

Dr. Shawn Flynn reappointed as President of St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta for a second five-year term



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St. Joseph's College Board of Governors is pleased to announce President Flynn has been renewed for a second five-year term, 2027-2032. Flynn will complete his first five-year term on June 30, 2026, and then take a well-earned 12-month sabbatical from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, before starting his second term as SJC President.

The reappointment followed a Board approved review process which started in January. The review committee undertook a thorough and multifaceted review of the President's performance, gathering feedback from the community and College stakeholders. A recommendation for reappointment of Flynn to his position was made to the Board of Governors in June, which was fully endorsed.

"I am pleased to report that the members of SJC's Board of Governors were unanimous in approving President Flynn's renewal," says Marion Haggarty-France, SJC Interim Board Chair. "We are very happy to have Shawn continue to provide strong leadership for the College as we continue on our journey as a community of Catholic higher education. President Flynn has made a significant mark on SJC during his first term, and we anticipate great things to come."

In recent years, SJC has made an extraordinary turnaround. After guiding the College through a global pandemic and a fiscal crisis

that threatened the College's short and long-term fiscal health, Flynn and his team have moved the College into a year-over-year fiscally positive position. During this time, student enrolment in SJC academic course offerings grew by 44%, SJC residences have been at or near capacity, and the College's operating budget increased by 2 million dollars. In 2023, further steps were taken to transform the College as Flynn took on the St. Joseph's College Amendment Act, updating SJC's 100-year-old legislation to make way for new future programs.

President Flynn also led the launch of SJC's *Strategic Plan: Foundations and Future 2025-2030*, focusing the College on a path for future success, as well as updated the College's mission statement and its entire policy suite. Flynn has worked hard to raise the profile of SJC at the University of Alberta, while fostering important community relationships and serving on numerous governance groups.

"It has been a joy to serve SJC as President these past five years", says Flynn. "With a great administrative team, and dedicated faculty and staff, we have stabilized the College and taken steps to ensure our future. I am excited for the challenges and opportunities the next term will bring and look forward to leading SJC as we mark our 100th year anniversary in celebration."