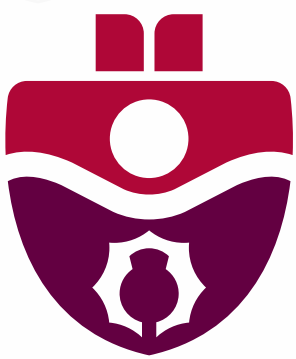


Fall Convocation 2025





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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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:

Shannon Dea, BA (Hons.), MA, PhD, Provost and VPAR

Indigenous Honour Song *(Audience stands)*

Installation of the President:

Thursday, November 13 | 2 p.m.

Dr. Michael Khan

Presidential Remarks:

Michael Khan, BSc, MA, PhD

Presentation of Awards

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates:

Sobey School of Business

Michel Delorme, PhD, Dean of the Sobey School of Business

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

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

Faculty of Arts

Mary Ingraham, BMus, MA, PhD, Dean of Arts

Faculty of Science

Sam Veres, BEng, PhD, Dean of Science

Valedictory Addresses:

Thursday, November 13 | 2 p.m.

Kjeld Mizpah Conyers-Steede (MTEI)

Friday, November 14 | 10 a.m.

Lipika Kharbanda (BSc)

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:

Shannon Dea, BA (Hons.), MA, PhD, Provost and VPAR

Marshals of Convocation:

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

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

Student Marshals:

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

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

Miyuki Arai, MA, Director, Global Learning Services

The Ceremonial Mace

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

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



University Motto

AGE QUOD AGIS

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

Flags on the Stage



The flags which you see displayed on the stage

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

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



Academic Hoods

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

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



Degrees and Diplomas

Awarded with Distinctions

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

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

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



Medals & Awards

Faculty Medals - Graduate

Master of Finance Gold Medal

Recipient: **Yifei Xie**

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

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

Recipient: **Jeffrey Gerald Johnson**

The John and Heather Fitzpatrick Valedictorian Award*

Recipients: **Kjeld Mizpah Conyers-Steede** (MTEI)
Lipika Kharbanda (BSc)

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

Prizes & Awards for Graduates

Durland Family Doctoral Convocation Award

Recipients: **Narges Ahangarian**
Sujoy Barua
Margaret Z. Buhariwalla
Angelo George
Cynthia Marie O'Driscoll
Mukhwinder Singh
Jonathan Franklyn Stevens

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 2025 Convocation, please note awards presented at other Convocation 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

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

**** Represents endowed awards***

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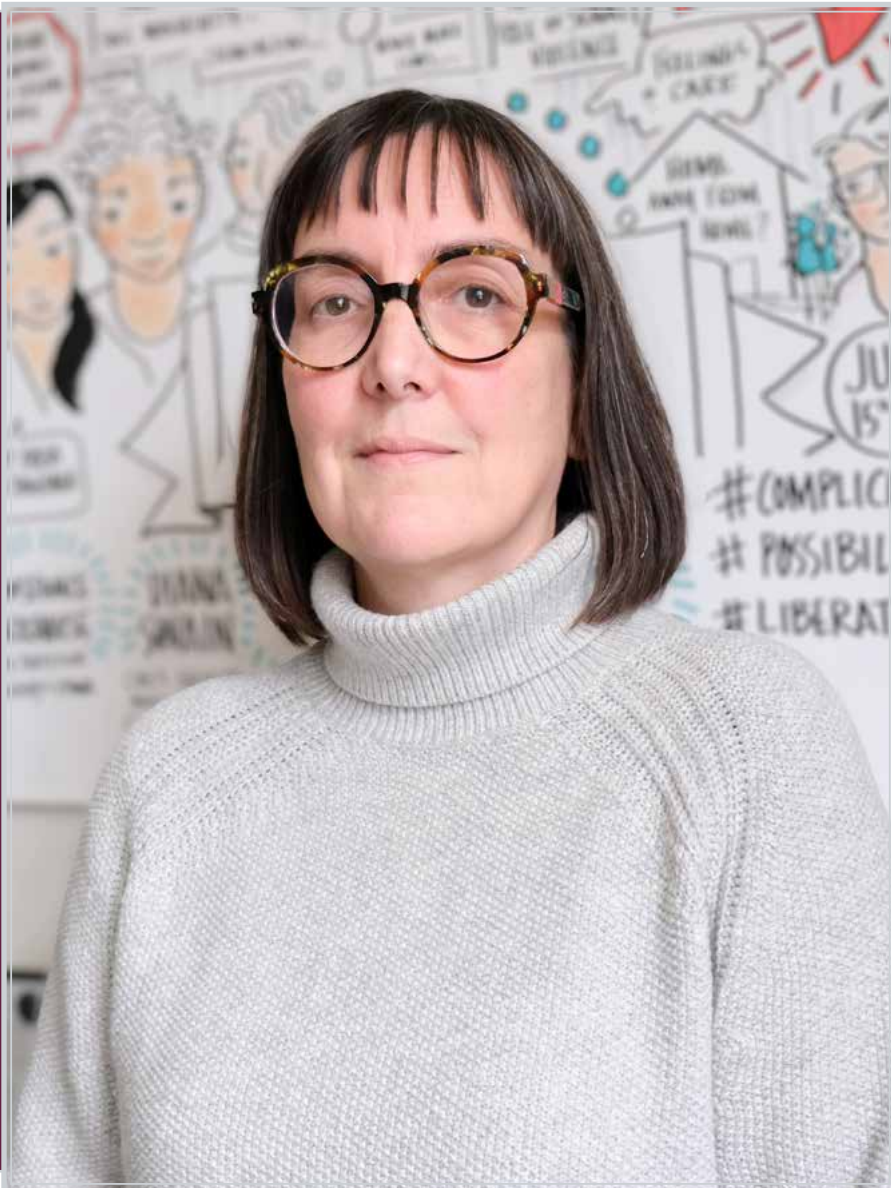


