

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
UNIVERSITY

SPRING CONVOCATION 2023

Sunday, May 7, 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DR. ANDREW HAKIN

President and Vice-Chancellor

This is your day! Congratulations on your achievement.

Your dedication, hard work, perseverance, and commitment have culminated in a university degree, a StFX degree. 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 foundational experience 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 tools that 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 with your many skills and abilities, you will bring positive change to our world.

Go make a difference.



CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

JOHN PEACOCK '63

Chancellor

This is a special day for each of you, as it marks the end of your diverse journeys. The parchment you receive today both symbolizes your years of hard work and admits you into the alumni family of StFX – and that should make you very proud.

Sixty years ago, almost to the day, I had the pleasure of receiving my degree from StFX – as did my wife, Adrienne. Admittedly, the campus and the student body were considerably smaller then than they are today, but not much else has changed. That's part of the magic of this university; despite advancements and modernization, StFX has always devoted itself to the holistic academic, social, and civic education of its students.

You will experience a world that is very different from the one that I faced in 1963. In many ways, your world is more daunting than mine. One significant difference is the advent of technology, which has heightened our awareness of the world beyond our own small communities. It can feel overwhelming at times, to know so much about global hardships. But I believe that your StFX education will do for you what it did for me and Adrienne: empower you to seek understanding; enable you to understand complex challenges; and embolden you to take action for positive change.

Hail and Health!



Alumni Association President's Message

KATHLEEN SHERIDAN '15

Ottawa, Ontario

Congratulations, graduates! You have made it! Through all that you have faced and overcome during these last few years, including the challenge of completing your studies at StFX as the world faced a pandemic, you have reached this very important milestone. I hope you take a moment today to pause and truly reflect on this achievement. You should be so proud!

All of the hard work and dedication it has taken to earn your degrees, from one of Canada's best universities, has ensured you are each leaving as individuals who are more educated, more informed, and more engaged citizens of the world, ready and able to tackle what lies ahead.

Although this significant and special part of your lives is coming to a close, another exciting one awaits! I have no doubt you will all continue to do amazing things, with Xaverian values guiding your way. You are now officially members of the StFX Alumni Association, joining a legacy of 50,000+ others who have crossed this stage before you. This community of dedicated and loyal Xaverians will be here to support you in the next phases of your lives, providing everything from a warm welcome at your first StFX alumni chapter event, to a friendly face (and familiar ring!) as you move to a new city, and so much more to keep you connected to your now alma mater. We are looking forward to getting to know you all!

Congratulations again, and welcome to "Canada's most engaged alumni network!" We are excited to have you join our alumni family as we work towards positioning the association for the future through our 2023-2028 Strategic Plan, and strive to keep the StFX spirit alive and thriving for all alumni.

Hail and health!



ORDER OF CEREMONIAL

Afternoon Ceremony

National Anthem

Janet Becigneul

Opening of Convocation

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 Degree

Dr. Irving Rootman '23
Vancouver, British Columbia

Address to the Graduates

Dr. Irving Rootman '23

Presentation of Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award

Dr. Christina Holmes
Interdisciplinary Health Program

Presentation of Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award

Dr. Tamara Rodela
Biology

Presentation of President's Research Award

Dr. Geniece Hallett-Tapley
Chemistry



**Conferral of Degrees and Diplomas in Course
Conferral by Chancellor**

John Peacock '63

Remarks

Kerry Prosper
Elder in Residence

Mi'kmaq Honour Song

Trevor Gould

Acknowledgement of the Graduating Class

Dhruv Patel '23
Bachelor of Arts & Science Health

Admission to the Alumni Association

Kathleen Sheridan '15
President, Alumni Association

Benediction

Most Reverend Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick
Vicar of the Founder

