

**OUR PRIORITIES**

**Fueling the Drive for Individual Discovery**

**Good ideas are, as they say,  
a dime a dozen.**

But often the definitive difference between a good idea that languishes versus one that reaches the light of day, boils down to one simple word: encouragement.

Every day, our faculty and students pursue knowledge. In that pursuit, they may come upon an intriguing or innovative question or solution that – if nurtured – will have meaning in all our lives, here at home, nationally or internationally.

Sociologists and psychologists formulate ideas to take theoretical ideas into community settings. Scientific researchers pose questions with meaningful industrial application. Students and faculty become inspired by an idea to improve their learning environment.

At Saint Mary's University, one of the responsibilities we take most seriously is nurturing innovation.

We have learned that discovery can come from within. Early encouragement led to our Atlantic Centre for Students with Disabilities' partnership with IBM – a partnership that led to the development of our world-first Liberated Learning voice-to-text technology – now being used for the benefit of students with disabilities.

Nourishing the seed of an idea and watching it grow. Encouraging bright minds to pursue inquiry and apply discoveries in the real world. Our Academic Initiatives Fund will encourage our brightest minds to seek answers and bring them to the light of day.

Our CN Centre for Occupational Health and Safety – a shared centre of influence – is developing innovative and collaborative research to maximize the greatest resource in the workplace – the people.



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