President's Award for Excellence in Research

Dr. Diane Crocker

Professor, Department of Criminology

Acting Associate Dean of Arts, Curriculum and Student Affairs



As a national leader in criminology and restorative justice research, Dr. Diane Crocker is transforming how our communities address gender-based violence. She is widely recognized for her innovation in bringing together diverse partners to design practical solutions for complex social issues. Her collaborative approach connects academia, government and community groups, centering the voices of survivors in policy and program improvements.

Research with meaningful community impact is at the heart of Dr. Crocker's work. She is a current member of the Research Nova Scotia funded project CIRCLES-NS (Creating Integrated Restorative Communities for Locally Engaged Solutions). She was a co-investigator with the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative and a member of the Policy and Research Advisory Board for the Mass Casualty Commission, the independent public inquiry created to provide recommendations to help keep communities safer in the aftermath of Nova Scotia's mass casualty in April 2020.

With support from a team of student and community-based researchers, Dr. Crocker led an evaluation of Nova Scotia's provincial action plan Standing Together to Prevent Domestic Violence. She participates in the national effort iMPACTS: Collaborations to Address Sexual Violence on Campus, and works closely with Nova Scotia's universities to develop effective sexual violence prevention and response policies. Her co-edited book, *Violence Interrupted: Confronting Sexual Violence on University Campuses* (MQUP, 2020), provides a collection of essays on research related to campus sexual violence in Canada. She has authored the book *Crime in Canada* (OUP, 2012) and many book chapters, journal articles and over 80 research and policy reports commissioned by government and community organizations.



President's Award for Excellence in Research

She has received significant research funding, securing nearly 50 grants and research contracts, many in partnership with federal and provincial government departments. Dr. Crocker is a research partner with PREVNET: Canada's Healthy Relationship Hub and she holds a research fellowship at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research in New Brunswick. She is a research associate with the Restorative Research, Innovation and Education Lab at the Schulich School of Law and a member of Justice Canada's Advisory Committee for the National Restorative Justice Research Network. She has also advised the Department of National Defence, and organizations as far away as Australia's National Office for Child Safety.

Dr. Crocker is considered an essential ally in the work to eradicate gender-based violence. With Bridgewater's Be the Peace Institute, she has helped amplify survivors' voices through projects like Pathways to Justice and Voices of (In)Justice, promoting trauma-informed and restorative responses. Her collaboration with Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA) has enhanced public safety by improving reintegration supports for individuals transitioning from incarceration.

