# Fall Virtual GRADUATION 2020 Celebration

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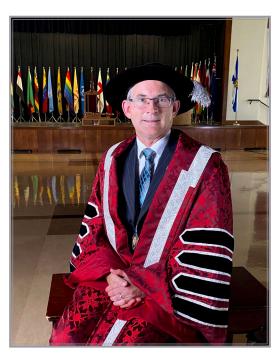


To say that I am proud of the Fall 2020 graduates would be an understatement!

This has been an academic year like no other. The entire university community – myself included – has been inspired by the resilience, leadership, and compassion shown by our graduates in the face of unprecedented challenges over the past months.

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.

This special edition Graduation Celebration program will be a reminder for years to come that the Class of Fall 2020 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, please know that you are, and always will be, a part of the Santamarian community.

Congratulations on your achievements! I can't wait to see what your future holds.

Robert Summerby-Murray, Ph.D. President and Vice-Chancellor

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#### **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.



#### 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

Details about these awards can be found in the 'About Saint Mary's' section of this program.

#### *≈* Master of Finance Gold Medal

Recipient: Mohamed Yousif Mohamed Mahmoud

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#### MASTER OF MANAGEMENT Co-Operatives and Credit Unions:

POBIHUSCHY MEDAL

Recipient: Nicolas Decker Bickford

#### → THE MCMULLAN & REGE HONOURS IN CRIMINOLOGY CONVOCATION AWARD

Recipient: Shelby Skye Graham

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#### → JOHN AND HEATHER FITZPATRICK VALEDICTORIAN AWARDS

Recipients: Beverlee Anne Margaret MacLellan
Brianna Grace McNutt

Ciaro Mical Moxey

Quintina Olivia Rolle

Donor: John BA'81, DCL'17, QC & Heather Fitzpatrick



In 1984, Saleh (Sal) AmirKhalkhali joined the Department of Economics at Saint Mary's University.

During his years at the university, he taught ten undergraduate courses at the introductory, intermediate and advanced levels. Additionally, Dr. AmirKhalkhali instructed ten graduate courses in different programs, including MBA, EMBA, MFIN, and MAE.

Dr. AmirKhalkhali has an extensive research record in many topic areas, including capital mobility, public debt, economic growth and econometric methods. Moreover, he presented research papers in numerous, well-established regional, national and international, national conferences.

Many journals have published Dr. AmirKhalkhali's research papers, including Applied Economics, Applied Econometrics and International Development, Canadian Journal of Economics, Canadian Public Administration, Canadian Public

Policy, Canadian Tax Journal, Communications in Statistics, Development Policy Review, Eastern Economic Journal, Economic Modeling, Economic Notes, Empirical Economics, IMF Staff Papers, Journal of Policy Modeling, Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation, Southern Economic Journal, The Indian Journal of Statistics (Sankhya), and The Statistician (published by the Royal Statistical Society).

In addition to being a member and chairing several faculty and departmental committees, Dr. AmirKhalkhali served as Department Chair. Furthermore, he served as a member of several Senate subcommittees, the University Appointments Committee and the University Review Committee.

Before joining the faculty at Saint Mary's University, Dr. AmirKhalkhali was an Assistant Professor at Dalhousie University and enjoyed a successful career as a Senior Economist in both Tehran and Brussels.

During his post-secondary education, he ranked first among his peers at Shiraz Pahlavi University. Additionally, he was a Killam Scholar at Dalhousie University, where he obtained both an MA and PhD.

For 36 years, Dr. AmirKhalkhali has enjoyed the warm and collegial environment that his students, colleagues, and staff have provided him. As Professor Emeritus, he looks forward to his continued association with the Economics Department, the Sobey School of Business, and Saint Mary's University.

#### Beverlee MacLellan

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**



Born and raised in the unceded territory of Mi'kma'ki, Beverlee is the mixed-race descendant of three local communities: Scottish settlers, Black/African Nova Scotians and Mi'kmaq people/L'nu.

Due to their passion for political reform inherited from multiple family lineages and personal experiences, Beverlee returned to post-secondary education as a mature student. During their time at Saint Mary's, they were involved in student activist work. Part of that work included being a panelist in two of the Critical Indigenous, Race, and Feminist Student Conferences to discuss mixed-race identities and environmental racism.

There is a broad appreciation for Beverlee's dedication to knowledge, equity, truth, and creativity. Being a lover and a fighter sets Beverlee apart from others. They are also one of the first students to graduate from the university with a major in Social Justice and Community Studies.

# VALEDICTORIANS

#### Grace McNutt

#### **MASTER OF ARTS**

Grace hails from Sydney, Nova Scotia, and attended Cape Breton University (CBU) to complete her undergraduate degree. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, Honours in History. She was awarded CBU's Silver Medal for the highest aggregate in a 4-year BA program and the Angus "Gus" Morrison Memorial Scholarship for excellence in History.

