A NEW NAME FOR ST. PAUL’S COLLEGE

OUR MISSION REMAINS THE SAME

In the fall of 2009 St. Paul’s United College officially changed its name to ST. PAUL’S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE. The change from United to University expresses more effectively to our audience the type of education we provide and ensures that all who wish to be a part of the St. Paul’s community are welcome.

We are changing our name, not our historic values. We continue to celebrate and nurture our values and relationship with the United Church. The University of Waterloo, alumni, friends and the United Church of Canada have been very supportive of this change. Perhaps most important of all is that the name change coincides with exciting new educational initiatives by St. Paul’s in co-operation with the Faculty of Environment that are attracting excellent new students to the University and to St. Paul’s.

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NOT LONG AGO WE ASKED AN IMPORTANT QUESTION:
HOW CAN WE MAKE A DISTINCTIVE, IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO A WATERLOO EDUCATION?

At the time St. Paul’s was distinctive as a residential community with little academic activity to help attract great students to the University. So, we asked ourselves how we could grow our academic contribution. And we saw in our historic values a perspective on education that inspired some important new initiatives. Our Methodist roots teach us that knowledge without a generous and loving heart was inadequate. We began to build programs that would express this:

- **Environment and International Development** was created in 2008 in partnership with the Faculty of Environment. The program is practical, rigorous and educates generalists to work with local citizens in the global south to solve problems responsibly.

- **High school retention and postsecondary preparation for Aboriginal high school students from northern communities**; are partnering with the University, the Ministry of Training, colleges and universities, and with private donors to reach up to 75 students per year to support their success as learners and their transition to postsecondary education and the job market.

- **We changed our name to St. Paul’s University College to communicate our programs more effectively**; but we are still motivated by the root values of the United Church and many congregations and United Church Women’s groups continue to be friends to our causes.

Many of you recall St. Paul’s as the “caring community” you called home. We have built our academic and outreach activity, not in place of that community, but as an addition to it. Please read these Community Notes to learn more. Thank you for your interest in St. Paul’s University College.
St. Paul’s A-Cappella Excitement

If you visit St. Paul’s on a Friday evening, you are likely to hear the “da-dip-ba-da’s” and “bum-da-doh’s” of the a-cappella group The Unaccompanied Minors practicing in the chapel. A-cappella music is performed using voices to sing each part of a song, no instruments allowed!

The Unaccompanied Minors started in the fall of 2009 with the help of St. Paul’s resident and don, Naryan Wong. Since they started, The Unaccompanied Minors have performed at the St. Jacob’s Farmer’s Market, for CHYM FM radio, and at various events across campus. Most recently, the group performed for St. Paul’s annual Blackforest Coffee house.

There were six St. Paul’s students involved with The Unaccompanied Minors this past term. The group performed their end of term concert on March 26 in the Theatre of the Arts.

Japan-Canada Summer Program

It took less than 24 hours for our visiting students from Japan to be out on the St. Paul’s green with other students for a rousing game of ultimate Frisbee. This kicked off an exceptional summer of learning and relationship-building for both our visitors and our St. Paul’s students.

Part of St. Paul’s growing new International Institute, the Japan-Canada Program has developed from a two-week exchange first hosted in 2007 to an annual full-term educational experience.

Each summer, approximately 15 Japanese students from two universities spend over three months living at St. Paul’s. The term starts with intensive English as a second language training, followed by academic courses in history, psychology and sociology, for which the universities in Japan grant academic credit. An outreach program is included as part of the curriculum; each week the students volunteer time to a community organization.

Outside of the classroom, these students become part of the St. Paul’s residence community further enriching the experience.

The NEW Student & Guest Services Centre

The 2008 renovations allowed us to create a new Student & Guest Services Centre, providing a hub for most of St. Paul’s services. It’s much easier to find than the old business office window, and its open concept provides a more welcoming approach when greeting visitors and students.

The centre is staffed by Leanne Robichaud who regularly doles out candy and smiles to our students and guests.

Operation Christmas Child

In December, 24 St. Paul’s students and staff led by peer leader Amanda Jewell volunteered at the Operation Christmas Child collection centre in Waterloo. The group stuffed and sorted boxes of gifts with the goal of bringing Christmas cheer to children around the world. The volunteer opportunity was organized through our Faculty of Environment Living Learning Community as part of their goal to make a difference on campus and in the broader community. The group had a fun and fulfilling afternoon!
St. Paul’s students, staff and faculty celebrated a ‘lighting of the lights’ during our Christmas community dinner. The lights are going to be an annual feature on the St. Paul’s grounds every holiday season.
INDEV Updates

International Development Program Director Visits India

Professor Larry Swatuk visited India in February to participate in the launch of a global network of universities creating a unique graduate program to address inter-disciplinary challenges of sustainable development. With funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the University of Waterloo’s Global Masters in Development Practice (MDP) program led by Professor Swatuk will be rolled out over the next three years.

