



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

SPRING CONVOCATION 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR. ANDREW HAKIN

President and Vice-Chancellor

Congratulations on your achievement. This is your day!

Your dedication, hard work, perseverance, and commitment have culminated in a university degree, a StFX University degree. You can be confident that your experience at StFX has provided you with the skills that will serve you well no matter what path you follow. As a graduate of StFX, you have a unique personal story of your experience to tell. Take enjoyment from your story.

Celebrate your relationships with friends, with staff and faculty who have helped you along the way. Your journey has been shaped by, real friendships, real challenges, real growth, and real community which have combined to create a solid foundation on which to build your future.

Your education has presented you with many different lenses with which to view the world and has also helped to hone the intellectual skills and tools which will enable you to make a difference to all of those around you. You are the future leaders of our society, and our hope is that using your education, you will bring positive change to our world.

Go make a difference.



CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

DR. JOHN PEACOCK '63

Chancellor

Congratulations, graduates, on receiving your degree – and welcome to the StFX alumni community. I hope that my own long and lovely relationship with the university stands as an indication that your graduation is not the end of your time with StFX; it's the beginning of a new chapter. We might leave StFX, but it does not leave us. Your time here has stamped you in ways that may not yet be apparent, but which will arise at the critical moments of your lives.

Will you use the lessons from your time here to shape our world? Will you sit back and let life unfold – or will you choose your path in accordance with your values and what you know to be true and good?

Life is not linear. It will zig when you want to zag, shock you when you want to languish in comfort, and delight you when you despair. You are not passengers, though; you have agency and the heart and the brains to navigate life's tumult.

I don't have to tell you that the privilege of education comes with the responsibility of action. Lucy Maud Montgomery, one of the finest writers from the Maritimes, reminds us that "it's not what the world holds for you – it's what you bring to it."

I implore you: bring yourselves to the world, fully and kindly and with goodness.

Hail and Health!



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MIKE GILLIS '87

Halifax, NS

Congratulations, graduates! You've reached the summit of your academic journey at X, and it's time to celebrate and bask in the glow of your remarkable achievement.

Amidst the excitement of this special day, take a moment to reflect on the journey that has brought you here - the bonds formed with classmates, professors, and mentors who've become like family. Every triumph, every setback, and each late night spent studying (or not) - they've all contributed to shaping the incredible individuals you are today. And guess what? This isn't the end of the road; it's the beginning of an exciting new chapter! As you embark on this journey, armed with a wealth of knowledge and a thirst for making a difference, remember that the world eagerly awaits your contributions. You're not just graduates; you're empowered individuals, guided by the Xaverian spirit and our motto of 'Whatsoever things are true.'

Now, as official members of the esteemed StFX Alumni Association, you join a legacy of over 50,000 trailblazers who've walked the same path before you. Whether you choose to pursue further education, embark on a career, or explore new horizons, remember that you'll always have a home within the Alumni Association - a place where you belong and are always welcomed.

Picture yourself at a StFX Alumni Association event, amidst new surroundings but finding comfort in familiar faces and a room full of X-rings. Imagine attending one our mentoring and career development sessions or being inspired by our speaker series featuring distinguished alumni. This vibrant community stands ready to embrace you, offering a supportive network whether it is in your hometown, across the country, or even the other side of the world.

So, here's to the adventure that lies ahead! Embrace it with confidence, knowing that your journey is backed by the unwavering support of your fellow Xaverians. We can't wait to witness the incredible feats you'll achieve. Congratulations again, and welcome to the next chapter of your extraordinary story!



ORDER OF CEREMONIAL

Morning Ceremony

National Anthem

Janet Becigneul

Opening of Convocation

Dr. John Peacock '63
Chancellor

Invocation

Father Donald MacGillivray '79
University Chaplain

President's Address

Dr. Andrew Hakin
President and Vice-Chancellor

Recognition of Medalists

Dr. Amanda Cockshutt
Academic Vice-President and Provost

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Christine Schwarzman
New York City, US

Elder Sister Dorothy Moore '74
Antigonish, NS

Stephen A. Schwarzman
New York City, US

Presentation of Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award

Dr. Peter Kikkert
Public Policy and Governance Program

Conferral of Degrees in Course

Conferral by Chancellor

Dr. John Peacock '63



Remarks

Kerry Prosper '09
Elder in Residence

Mi'kmaq Honour Song

Councillor Trevor Gould
Paqtnkek First Nation, NS

Acknowledgement of the Graduating Class

Katherine Starr '24
Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy
and Governance