Following graduation, Grace began her graduate studies at Saint Mary's University, enrolling in the Master of Arts - Atlantic Canada Studies Program. Last year, she was awarded a Joseph-Armand Bombardier Scholarship by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. In June 2020, Grace successfully defended her MA thesis "Oppression in the Shadows: the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia and the Development of Indian Affairs, 1760-1950".

Grace intends to begin her doctoral studies in September 2021. This coming year, she looks forward to presenting her MA research to the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society.



#### Ciaro Moxey

#### **BACHELOR OF COMMERCE**



Ciaro Moxey is an international student from The Bahamas that came to Saint Mary's University in 2015. During his time at the university, he was named the recipient of the Student Leader of the Year Award – SMUSA Charter Day 2019 and the Student Leader Recognition Award – SMU 2019. Additionally, Ciaro was Co-President of Enactus Saint Mary's during the 2018-19 academic year. Representing the university nationally and internationally, he got the opportunity to visit many different places, including Dubai, Silicon Valley, and London.

Ciaro's philosophy is the "Power of One," which is the belief and practice that passionate individuals can have an immense impact and structural change in any position they occupy.

Upon graduation, Ciaro is working with Novagevity, a local startup researching and creating plant-based nutrition products to help people get better and maintain their health. At Novagevity, he is the Manager of Business Development and is looking forward to launching its commercial brand, Sperri, at the end of the year.

#### Quintina Rolle

#### **BACHELOR OF ARTS**

From The Bahamas, Quintina found her passion and purpose while earning a Bachelor of Arts degree at Saint Mary's, majoring in both Criminology and Sociology.

Living on campus with her son Malachi over the past four years, Quintina has juggled full-time studies and volunteer work as a single parent. Her next step is law school, greatly inspired by last fall's Conversation with Barack Obama event, which she attended with support from SMU donors.

Quintina is also grateful to the professors who encouraged her to pursue her own leadership potential and her dreams of being an advocate for justice, equality and diversity.



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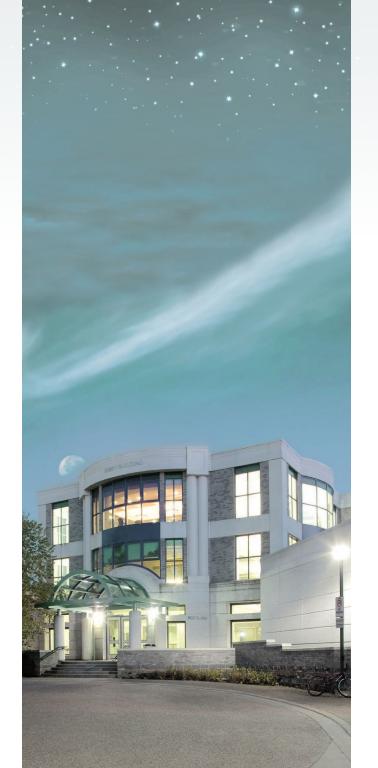
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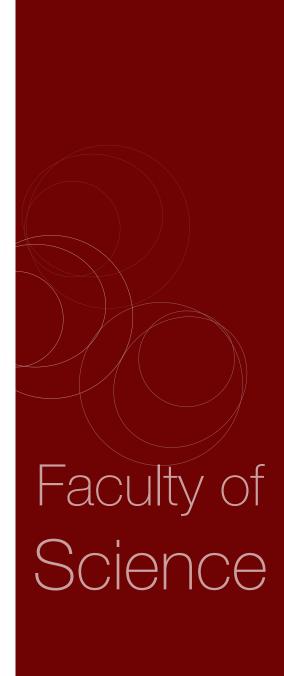
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#### **ALUMNI**

#### The Saint Mary's Alumni Association

will welcome more than 380 students into its global family this fall. Donning Alumni Honour Guard robes, your Alumni speaker acts as a symbol of your belonging and acceptance into our community.

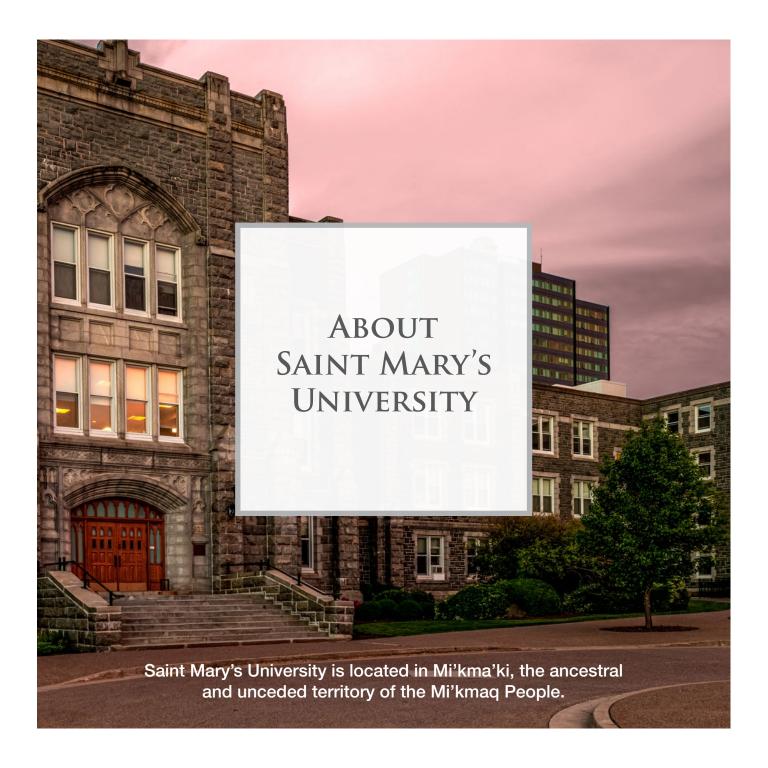
Each graduate will receive an alumni pin from Saint Mary's Alumni Association when they receive their parchment, a tradition dating back to 1990. Graduates are encouraged to wear their pins with pride. Alumni of Saint Mary's University, Santamarians, share a strong sense of community; this bond is evident whether alumni are cheering on the Huskies, supporting their alma mater with their time or resources, or heading back to campus for Homecoming Weekend.