St. Paul's brought two big names in International Development to uWaterloo

Zambian economist Dambisa Moyo delivered the 2009 Stanley Knowles Humanitarian Service Lecture, entitled Dead Aid: Why Aid Is Not Working and How There Is A Better Way for Africa, to more than 400 students and faculty. Drawing on her professional experience and a deep concern for her native Africa, Dambisa argued that decades of state-to-state aid has made African governments unresponsive to the real needs of their citizens while fuelling a culture of dependency. Born and raised in Zambia and educated at Oxford, Dambisa says African countries must innovate away from aid using a combination of private capital, fairer trade rules and micro-finance targeting the poor. For her efforts to shake up the Western aid establishment, TIME Magazine recently named Dambisa one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Canadian-born development entrepreneur Paul Polak, founder of the Colorado-based non-profit International Development Enterprises (IDE), inspired students at St. Paul’s with his spirited and sometimes humorous talk, “Out of Poverty: What Works When Traditional Approaches Fail.” IDE successfully developed and distributed the world’s first small farm drip irrigation system which has helped millions of farmers from Bangladesh to Ethiopia move out of poverty. Polak’s new organization – D-Rev - is developing affordable products for the world’s poor, including a $10 solar lantern to illuminate homes, a $4 household water filter and a $50 gasifier for generating heat.

Passionate about helping poor people find a way out of poverty, Paul praised the INDEV program for “giving young idealists the tools and the courage to try to change the world.”

Watch both of these lectures online at www.stpauls.uwaterloo.ca.

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Graham Brown, Dambisa Moyo, Larry Swatuk and Grainne Ryder
What We Do:

**ACADEMIC SUPPORTS** include one-on-one academic advisement, assistance with applications, career planning, advocacy, and development of an academic success plan. Tutoring, as well as a resource centre and study lounge, is available for all student use.

**CULTURAL SUPPORTS** include our Elders in Residence program; cultural counselling sessions with Elders Dan and Mary Lou Smoke and the Elders Round Table Cultural Teachings program; a group-based workshop program using traditional crafts to teach about different Aboriginal cultures and traditional teachings. We also host bi-weekly drop-in gathering days; ASA Open House Soup and Fry Bread day. Our cultural supports are for all uWaterloo students, staff and faculty.

**Events**

Our events are the uWaterloo POWWOW and our NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY celebrations. The uWaterloo POWWOW is an annual event hosted at St. Paul’s University College during uWaterloo’s homecoming celebrations and features a celebration welcoming the fall season and the return of our students to the campus. Event participants can expect a day of dancing and drumming, great traditional foods and amazing craft vendors.

**uWaterloo DIRECTIONS** is a week long post-secondary and careers readiness conference for Aboriginal high school youth. Throughout the week students are engaged in workshops such as filmmaking and drum making, judo and yoga recreation fitness, diabetes and nutrition workshops, on-campus scavenger hunts, robotics workshops, virtual reality labs, and large computer lab simulation workshops. The students attend regularly scheduled lectures on campus with other university students. We also host our Elders In Residence throughout the week for cultural teachings. The program collaborates with Skills Canada and the Ministry of Training Colleges and University’s Apprenticeship programs. uWaterloo DIRECTIONS is all about ESTEEM building. For us, that means our conferences are themed around aspects of Engineering Science Technology Environment Education and Math. All of the ESTEEM conference workshops, in-class lectures, public lectures, skills workshops, field trips and cultural teachings provide high school students with hands-on experiences in these areas of study.

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**NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY IS CELEBRATED**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ANISHNABEG OUTREACH INC. HOSTED IN VICTORIA PARK KITCHENER EVERY JUNE 21ST.

Visit the website for the date and details on the 2010 uWaterloo POWWOW. [www.aboriginalservices.ca](http://www.aboriginalservices.ca)
St. Paul’s Students
are worth your support

Mission
St. Paul’s mission is to research and teach the knowledge, skills and values needed to address complex local and global development issues.

Core Values
We believe that:

1. Scholarship, responsible service and a spirit of innovation are necessary to preserve the world for future generations;
2. Education is enhanced by learning in a community of students, faculty and staff; and
3. Diversity of perspectives, culture, and faith traditions is essential to a contemporary education.

A gift to St. Paul’s can make a profound difference, changing the lives of the students who become part of the community and pursue their studies and dreams here. We are growing both our educational opportunities and our physical spaces to better serve our students. We attribute our success thus far to the generosity of our alumni, friends and members of the United Church of Canada.

Your gift supports:
- Student environment renewal - Phase 4 building expansion and modernization of MacKirdy Hall
- St. Paul’s Fellowship in International Development; which assists students with their eight-month field placement in a developing country, a critical and required learning component of the INDEV program
- Financial assistance to deserving students
- Student clubs and activities

Gifts can be made online at www.development.uwaterloo.ca
Or contact Kelly Deeks, 519-885-1460 ext. 218, kideeks@uwaterloo.ca

Thank you for thinking of us!

