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Master of Education Newsletter

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**Don't forget to
register for Spring
courses – Info on
page 3**

**Frustrated when
courses are cancelled
or full?
Register early!**



New Cohorts starting Summer 2021:

A&P:

Inclusive Education
Outdoor Education

C&I:

Culturally Responsive Pedagogy
Early Elementary Pedagogy
Inclusive Education

<https://tinyurl.com/yvhj8mlc>

I would like to begin by wishing each of you a happy new year. Although the past months have been challenging, I am optimistic for what the future holds.

Congratulations to those who graduated at the fall Convocation. In total, 117 students received their degrees, including the following cohorts: Physical & Health Education, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Early Elementary Pedagogy, Literacy, and Mental Health.

A special congratulations is also extended to Drs. Joanne Tompkins and Lisa Lunney Borden, who were recently recognized for their accomplishments. For her tireless efforts towards promoting equity and inclusion, Dr. Tompkins was awarded the honorary X-Ring, and Dr. Lunney Borden was the recipient of the University Outreach Award in recognition of her contribution towards promoting improved outcomes in mathematics for Mi'kmaq and African Nova Scotian youth. In addition, for her outstanding work in the area of Indigenous rights and education, I would like to congratulate one of our part-time faculty members, Elder Jane Meader, who was awarded a 2020 Nova Scotia Human Rights Award.

I would also like to recognize that February is African Heritage Month in Nova Scotia. This year's theme calls on us to listen, learn, share, and act to make society a better place. For additional information, please see the following web site:

<https://ansa.novascotia.ca/african-heritage-month>

Although the winter term has just commenced, I am already thinking ahead to the spring term. For those enrolling in a spring course, I would encourage you to register early. In addition, the 2021 summer school schedule has been confirmed for July 5-30. We are currently working on our summer offerings, so please stay tuned for further details.

As always, I would like to thank those who taught a course during the fall term, as well as those who are currently teaching. Your commitment to going above and beyond is what makes this a very special program.

In closing, I hope you have a wonderful winter term, and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask, as we are all here to help.

Best wishes,

David



How to save your searches & documents in ERIC (Education Resources Information Centre):

1. Choose ERIC from the database list: <https://stfx.libguides.com/az.php>. Log in with your StFX username and password.
2. Click on the top-right icon and then click on "Create My Research Account."
3. Create an account using your StFX email address and password. **NOTE: Creating a "My Research Account" only works for ProQuest databases. Other ProQuest databases to use are: Canadian Business & Current Affairs (Canada's current news, including education); Sociological Abstracts; ABI/INFORM (business & management); International Bibliography**

of the Social Sciences (IBSS).

To save documents:

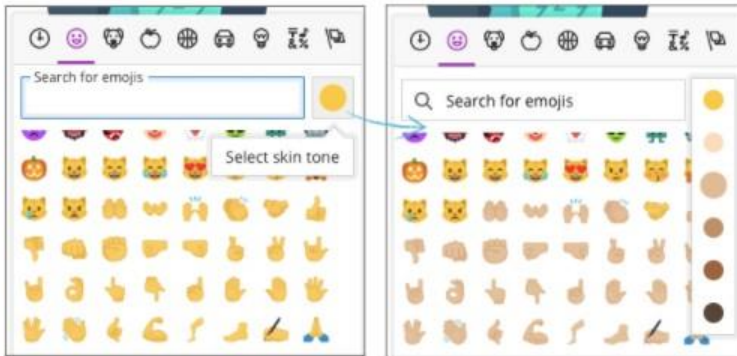
4. Do a search, then select the articles that you want to save and read later. Click on icon to "Save to My Research." Create a New Folder or add to My Documents.

To save your search:

Technology Tips & Tricks

Emojis enhance your communication in the online classroom by conveying how you are feeling. Did you know that you can select a skin tone for your emoji in Blackboard Collaborate?

When you search for an emoji (after clicking on the tiny smiley face icon below the chat box), click on the skin tone button to the right of the search box and select a tone you identify with. Collaborate will remember the tone you choose, but you can change it anytime.



For more information on changing the skin tone of emojis, see bit.ly/emoji-tone.

For information on navigating chat using assistive technology, see bit.ly/chat-assistive-technology.

Important Information

- Have a question? Visit our **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** for Master of Education students on the Continuing & Distance Education website: <https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/students-faq>
 - How do I register for a course?
 - How do I request a transcript?
 - How do I request an official receipt for tuition?
 - How do I apply to graduate?
 - What is the refund policy?
 - And many more...
- **X-RING INFORMATION:** <https://www.stfx.ca/alumni/everything-x-ring/x-ring-information>
- **DROPPING A COURSE:** Please be aware of our refund policy. Dropping a course 2 weeks prior to the start date will result in an automatic charge of \$100.00. Please see [here](#) for the refund policy.
- **EDUC 569 SELECTED TOPICS:** Students may register for as many 569s as their elective requirements allow, provided the course title for each is different.
- **STUDENT STATUS:** If your student status changes for any reason, please notify the program office at med@stfx.ca
- **ASYNCHRONOUS:** Asynchronous e-learning is an interactive, student-centered approach to learning that not bound by geography or time.
- **CORE COURSES:** Non-Cohort students are encouraged to take core courses first. Please visit the FAQ's for a list.