With more than 52,000 graduates worldwide, Saint Mary's has alumni networks in cities and towns across the globe.

Stay connected and keep in touch with classmates through social media, regional gatherings and networking opportunities. And if you want to volunteer, plan an event, or start an alumni network in your area, visit smu.ca/alumni.

## ALUMNI Around the World







# Nestled in the heart of Halifax,

Nova Scotia, Saint Mary's University is marked by iconic buildings, green spaces, and fresh ocean air. A vibrant and culturally diverse campus, Saint Mary's lets students experience the world, all in one city block.

The university's role in the creation and dissemination of knowledge, combined with its entrepreneurial and leadership skills training, provide ample evidence of its ability to change the world for the better – locally, nationally, and internationally.

Graduates of Saint Mary's – who hail from more than 100 countries – share a special pride. Known as Santamarians, 52,000 alumni are contributing to communities and economies around the globe.

Saint Mary's has pioneered a number of academic programs and is home to one of the first Faculties of Commerce in Canada, now recognized as a national leader in business education. In more recent years, the university became known for programs and supports for students with disabilities; when the Fred Smithers Centre of Support for Students with Disabilities opened in

1985, it was one of only a handful of such facilities in the country.

Saint Mary's has always endorsed the idea that physical health is a strong foundation for a productive mind and spirit, and the University has proven time and again the legitimacy of this philosophy, winning many regional and national titles across a number of sports.

Student success requires a strong and comprehensive institutional commitment, focusing on academic excellence, discovery, and innovation. Saint Mary's aims to prepare Santamarians to succeed in a global, intercultural environment, meet the market needs of the Atlantic region and Canada, and provide pathways for career launch and progression.

Building upon its strong history of teaching and research excellence, student-centred learning, community outreach, and commitment to diversity, Saint Mary's University is ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. So, too, are its graduates.



#### JOHN AND HEATHER FITZPATRICK VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

Donors: John BA'81, DCL'17, QC & Heather Fitzpatrick

The purpose of this award is to provide incentive and congratulations to Saint Mary's University valedictorians each convocation.

This award was established in 2006 through the generosity of alumnus John Fitzpatrick BA'81 and his wife and long-time staff and supporter, Heather. John graduated with a BA in Political Science from Saint Mary's University and an LLB from Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law.

For John, Saint Mary's University has always been close to his heart. John has served on the Board of Governors for 20 years, with eight years as Chair and Vice-Chair. In recognition of his commitment to students, he was awarded an honorary "Gold M" by the Saint Mary's University Students' Association. John also received a Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa) from Saint Mary's University in 2017.

Heather has worked at Saint Mary's University for more than 18 years in different fundraising positions. She is a strong supporter of the University through many avenues, demonstrating her loyalty and love for the institution.

John and Heather's connections to the University extend to their three children: Laura, Jennifer, and Andrew, who have all attended Saint Mary's. John's Father, Ed, is a proud 1953 Saint Mary's graduate and was valedictorian of his class.



## THE MCMULLAN & REGE HONOURS IN CRIMINOLOGY CONVOCATION AWARD

Donor: Dr. Aunshul Rege

This award has been established in honour of Professor Aunshul Rege's mentor, Dr. John Leonard McMullan, a long serving and well-respected faculty member in the former Department of Sociology and Criminology.

Dr. Rege credits her love for education and passion for educating others to his guidance, dedication to excellence, hard work and commitment to the success of others.



#### MASTER OF FINANCE GOLD MEDAL

**Donors:** Dr. J. Colin Dodds and Family

Awarded to a student graduating at Fall Convocation with the highest GPA in the Master of Finance Program.

This medal was established in 2014 by Dr. J. Colin Dodds, Professor of Finance and President Emeritus, Saint Mary's University. Dr. Dodds began teaching Finance at Saint Mary's University in 1982, and still serves as the Director of the Master of Finance Program, a program he helped to develop and which is now a formal CFA Affiliate. Dr. Dodds served as the President of Saint Mary's University from 2000 to 2015.

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