

Walsh College president leaving



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(Photo: Walsh College)

The first female president of Walsh College will step down in early 2017, she announced Wednesday.

Stephanie W. Bergeron took over the reins of the private college in January 2007. She was the first woman to lead the college, and its sixth president since its inception in 1922.

"Stephanie has provided exceptional leadership in guiding the college through an important period of academic advancement and facilities modernization," Edward T. Gwilt, chairman of the Walsh College Board of Trustees, said in a news release. "Her strategic vision and outlook have been critical in providing quality business and information technology programs valued by students and employers alike," he added. "We are grateful for her energy, enthusiasm and important contributions. Her legacy of student support and interaction, along with a relentless pursuit of academic and business excellence, will remain in the fabric of the college."



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Bergeron has presided over a host of major initiatives during her Walsh tenure, including the "Driving Aspirations" campaign that raised more than \$5 million for scholarships; the 2009-10 "Take Charge" skills-training workshop program for displaced workers; accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs; the Walsh College LaunchPad for aspiring student and alumni entrepreneurs; Entrepreneur-YOU, a program providing local women with tools and knowledge for entrepreneurship; the award-winning Finance Lab, and the \$15-million addition and renovation of the Troy campus, the school said in a news release.

The college also added several degree programs during her tenure.

"I am proud of my contributions to the educational legacy of Walsh College and to the community," Bergeron said in a news release. "We have made tremendous strides as a leading business college which have contributed to the educational advancement of our students and in the economic growth of southeast Michigan."

Bergeron began her career at Arthur Andersen in 1975. She spent 26 years in automotive industry finance at General Motors, Chrysler, and Goodyear Tire and Rubber. At Goodyear, Bergeron advanced to senior vice president, Corporate Financial Operations, responsible for Goodyear's global corporate finance, accounting, tax and treasury.

She later became founder, president and CEO of Bluepoint Partners, a consulting company providing advice on financial and capital structure. Bergeron has been a member of the Walsh College Board of Trustees since 1996.

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