Admission to the Alumni Association

Mike Gillis '87
President, Alumni Association

Address to the Graduates

Dr. Mila Mulronev '04

Benediction

Most Reverend Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick
Vicar of the Founder

Closing of Convocation

Dr. John Peacock '63

Ceremonial Officer

Dr. Barry MacKenzie '07

Master of Ceremonies

Mark MacIsaac '91
Gerald Schwartz School of Business



DOCTOR OF LAWS *HONORIS CAUSA*

CHRISTINE SCHWARZMAN

New York City, US

Christine Schwarzman began her career as a field producer and writer at ABC News. After receiving her law degree, she specialized in intellectual-property asset management at the law firm of Cowan, Liebowitz & Latman. While at CL&L, she litigated cases for such corporate clients as Random House, Met Life, Warner Brothers, Sony Entertainment, WWE and Altria.

She was the founder and CEO of IP Network, an enterprise software company specializing in the management and commercialization of Intellectual Property. She serves as Trustee of the Inner-City Scholarship Fund. As well, she serves on the Board of Venetian Heritage. She is a member of the New York State Bar Association and American Intellectual Property Bar Association. A lifelong theater lover, she has timed her third act towards producing for the stage. She is president of, No Guarantees, a theatrical company that she created in 2017, and which has produced or co-produced over 35 shows and has won four Tony Awards. Among their credits is the hit musical *Come from Away*.



DOCTOR OF LAWS *HONORIS CAUSA*

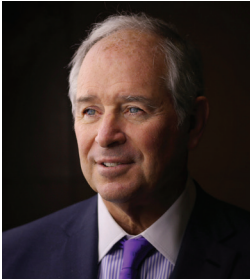
ELDER SISTER DOROTHY MOORE '74
Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Sr. Dorothy Moore, a proud Mi'kmaw woman, was born in 1933 in Membertou, NS. In 1954, she entered the Sisters of St. Martha and made her final vows in 1956. Her activist work covers an impressive span that includes First Nations preservation of language, education, and human rights.

Sr. Dorothy has been widely acclaimed for her significant success in helping to improve the lives of Mi'kmaq people. She began her career as an elementary school teacher in Cape Breton, and for most of her 22-year tenure, Sr. Dorothy taught at schools in Nova Scotia and Alberta. In 1980, she became the principal of the Eskasoni Elementary and Junior High School. From 1985 to 1995, Sr. Dorothy served on the faculty at Cape Breton University and was instrumental in developing the Mi'kmaq Studies Program which laid the foundation for what is now Unama'ki College. From 1995 to 2002,

Sr. Dorothy worked at the Department of Education, where she was instrumental in developing history and Mi'kmaq language curriculum for use in the public school system. She has been named to the Order of Nova Scotia and the Order of Canada, and holds honorary doctoral degrees from Cape Breton University, Mount Saint Vincent University, and Saint Mary's University.

Sr. Dorothy is the author of *A Journey of Love and Hope. The Inspirational Words of a Mi'kmaw Elder* (Nimbus Publishing, 2022), and is the subject of the documentary film *Sister Dorothy Moore: A Life of Courage, Determination and Love*, which was produced and directed by Dr. Mary Jane Harkins, and released in 2022.



DOCTOR OF LAWS *HONORIS CAUSA*

STEPHEN A. SCHWARZMAN
New York City

Stephen A. Schwarzman is chairman, CEO and co-founder of Blackstone, one of the world's largest alternative investment firms with over \$1 trillion Assets Under Management. He has been involved in all phases of Blackstone's development since its founding in 1985.

In both business and philanthropy, Mr. Schwarzman dedicates himself to tackling big problems with transformative solutions. His major gifts have helped establish a new center at the University of Oxford to redefine the study of the humanities for the 21st century, create a new college at MIT dedicated to the study of artificial intelligence, build a first-of-its-kind student center at Yale, renovate and expand the New York Public Library, and found an international fellowship program, Schwarzman Scholars, at Tsinghua University in Beijing to educate future leaders about China.

