



8.E-2024 St. Mary's University Alumni Membership

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish criteria for alumni status.

2. Importance of Alumni

Alumni are key community constituents and important contributors to the advancement of St. Mary's University's ongoing success. Alumni relationships, when properly structured and supported, can significantly and positively influence key institutional goals through and not limited to:

- i. increased reputation and regard for St. Mary's in the communities alumni live and work;
- ii. value-added support and influence in strategic student recruitment initiatives;
- iii. support of student success through defined engagement with students, professional and faculty employees;
- iv. increase the ability and reach of St. Mary's University to effectively engage partners, corporate, and government;
- v. provide key insights into program development and review based upon labour market requirements; and
- vi. important contributors to the University's established fundraising priorities through increased participation, shared influence, and investment.

3. Alumni Membership

Alumni are the University's truest testament of success and can have enormous influence and reach.

3.1 Alumni General Membership

- a. Graduates of St. Mary's University who have received a credential, e.g. degree, diploma or certificate awarded for accredited credit programs
- b. General members are entitled to alumni benefits and services offered by St. Mary's University

3.2 Alumni Associate Membership

- a. Person who has successfully completed a minimum of one academic year as a full-time student at St. Mary's University

Approval Authority	Responsible Office	Effective Date	Date Last Revisited	Review Frequency
Board of Governors	External Relations	April 11, 2024	March 26, 2025	Every 5 years

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- i. Such individual will be eligible for membership once they are no longer registered as a student of St. Mary's University.

3.3 Alumni Honorary Membership

An individual that is conferred with an honorary degree or other honorary conferred credential from St. Mary's University.

- a. A person who has received an honorary credential or the Award of Honorary Fellow from St. Mary's University, which may change the type and name of the credential or award as they are created or amended from time to time.
- b. A student who passes away before becoming eligible to be a general or associate alumni member.

4. Terminology

The term "alumni" refers to any person or group, including those referred to as alumnus, alumna, or alumnae.