

# The ties that bind.

The world is connected as never before and Saint Mary's University has a critical role to play in preparing our students to live and work in a global community. Over the past decade, we have succeeded in establishing partnerships – both at home and abroad – that challenge our students to develop the global critical thinking to contribute and compete as citizens of the world.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends in extending the Saint Mary's experience beyond our campus and curriculum. As well, I would like to commend Saint Mary's Board of Governors for their stewardship and leadership, and to reiterate my gratitude for the ongoing commitment of our recently appointed Chair, John Fitzpatrick Q.C., a senior partner with BOYNECLARKE in Halifax; and Vice-Chair, Karen Oldfield, President and CEO of the Halifax Port Authority. I am honoured to work with such a dedicated group.

As we celebrate the opening of 960 Tower Road, a global gateway that houses Saint Mary's University's Teaching English as a Second Language program and The Sobey School Business Development Centre, I invite you to view the highlights of the past year, and to share my pride in the many connections that enliven scholarship and expand opportunities for student engagement.

In reaching out to the world, whether in Guysborough or Ghana, we forge strong relationships that reinforce the importance of education as the new global currency.

Sincerely,

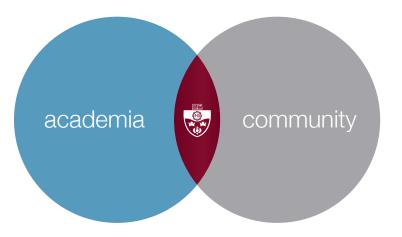
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Whether home or away, we are making a real – and virtual – impact.



#### Art like you've never seen it before.

Guests felt like Gulliver in March 2013, as they donned stereoscopic glasses and immersed themselves in a unique blend of avatar fantasy and cutting-edge science. They enjoyed a glimpse of the virtual reality environment of Saint Mary's University's Data Cave, which is typically used for astrophysics research. Attracted by a 3-D tapestry of floor-to-ceiling nature photographs by artist Lisa Frank, a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Illinois, more than 500 visitors attended the exhibit over three weeks. They leapt – albeit virtually – at the chance to leave reality behind, peek inside the shell of a giant egg, jump from an oversized bird's nest, and explore the underside of a looming mushroom. The only research facility of its kind in the Maritimes, the Saint Mary's Data Cave connects science and art to expand the possibilities for a broad range of disciplines including archaeology, architecture, biology, engineering, geometry, geology, gaming, and physics.

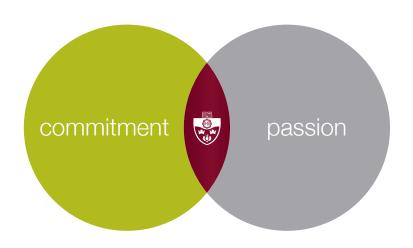
#### Enactus continues to touch lives.

Saint Mary's Enactus team members want to make more than money. They want to make a difference – and they're well on their way after an impressive achievement this past spring in Toronto. A unique blend of entrepreneurship and social responsibility earned Enactus the Capital One Financial Education Challenge at the 2013 Enactus Nationals. Other wins at the national competition included a third place ranking in the *Help Hunger Disappear Challenge* and a spot as second runner-up in the *TD Entrepreneurship Challenge*.

"I have never been so proud of any academic team," says Sobey School of Business Dean Pat Bradshaw. "The work they do is amazing."

Recent Enactus initiatives include *SMU Angels*, a microloan business that helped seven businesses generate \$350,000 in economic opportunities; *Options: Overcoming Poverty*, an environmental jewellery-making business that helped 10 at-risk youths start their own businesses; and *Girl Revolution*, an empowerment program that touched the lives of more than 100 girls in junior high and high school.





# This is what happens when the best combine their efforts.



# A global achievement in protecting the environment.

As host institution for the new Community Conservation Research Network (CCRN), an international project in place-based environmental management, Saint Mary's University has funding of over \$4 million to capitalize on local successes in protecting the environment.

"This is not research that will sit on the shelf," says lead researcher, Dr. Tony Charles, an Environmental Science and Business Professor at Saint Mary's University. "By mapping out best practices at a local level, we can help governments understand how to better support community conservation initiatives." The CCRN involves 11 study sites worldwide with a focus on 3 in Canada: Nova Scotia, Labrador, and Vancouver Island. The Saint Mary's contingent includes Dr. Tony Charles, Dr. Cathy Conrad, Dr. Trudy Sable, and Dr. David Gauthier.

"As an environmental project, it's a good fit with Saint Mary's education and research priorities and an exciting prospect for our student researchers," says Dr. Charles. "We have the top people in the world as partners in this. It's an amazing opportunity to connect."