As an educator and mentor, Dr. Crocker has supervised more than 25 honours and graduate students and trains early-stage researchers and community volunteers, fostering future leaders in community-engaged scholarship. In 2018, she received the President's Award for Exemplary Service, having served on numerous committees and initiatives at Saint Mary's such as the Research Ethics Board and the Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Advisory Committee.

Dr. Crocker holds both a PhD and MA in Sociology from York University, and a BA in Anthropology from Memorial University. Since joining Saint Mary's in 2000, she has held increasingly senior academic roles, including Associate Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (2013-2018), Chair of the Department of Criminology (2019-2024), and currently Associate Dean of Arts, Curriculum and Student Affairs.

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.

Fall Graduates 2025





Master of Technology Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Kjeld Mizpah Conyers-Steede
Smith's, Bermuda

Master of Applied Economics

Nayem Ahmed
Mohanganj, Bangladesh

Stephen Frimpong
Techiman, Ghana

Sowparnika Kumaravadivelu
Chennai, India

Lorraine Lartekai Lartey
Accra, Ghana

Samuel Olumide Olubunmi
Lagos, Nigeria

Krithika Saha
Feni, Bangladesh

Maya Saradammal
Kochi, India

Joshua Oscar Tetteh
Senya Bereku, Ghana

Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Applied Economics

Xiaoling Zhang
Halifax, NS

Master of Business Administration

Raunak Singh
India

Master of Finance

Tilal Abbasher
Bridgewater, NS

Lutfun Nesa Aysha
Halifax, NS

Lucina Jane Beaumont
Fredericton, NB

Anshu Bhandari
Halifax, NS

Xinhui Cheng
Halifax, NS

Mechelle Dela Cruz Etrata
Bulacan, Philippines

Mohit Gupta
New Delhi, India

Md Fazlul Halim
Halifax, NS

Sanjay Kumar Harikrishnan
Bengaluru, India

Jianguo Hu
Shenzhen, China

Yichuan Hu
Halifax, NS

Imasha Ruwanthi Jayaweera
Arachchige Dona
Halifax, NS

Yixin Jiao
Dandong, China

Muhammad Hamza Khan
Halifax, NS

Gauree Mukesh Lad
Mumbai, India

Finn K. Larkin
Halifax, NS



Boxi Li
Changchun, China

Xinran Li
Kunming, China

Xiaandong Liang
Zhengzhou, China

Shuo Liu
Jinan, China

Kishmar Lorde
Halifax, NS

Sijia Ma
Halifax, NS

Swayam Paras Mehta
Halifax, NS

Zijian Min
Halifax, NS

Troy K. Nadin
Oakville, ON

Mann Asit Patel
Unjha, India

Shuyao Qiu
Guangzhou, China

Talukdar Md Raju
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Janhavi Janardan Rane
Mumbai, India

