



Huron Talk 2016 Welcomes International Terror Hero

London, ON - HUC is pleased to welcome United States Air Force Sergeant Spencer Stone to Huron University College as part of the annual Huron Talk series presented by HUC's Students' Council.

Sgt. Stone became an international hero when he and two friends helped thwart a gunman from killing passengers aboard a French train during the summer of 2015. Stone was lauded by French President Francois Hollande and President Obama, and was recently one of only 23 people invited to sit with First Lady Michelle Obama in her box during the President's final State of the Union Address

On August 21, 2015, while on a trip to Paris, Stone and his childhood friends, Anthony Sadler and Alek Skarlatos, stopped a potentially catastrophic act of terrorism. Stone subdued a gunman armed with a box cutter, a pistol, a can of lighter fluid, and an assault rifle with 300 rounds of ammunition as he tried to open fire aboard the crowded train. Stone said he acted in the interest of "survival" for him, his friends and everyone else on the train. Stone was awarded the Purple Heart and Airman's Medal, the Air Force's highest non-combat award, and received France and Belgium's highest honours.

"I was given the opportunity to do something good, and I took it," Stone said. "It all worked out for the best, and I'm just happy with that."

The Huron Talk lecture series gives influential members of our global community the opportunity to discuss their experiences with the students of Huron University College and encourage them to initiate positive change in our community and the world.

Huron Talk 2016 takes place on Tuesday, April 5 beginning at 6:00 pm in the Kingsmill Room, Huron University College, 1349 Western Road. Admission is free and open to the public. RSVP at <http://www.myhuron.ca/stone> or by calling 519 438 7224 ext 388.