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Catholic Board Names Distinguished Graduate Award Recipient

St. Jerome's University president receives prestigious honour

Waterloo Region, ON – The students, staff and trustees of Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools proudly congratulate **Dr. Katherine Bergman** as the school board's 2014 **Distinguished Graduate Award** honouree. Dr. Bergman attended **St. Anne CES, St. Agnes CES, St. David CSS** and **St. Mary's H.S.** and is currently president and vice-chancellor of **St. Jerome's University** in Waterloo. The award will be presented on Monday, June 23, 2014 at the St. Mary's High School graduation ceremony.

QuickFacts

- ✓ Following her education in Waterloo Region's Catholic Schools Dr. Bergman received her Bachelor of Science in Honours Biology from the **University of Waterloo**. Katherine received her Masters in Palaeontology and PhD in Sedimentology from **McMaster University**, where she was an NSERC post-doctoral fellow.
- ✓ Dr. Bergman is the 7th President and Vice-Chancellor and professor of Geology of **St. Jerome's University**. She was appointed on August 1, 2012. Previously, Dr. Bergman served as Vice-President Academic and Research and Professor at **Nipissing University** (2010-2011), as well as Dean of Science (2001-2009) and Geology Professor, **University of Regina** (1992-2009). She is a former president of the **Canadian Council of Deans of Science**.
- ✓ Dr. Bergman enjoys building community through active **Rotary** and **Big Sisters** participation and by strengthening existing bonds with community partners – including students, faculty and staff at the University.

Quotes

"The WCDSB has a history of selecting former graduates who have gone on to demonstrate the best of what a Catholic education has to offer. No one is more deserving of being added to that illustrious roster than Dr. Katherine Bergman. Katherine is a scientist who is a leader in her field, an academic administrator who sits at the head of the only Catholic University in Hamilton Diocese, a leader within the local Catholic community, a mother and wife, and an active member of her worship community. Dr. Katherine Bergman spent her entire elementary and secondary years as a student in the WCDSB. Her years at St. Anne's, St. Agnes, St. David's and St. Mary's established a solid foundation for her extensive accomplishments in post-secondary education, as a dedicated community contributor, and as a leader in her field".

~~ *Nomination Submission for Katherine Bergman, May, 2014*

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