William Frank Ryan
Halifax, NS

Aniruddha Sen
Halifax, NS

Zhuhuan Shao
Weifang, China

Mingxuan Sheng
Wuhan, China

Farah Deebea Shimu
Halifax, NS

Yu Su
Halifax, NS

Mingxuan Wang
Beijing, China





Qiming Wang
Beijing, China

Wei Wei
Shanghai, China

Jingyao Wu
Hohot, China

Shihua Wu
Foshan, China

Yifei Xie
Halifax, NS

Yuhang Xie
Dalian, China

Heyi Xu
Beijing, China

Youzhi Xu
Shanghai, China

Wenhao Yan
Halifax, NS

Aiyang Yu
Beijing, China

Jingwen Zhao
Beijing, China

Fengyang Zheng
Zhengzhou, China

Master of Management, Co-operatives and Credit Unions

Nicole Ann Arnone
Burlington, ON

Shyde-El Diakhi
Brooklyn, NY, USA

Jeffrey Gerald Johnson
West St. Paul, MB

Mary Ann Kingsley
Severna Park, MD, USA

Michael Thomas Murdoch
Astoria, OR, USA

Tyler Andre Paturel
St. Joseph du Moine, NS

Ashwin Sang
Surrey, BC

Kirsten S. Sunesen
ON

Patricia A. Tessier
Ottawa, ON

Graduate Diploma in Co-operative Management

Kirstie Elerine C. Boyette
Washington, DC, USA

Caroline Cloutier
Montréal, QC

Michael Paul Loncarich
Hamilton, ON

Joe Reid
Langley, BC

Sarah L. Walker
Milton, ON

Kim L. Williams
Dartmouth, NS

Executive Doctorate of Business Administration

Cynthia Marie O'Driscoll
Dartmouth, NS

Jonathan Franklyn Stevens
Charlottetown, PE



Bachelor of Commerce

Jibreel Ahmed

Nairobi, Kenya

Hala Ahmed Alsharif

Halifax, NS

Sarah Frances Attwood

Dartmouth, NS

Ankshita Rajendra Bhatt

Manama, Bahrain

Shybin Binoj

Canada

Abbey Elizabeth Boudreau

Arichat, NS

Dylan Boutilier

Halifax, NS

Emma L. Briggs

Dartmouth, NS

Oneika C. Brown

Co-operative Education

Kingston, Jamaica

Jianxun Chen

Haikou, China

Jiangnan Cheng

Ningbo, China

Manav Chopra

cum laude

Halifax, NS

Noah Comeau-Shantz

Dartmouth, NS

Gabe Lionel Cormier

Cheticamp, NS

Charlie Joseph Da Fonseca

summa cum laude

Thornhill, ON

Emily Adriana Densmore

Halifax, NS

Joshua Karliel Deveau

Freeport, Bahamas

Nathan K. Dunkley

Campbellford, ON

Espri Nefes Elmaagacli

Kayseri, Türkiye

Sally Elsharif

summa cum laude

Halifax, NS

Zachary Mitchell Evans

Co-operative Education

Halifax, NS

Donjae Oniel Ferguson

Kingston, Jamaica

Gabrielle Suzanne Gogan Williamson

Quispamsis, NB

Riley Samuel Griffin

Co-operative Education

Halifax, NS

Kennedy James Hape

Lawrencetown, NS

Emma Elizabeth Harvey

Glassville, NB

Sydney Angela Haverstock

Co-operative Education

Hammonds Plains, NS

Liam Raymond Hulan

Halifax, NS

Joshua C. Jackman

Co-operative Education

Lower Sackville, NS

Hussain Juzar Jasupurwala

Surat, India



Paige Kathleen Johnson
Burlington, ON

Anushka Kalantri
Halifax, NS

Dorothy Kamikazi
Halifax, NS

Cameron William Karsten
East Jeddore, NS

Aiden Sean Kelley
Martock, NS

Fanjian Kong
Foshan, China

Brett Alexander LeBlanc
cum laude
Head of St. Margaret's Bay, NS

Braden Joseph Gregory Little
Halifax, NS

Hao Liu
Qingdao, China

Kolby L. Mackenzie
Port Hawkesbury, NS

Jared C. Minard
Yarmouth, NS

Brett William Moore
Beaver Bank, NS

Owen Thomas Murphy
Lucasville, NS

Muskan Muskan
Dartmouth, NS

Yu Pan
Halifax, NS

Sam Ronald Pelley
Sydney, NS

Victor Manuel Quezada
Santiago, Chile





Vishakha Rai

magna cum laude

Halifax, NS

Haoyuan Ren

Taiyuan, China

Tyler Edward Sim

Sackville, NS

Micah Grace To'marrow Simmons

Paget, Bermuda

Zariah Chynna Simmons-Smith

Hamilton, Bermuda

Thakur Ujjwal Singh

Halifax, NS

Sarah X. Spidell

Halifax, NS

Amelia Ruby-Jade Steeves

Stellarton, NS

Selorm Candual Kofi Tarquah

Accra, Ghana

Kopal Trivedi

Kanpur, India

Hannah Elizabeth Wadey

Montréal, QC

Brianna Elizabeth Watson

Truro, NS

Jack Shawn Wells

Bedford, NS

Zacharie Whitehead

Bedford, NS

Certificate of Human Resource Management

Hala Ahmed Alsharif

Halifax, NS

Emily Adriana Densmore

Halifax, NS

Sabrina Hillas Fauteux

Ottawa, ON

Micah Grace To'marrow Simmons

Paget, Bermuda

Bachelor of Science

Basel Allam

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Elisha Bennett

Honours Chemistry

Halifax, NS