Mr. Schwarzman is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Business Roundtable, and International Business Council of the WEF. He was named one of Barron's "World's Best CEO's" in 2019; one of Forbes' Top 50 "World's Most Powerful People" in 2018; Forbes' most influential person in finance in 2016; and one of *TIME*'s "100 Most Influential People" in 2007. His honours include the Légion d'Honneur and Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, both at the Commandeur level from France, and Order of the Aztec Eagle from Mexico, for his work on behalf of the U.S. in support of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement in 2018.

At the University of Oxford, Mr. Schwarzman was elected a Wykeham Fellow at New College in 2021 and a Waynflete Fellow at Magdalen College in 2023. In 2024, Mr. Schwarzman was appointed as an Honorary Knight of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) in recognition of his services to philanthropy. In 2019, he published his first book, *What It Takes: Lessons in the Pursuit of Excellence*, a New York Times best seller which draws on his experiences in business, philanthropy, and public service.



OUTSTANDING FACULTY TEACHING AWARD

DR. PETER KIKKERT

Public Policy and Governance Program

Dr. Peter Kikkert is an associate professor, coordinator of the Public Policy and Governance (PGOV) Program, and Research Fellow with the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government at StFX. Dr. Kikkert's person-centered and innovative teaching approach has been consistently evident in the impacts he has had on students and the PGOV program.

Nominators describe his unwavering dedication to each student's success and learning outcomes, his nurturing of individual potential, and preparation for real-world challenges. In the classroom, whether guiding newcomers to policy research in a 100 level class, or engaging advanced students in an honours seminar, Dr. Kikkert excels in making complex subjects accessible and intriguing. His support for extracurricular learning and community building within the PGOV program has significantly contributed to its growth and development.

“His contributions have not only elevated the PGOV program but have also left an indelible mark on the lives of numerous students, including myself,” writes one nominator. Dr. Kikkert has written extensively on historic and contemporary safety, security, and sovereignty issues in the polar regions. His current research focuses on how to strengthen search and rescue and emergency management capabilities in rural, remote, and Northern communities.

Putting his research into practice, Dr. Kikkert serves a searcher with Strait Area Ground Search and Rescue in Nova Scotia and sits on its Board of Directors.



SENIOR CLASS SPEAKER

KATHERINE STARR '24

Bachelor of Arts with Honours
with Subsidiary with First Class Honours

Katherine Starr graduates from St. Francis Xavier University with an honours degree in public policy and governance (PGOV) and subsidiary in political science. She was born and raised in Newmarket, ON but has always considered Antigonish, NS as a second home. Ms. Starr spent many childhood summers visiting her aunts, uncles, and cousins who live in Antigonish and has enjoyed living close to her mom, who recently moved back to Antigonish.

Ms. Starr is the recipient of the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney Scholarship and has been a Dean's list student for the past four years. She has held several jobs on campus including being a research assistant at the Brian Mulroney Institute of Government and working as a tutor and notetaker for the Tramble Centre for Accessible Learning. She helped co-found the 'Our House Too' society on campus to promote inclusivity in politics and has been involved in several other societies including the PGOV Society, the Model United Nations Society, and the Women in Business Society.

Ms. Starr is passionate about public policy, international relations, and advocating for women's rights among many other things. She plans to pursue a degree in law.



MEDALISTS 2024

UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

These medals are awarded to the student with the highest average in the final three years of an honours, advanced major or major degree program



Bachelor of Arts to:

Katherine Starr, Antigonish, NS

&

Wesley Fairhurst, Calgary, AB

Bachelor of Music to:

Michael Tellum, Antigonish, NS



THE GERALD SCHWARTZ SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

The following medal is awarded to the student with the highest average in the final three years of a Bachelor of Business Administration program



The ONEX Corporation Gold Medal
Bachelor of Business Administration

Lucas Seto, Dartmouth, NS



Bachelor of Education to:

Shelly Whynot, Liverpool, NS



GOVERNOR GENERAL MEDAL

The Governor General Graduate Medal for the highest overall average in a thesis-based graduate program to:

