Spring Virtual GRADUATION 2020

Celebration

Special Edition May 22, 2020



MESSAGE from the **PRESIDENT**

To say that I am proud of the class of 2020 would be an understatement.

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

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 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.

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



Message from the Grad Class Executive

Class of 2020.

Congratulations to you all on your graduation! While we are physically unable to be together, we are excited to celebrate this important milestone virtually.

As your Grad Class Society Executives, we want to give you a long distance high five for everything you have accomplished during your time at Saint Mary's. We will certainly be one of the most memorable graduating classes in Saint Mary's history.

Over the school year, our society raised funds through

various initiatives to support a gift to the University. We are pleased to share that, with your support, the Class of 2020 has donated \$1,000 to the COVID-19 Student Financial Relief Fund. This gift will help many of our peers who will continue with their studies this upcoming year.

We are very excited to announce that, in addition to our financial contribution, we have commissioned a portrait of Carlton, our Saint Mary's cat. This portrait will be donated to the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery. We hope this brings a smile to your face when you come home to visit campus in the future.

Once again congratulations and we wish you all the best for your future endeavors!

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Grad Class Society 2020

Mohammad Ashiq - President Morgan Wolfe - Vice-President Brandon Ash - Treasurer Emma Rota - Coordinator





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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.

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
summa cum laude	4.00 - 4.30
magna cum laude	3.85 - 3.99
cum laude	3.70 - 3.84

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.



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

UNIVERSITY FACULTY \sim **& DIVISION MEDALS**

Undergraduate Gold Medals

Bachelor of Arts Recipient: Eugenia Kirsanova

Bachelor of Science Recipient: Victor G. Bussard

Graduate Gold Medals

James Morrison International Development Studies Medal Recipient: Tobias Gerhard Schminke Donor: Dr. James H. Morrison

Master of Business Administration: Dr. Harold G. Beazley Medal Recipient: Rebecca J. Durdle Donor: Dr. Harold G. Beazley BComm'36 DLitt'72

\sim UNDERGRADUATE MEDALS & AWARDS

Governor General's Silver Medal

Recipient: Jennifer Lynn McArthur Donor: Governor General of Canada

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Governor General's Gold Medal

Recipient: Tobias Gerhard Schminke Donor: Governor General of Canada

Diploma in Engineering

Recipient: Seamus Gerard MacInnes

Bachelor of Commerce

Recipient: Lynina Yulan Shi

UNIVERSITY FACULTY \sim MEDALS

Master of Science: (Applied Psychology) **Recipient: Kathleen Marguerite Farrell Hyland** Donor: Aramark Canada Ltd.

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

Recipient: Brandon Wesley Logan

Donor: Applied Science Faculty Members

ACADEMIC SUBJECT \sim AWARDS

Biology: The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award Recipient: Kennedy C. M. Brittain Donor: The family of Dr. Brij M. Kapoor

Environment: Environmental Prize Recipients: Meghan P. Fraser, Victoria L. Hawkins Donor: Dr. Tony Charles

CAG Undergraduate Award in Geography Recipient: Peter L. M. Inches **Donor:** Canadian Association of Geographers

Geology: The Centennial Medal Recipient: Anna Terekhova Donor: The Mining Society of Nova Scotia

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

Recipient: Céline L. Doucet **Donor:** Department of Management Faculty members, past and present

O'Brien Award in Irish Studies Recipient: Kegan James Robert Crawford Donor: Dr. Brian O'Brien DSc'15

Modern Languages: Prize of the Ambassador of Switzerland **Recipient: Joelle Claire Larade**

Donor: Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada

Edwin C. Harris Tax Prize Recipients: Bradley N. MacMaster Morgan B. Toole Donor: Atlantic Tax Conference Planning Committee

Linguistics Book Prize Recipient: Eugenia Kirsanova Donor: Linguistics Program

Peace and Conflict Studies Book Prize **Recipient: Michaela Alyson Peters** Donor: Peaceful Schools International and the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA)

JOHN AND HEATHER FITZPATRICK **∼** VALEDICTORIAN AWARDS

Recipients: Mohammad Ashiq Youji Cheng Ariana T. K. Joseph

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



Jennaecia A. L. Lewis Jemima Magara Mohamed Azharuddin Akbor Rahman



Mohammad Ashiq BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Originally from Bangladesh, Mohammad came to Saint Mary's to further his education. The university became his home away from home as the support helped him obtain a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

As an active leader in the university community, Mohammad served as the Grad Class President and spent three years as a student assistant at the Alumni Office. During this time, he led several initiatives, including the annual Campus Food Drive. Additionally, Mohammad lent a hand when it came to events such as fundraising at golf tournaments, Homecoming, and social media. Mohammad would like to thank his mentor and well-wisher Emily, who is a Saint Mary's Alumni Officer.

Mohammad takes away a degree from Saint Mary's, but also some lifelong memories especially learning new traditions in Canada like trick or treating at Hallowe'en.



Youji Cheng Master of Science (Applied Science)

Born and raised in China, Youji arrived in Canada in 2012. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree with Honours in Chemistry from Mount Allison University in 2017, he received a two-year research fellowship, which brought him to Saint Mary's University.

Alongside his mentor and thesis advisor, Professor Cherif F. Matta, Youji co-authored several peer-reviewed research publications. One of those publications graced the journal cover of Chemical Physics Letters. In 2018, Youji was the recipient of an International Mobility Award, which enabled him to participate in a research collaboration in New York City. He successfully defended his MSc in Applied Science with a focus in computational chemistry and physics this past fall.

