



IGNATIAN CHALLENGE AWARD

TRIBUTE DINNER

Honouring: Dr. Jerome Cranston



2025 Ignatian Challenge Award Tribute Dinner Announcement

St. Paul's High School is pleased to announce **Dr. Jerome Cranston** as the 2025 Ignatian Challenge Award recipient for the 30th Annual Tribute Dinner on November 18, 2025.

"It is with profound respect and admiration that I share the news that Dr. Jerome Cranston will be honoured as the 2025 Ignatian Challenge Award recipient," states Kevin Booth '78, President of St. Paul's High School. "As a former principal of St. Paul's and a lifelong educator formed in the Ignatian tradition, Dr. Cranston has devoted his life to forming young people and adults, and transforming communities through justice, scholarship and service. His tireless pursuit of equity and his global efforts to uplift the marginalized exemplify the Jesuit call to be men and women for others. Dr. Cranston embodies the Ignatian spirit of reflection, action and accompaniment – walking with the excluded and working to build a more hopeful, just and compassionate world. We are privileged to recognize his extraordinary faith in action."

Jerome Cranston holds a Ph.D. from the University of Manitoba, a M.Ed. from the University of Lethbridge, and both a B.Ed. and B.Sc. from the University of Alberta. Dr. Cranston is a race-conscious scholar-educator who focuses his energy and time on uncovering the overt and covert ways that racialized ideologies, structures, and institutions create and maintain racial inequality and injustice with a goal of collectively finding solutions that can lead to greater equity, racial justice, and build healthier communities.

Dr. Cranston's work has taken him to refugee camps to work with displaced Syrians in Lebanon and Bhutanese refugees in Nepal. He has worked alongside Indigenous communities within Canada and internationally with tribal communities. In 2013, Jerome was credentialed as an Academic Observer for the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. In 2015, Jerome was recognized by the American Educational Research Association's Peace Education Special Interest Group for his ethnographic work focused on the stories of Rwandan teachers who had survived the 1994 genocide and their commitments to genocide and peace education.

In 2022, Jerome was recognized with a University of Alberta Alumni Honour Award for his work on anti-racism and equity. And in June 2025, Jerome was recognized with the Distinguished Service Award by the Canadian Association for the Study of Educational Administration.

Jerome has authored or co-authored 5 books, and written over fifty book chapters, peer-reviewed articles, professional journal articles, and technical reports. He has been awarded over 20 research, project, or teaching grants. Over his academic career, Jerome has served on numerous committees and working groups including: Canadian Association for the Study of Educational Administration's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group; Global Advisory Committee for Santa Clara University's (CA) tUrn Initiative on Climate Awareness and Justice; University of Regina, Centre for Socially Engaged Theatre's (C-SET) Global Advisory Committee; University of Regina's Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression Advisory Group; Threads Advisory Committee of the Open Door Society Saskatoon; Black Opportunity Fund, Board of Directors; University of Manitoba's Centre for Human Rights Research's Advisory Committee; St. Paul's College (University of Manitoba) Board of Governors, among others.

Jerome's commitment to Catholic education is evident in his career as a teacher in the Christ the Redeemer Catholic school division (AB), 1992-1995; Principal of St. Angela's Academy (SK), 1995-1999; Principal of St. Paul's High School, 1999-2003; Director of the Archdiocese of Winnipeg Catholic Schools, 2003-2007; Deputy Superintendent, Holy Spirit Catholic School Division (AB), 2007-2008.

Jerome and Janet (1964 - 2024) are the proud parents of St. Mary's Academy Alumna, Dr. Kaela Cranston '11, & two St. Paul's Alumni, Ty Cranston '12 & Cody Cranston '15.

Jerome joins a distinguished group of past recipients: Dr. Arthur Mauro, Mr. Paul Albrechtsen, Dr. Michael Phelps '63, Mr. Kevin and Mrs. Els Kavanagh, Mr. Gregg Hanson '69, Fr. Joseph Driscoll SJ, Dr. Angus Reid '65, Mr. Richard and Mrs. Kathryn Bracken, Mr. Joe Stangl, Dr. William Norrie, Mr. Robert Puchniak '65, Mr. Gary and Mrs. Janice Filmon, Mr. Robert Chipman '44, Mr. James Tennant '66, Mr. Hubert Kleysen, Dr. Emöke Szathmáry, Dr. Peter MacDonald '76, Mr. Gary Doer '66, Mr. Paul and Mrs. Carol Hill, Mr. Michael Guertin '76, Mr. Larry Franz, Sr. Lesley Sacouman, SNJM, Mr. Mitch Bourbonniere '81, Mr. Steve '68 and Mrs. Ruth Chipman, Sr. Bernadette O'Reilly and Mr. Phil Chiappetta '75 of Rossbrook House, Mrs. Anne and Mr. Paul '81 Mahon, Mrs. Nancy and Mr. Carmine '76 Militano, Mr. Paul Soubry '80 and the 2024 recipient, Mr. Mark Chipman '78.

The 30th Annual Ignatian Challenge Award Tribute Dinner will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at the RBC Convention Centre. This event raises funds for our bursary fund, an essential aspect of a Jesuit education, ensuring accessibility to all qualified applicants. Your support of the Tribute Dinner is essential for us to meet our challenge of not turning away any qualified students for financial reasons. Sponsorship and ticket information can be found at [St Paul's High School - Tribute Dinner \(stpauls.mb.ca\)](http://stpauls.mb.ca).