#### Shared goals. Shared wins.

Commerce student Justine Colley didn't have much of an opportunity to bask in the glow of being named the best university women's basketball player in the entire country. Hard on the heels of selection by CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport) as player of the year came an invitation to join the Canadian senior women's basketball team for an eight-game run in Europe. Then, she received recognition as one of four female finalists for the 21st Annual BLG Awards, one of CIS's most prestigious honours. Despite an impressive list of personal honours, and one of the best seasons in CIS women's basketball history, the fourth-year guard from East Preston, NS, seems proudest that the Huskies took the AUS (Atlantic University Sport) title and a programbest, third-place finish at the CIS championships in Regina. "My individual accomplishments are a reflection of a great team," says Colley. "We all worked hard for this."

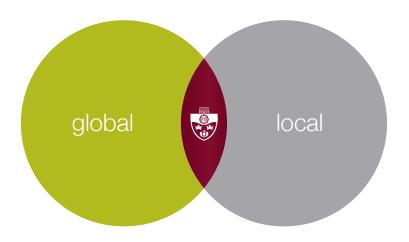


#### Toward a global safety culture.

Saint Mary's University's CN Centre for Occupational Health and Safety has enjoyed a successful partnership with CN Rail for many years. Now, the University boasts the first-ever professorship in safety culture, a position held by Dr. Mark Fleming, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology at Saint Mary's and CN Centre Director. Twenty years of experience in safety culture assessment for high-hazard industries around the globe prepare Dr. Fleming for this timely role.

"While there has been lots of work measuring safety culture, there is less being done in testing and evaluating interventions," says Dr. Fleming. "For that, you need close collaboration with a variety of industry partners over a long period of time."

With CN providing generous funding, Dr. Fleming has already begun to build those close, long-term collaborations, and to assemble a strong team that includes graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. Together, they will work to develop practical tools and strategies to make our world a safer place.



# Changing the world takes the cooperation of many minds, across many miles.



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#### The nucleus of an exciting research initiative.

One of Canada's top nuclear researchers, Saint Mary's nuclear physicist Dr. Rituparna Kanungo has spent years conducting studies at Canada's national laboratory for particle and nuclear physics (TRIUMF) and analyzing her findings at Saint Mary's with student researchers.

Federal funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation adds to a recent investment from the provincial and private sector to pave the way for Dr. Kanungo's newest research initiative: a \$4.5 million research facility. This initiative is only possible because of a partnership between Saint Mary's, the University of Manitoba, and Advanced Applied Physics Solutions, Inc. (in collaboration with the University of British Columbia, the University of Guelph, Simon Fraser University, and TRIUMF).

Dr. Kanungo is excited about the prospect of joining expert hands from coast to coast to create a bridge of knowledge and skills. She also has high hopes for advancing Canada's capabilities for isolating, purifying, and studying isotopes. "Short-lived isotopes hold a critical key," she says. "Not only for understanding the rules that govern the basic ingredients of our everyday lives, but also for crafting therapies that could target and annihilate cancer cells."





The Saint Mary's campus may be contained by a single city block, but the impact we make and inspiration we gain are global in scope. The University has active linkages with more than 180 institutions internationally, has implemented capacity-building projects and consultancies in more than 20 countries, and offers exchange programs in 18 countries at over 40 partner institutions. The map above puts these connections into perspective – and the featured stories bring the human element into focus.

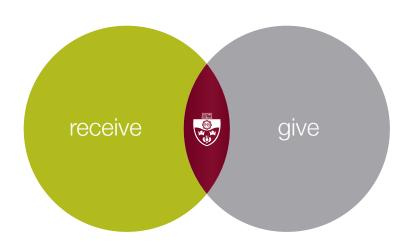
# Generosity of spirit can inspire a new generation of success.



#### Reach, teach, and connect.

During her almost 25-year tenure at Saint Mary's University, Dr. Shelagh Crooks has inspired hundreds of philosophy students to challenge their intellectual boundaries and embrace new ideas. Her 2013 3M National Teaching Fellowship, Canada's top teaching honour, is the most recent in a series of accolades. Her impressive list of awards includes the 2009 Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teaching Award; the Saint Mary's University Student Association Award for Excellence in Teaching; the inaugural Dr. Geraldine Thomas Award for Educational Leadership; and the Reverend William A. Steward, S.J. Medal for Excellence in Teaching.

"Teaching presents many rewards," says Dr. Crooks. "It is especially fulfilling to have the opportunity to work with the students at Saint Mary's and to see many of them develop their own intellectual and moral voice. I know that this is the voice they will take forward into their life experience."