Closing of Convocation

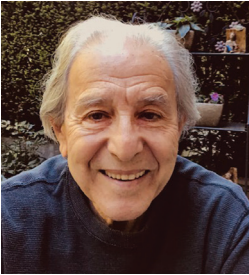
John Peacock '63

Ceremonial Officer

Dr. Barry MacKenzie '07

Master of Ceremonies

Dr. James Hughes
Computer Science



DOCTOR OF LAWS *HONORIS CAUSA*

DR. IRVING ROOTMAN '23
Vancouver, British Columbia

Dr. Irving Rootman is recognized internationally for his outstanding leadership in health promotion. Over his four-decade career in public service and academia, he has been dedicated to effecting positive change in health policy and practice with a commitment to addressing health equity and social justice. He has worked as a researcher, research manager, and educator in the federal government, the World Health Organization, the University of Toronto, and the University of Victoria. Dr. Rootman holds a BA (honours) in sociology/psychology from the University of Alberta and a M.Phil and a PhD in sociology from Yale University. He is a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, and holds an honorary degree from the University of Victoria. Dr. Rootman started his career at the University of Calgary, where he researched alcohol and drug use. He accepted a post-doctoral award in England, which resulted in 18 research papers on drug use, mental health and suicide. Returning to Canada, he was hired as chief of epidemiology and social research by the Directorate on the Non-Medical Use of Drugs, then part of Health and Welfare Canada. He went on to serve as chief of health promotion studies in the Health Promotion Directorate of Health and Welfare Canada; led the landmark Canadian Health Promotion Survey; and served as a professor, University of Toronto, where he helped establish the Centre for Health Promotion, becoming its first director. He was later named Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Distinguished Scholar at the University of Victoria, where he also served as executive director, Health and Learning Knowledge Centre. Dr. Rootman has served on many task forces and panels, and is recognized for his scholarly accomplishments. His leadership prompted webinars in collaboration with the National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health at StFX. Although retired, he remains active: he is a member of the Executive Committee of Health Promotion Canada, as well as Chair of the Academic Committee; a member of the Professional Development Working Group; and a member of the Capacity-Building Committee for the Public Health Association of BC.



OUTSTANDING FACULTY TEACHING AWARD

DR. CHRISTINA HOLMES

Interdisciplinary Health Program

Dr. Christina Holmes has played a pivotal role in the creation of the BASc Health program at StFX and has provided extraordinary ongoing contribution to the program. Dr. Holmes has given immense time and effort toward ensuring the best possible education for students. Her teaching philosophy is well thought-out and inclusive, and her presentation is impressive and well organized. The impact Dr. Holmes has had on student experience goes beyond her own class and program. She has helped many faculty members provide the best educational experience possible for students and has mentored new faculty in the health program. In a testament to her impact, the BASc Health graduating Class of 2022 nominated “our beloved professor Dr. Christina Holmes for her contribution to our lives both in the class and beyond class.” “Dr. Holmes has undoubtedly been the most influential professor I have had in my time at StFX,” wrote one nominator. “Dr. Holmes will always stand out as one of the best professors I have ever had during my four years here at StFX,” wrote another. “She goes above and beyond making sure we understand the content she is teaching us.” Students wrote how Dr. Holmes makes everyone feel welcomed and heard. “She has always put our education first and ensures that everyone has a solid understanding of the concepts she is teaching us,” says one. “Dr. Holmes has been a pillar in the health program over the past four years at StFX.” Says another: “We have all become better students and community members thanks to Dr. Holmes’ long-term influence and guidance.”



OUTSTANDING FACULTY TEACHING AWARD

DR. TAMARA RODELA
Department of Biology

Dr. Tammy Rodela is a highly engaged professor in the StFX Department of Biology, who has been recognized for her outstanding teaching abilities. She is passionate about creating a learning environment that fosters student success, and she is always willing to share her expertise with others. Dr. Rodela's teaching philosophy centers around guiding students to think like scientists and improve their abilities to evaluate, synthesize, and communicate their scientific knowledge. Each learning opportunity she creates includes peer discussions, group work, relevant real-world examples, and activities that encourage student-driven interactions. Her courses are designed to challenge students while making difficult subjects interesting and engaging. Dr. Rodela's dedication to teaching extends beyond the classroom. She has served on the Faculty Development Committee, Biology Department Curriculum Committee, and she is engaged with the Teaching and Learning Centre at StFX. Her students have praised her exceptional organization and how she fosters student-driven interactions in the classroom. One student nominator wrote, "Dr. Rodela's effectiveness as an educator was obvious to me from day one." Another student wrote, "Her passion for the topics she teaches is infectious, and she has certainly contributed to my love of physiology. Her method of teaching is also notable as she creates opportunities for her students to apply learned knowledge throughout the semester." A student nominator wrote that, "Dr. Rodela is easily one of the best professors I have had and has made a lasting impression on me as I navigate my career and post-graduate education." "Dr. Rodela was the most influential mentor I had the pleasure of learning from throughout my academics," wrote another student. Dr. Rodela's commitment to teaching and supporting her students is evident in everything she does, and she is a true asset to the StFX Department of Biology.



