



## **Field of Dreams: Paul Beeston, Huron Alumnus & Legendary Blue Jays Executive, speaks at Huron**

**London, ON** - This year's Huron Talk will feature legendary Toronto Blue Jays' executive and proud Huron University College alumnus, Paul Beeston, Class of 1967. Paul will be returning to Huron on Tuesday, March 7 to discuss how his Huron liberal arts degree was instrumental in helping him on the road to success.

"We are so looking forward to hearing from one of our very own Huron alumni, on how Huron truly prepares you to excel in the professional world," says Curtis Jenken, the 2016/17 Huron University College Students' Council (HUCSC) President.

Mr. Beeston will discuss the ways Huron provided him within an invaluable foundation for his thirty plus years working in Major League Baseball. As the first Blue Jays' employee in 1977 as VP of Business Operations, Mr. Beeston has seen this Major League expansion team grow from Exhibition Stadium, to go on and win two World Series in the Skydome, now the Rogers Centre. But these outcomes were never certain. The Jays' success on the field was no doubt due to talented players, but also to a capacity for creative, critical thinking on the management side. Enter Paul Beeston.

A member of the Order of Canada, the Board of Directors of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, and inducted in to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame, Mr. Beeston retired as president and CEO of the Blue Jays on October 31, 2015.

As Ken Dryden wrote in the National Post, "It was far from certain in 1977 that the Blue Jays would be a success. Paul started with a win and a sellout at Exhibition Stadium in 1977. He finished with a win and a sellout at Rogers Centre in 2015."

The Huron Talk is an annual event hosted by the Huron University College Students' Council. Previous Huron Talk speakers included former Governor General of Canada Michaëlle Jean, and Lieutenant-General Roméo Dallaire. This event is free and open to the public.

Please join us on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6 p.m. in the Kingsmill Room at Huron University College, 1349 Western Road.