Kelly O'Neil, Halifax, NS



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Kelly O’NeilHalifax, NS

MASTER OF EDUCATION

- Fred Allen.....Antigonish, NS
- Melissa BakerAntigonish, NS
- Mandy Banfield-ThibideauDartmouth, NS
- Amanda BillardBible Hill, NS
- Anna-Kay Clarke.....Kingston, Jamaica
- Victoria Clarke.....Juniper Mountain, NS
- Sarah DensmoreBrookfield, NS
- Sarah GaudryWindsor Junction, NS
- Angie HarvieMiddle River, NS
- Charmaine Jarvis.....Chateauguay, QC
- Sheri Julian-BrooksIndian Brook 14, NS
- David Kearns.....Lanark, NS
- Nino Kovacevic.....Halifax, NS
- Theresa KuhnCow Bay, NS
- Marjorie Landry.....Rankin Inlet, NU
- Jaime Lysens.....Lawrencetown, NS
- Anndelynn MacDougall.....Sydney, NS
- Haley MacEachernBedford, NS
- Sheri MacKinnon.....Bridgewater, NS
- Lena Martell.....Bedford, NS
- Jill MartinDartmouth, NS
- Denise McKinleyMahone Bay, NS
- Leanne MurphyAntigonish, NS
- Mellisa Pulsifer.....Coldbrook, NS
- Megan Russell.....Calgary, AB
- Ashley SalesGrand Prairie, AB
- Francine SanfordClementsvalle, NS
- Mary Saunders.....Stirling, ON
- Helen Scott-DavidsonStewiacke, NS
- Nik SerrerBedford, NS
- Kelly Sherwood.....Bedford, NS
- Alex Siksik.....Rankin Inlet, NU
- Michelle TinioAntigonish, NS
- Jo-Anne WilsonBedford, NS

MASTER OF ADULT EDUCATION

- Jennifer Delaney.....Lower Sackville, NS
- Jackie DowlingMilford, NS
- Wedad Ibrahim Ibrahim.....Cairo, Egypt
- Monique Menard Kilrane.....Ottawa, ON
- Bridgett MorganBridgewater, NS
- Shaunna Scott.....Mulgrave, NS
- Cheryl WadasingheNepean, ON

Audrey Fenwick Memorial Award



DIPLOMA IN ADULT EDUCATION

- Peggy Collins-Gibson Regina, SK
- Sana Ghani..... Edmonton, AB
- Rebecca Lewis New Glasgow, NS
- Kenneth Molloy La Salle, MB
- Kindree Woznow Orleans, ON

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

- Quinn Alexander Truro, NS
- Shalan Armstrong Robinsons Corner, NS
- Mary Bailey New Glasgow, NS
- Katie Ballhorn Wetaskiwin, AB
- Sierra Banks Ottawa, ON

St Francis Xavier Association of University Teachers Book Prize

- Lennique Bannister.....Nassau, Bahamas
- Ben BasilioBallinifac, ON
- Abbie BenjaminRoosevelt, Minnesota
- Maeva Berger-Daly West Dublin, NS
- Dean Berry Greenfield, NS
- Melissa Bishop Bridgewater, NS
- Skylar BlanchetteHammonds Plains, NS
- Mariah Boudreau-Cowan..... Wolfville, NS
- Renée Boutilier-McFarlane Tantallon, NS
- Alexandra Briand..... Cole Harbour, NS
- Brooklyn BrownUpper Brookside, NS
- Ryan Brule..... Truro, NS
- Jon Burns Eastern Passage, NS
- Mandy CamusPetit Etang, NS
- Joseph Dahdah New Glasgow, NS
- Minette DcruzHalifax, NS
- Alesha Dennis Pictou County, NS
- Angie DixonLiverpool, NS
- Emily Docherty London, ON
- Tara DoucetteLiverpool, NS
- Brianna Dupres Halifax, NS
- Azlyn Edens Bedford, NS
- Jennifer EttlinPort Maitland, NS
- Megan Farrell Toronto, ON
- Blake Fenton Halifax, NS
- Aaron FifieldMount Pearl, NL
- Kelsey FinnieMount Uniacke, NS
- Graci Fleet..... Marie Joseph, NS
- Logan FoxNewtown, NS
- Olivia Fraser Westville, NS
- Trevor Fredeen Valley, NS
- Chad Furey Bridgewater, NS
- Luc Gallant..... Wellington, PE



