



Exciting joint scholarship announced between the Bahamian Ministry of Education and Saint Mary's University



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Saint Mary's University and the Bahamian Ministry of Education are together thrilled to announce a renewable four year scholarship aimed at deserving Bahamian Grade 12 public high school students.

The only Bahamian scholarship of its type with a Canadian university, it is equally funded by Saint Mary's University and The Ministry of Education of The Bahamas, with each organization providing \$12,000 (CAD) per year for four years for a total value of \$96,000 (CAD). The first recipient will begin classes at the Halifax, Nova Scotia based-university in September of 2017.

"We were very happy to find such a fitting way to honour the history we have shared together with this great region and to celebrate our ever-growing Bahamian student alumni population" said Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray, President and Vice-Chancellor of Saint Mary's University. "We're very proud of the hundreds of Bahamian Santamarians over the years who have returned to help contribute to the growth of their communities."

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Bahamian Minister of Education, Science and Technology

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The Memorandum of Understanding between Saint Mary's University and the Bahamian Ministry of Education was signed on Monday, October 17, 2016 at Nassau's Ministry of Education offices by both Dr. Summerby-Murray and The Honourable Jerome K. Fitzgerald, Minister of Education, Science and Technology.

"We recognize we cannot grow our economy without a well-educated population, so we have been seeking to develop scholarships for deserving public high school students," said The Honourable Jerome K. Fitzgerald. "The partnership we have created together with Saint Mary's University provides opportunities where they might not exist otherwise."

One scholarship will be awarded per year. The student will be jointly selected by Saint Mary's University and the Bahamian Ministry of Education's Scholarships & Educational Loans Division.

The Bahamas is one the most important international markets for Saint Mary's University. The university welcomes over 50 Bahamian students a year, adding to its flourishing base of international students on campus. "It is so great to see this scholarship come to fruition and we look forward to expanding upon the great relationships we have in the region," says Marie Braswell, Director of Admissions and Recruitment for Saint Mary's University.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY PLEASE VISIT:

<http://www.ministryofeducationbahamas.com/scholarship-info>

About Saint Mary's University

Founded in 1802, Saint Mary's University is a modern, urban university with more than 7,300 full and part-time students. Saint Mary's has developed a reputation for diversity with international students comprising 30 percent of enrollment. With the internationally renowned Sobey School of Business and award-winning Arts and Science Faculties, Saint Mary's is educating tomorrow's citizens of the world.

About The Bahamas Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

The Bahamas' Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MoEST) has responsibility for more than 50,000 K-12 students in approximately 170 educational institutions in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, which are dispersed over 14 districts in the major islands. Our goal is to increase the graduation rate from 50% to 80% by 2030. The MoEST aims to create an educational system that is technologically sound and competitive and that develops the strengths of each child, whether academic or otherwise, towards the maximum contribution that he/she is able to make to the national development of The Bahamas.

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