

Paul Schellenberg

Mr. Chancellor, I present Paul Schellenberg.

Paul Schellenberg's long history at the University of Waterloo began 48 years ago in 1961, when he enrolled as an undergraduate student. He finished his bachelor's degree in 1965, his PhD in 1971, and immediately started as a faculty member in the Department of Combinatorics and Optimization. He retired as a full professor in 2008.

In research, Professor Schellenberg was very successful, publishing about 40 scholarly papers. In teaching, he was also very successful; his file is filled with glowing testimonials from chairs and associate deans. But it was in service – to the department, faculty and university – that he was really remarkable. He served for 14 years as a high-level academic administrator, including nine years as department chair, four-and-a-half years as associate dean, and six months as acting dean of mathematics. Professor Schellenberg also served in numerous other ways, including terms on Senate, the Board of Governors, and two terms as the president's academic colleague on the Council of Ontario Universities.

As an academic administrator, he was a fantastic morale-builder with a personal touch that is legendary. Professor Schellenberg is also famous for his hearty, genuine laugh, part of the huge, positive presence that continues to be an inspiration whenever he visits the department.

Mr. Chancellor, in recognition of his outstanding contributions, I request that you bestow the title “Honorary Member of the University” upon Paul Schellenberg.