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## **Durham Catholic District School Board and King's University College form Academic Partnership**

November 7, 2017 – The Durham Catholic District School Board (DCDSB) and King's University College have formed an academic partnership for DCDSB's international students who are interested in continuing their studies in Canada after graduating from high school.

On October 24, Marilyn Mason, Vice-Principal, King's University College and Anne O'Brien, Director of Education, DCDSB, signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding which offers international students graduating from the Durham Catholic District School Board pre-admission to King's College, a Catholic extension of Western University Canada. Final acceptance is based on student grades and other admission criteria. The agreement also intends to promote co-operation in international student recruitment, academic training, and collaborative research.

"We are pleased to announce this formal agreement with our valued partners in Catholic education at King's University College," said Director O'Brien. "This partnership enhances our commitment to offering quality 21<sup>st</sup> century learning experiences for international students, and providing seamless pathways into Catholic post-secondary education here in Ontario," said Director O'Brien.

The agreement enables both academic institutions to explore and collaborate on programs, research activities, exchange programs and other academic activities.

"King's is delighted that our strong partnership with Durham Catholic District School Board will now include international education initiatives," says Marilyn Mason, Vice-Principal Enrolment Services and Strategic Partnerships at King's University College, London, Ontario.

### **About King's University College**

King's is a publicly-funded Catholic post-secondary institution founded in 1954. King's provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, business, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally autonomous, King's is academically-affiliated with Western University. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centered on the principles of social justice and the education of the whole person.

### **About the Durham Catholic District School Board**

The Durham Catholic District School Board shares a sense of community among families, educators and parishes, and is committed to integrating the teachings of the Gospel with quality educational programs that guide students in their journeys to meeting the Catholic Graduate Expectations. The Board currently serves approximately 21,000 students in Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, and the townships of Uxbridge, Scugog and Brock. Learn more at [dcdsb.ca](http://dcdsb.ca).

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