#### A commitment to social responsibility.

Only days after returning from a five-month stay in Hong Kong, where he studied Mandarin and sales at City University, Sobey School of Business student Michael Brown established two new awards for students at Saint Mary's. One of six Atlantic Canadian students in 2012 to receive the prestigious Frank H. Sobey Award for Excellence in Business Studies, Michael created one award to support entrepreneurship students, and another to promote study abroad experiences.

"These are the areas that have made a profound difference for me," says Brown, who leveraged a \$10 start-up project in Dr. Ellen Farrell's Structuring the Start-Up class into an eco-friendly gutter cleaning business that recently merged with its largest competitor. The move will mean a change in name from Green Gutter Solutions, but not a change in Brown's commitment to social responsibility. His products will still be fabricated from recycled pop bottles and he'll continue his connection with Saint Mary's by paying it forward for those who follow.



# Feeling "at home" in a critical new role.

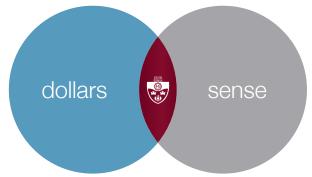
As the new Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), Saint Mary's University Chancellor Dr. Robert P. Kelly draws on extensive experience in housing finance and capital markets. A Saint Mary's Commerce grad ('75) and honorary degree recipient ('97), Dr. Kelly has held a variety of positions with major financial institutions including a four-year tenure as Chairman and CEO of the Bank of New York Mellon.

"We take great pride in the accomplishments of our alumni," says Saint Mary's President and Vice-Chancellor J. Colin Dodds, "and it's a special pleasure to see our Chancellor take on such a critical role in the governance of Canada's national housing agency."

A native of Halifax, Dr. Robert P. Kelly is a chartered accountant who holds a Masters in Business Administration from Cass Business School, City University in London, England.

# We thank you for your continued generosity.

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# The inspiring power of generosity.



Among geologists, Dr. Georgia Pe-Piper is best known as an expert on volcanic rocks. For the Saint Mary's University community of scholars and students, she is also renowned as an inspiring teacher and caring mentor. "My major contribution over the past 30 years at Saint Mary's has been helping my students pursue careers that will make them happy," says Dr. Pe-Piper. "I get tremendous pleasure from seeing my students develop and leave here with confidence."

Thanks to a generous new scholarship endowed by Dr. Pe-Piper and her husband, marine geologist Dr. David Piper, Saint Mary's students pursuing a Master's degree in Geology,

Environmental Sciences or Earth Science will also be able to leave Saint Mary's with a reduced debt load. "The Piper Family Award is my way of repaying a debt," says Dr. Pe-Piper. "Other people helped me when I was growing up in Greece. Without scholarships, I would never have been able to attend even high school and buy books."

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# \$8.1 million

Sponsored research grants

## \$5.5 million

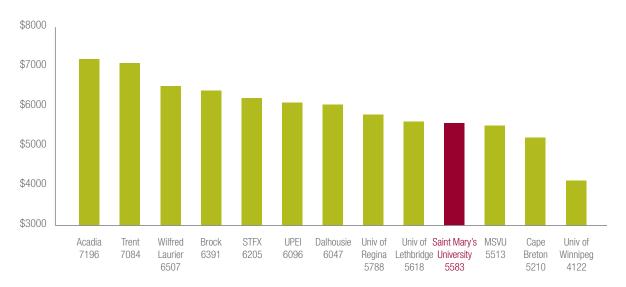
Spending on scholarships, fellowships and bursaries

### \$4.2 million

Spending on student employment

#### 2012/13 University tuition and mandatory fees across Canada

Assumes five full Arts credits and \$1,283 tuition reduction for Nova Scotian students



#### Financials (Year ending March, 2013)

Expenses: \$125.5 million (salaries and employee

benefits are the largest categories)

Total expenditure per student: \$18,215

Total revenue: \$131.8 million

Operating revenues: \$116.1 million

Current assets: \$44.7 million

Capital assets (net book value): \$145.3 million

Buildings comprise 80% of total

Long-term debt: \$50.1 million

University debt per student: \$7,576

#### **Students**

Number of full- and part-time students: 7,431

Average class size: Introductory Level 39

Upper Level 17 Grad Classes 10

27.5% of our students are international students who come from 117 different countries

There are 30,400 active alumni across 140 countries

#### Course registration by faculty

Sobey School of Business 40.2% Arts 30.4% | Science 29.4%

#### Faculty and staff

454 faculty and professional librarians (full- and part-time)

543 staff (full- and part-time)

Highest percentage of full-time faculty with a

Ph.D. in Nova Scotia

#### **Tuition**

Tuition plus mandatory fees: \$5,583

(after \$1,283 tuition reduction for Nova Scotia students)

Student financial aid increased by \$351,000.

More than 1,000 students were employed

during 2012-13.