Isabella Rose Berkman

Shubenacadie, NS

Rachel Belle Cartier

cum laude

Honours Psychology

Halifax, NS

Patrick Cormier

Sainte-Marie-de-Kent, NB

Isabela Elizabeth Drozdowski

summa cum laude

Honours Chemistry

Eastern Passage, NS

Camryn Anne Fraser

cum laude

Honours Psychology

Cole Harbour, NS

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Dartmouth, NS

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Cornwall, PE

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Scotch Village, NS

Fahim Shahriyar
Halifax, NS

Gulizar Sheikh Muslim
Halifax, NS

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Bengaluru, India

Olivia Paulette Thordarson
Honours Psychology
Halifax, NS

Wenru Yao
China

Ghazaleh Zehforoush
Halifax, NS

***Bachelor of Science and
Diploma in Engineering***

Turay Alikan Akdogan
Ankara, Türkiye

William Clay Brown
Freeport, Bahamas

Jonile Leonna Edwards
Kingston, Jamaica

Aydan Scott Jennings
Dartmouth, NS

Grace S. Kelly
Grand Pre, NS

Andre Christopher Matthew
Nassau, Bahamas

Diploma in Engineering

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Dartmouth, NS

Emily Denise Doucette
Timberlea, NS

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Hassan Alaraishy**
Halifax, NS

Max Denis Fournier
Halifax, NS

Kerille Fozin
Yaounde, Cameroon

Peyton T. Henneberry
with great distinction
Wellington, NS

James Harold Bruce Jamieson
with greatest distinction
Halifax, NS

Owen J. Kosiba
Blockhouse, NS

Kai Daniel Lee Palov
with greatest distinction
Bedford, NS

Kate Virginia Peddle
St. John's, NL

Anish Sapkota
with distinction
Halifax, NS

Sadikshya Shrestha
Halifax, NS



Giovanna T. Stevaux
Bridgewater, NS

Meharsanam Sudheerkhan
Kollam, India

Zacharie Whitehead
Bedford, NS

***Certificate in
Forensic Psychology***

Rafaela Cifuentes Montero
Quito, Ecuador

Elisabet Medvedchuk
Halifax, NS

***Certificate in
Forensic Sciences***

Camryn Anne Fraser
Cole Harbour, NS

Bachelor of Arts

Marissa Elie Abou-Khalil
Lower Sackville, NS

Cailyn Shawn-Rose Asprey
Halifax, NS

Jacob Edward Boudreau
Louisdale, NS

Olivia Beverly Brennan
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Durham Bridge, NB

Litzie Rita Brooks
magna cum laude
Dartmouth, NS

Elena Castiglioni
Mantova, Italy

Rafaela Cifuentes Montero
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Amber Catherine Clifford
Prince Albert, SK

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Halifax, NS





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Lauren Elizabeth Evans

Lucasville, NS

Lauren Furlotte-MacNeil

Sydney, NS

Carmen Isabella Garcia

Toronto, ON

Pritika Ghosh

Greater Noida, India

Austin Thomas Danger Gill

Kingston, ON

Marian Sraboni Gonsalves

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Laken Olivia Brannen-Goreham

Shelburne County, NS

Aaron Benjamin Graham

Halifax, NS

Sarah Ali Haider

Honours English

Halifax, NS

Delanie Aileen Margaret Hartt

cum laude

Ellershouse, NS

Gillian Alyse Elizabeth Head

Chéticamp, NS

Sebastian Albert Huesmann Jarry

Halifax, NS

Brian K. Hunt

Halifax, NS

Brett Darin Kennedy

Hammonds Plains, NS

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Charlottetown, PE

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Richard Bailey Learmonth

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Halifax, NS

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Lantz, NS

Emma Marion Theresa McInnis

Petawawa, ON

Isaac Mark McDonald

Smith's, Bermuda

Elisabet Medvedchuk

Halifax, NS

Emma D. Meraw

Red Deer, AB

Nicole Kaitlyn Mosher

Lucasville, NS

Anika Myles

Centreville, NS

Kaitlyn A. Nunez

Kingston, Jamaica

Evan Gregory Penney

St. John's, NL

Caroline Faith Perrin

Beaver Bank, NS

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Pembroke, Bermuda

Morgan C. Sarson

Honours Sociology

Bedford, NS



Haillie Elizabeth-Marie Savoury
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Benjamin Wyn Sheffar
Springhill, NS

