



## **King's re-appoints Principal David Sylvester to five year term**

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The Board of Directors of King's University College in London, Ontario is pleased to announce the re-appointment of Dr. David Sylvester as Principal for a second five-year term. Dr. Sylvester began his first term in 2009 and he will now serve as head of King's through 2019. Dr. Sylvester's renewal received unanimous support of the Board and of the Review Committee comprised of representatives from King's faculty, staff and administration. Dr. Sylvester's mandate is to continue to position King's as a leader in undergraduate university education in Canada.

“Dr. Sylvester has expertly kept King's aligned with its strategic goals, and has led King's to new levels of achievement as a strong university college acknowledged across Canada and internationally as a centre for academic excellence, social justice and research. In fostering a student-centred community that is committed to teaching excellence and scholarship, Dr. Sylvester has ensured that King's continues to score top marks for student satisfaction in national surveys. While King's celebrates its strong Catholic history and intellectual tradition, we are especially proud of the rich diversity of our campus. Dr. Sylvester's leadership has done much to cultivate this vital and dynamic learning community, and the Board is delighted to have him continue as Principal of King's,” says Lynne Cram, Chair.

Under Dr. Sylvester's leadership, King's has consolidated and expanded enrollment and academic programming, added additional full-time faculty positions, implemented a new institutional strategic plan, re-negotiated its affiliation agreements with Western University, developed strategic partnerships within the London community, with international post-secondary institutions and with every Catholic School Board in Ontario.

Dr. Sylvester has also led the largest fund development campaign in King's history, resulting in the expansion of financial aid for students in need and the construction of the new *Darryl J. King Student Life Centre*, which is set to open this fall.

“It is a privilege to serve as Principal of King's,” says Dr. Sylvester. “This is a remarkable place, distinguished by the students, faculty and staff who work and study here. We have a single goal here at King's, to offer the finest undergraduate

university experience in Canada. When I reflect upon the accomplishments of our graduates and the dedication of our faculty, I can't help but think that we are achieving this goal much sooner than I anticipated.”

As King's Principal, Dr. Sylvester has also served as Chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada, and he is currently the Canadian representative to the Board of the Washington-based ACCU, the voice of Catholic post-secondary education in the United States. Locally, he is a member of the 2013 Campaign Cabinet for the United Way London & Middlesex.

King's University College is a Catholic educational institution affiliated with Western University. Founded in 1954, King's provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, and social work, and a master's degree in social work. It is renowned as a centre of teaching excellence positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the quality of its teaching faculty.

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