PRESIDENT'S RESEARCH AWARD

DR. GENIECE HALLETT-TAPLEY
Department of Chemistry

Dr. Geniece Hallett-Tapley has been a member of the StFX Chemistry Department since 2014 and has established herself as a strong, independent researcher. She has attracted over \$900,000 in research funding, including from NSERC, CFI, Research Nova Scotia and Nova Scotia Business, and has published 14 peer-reviewed publications and one patent on work performed at StFX and has a long list of 30 publications overall. Over and above these accomplishments, of particular note is her relevant and important research, that often involves graduate and undergraduate students. Dr. Hallett-Tapley's work has resulted in publications and conference presentations with 21 different undergraduate students. Her lab is a beehive of activity, with students excited and eager to be involved. Dr. Hallett-Tapley is noted for her ability to help direct inexperienced students into effective researchers producing meaningful, important, and often publishable, work that can help prepare them for a career in the sciences. She has hosted five research associates/visiting professors from Argentina, Brazil and Spain. Her work in supporting early career researchers has also been exemplary. She is a strong advocate for improved equity and diversity in the sciences and for first generation university students. Dr. Hallett-Tapley's research is in a crucial area of modern chemistry: how we can create processes that allow us to do important chemistry with minimal environmental impact. She uses relatively low energy light to efficiently encourage reactions that would otherwise require harsh conditions and prolonged heating to accomplish. In doing so, she takes advantage of (and creates) advances in material science that will have a broad impact.



SENIOR CLASS SPEAKER

DHRUV PATEL '23

Bachelor of Arts & Science Health

Dhruv Patel graduates from StFX with a Bachelor of Arts and Science in Health degree, with a major in the social determinants of health and equity. Born in Bharuch, India, he spent his early childhood with his parents in the small town of Amod (Gujarat), India, and later completed part of his schooling in Bharuch (Gujarat), India with his maternal grandparents. Coming to Antigonish, NS, Mr. Patel made the town his home away from home. He was involved in the StFX Students' Union and international student societies. He served on the university's Board of Governors as a student representative and he worked in the local community. He has worked extensively to bring the voices of minorities and marginalized peoples to the forefront of university discussions and decision-making processes. Along with being an avid community member, Mr. Patel is a diehard X-Women basketball fan and holds the record for being at every home game. Looking forward, Mr. Patel aspires to work towards improving the social determinants of health by utilizing the knowledge and education he gained at StFX.



MEDALISTS 2023

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 or the final two years of a diploma or education degree program

Bachelor of Science to:

Mallory Long, Kanata, ON

Bachelor of Science in Nursing to:

Molly Yeomans, Kanata, ON

Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition to:

Samantha Fisher, Gander, NL

Bachelor of Arts/Science in Human Kinetics to:

Erin Noftall, Abercrombie, NS

Diploma in Engineering to:

Graham MacDonald, Antigonish, NS

Bachelor of Arts and Science to:

Julia Shields, St. Andrews, NS



GOVERNOR GENERAL MEDALS

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

Mbongeni Ndlovu, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

The Governor General Undergraduate Medal for the highest average in the final three years of study to:

Mallory Long, Kanata, ON



MASTER OF SCIENCE

Matt Freeman	Toronto, ON
Mbongeni Ndlovu.....	Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
Ti Zhou	Xuzhou, People's Republic of China