Share with us your St. Paul’s Stories or what St. Paul’s means to you. Send to Kelly Deeks at T: 519-885-1460 ext. 218, OR kideeks@uwaterloo.ca
St. Paul’s first Distinguished Alumni award recipients

Almost everyone can point to someone whose life and character has inspired and shaped them. Many of our alumni are such sources of inspiration. To ensure our students benefit from the stories told in the lives of those who have gone before them, we created the St. Paul’s Distinguished Alumnus/a Award.

In September 2009 we were pleased to announce **Bill Leggett** and **Bob Rosehart** as the first recipients of the **St. Paul’s Distinguished Alumni award**. Bill and Bob exemplify outstanding post-secondary leadership and are champions of the importance of university collegial values and high quality student life. The award was given out at our 1960s reunion event.

Alumni and Friends St. Paul’s Masters Golf Tournament
Friday, August 27 2010

With spring around the corner we are getting ready for our 3rd Annual St. Paul’s Masters Golf Tournament. We are so pleased that this new tradition is continuing. It is a great day for alumni, friends, St. Paul’s and uWaterloo staff, faculty and students to get together for golf, lunch and some friendly competition. The tournament takes place annually the last Friday of August.

The 2008 and 2009 tournaments were a great success, raising **$46,000** towards fully-endowed scholarships for talented students entering the Environment and International Development Program. The support the golf tournament has received has made an enormous difference to us, to students and to improving the quality of education about the environment.

We are looking forward to getting everyone together again for another great day. Register online at [www.stpauls.uwaterloo.ca](http://www.stpauls.uwaterloo.ca).

Mark it in your calendars: 2010 St. Paul’s Masters Golf Tournament **Friday, August 27th**, at Glen Eagle Golf Course, Caledon, Ontario.

Dorothy Elliott 1907 - 2009 / In grateful memory of our dear friend Dorothy Elliott, whose generosity and dedication to the students at St. Paul’s University College has been invaluable and an inspiration. She has touched the lives of many St. Paul’s students through her generous gift of scholarships and awards to those who otherwise could not have access to higher education.
Professor Mavis Fenn has been Acting Chair of the Department of Religious Studies since September. Recently she presented a paper at the American Academy of Religion (AAR) meetings in Montreal, and then travelled to Vietnam over the holiday season to present a paper on Buddhist Women in Canada. In March she attended a conference on Buddhism in N.A., while still finding time to teach her popular courses.

Mavis with Bhikkhuni Dhammananda, an internationally known Buddhist scholar and nun, who is at the forefront of the Buddhist women’s ordination movement in Thailand.
Peter Frick

Peter Frick, Associate Professor in Religious Studies and Academic Dean at St. Paul’s University College has recently published two new books; A Dialogue with Bonhoeffer Collected Essays (2009) and Bonhoeffer: Meditation and Prayer (2010). He has also just returned from a trip to Jiquilillo, Nicaragua where he has been working on a school development project. Over the past 10 years the community school has changed from a dilapidated building with only two classrooms, roughly 50 students and two teachers to a school with 13 classrooms, roughly 700 students and 19 teachers (paid by the Nicaraguan government). The school has made excellent progress and brought great pride to the volunteers and donors because it has changed the local community in many positive ways. For more information on the school project please contact Peter Frick at pfrick@uwaterloo.ca.

James Gollnick

James Gollnick, Professor of Psychology of Religion and program Director of Spirituality and Personal Development, is currently on a half-sabbatical to work on a new book about dreams and their relationship to spirituality and religion. His book will discuss the re-emergence of appreciating dreams’ spiritual and religious value after centuries of science and medicine focusing almost exclusively on dream physiology and psychology. He argues that certain transpersonal dream phenomena provide convincing experiential support for considering consciousness as a primary attribute of existence and not simply a product of the physiological processes of the brain. Prof. Gollnick will be back from his sabbatical the beginning of July.
Guest Rooms for Campus Visitors

In addition to supporting over 300 undergraduate and graduate students with quality housing each year, St. Paul’s provides a temporary home for hundreds of campus visitors all year round. Our 8 smoke-free guest rooms provide a convenient, private and comfortable place to stay for visiting scholars, lecturers and even parents.

Amenities and services include:

• FREE parking
• FREE local calls with long distance access (calling card required)
• Private washroom
• Individually controlled heating and air conditioning
• High speed internet
• Extended Basic Cable television

To book a guest room contact:
Toll Free 1-866-885-1465 ext. 203 or gueststpauls@uwaterloo.ca

For more information and photos of the rooms visit the St. Paul’s website at www.stpauls.uwaterloo.ca