Master of Education Winter 2021 Study Award

A limited number of \$500 bursaries will be granted each year to current MEd students based on financial need. Students must be in good academic standing, and, registered in an MEd course for the term in question. Full-time and part-time students are eligible to apply.

Application forms may be obtained by contacting:

Continuing & Distance Education

St. Francis Xavier University

E-mail: med@stfx.ca

Telephone: (902) 867-3906 Toll Free: 1-877-867-3906

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/applications-and-forms>

Deadline: February 15, 2021

Applications **must be received by the deadline of the current year in which you are applying**. Successful candidates will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision within two weeks of the deadline.

Send completed form to:

MEd Student Bursary

Email: med@stfx.ca

Continuing & Distance Education

St. Francis Xavier University

P.O. Box 5000 Antigonish, Nova Scotia B2G 2W5

Seats are still available in the following spring courses:

****In accordance with section 2.1.6 of the university calendar, students with a balance of fees owing from a previous term will not be permitted to register in a subsequent term or receive official university transcripts.****

[For full descriptions click here](#)

For instructions on how to register for a course, please see [here](#) for details.

Spring 2021

EDUC 536.66 (Sp) – **Program Development** (CRN: 12404)

Wednesdays, 6 – 9 pm

April 7 – June 9, 2021 + 6 hrs. TBD

EDUC 571.66 (Sp) – **Specific Issues in School Administration** (CRN: 12406)

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 9:30 pm

April 7 – June 9, 2021 + 6 hrs. TBD

Fall Convocation – CONGRATULATIONS!

Culturally Responsive Pedagogy Cohort 2	Early Elementary Pedagogy Cohort 5	Tri-County Literacy Cohort	Mental Health Cohorts 6 and 7
Claire Barré Kelly Bonnell Marlon Chase Terena Francis Danielle Gloade Rayanna Googoo Cheyanne Gorman-Tolliver Cheryl Humby Conrad Dawson Isenor Kelsey Jones Jo Marie Julian Heather Kouwenberg Laura MacDonald Nichole Maloney Gregory Marr Matthew Murphy Carla Sparkes Douglas Sparks Wyatt White	Jennifer Archibald Jennifer Blades Liane Bradbury Jennifer Burch Ashley Chapman Jenna Chisholm Tiffany Gould Caroline Halliday Suzanne MacKay Molly MacKenzie Angela Maloney Flora Morrison Taryn Notman Terry Reid Erin Rockwood Angie Stevens Brigitte Theriault	Nicole Arsenault Anisley Bravo Calderin Amanda Bright Joshua Burke Natalie Cottreau Jennifer Doyle Tisha Gaudet Erika Goulden Shannon Halliday Melissa Hankinson Deanna Harlow Casie Melanson Krista Moore Tracey Murphy Caleb Nickerson Vanessa Pulley Sandra Runyon Francine Sanford Sarah Smith	Cynthia Astephen Eva Batiz Mary Margaret Bernard Kimberly Corbett Heather Day Julie Desgagne Bernadine Elliott Katherine English Alexis Fox Erin Gray Erin Hart-Breen Amy Holland Patricia Hyrstak Carol Johnson Nicole LeBlanc Denise Lombard Sherry MacDonald Yolanda MacDonald Kimberly MacKinnon Pauline MacKinnon Ashley Matthews Coons Ashley Monk John Timothy O'Reilly Rolanda Peck Ashley Robertson Ashley Rogers Katherine Terauds Julia Wilson
Physical & Health Education Cohort 5	Non-Cohort Administration & Policy	Non-Cohort Curriculum & Instruction	
Matthew Bartley Michael Danskin Christopher Doucette Shane Dove-Blagdon Kelley d'Entremont Tanner Gainer Zach Langois Scott MacGillivray Jacob Mattinson Shanon Noel Scott Pothier Christa Spicer Simon Surette Geoffrey Kent Verbeski	Aaron Andrews Kurt Chadwick Kelsey Doolaar Matthew Girard Ashley Jones Barbara MacIntyre Geoffrey Marshall Rhonda McInnis Brendan Mulcahy Johnna O'Leary Kathleen Porter Gregory White Olivia Winder	Kirby Doucette Donald Martin Kelly Nelson Melissa Paakkonen Simon Sylliboy	



In the News

[STFX EDUCATION PROFESSOR DR. CHRIS GILHAM RECEIVES \\$25,000 STANDING TOGETHER GRANT TO EVALUATE SCHOOL-BASED PROGRAMMING THAT COULD HELP DISRUPT CYCLES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE](#)

[STFX FACULTY OF EDUCATION WELCOMES ELDER-IN-RESIDENCE](#)

Cohort News

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Master of Education in Administration & Leadership

- Inclusive Education
- Outdoor Education

Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction

- Culturally Responsive Pedagogy
- Early Elementary Pedagogy
- Inclusive Education



For more information on cohorts click [here](#)

Have you applied for Spring 2021 Convocation?

Convocation Ceremony - Sunday May 9, 2021

<https://www.stfx.ca/student-life/convocation/spring-convocation>

See Frequently Asked Questions for instructions on how to apply.

<https://www2.mystfx.ca/masters-of-education/how-do-i-apply-graduate>