MASTER OF APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

Minakshi	Delhi, India
Kushal Vipul Adhvaryu.....	Mumbai, India
Anto David Christopher Alexander Moses	Chennai, India
Raghava Ammisetty.....	Guntur, India
Sahil Aneja.....	Ludhiana, India
Shivani Reddy Annu.....	Hyderabad, India
Sai Vinod Akhil Balla.....	Kakinada, India
Tejal Bhogle.....	Mumbai, India
Rahul Ananda Bijai	Mumbai, India
Sai Sushvita Chamarty.....	Hyderabad, India
Anamika Chatterjee.....	Mumbai, India
Hemanth Chekka	Hyderabad, India
Nikhila Chiluka.....	Mahabubnagar, India
Shreya Dandavate.....	Vadodara, India
Gopikrishna Dasari.....	Nellore, India
Manav Dave	Rajkot, India
Shubham Deshmukh.....	Bhilai, India
Sarvesh Gadgil	Hyderabad, India
Mingyang Ge.....	Huai'An, People's Republic of China
Vaishnavi Gonela.....	Adilabad, India
Rohan Madhusudan Govindaiah.....	Hyderabad, India
Kranthika Gurram.....	Hyperabad, India
Hamza Hamza	Lahore, Pakistan
Shams ul Haq	Islamabad, Pakistan
Krishna Priyatham Irukulla.....	Mancherial, India
Hemanth Jagarlamudi.....	Lakshmipuram, India
Ruthvik Jaini.....	Hyderabad, India
Harsh Bharatbhai Jasani.....	Thane, India
Chandan Jnana Murthy.....	Bengaluru, India
Chetan Kakollu	Bapatla, India
Siva Sai Reddy Kaliki.....	Hyderabad, India
Jaya Chandra Prasad Goud Karre.....	Hyderabad, India
Jayanth Kottamasu.....	Telangana, India
Uppal Laxman	Hyderabad, India
Madhu Sree Maddu.....	Srikalahasti, India
Manthan Pravinbhai Mangukiya.....	Mumbai, India
Milan Ghanshyam Mangukiya	Thane, India
Venkata Krishna Manne	Chennai, India
Nisha Martis.....	Karnataka, India
Moiz Ahmed Mateen Ahmed.....	Akola, India
Junaid Ahmed Mohammed.....	Hyderabad, India
Saifuddin Mohammed	Hyderabad, India
Vineet Mor	Sonipat, India
Bhaven Naik	Mumbai, India



Mukul Nanda	New Delhi, India
Mohamed Parvez Noorani	Dhoraji, India
Sai Teja Reddy Palam	Addanki, India
Kedarnath Pamarthi	Hyderabad, India
Dhwani Patel	Vadodara, India
Harshkumar Patel	Thane, India
Kesha Patel	Mumbai, India
Vivek Patel	New Delhi, India
Kevin Piao	Johannesburg, South Africa
Aayush Pipal	New Delhi, India
Harsh Achyutanand Rai	Mumbai, India
Giri Raj	Chennai, India
Venkatramana Ramadev Krishnamurthy	Chennai, India
Sandeep Ramakrishnan	Chennai, India
Narender Krishna Rapolu	Hyderabad, India
Hai Ru	Beijing, People's Republic of China
Sohini Sarkar	Bargawan, India
Minhaj Sheikh	Calcutta, India
Pavan Shivaji Rao	Bengaluru, India
Ayesha Shaz Shoukath	Hyderabad, India
Sanjana Shroff	Bengaluru, India
Amanjyot Singh	New Delhi, India
Navdeep Singh	Patiala, India
Prabhleen Singh	Nagar, India
<i>Employer's Choice Award for X-cellence in Co-operative Education</i>	
Thaanesh Srikumar	Coimbatore, India
Aditya Subodh Thakare	Mumbai, India
Srinivas Mukund Vadrev	Hyderabad, India
Abhishek Walia	Delhi, India

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH MAJOR

Kweku Amankwah-Poku	Accra, Ghana
Mynavathy Anandan	Tiruchirappalli, India
Sidney Archer	Bedford, NS
Jacob Dern	Almonte, ON
Logan DeYoung	Pomquet, NS
Piotr Dunne	Ottawa, ON
Maddy Eisenhauer	Inverness, NS
Georgia Garvey	Calgary, AB
Hannah Graham	Judique, NS
Angillia Joffre	Nassau, Bahamas
Fallon Keefe	Halifax, NS
Chris Keyes	Saint John, NB
Evan Kilpatrick	Rothesay, NB
Emily LeBlanc	Belle Cote, NS
Collin LeVan	Lambton Shores, ON
Nick Levangie	Heatherton, NS
Bailey Mabey	Westville, NS
Grace MacDonald	Mabou, NS
Jay MacDonald	Antigonish, NS