Nadeeka Gama Ralalage	Antigonish, NS
Connor Gascoigne	Halifax, NS
Kyra Gate.....	Truro, NS
Grace Gillis	Middle Sackville, NS
Hannah Gillis	River Denys, NS
Megan Gillis	Northside East Bay, NS
Katherine Glenn.....	Antigonish, NS
Kelly Gong	Halifax, NS
Kendra Gould.....	Eskasoni, NS
Morgan Harlow.....	Sable River, NS
Kelsey Hatcher	Dartmouth, NS
Kathleen Hicks.....	Boylston, NS
Aethne Hinchliffe.....	Chester, NS
Alison Howlett.....	Hebbsville, NS
Mason Hubley.....	Bridgewater, NS
Shani Inglis.....	Maders Cove, NS
Nicola Jackson	Sydney, NS
Alyssa Julian.....	Whycocomagh, NS
Maura Kell.....	Antigonish, NS
Travis King	Heatherton, NS
Alex Leccese	Kitchener, ON
Lacey Lewis.....	Digby, NS
Jennifer Lilly.....	Antigonish, NS
Yuyan Liu.....	Halifax, NS
Jake MacDonald	Sydney River, NS
Tyler MacDonald.....	Antigonish, NS
Danielle MacEachern	Merigomish, NS
Abby MacInnis.....	Lower South River, NS
Scott MacInnis.....	Antigonish, NS
Meggan MacKeigan.....	Sydney, NS
Savannah MacLachlan	Bonshaw, PE
Delaney MacLaughlin.....	Eureka, NS
Eilidh MacLean	Dartmouth, NS
Jenna MacLennan	Port Hood, NS
Claire MacMaster	Halifax, NS
Jenna MacPhee.....	L'Ardoise, NS
Madison Martell.....	L'Ardoise, NS
Brandyn Martin.....	Melfort, SK
Ethan Mastin	Chilliwack, BC
Michaela McDonald	Ottawa, ON
Lysa McGrath	Eastern Passage, NS
Bridget McSwiggan.....	Antigonish, NS
Hailey Meade.....	East River Point, NS
Mick Moloney.....	Douro-Dummer, ON
Ethan Moore.....	Digby, NS
Spencer Morden	Stittsville, ON
Carley Mullally	Caledonia, NS



Hanna Murphy	Bible Hill, NS
Laura Murphy	Bible Hill, NS
Ainslie Murray	Greenhill, NS
Lyndon Murrin	North Sydney, NS
Deborah Myers	Bridgewater, NS
Haylee Nauss	Chester, NS
Daniel Nicholson	Baddeck, NS
Caitlin Nickerson	Milton, NS
Leif Nielsen	Dartmouth, NS
Rachel O'Connell	Brookfield, NS
Colin O'Fee	Kamloops, BC
Codie O'Neil	Antigonish, NS
Maggie Osborne	Hammonds Plains, NS
Mackenzie Parker	Windsor Junction, NS
Payton Parker	Cole Harbour, NS
Laura Pheby	Hubbards, NS
Allison Quintal	Ottawa, ON
Joseph Raaymakers	Chatham, ON
Tara Reddick	Antigonish, NS
Ben Renouf	Fall River, NS
Amy Rhodenizer	Bridgewater, NS
Janet Rhyno	Lake Lewis, NS
Alexandra Ritcey-Conrad	Rhodes Corner, NS
Kaley Robar	New Ross, NS
Ethan Rondeau	Upper Tantallon, NS
Jarrett Ross	Centreville, NS
Shelby Rouse	River Denys, NS
Blake Rowe	Irishtown, NB
Kendall Savoury	Lower Sackville, NS
Charlotte Schnare-Russell	Chester Grant, NS
Alannah Scott	Malignant Cove, NS
Amanda Scott	Halifax, NS
Tracey Shepherd	Albert Bridge, NS
Amanda Smith	Ottawa, ON
Alyssa Spridgeon	Whitby, ON
Anna Stappas	Halifax, NS
Ashly Sutherland	Sydney River, NS
Barbara Sylvester	Membertou, NS
Alison Tedford	Halifax, NS
Maddie Tennant	Parrsboro, NS
Trish Thomas	Pictou Landing First Nation, NS
Jada Totten	Debert, NS
Noah Townend	London, ON
Kaitlyn Turner	Eastern Passage, NS
Holly Turple	Scotsburn, NS
Tylisha Upshaw	Truro, NS
Marina van Vessem	Timberlea, NS



Sarah VanZeumeren.....	Elmsdale, NS
Will Veinot.....	Bedford, NS
Megan Wall.....	Sydney, NS
Katherine Waterbury.....	Kentville, NS
Tyrone Watson.....	Hamilton, ON
Julianna Weaire.....	Pocologan, NB
Bailey Webster.....	Kensington, PE
Shelly Whynot.....	Liverpool, NS
Brianna Willis.....	Lake Loon, NS
Brian Willman.....	Chester, NS
Madeline Young.....	Truro, NS

