



## **King's welcomes new Dean of Students**

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London, ON - King's Principal, Dr. David Sylvester, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Joseph Henry as the new Dean of Students, effective June 1, 2015. Mr. Henry will succeed Mary Carol Watters, who will retire this June after 35 years of exemplary service to and for King's students and the wider King's community. Mr. Henry's appointment follows a national search by the Selection Committee, chaired by the Principal and composed of faculty, staff and students.

Mr. Henry joins King's with 14 years of experience in student service at a variety of Ontario post-secondary institutions, most recently at Sheridan as Associate Dean – Student Success and Student Services. He has extensive community youth and professional experience focused on student success including the Peel Children's Youth Initiative – Bridging Transition Years Committee; the provincial College Committee on Disability Issues (CCDI); the External Rights Review Committee Community Living Oakville; Greater Toronto CivicAction where he was a 2012 DiverseCity Fellow and the Emerging Leaders Network (ELN); the Accessibility Advisory Council TO2015 Pan/ParaPAN American Games and the Ontario Special Olympics.

“We are very excited to bring Joe Henry to King's where his professionalism and deep sense of how student services supports academic success will enrich the experience of our students. His expertise in developing leadership and disability services will advance our collective efforts to challenge and support all of our students,” says Dr. Sylvester.

Mr. Henry and his family are excited to relocate to London. "I am honoured to join the King's community as the new Dean of Students. My hope is that I can use my experience to both enhance the student experience and help to advance the mission of King's as the best liberal arts institution in Canada. Additionally, with so many family connections to the London area, King's and St. Peter's Seminary, this is, in a sense, a homecoming for me, so I am happy to be able to accept this role and build on the strong foundation laid by Dean Mary Carol Watters and all the members of this unique and special community. I can't wait to wear the King's Green and Gold," says Mr. Henry.

After undergraduate studies at both the University of Waterloo and Brock University, Mr. Henry completed a Graduate Certificate in Education at Sheridan College. He holds an M. Ed in Adult Education and Community Development from OISE at the University of Toronto. As a committed educator and researcher, he is presently completing his Doctorate in Education at Northeastern University in Boston, examining the factors that impact the success of male students in post-secondary education, with a primary focus on how first-year male students attribute and learn from failure.

King's is a publicly-funded Catholic post-secondary institution founded in 1954 serving a community of 4,000. 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 values of social justice, equality and the education of the whole person.

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