Katelyn MacDonald	Richmond County, NS
Ryan MacLennan	New Glasgow, NS
Madeline Marquis	Halifax, NS
Sophie Marsh	Halifax, NS
Elvin Narrainsawmy	Roches Brunes, Mauritius
Davisha Poolee Cootee	Rose Hill, Mauritius
Olivia Rehill	Antigonish, NS
James Tazzeo	Orillia, ON
Rajini Wijayanayake	East Weymouth, MA
Samantha Wyler	Port Hastings, NS
Zhenpeng Zhang	Kaifeng, People's Republic of China

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH MAJOR WITH DISTINCTION

Abby Baillie	Scotsburn, NS
Kate Cordeau	Dartmouth, NS
Devon Eaton	Port Williams, NS
David MacDonald	Antigonish, NS
Hannah Neilson	Wilmot, NS
Annika Nobbe	Halifax, NS
Erin Schurman	Rusagonis, NB

German Consulate General Montreal Book Prize

Sam Silver	Antigonish, NS
Raymond St-Jean	Sudbury, ON
Tyler Tattrie	Bible Hill, NS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH ADVANCED MAJOR

Roman Fisher	Truro, NS
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Wallbank-Weingartshofer Prize for Experimental Physics

Yueying Li	Beijing, People's Republic of China
Caelan Meagher	Fort Ellis, NS
Mathieu Muise	Cheticamp, NS
Michelle Vava	Harare, Zimbabwe

Co-operative Education Student Achievement Award

Haoyu Wang	Xuzhou, People's Republic of China
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH ADVANCED MAJOR WITH DISTINCTION

Leah Baylis	Barrie, ON
Meghan Boyd	Dartmouth, NS
Lucas Croslyn	Truro, NS
Hayley Dill	Warwick, Bermuda

Professor Donald J. MacNeil Memorial Award for Earth Sciences

Jordan Etheridge	Kingston, NS
Kyra Holt	Saint John, NB

Dr. A.A. MacDonald Prize for Mathematics

Kali Hudson	Antigonish, NS
Lily McIntyre	Braeside, ON
Scout McKee	Fredericton, NB

Yogi Joshi Prize for Excellence in Physics

Katelin Ritter	Burford, ON
Nicolas Sechin	Winnipeg, MB



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH JOINT ADVANCED MAJOR WITH DISTINCTION
 Miranda Wallace Antigonish, NS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH HONOURS

Matthew Dickson.....Ottawa, ON
 Yuxuan LiangNanjing, People’s Republic of China
 Yuchen Wei.....Xuzhou, People’s Republic of China
Dr. H. Stanley and Doreen Alley Heaps Prize for Computing Science

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Connor Brandow Loon Lake, NS
 Meredith Cudmore-Keating..... Barrie, ON
 Grace Durling..... Irishtown, NB
 Megan Ethier.....Ottawa, ON
Chemistry Industry Merit Award

Grace Kaiser Fredericton, NB
 Michael LeBlanc..... Lower South River, NS
Mining Society of Nova Scotia Centennial Award
Dr. Randall F. Cormier Award for the Best Thesis in Earth Sciences
Professor Donald J. MacNeil Memorial Award for Earth Sciences

Carly MacDonald Antigonish, NS
 Peter MacGregor Thunder Bay, ON
*Dr. Leo P. Chiasson Award for Biology to the Outstanding Advanced Major
 or Honours Student*

Thomas MacLellan Timberlea, NS
 Joseph McInnis.....Sydney Mines, NS
 Isaac Nearing Antigonish, NS
 Matthew Penner..... Antigonish, NS
Dr. M.S. Gautam Memorial Prize for Physics

Chenhao Qi.....Nanjing, People’s Republic of China
 Kyara Somers..... Murray River, PE
 Max Spiess Upper Tantallon, NS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH JOINT FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Mallory Long Kanata, ON
Dr. D.J. MacDonald and Dr. A.B. MacDonald Memorial Prize for Economics
 Bridget Ward Antigonish, NS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Josie Adamski Grand Lake, NS
 Karen Armstrong..... Antigonish, NS
 Augustina Asamoah.....Stittsville, ON
 Meghan Ball..... Hammonds Plains, NS
 Hannah Cameron..... Grafton, NS
 Abby Carrigan..... Lower Sackville, NS
 Sebastien Charles..... Antigonish, NS
 Macy Conrad..... Dartmouth, NS
 Laura Duffley..... Grand Bay Westfield, NB
 Rose Greer Newport, NS



