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The Honourable Yasir Naqvi and Saint Paul University recognize Dr. Patricia Marsden Dole, 2015 Ontario Senior Achievement Award winner

Ottawa, April 25, 2016 - Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi and Saint Paul University (SPU) held an event today to recognize the outstanding achievements of SPU alumna Dr. Patricia Marsden-Dole, recipient of the 2015 Ontario Senior Achievement Award.

Dr. Marsden-Dole was to have her award presented to her at Queen's Park on November 26, 2015, by the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and the Honourable Mario Sergio, Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs. However, as the original date coincided with the funeral services for her late husband, publisher and community leader Paul Dole, she is now being locally recognized for her advocacy work and research to enhance the quality of life for Ontario's seniors.



From left to right: Manal Guirguis-Younger, Dean of the Faculties of Human Sciences and Philosophy; the Honourable Yasir Naqvi, MPP Ottawa-Centre; Patricia Marsden-Dole; Chantal Beavais, Rector of Saint Paul University and Lorraine Ste-Marie, Associate Professor of the Faculty of Human Sciences.

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Dr. Chantal Beauvais, Saint Paul University Rector, issued the following statement on this remarkable achievement by one of Saint Paul's own alumnae:

“Saint Paul University is delighted to see Patricia Marsden-Dole’s outstanding contribution recognized by the Province of Ontario. Dr. Marsden-Dole’s vision embraces the values in social innovation that are at the core of a society truly inclusive of its senior citizens. For many years she has been encouraging public stakeholders to look beyond outdated models that impoverish the public space by excluding seniors from active participation in civic affairs. Thanks to Dr. Marsden-Dole’s tireless efforts and persuasive powers, the project is beginning to take shape.”

The Ontario Senior Achievement Award recognizes individuals who, after the age of 65, have made significant contributions to their communities.

The presentation ceremony brought together stakeholders of Dr. Marsden-Dole’s work, in recognition of the remarkable impact she has had on her community and the influential nature of her research.

Saint Paul University (1848) is the founding college of the University of Ottawa, with which it has been federated since 1965. Bilingual, it offers programs in social communication, counselling and psychotherapy, canon law, public ethics, conflict studies, group intervention and leadership, human relations and spirituality, and theology.

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