Francesca Teresa Del Nino
Jesus Southwell
Saint John's, Antigua & Barbuda

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Honours Psychology
Halifax, NS

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Truro, NS

Todd William Young
Dartmouth, NS

***Bachelor of
Environmental Studies***

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Certificate of Linguistics

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Halifax, NS

Master of Arts
(Atlantic Canada Studies)

Liam David Mason
Amherst, NS

Grace Catherine Tarrant
Fredericton, NB

Master of Arts
(Geography)

Frank Kwaku Aazore
Accra, Ghana

Master of Arts
(History)

Amanda Leah Dunsmore
Barrie, ON

Gabriella B. A. Samways
Sydney Mines, NS

Master of Arts
(Women and Gender Studies)

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Stephenville, NL

Ellen Louise MacIntosh Nantau
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***Master of Applied Health
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Whitby, ON

Julia Louise Menary
Ottawa, ON

Erin Lynn Norris
Grimsby, ON

Bader Eyad Shaheen
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Master of Science
(Applied Psychology)

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Melissa Noelle Corbett
Cape Breton Island, NS

Éloïse de Grandpré
Ottawa, ON

Madeline Grace Fisher
Halifax, NS



Chloë Virginia Carole Fuller
Dartmouth, NS

Jiawei Huang
Charlottetown, PE

Jaedan Whitman Link
Clarks Harbour, NS

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(Applied Science)

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Co-operative Education
Kolkata, India

Sora Ishida
Halifax, NS

Courtney M. McKay
Halifax, NS

Kenzie Heather Melanson
Port Williams, NS

Mohammad Rahimipour
Halifax, NS

Olivia Roland
Black Rock, NS

Muhammad Uzair Tahir
Pind Dadan Khan, Pakistan

Enobong Charles Udoh
Akwa Ibom, Nigeria

Alyssa Jayne Wells
Falmouth, NS

Master of Science
(Astronomy)

Abigail Monique Aline Battson
Lower Sackville, NS

Doctor of Philosophy
(Applied Science)

Narges Ahangarian
Halifax, NS

Sujoy Barua
Chattogram, Bangladesh

Mukhwinder Singh
Goindwal Sahib, India

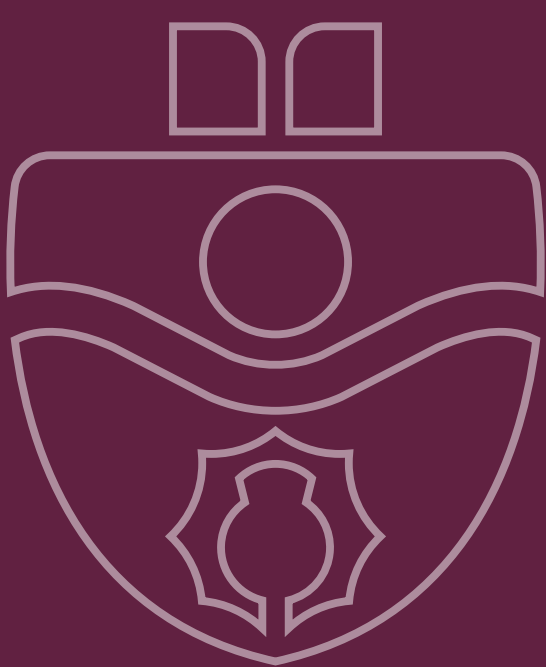
Doctor of Philosophy
(Astronomy)

Margaret Z. Buhariwalla
Sydney, NS

Angelo George
Halifax, NS



Valuedictorians





Kjeld Mizpah (KJ) Conyers-Steede

Sobey School of Business



Kjeld Mizpah (KJ) Conyers-Steede is a graduate of the Master of Technology Entrepreneurship and Innovation (MTEI) program at Saint Mary's University, where his research explores how social finance and catalytic capital can empower rural and isolated communities to achieve sustainable economic transformation. Under the supervision of Dr. Chantal Hervieux, KJ's thesis examined how seed funding shapes capital flows and governance in rural regions, providing new insights into how social innovation can reimagine development beyond traditional finance models.

