

**Press Release**

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## Enrolment increases at SPU: the trend continues!

OTTAWA, September 12, 2014 – Saint Paul University (SPU) has experienced an impressive start to the 2014–15 academic year, with a 15% increase in the number of regular students. The School of Counselling, Psychotherapy and Spirituality, the School of Conflict Studies, and the School of Social Communication and Leadership reported the largest increases in enrolment.

Chantal Beauvais, Rector of SPU, firmly believes the impressive numbers are due to SPU’s ever-growing reputation for high-quality programs and services that are constantly being reviewed and improved. According to the 2014 National Survey of Student Engagement, 95% of first-year student respondents would choose SPU again, and 96% of graduating students rated their SPU experience “good” or “excellent”!

“SPU continues to attract inquiring and talented people from around the world,” noted Dr. Beauvais. “We are proud to offer a learning environment that welcomes the creators of tomorrow who are committed to building a better world.”

SPU also has an excellent track record in terms of employment prospects. According to the Graduates Employment Survey conducted by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities in fall 2013, 95% of SPU graduates found employment within six months of completing their studies.

Orientation 2014 activities celebrating the start of the new academic year continue throughout the month of September. A full schedule is available on the [SPU website](#).

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

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