Stephanie Gutowski	Cole Harbour, NS
Caitlin Hanam	Big Baddeck, NS
Crystal Harper	Cole Harbour, NS
Fern Hatcher	Halifax, NS
Emily Hebb	Mount Uniacke, NS
Meredith Hicks.....	Westcock, NB
Robyn Howes.....	Dalkeith, ON
Claire Hubbard	Centreville, NS
Alma Ianta.....	Salt Springs, NS
Helena Jesso	Dartmouth, NS
Joshna John Suresh	Antigonish, NS
Hannah Jones	Windsor, NS
Jincy Jose	Maple Vaughan, ON
Abigail LeBlanc	Moncton, NB
Emily Legge	Enfield, NS
Adam LeRoux	Fall River, NS
Anita Levy.....	Parrsboro, NS
David MacLeod	Lucasville, NS
Sarah Rebecca MacNeil	Mabou, NS
William Mahoney	Truro, NS
Conor McCann.....	Dartmouth, NS
Bakalhanía Muhindo.....	St. Catharines, ON
Sophie Murphy	Halifax, NS
Mariah Pugh	Fredericton, NB
Macy Richardson	Stuart Town, NB
Monique Savoury.....	Petit-de-Grat, NS
Julia Smith	Groves Point, NS
Sabrina Snyder.....	New Glasgow, NS
Wayne Ting.....	Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, QC
Caleb TiTa Fomunung.....	Quebec City, QC
Gemma Tompkins	Annapolis Royal, NS
Kenadi Verge.....	Halifax, NS
Zoe Warrington.....	Calgary, AB

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH DISTINCTION

Roselia Akeson.....	Clarington, ON
Mackenzie Albright.....	Tusket, NS
Hatem Alkhatib	Montréal, QC
Serena Baffour	Dorval, QC
Karly Benoit.....	Petit-de-Grat, NS
Christopher Braga.....	Saint Hubert, QC
Olivia Brownell	Sackville, NB
Kale Buchanan.....	Bonny River, NB
Katelyn Cahill.....	Saint John, NB
Angela Carter	Dartmouth, NS
Sarah Cashel.....	Brookdale, NS
Chinyere Chima-Adiukwu.....	Stittsville, ON
Caleigh Clements	Beaver Bank, NS
Trinity Coneita.....	Dartmouth, NS



Alice Cooke	Bloomfield, PE
Maggie Costain	Summerside, PE
Brenna Cunningham	River Bourgeois, NS
Sasha Dallaire	Duncan, BC
Chelsea DeLong	Hartland, NB
Alison Dill	Windsor, NS
Trista Dubreuil	Windermere, BC
Emily Dulong.....	South Ohio, NS
Katherine Esan	Mississauga, ON
Sophia Evans.....	Halifax, NS
Jade Farao	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Karielle Floyd	New Glasgow, NS
Jenna Fralick.....	Seabright, NS
Michael Fraser-Leroux.....	Montréal, QC
Grace Gates	East Kingston, NS
Taylor Guest	Cambridge, NS
Linderly Karen Guillen.....	Montréal, QC
Chelsea Ann Hartley	Dollard-Des-Ormeaux, QC
Danielle Heath	Head of St. Margarets Bay, NS
Lucy Heaton.....	Moncton, NB
Zoe Holyoake	Calgary, AB
Jodeci Hunt	Dartmouth, NS
Jenna James	Pickering, ON
Kaleigh Johnson	Waverley, NS
Kayl Kelly	Antigonish, NS
Larissa Kluck	Chestermere, AB
Emma Leathley-Brittain.....	Kentville, NS
Ally LeBlanc	Bridgewater, NS
Madison Lewis.....	Dartmouth, NS
Lauren Longmire	Annapolis Royal, NS
Chloe MacDonald	Halifax, NS
Isabel MacDonald.....	Darmouth, NS
<i>Academic Vice President & Provost Award for Student Nurse Leadership</i>	
Mikailla MacDonald.....	Summerside, PE
Trish MacDonald	Dartmouth, NS
Jade MacDougall.....	Stewiacke, NS
Jayden MacEachern	New Glasgow, NS
Rebecca MacKeen.....	Guysborough, NS
Jessie Helen MacNeil	Mabou, NS
Margaret MacNeil	Dominion, NS
True MacRae	Elmsdale, NS
Jessica McPherson	Lower Sackville, NS
Jane Mullins	Dartmouth, NS
Abby Mulvihill	Arnprior, ON
Nicole Munroe	Canso, NS
Julia Murphy.....	Dartmouth, NS
Grace Nicely	Westville, NS
Abby Pelly.....	Milford Station, NS