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH MAJOR

Makara Aikens.....	Stellarton, NS
Dogukan Akyildiz.....	Izmir, Turkey
Shamim Ali Madad.....	Halifax, NS
Max Alward.....	Moncton, NB
Sidney Arbuckle.....	Pictou County, NS
Karlee Atwater.....	Bible Hill, NS
Kennedy Atwater.....	Bible Hill, NS
Maren Bartlett.....	Torbay, NL
Dalton Beaver.....	Antigonish, NS
Elisabeth Blair.....	Perth, ON
Mya Boucher.....	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Maggy Burbidge.....	Falmouth, NS
Sara Cantwell.....	Little Bras D'or, NS
Henderson Cartwright.....	Nassau, Bahamas
Emma Clunie.....	Manotick, ON
Maya Clunie.....	Ottawa, ON
Sam Conway.....	New Glasgow, NS
Emily Cooley.....	Thornburn, NS
Halle Cordingley.....	Barrie, ON
Evan Cummings.....	Tyrone, ON
Sam Cuzzolino.....	Whitchurch Stouffville, ON
Bredin Davidson.....	Hatchet Lake, NS
Kristin Dean.....	Plymouth, NS
Katie Donig.....	Cornwall, ON
Erin Doyle.....	Barrie, ON
Grace Eagles.....	Ottawa, ON
Connor Gilchrist.....	Kanata, ON
Sadie Groves.....	Calgary, AB
Kate Gunn.....	Ottawa, ON
Olivia Hagen.....	Bible Hill, NS
Makayeo Hall.....	Ottawa, ON
Yuhao He.....	Parrsboro, NS
Claire Hickey.....	Kingston, NB

Dr. M.C. Watt Clinical Forensic Prize



Emily Hopkins.....	Burlington, ON
Derek Howes.....	Dalkeith, ON
Ella Johnson.....	Lunenburg, NS
Abbi Johnston.....	Truro, NS
Sydney Kendall.....	Mitchell, ON
Aine Kennedy.....	Prescott, ON
Jack Kennedy.....	Antigonish, NS
Sadie Kirwan.....	Apple Hill, ON
Taliah Knight.....	McIellans Brook, NS
Seraya Knocton.....	Antigonish, NS
Emma Laughlan.....	Arnprior, ON
Nicholas Leger.....	Cap Pele, NB
<i>Argentinean Consulate of Montreal Prize for Spanish</i>	
<i>Embassy of Uruguay Book Prize for Spanish</i>	
Yongyi Li.....	Chongqing, People's Republic of China
Ashley Livingston.....	Blue Mountain, NS
Ben Locke.....	Truro, NS
Correen Lynch.....	Cape Breton Island, NS
Emma MacDonald.....	Antigonish, NS
Rachel MacDonald.....	Pictou, NS
Nicole MacInnis.....	Dartmouth, NS
Emily MacKinnon.....	Truro, NS
Jillian MacKinnon.....	Truro, NS
Hannah MacNaughton.....	Banff, AB
Kayla MacNeil.....	Sydney Mines, NS
Ryan Mailman.....	Liscomb, NS
Clara Maltby.....	Antigonish, NS
Rachael Manning.....	Saint John, NB
Mattie Martell.....	Pomquet, NS
Maddy Matthews.....	Louisdale, NS
Kendra McDonell.....	Ottawa, ON
Evan McGillis.....	Burlington, ON
Ryan McGinn.....	Watnish, NS
Bayley McLaughlin.....	Cornwall, PE
James McNeil.....	Cape Breton, NS
Briar Miller.....	Stellarton, NS
Ashley Niven.....	Westville, NS
Madelaine Orr.....	Calgary, AB
Shaye Parkinson.....	Okotoks, AB
Jessica Pelrine.....	Antigonish, NS
Joe Pitawanakwat-Trudeau.....	Sault Ste Marie, ON
Kate Popadinac.....	Ridgeway, ON
Dondre Reddick.....	Antigonish, NS
Zackery Reid.....	Burnstown, ON
Selena Reyes.....	Dartmouth, NS
Samuel Robertson.....	Orleans, ON
Blake Rogers.....	Garlands Crossing, NS



