

President Philip W. Eaton

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Dr. Philip W. Eaton was named the ninth president of Seattle Pacific University in 1996. Known as a visionary leader, Eaton helped the University define its compelling vision to engage the culture and change the world — a vision now clearly woven into the fabric of the institution and deeply rooted in the hearts and minds of SPU faculty, staff, students, trustees, and supporters.

With this clarity of vision, the University has flourished over the past 10 years, investing more than \$100 million in facilities, completing its most successful fundraising campaign ever, and launching innovative programs like the John Perkins Center for Reconciliation, the Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development, and the Brain Center. Applications are at record levels and standards for admission have dramatically increased. Demand for SPU's premier science programs has exploded to an all-time high.

In 2004, President Eaton and the University unveiled 2014: The Blueprint for Excellence, a 10-year, strategic plan that poses the bold question: Can a university change the world? The plan articulates a clear vision, identifies the university's signature commitments, and outlines strategies for implementation. Can a university change the world? — that's the question that will drive strategic action for the University into the future.

In January 2006, with 100 other University presidents across the country, Eaton was invited by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Education to a University Presidents' Summit on International Education in Washington, D.C. Then in November 2006, he was invited with 11 other presidents to travel to Asia with Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings as part of a delegation aimed at increasing American collaboration with Asian countries and universities. These international opportunities serve to support President Eaton's current drive to clearly define how Seattle Pacific will become even more intentionally global.

Under President Eaton's leadership, the University aims to continue to flourish as a premier, national, Christian university strategically expanding its impact all over the world.