Before joining Saint Mary's, KJ built a diverse career at the intersection of policy, innovation, and community development. His professional experience spans public service and social entrepreneurship, including roles supporting municipal innovation, economic resilience, and

community-led design. He has advised governments and organizations in both Canada and Bermuda, focusing on building ecosystems that help small jurisdictions adapt to global challenges through creativity, collaboration, and inclusive governance.

As the founder and CEO of **Future Civics**, a nonprofit organization based in Nova Scotia, KJ continues to test ways to support rural innovation by merging business startup ideology with community-based approaches. Future Civics aims to support social entrepreneurs, municipalities, and community leaders through research, convening, and incubation, with projects ranging from housing and climate adaptation to social financing and food security. The organization's mission to empower and elevate rural and isolated communities reflects KJ's lifelong dedication to connecting people, ideas, and place.

KJ's leadership extends beyond academia and entrepreneurship. He has served on boards such as the Valley Regional Enterprise Network and the Rural Communities Foundation, advocating for sustainable agriculture, inclusive economic development, and youth leadership. His work is guided by a belief that small communities hold the key to big solutions, and that innovation is most powerful when rooted in empathy, equity, and local wisdom.

Looking ahead, KJ intends to continue his research, deepening his exploration of how financial systems and governance models can evolve to support social transitions in small jurisdictions. Whether through policy, academia, or community collaboration, he remains committed to bridging the gap between ideas and impact helping communities not just survive change, but shape it.



Lipika Kharbanda

Faculty of Science



Originally from New Delhi, India, Lipika Kharbanda is graduating from Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. Since joining SMU in 2021, she has earned a place on the Dean's List and served multiple times as a Chemistry Lab Demonstrator, helping her peers gain confidence in the subject through her guidance and enthusiasm.

Throughout her university journey, Lipika has demonstrated exceptional dedication to academics, leadership, and community service. She has contributed over 1,100 volunteer hours at Saint Mary's University and across the Halifax community through organizations such as IWK Health, Nova Scotia Health, and St. John Ambulance. As a trained Advanced First Medical Responder, she has also served as a Counter First Medical Responder with the SMU Campus Response Team and St. John Ambulance's Halifax division; roles that reflect her unwavering commitment to healthcare and safety.

Beyond her academic pursuits, Lipika has been actively involved in several societies, including the Biology Society, the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) society, the Indian Society, the Food Room, and SAGA (Students Acting for Global Awareness) society, where her engagement showcases her compassion, leadership, and drive to make a meaningful difference in her community.

She has also actively participated in SMUSA, the student body at Saint Mary's University, serving as a pack leader each year and contributing to initiatives that impact the broader student community.

Lipika's time at Saint Mary's has been guided by empathy and a belief in the value of human connection. She aspires to become a doctor and has recently begun her journey in healthcare as an Early Childhood Educator, continuing to demonstrate kindness and care in everything she does.

She expresses heartfelt gratitude to her parents, Mr. Ashok and Mrs. Bharti Kharbanda, for their endless love and support; to her sibling, Meetansh and cousin Pawan, and his family; to her professors and mentor, Ms. Amanda Saoud and Navneet Kaur, for their guidance and encouragement; and to her friends, for their unwavering support.

Although graduating from the Faculty of Science, Lipika is honoured to represent both Science and Arts as Valedictorian. She believes that kindness is the truest form of strength and that success is best measured by the good we bring into others' lives. She congratulates the remarkable Class of 2025 on this milestone achievement.



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 60,000 alumni worldwide, your impact is felt in your community and beyond. Philanthropic investments from our alumni, whether it be your time, talent or treasure, will pave the way for the next generation of Santamarians to succeed.

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





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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 approximately 6,000 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, 60,000 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 L271 following each ceremony for graduation photos. To arrange an individual sitting at their studio, please book an appointment on their website, **calnenphotography.com**.



Framing of Parchments

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

Recording

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



Flowers

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



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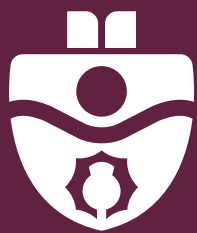
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