Megan Russell.....	Westville, NS
Madison Sample	Westville, NS
Samuel Schlitz.....	Antigonish, NS
Gavin Semple.....	Antigonish, NS
Zoe Sherlock.....	New Waterford, NS
Emily Shum.....	Calgary, AB
Doug Simpson.....	Westville, NS
Emily Simpson.....	Frankville, NS
Callum Spinnewyn	Osgoode, ON
Riley Stephenson.....	Antigonish, NS
Joshua Sturmy	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Nikolas Swales.....	Toronto, ON
Haley Teed	North River, NS
Rayna Totten.....	Truro, NS
Jasmine Vallis	Mira Gut, NS
Ben Van Steinburg.....	Antigonish, NS
Antoine Vernon.....	Hamilton, ON
Grace Vos.....	Calgary, AB
Jordan Waller	Truro, NS
Delaney Walsh.....	Hingham, Massachusetts
Joni-Lynn Whitty.....	Ingonish Beach, NS

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH MAJOR WITH DISTINCTION

Quinn Alexander.....	Truro, NS
Bailey Beaumont	Edgetts Landing, NB
<i>The Reverend John Archie Chisholm Memorial Award</i>	
<i>Hogan-Phillips Prize in History</i>	
Kieran Bent.....	Trenton, NS
Kessa Bourque	Campbellton, NB
Owen Brennan.....	Ottawa, ON
Kate Carleton.....	New Maryland, NB
<i>Clare Fawcett Graduating Prize in Anthropology</i>	
Haley Chisholm	Havre Boucher, NS
Julia Cox	Ottawa, ON
Jaime DeEll.....	Kingston, NS
Grace Elliott.....	Ottawa, ON
Jessica Farquharson	Antigonish, NS
Duncan Fraser	Ancaster, ON
Alyssa Goodine	Moncton, NB
Anna Graham.....	Ottawa, ON
<i>Dr. Annette Ahern Memorial Essay Prize in Religious Studies</i>	
Lea Hartwell	Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
Spencer Johnson Band.....	Toronto, ON
Logan Jones.....	Halifax, NS
Olivia Keleher.....	Saint John, NB
<i>Angus Dan Gillis Award in Celtic Studies</i>	



Grace Lazzuri.....	Antigonish, NS
<i>Rev. Bernard A. MacDonald Memorial Bursary</i>	
Padruig MacDonald.....	Miramichi, NB
<i>Fr. Malcolm MacDonell Award in Celtic Studies</i>	
Katie MacKenzie.....	Inverness, NS
Cole MacLean.....	Stellarton, NS
Chloe Oldford.....	Gander, NL
<i>John and Mary Fraser Memorial Prize for Senior Religious Studies</i>	
Clarissa Pasion.....	Brookfield, NS
<i>Art History Prize</i>	
Madison Payne.....	Yellowknife, NT
Lauren Seamone.....	New Germany, NS
Julie Webb.....	Moncton, NB

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH JOINT MAJOR

Sarah Breen.....	Antigonish, NS
Ella Gunn.....	Scotsburn, NS
Robbie Hughes.....	Ottawa, ON
Jessi Humphreys.....	Hammonds Plains, NS
Rebecca LeRoy.....	Whycocomagh, NS
Laura Maillet.....	Yarmouth, NS
Jake Staffen.....	Ottawa, ON
Amber Thibodeau.....	Green Valley, ON

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH JOINT MAJOR WITH DISTINCTION

Sammy Brooks.....	Windsor, NS
Grace Campbell.....	Sydney, NS
Oscar Dewing.....	Calgary, AB
Wesley Fairhurst.....	Calgary, AB
<i>St Francis Xavier Association of University Teachers Book Prize</i>	
Taylor Gorman.....	Arisaig, NS
Haylee Hodgson.....	Macphersons Mills, NS
Margaux Moignard.....	Ottawa, ON
Kali Regenvanu.....	Port-Vila, Vanuatu

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS

Sara Waldron.....	Waterdown, ON
<i>Jules Leger Undergraduate Scholarship for Achievement in the Humanities and Social Sciences</i>	
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Whatever things are true

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*I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord;
I repeat, what I want is your happiness.*

*Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord
is very near.*

*There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray
for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that
peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand,
will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.*

*Finally, beloved, fill your minds with **everything that is true,**
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everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be
thought virtuous or worthy of praise.*

*Keep doing all the things that you learned from me and have been
taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of
peace will be with you.*