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Atlantic School of Theology Community Mourns Former President Dr. Daniel W. O'Brien

The Honourable Mayann Francis, Chair of the Board of Governors, and the Rev. Neale Bennet, President of Atlantic School of Theology express the University's deep sorrow on the passing of Dr. Daniel W. O'Brien.

Chair Mayann Francis shared the community sentiment that "Dr. O'Brien was a man who was committed to advancing the cause of education in the Maritimes and beyond. That passion served AST well."

Dr. O'Brien served two terms as Acting President of Atlantic School of Theology. He first served in 2011 and then returned in 2014 for an additional year, after serving two years as President of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. From 1990-2006, he served as President of St. Thomas University. Dr. O'Brien worked at Dalhousie University for 21 years in administrative and academic work.

Atlantic School of Theology benefited from Dr. O'Brien's extensive experience as a leader in post secondary education with a proven track record. During Dr. O'Brien's time at AST he led the University through a strategic planning process that will guide AST for many years to come. He was also a leader in AST establishing the Archbishop James M. Hayes Centre for Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology. President Bennet said "Dr. O'Brien was a builder, an innovator and a leader."

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