Making Nova Scotia home, Youji is the founder and current board chair of Scientists in the Maritimes. His company supports and advises local scientists and entrepreneurs.

Ariana Joseph **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

Emigrating from Antigua to Canada at the age of 16, Ariana instantaneously fell in love with her new home as she embarked on her latest education chapter.

While obtaining her Bachelor of Science degree, Ariana experienced a unique but memorable experience at Saint Mary's. As a participant in the LEAP program for the past few years, she valued the opportunity to network with talented peers. From that experience, she made bonds and working relationships that will last a lifetime.

Ariana's positive and upbeat attitude has inspired her classmates and the university community.





From Kampala, Uganda, Jemima arrived at Saint Mary's University to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree and made a positive impression within the community.

As a Student Ambassador for Saint Mary's Open Houses, Jemima enjoyed the opportunity to interact with prospective students and their parents. Drawing on her own experiences, she was empathetic while offering advice and guidance in showing students how Saint Mary's could be the right place for them.

By making those unique connections, it enriched Jemima's time at the university. She is looking forward to continuing to make an impact as a Saint Mary's alumnus.



Jennaecia Lewis BACHELOR OF ARTS summa cum laude

Born in Guyana and raised in Antigua, Jennaecia overcame adversity to achieve her goal of earning a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Psychology.

During her four years at Saint Mary's, Jennaecia's motivation was the support that came from faculty and staff in the Psychology department. One of her most cherished experiences was to work with her thesis supervisors Dr. Jason Ivanoff and Dr. David Bourgeois, with the support of her friend, the late Dr. Blair John,

Jennaecia's ability to put her best foot forward and persevere has served as an inspiration to other students and the university community.

Azhar Rahman BACHELOR OF COMMERCE summa cum laude

Born and raised in Mauritius, Azhar took a big step when he came to Canada.

When he arrived at Saint Mary's University, Azhar wasted no time in showing his enthusiasm and determination. He tried to form an intramural soccer team but instead gained lifelong friendships through his interactions.

The Saint Mary's community has played a significant part in Azhar's personal and professional development. It has enabled him to see all the opportunities that have opened up for him, especially after obtaining a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

Jemima Magara **BACHELOR OF ARTS**



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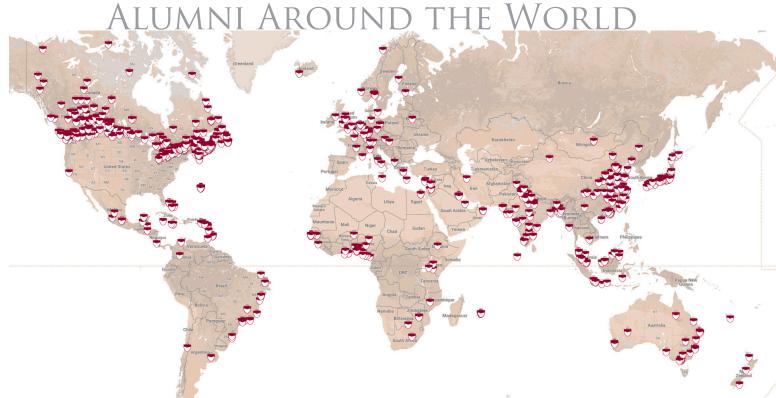
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These awards were established in 2013 by Dr. Tony Charles. Dr. Charles is a former Director of the School of the Environment and a professor in the Environmental Science Department and the Sobey School of Business. He specializes in interdisciplinary research on natural resources, coastal and marine areas, and conservation issues.



O'Brien Award in Irish Studies

This award was created by the generosity of Dr. Brian O'Brien DSc'15 to honour a graduating student who has excelled in Irish Studies. The award also memorializes the important contributions of Rev. Richard Baptist O'Brien, the first President of Saint Mary's when it acquired degree granting status in 1841, and the Archbishop of Halifax, Cornelius O'Brien, who led the University's reestablishment in 1903 following a 22-year closure.

Dr. Brian O'Brien DSc'15 is a long-time benefactor of the Irish Studies Program and a stalwart of the Irish community in Halifax. Since his retirement in 2009 from a distinguished career as an Opthalmologist, Dr. O'Brien has been a champion in the restoration of the Holy Cross Cemetery, a valuable repository of the history of the Irish contribution to Saint Mary's and Nova Scotia. In 2015, Dr. O'Brien received a Doctor of Science (honoris causa) from Saint Mary's University.

John and Heather Fitzpatrick Valedictorian Award

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 DCL'17 QC 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.

Human Resource Management:

Hermann F. Schwind Award for Excellence in Human Resource Management

This award was established in 2000 by friends and colleagues of Dr. Hermann Schwind, in recognition of his significant contributions to the advancement of the Human Resources Management profession in this region and across the country.

Edwin C. Harris Tax Prize

Established 2010, the Edwin C. Harris Tax Prize was established by Saint Mary's University and the Sobey School of Business Tax Conference Planning Committee in honour of Edwin C. Harris, QC, FCA, FCMA, TEP, for his 50-year contribution to the annual Atlantic Provinces Tax Conference. The Conference is co-sponsored annually by the Sobey School of Business and is attended by practicing accountants, tax lawyers, government officials, and people in the tax community.

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