



Get to know University Councillor Chessa Jope COMM'09, LLM'19



1. Why did you select Queen's University?

I wanted to go to the best business school in Canada. The history, tradition and school spirit I experienced during a campus tour made the decision to attend Queen's even easier.

2. Most memorable moment as a student?

There are too many moments to pick just one, so I'll say that I really treasure the lifelong friends I made while at Queen's.

3. Tell us a little about your career?

After graduating, I obtained my CA designation with PwC Toronto and a Master of Laws in Business Law from Osgoode. Through progressively senior finance roles in the mining and energy industries, I've worked with companies across Canada and globally. As a Finance Director with Ontario Power Generation (OPG), my responsibilities include oversight of OPG's financial disclosure obligations, advising on key technical accounting matters for business issues across the organization and evaluating or influencing the introduction of new requirements or changing regulations. I am also currently Vice Chair of Electricity Canada's Finance & Accounting Committee.

4. What's the best career advice you've ever received?

Start before you're ready. And, don't underestimate the value of being someone who is easy to work with.

5. Your aspirations for being on University Council?

Firstly, to help alumni feel more connected with Queen's. Support efforts to increase financial access to post-secondary education and efforts to ensure an inclusive and diverse student experience at the university. Share my network, financial expertise and corporate governance experience to advance the initiatives and goals of the school.

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