Karol Leonila Perez.....	Montréal, QC
Danielle Pickrem.....	Mount Uniacke, NS
Jenna Rehberg.....	Cow Bay, NS
Cameryn Richardson.....	Stellarton, NS
Mya Robia.....	Robinsons Corner, NS
Kate Robinson.....	Moncton, NB
Ma Anna Khristina Roxas.....	Châteauguay, QC
Nicholas Stinson.....	Belmont, NS
Beth Tate.....	Melrose, NS
Kendall Tate.....	Antigonish, NS
Caitlin Taylor.....	New Glasgow, NS
Phillipa Taylor.....	Mississauga, ON
Kaori Tokioka.....	Terasse-Vaudreuil, QC
Taylor Vickery.....	Lake Echo, NS
Malyssa Wamboldt.....	New Minas, NS
Selena Wang.....	Antigonish, NS
Claya Way Brackenbury.....	Kingston, ON
Abigail Webb.....	Dartmouth, NS
Andrea Woolridge.....	North Bay, ON
Molly Yeomans.....	Kanata, ON
Li Qiang Zhou.....	Brossard, QC

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH ADVANCED MAJOR WITH DISTINCTION

Kelsie Lynch.....	Lewiston, Maine
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Laura Hughes McKay.....	Truro, NS
Julianna Lavergne.....	Ottawa, ON
Anna Mack.....	Bedford, NS
<i>Dr. Winston Jackson Honours Research Award</i>	
Lauren Stienburg.....	Cole Harbour, NS
<i>Dean of Science Senior Award for Excellence in Nursing Practice</i>	
<i>Dr. Winston Jackson Honours Research Award</i>	

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN NUTRITION

Nicolette Basson.....	Red Deer, AB
Halima Dahir.....	Mississauga, ON
Lauren Dolhai.....	New Victoria, NS
Emily Johnston.....	Calgary, AB
Mikayla Laporte.....	Ottawa, ON
Emma MacIntosh.....	Stellarton, NS
Mary-Catherine MacIsaac.....	Timberlea, NS
Leaha Martell.....	L'Ardoise, NS
Rhea Myette.....	Havre Boucher, NS
Haley Pyke-LeBlanc.....	Eastern Passage, NS
Tylor Ralph.....	Falconbridge, ON



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN NUTRITION WITH DISTINCTION

Melissa Delorey Heatherton, NS
Anna Doerksen..... Liverpool, NS
Sodexo Canada Award
Christena Downey..... Stratford, ON
Danielle MacDonald York, PE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN NUTRITION WITH HONOURS WITH INTEGRATED DIETETIC INTERNSHIP

Rebecca Demmings Antigonish, NS
Sodexo Canada Award
Hannah Donaldson Ancaster, ON
Madeleine Laurin Ottawa, ON
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Bachelor of Arts in Music.....	pink
Bachelor of Music.....	pink
Bachelor of Education.....	blue
Diploma in Adult Education.....	blue and white collar
Diploma in Jazz Studies	blue and white collar
Bachelor of Science.....	yellow
Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition.....	yellow maize
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	apricot orange
Bachelor of Science in Human Kinetics.....	sage green
Bachelor of Science in Physical Education	sage green
Bachelor of Science in Business	yellow
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QUAECUMQUE SUNT VERA *Whatever things are true*

Philippians 4:4-9

The St. Francis Xavier University motto is taken from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. The following is an excerpt from the epistle.

*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**,
everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure,
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.*