



University Council February 2023 Newsletter

Council Updates

Committee Updates

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will meet on Feb. 9. As part of this meeting, the Committee will approve, on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, appointments to the University Council Program Committee.

Nominating Committee:

- **2023 Council Trustees Election:** The election of two University Councillors to the Board of Trustees ran from January 16 to 23. 91% (41/45) of Councillors cast their ballots in this election. Congratulations to Heather Black Sc'80 and Yanique Williams, Artsci'08!
- **Senate Honorary Degree Ad Hoc Subcommittee to Review the Honorary Degree of Duncan Campbell Scott:** The Subcommittee is mandated to consider a motion of the Senate to review the Honorary Degree granted to Duncan Campbell Scott in accordance with the principles laid out in the [Policy on Revocation of or Special Statements Concerning an Honorary Degree](#). Willa Henry, BNSc'76 was selected as the member of University Council by the Nominating Committee of the University Council Executive Committee.

2023 University Council Election: The 2023 University Council election will be held from May 16 – May 30, 2023. The Call for Nominations will be launched on March 20 and will run for two weeks, closing on April 3, 2023. There will be ten four-year terms (September 2023-27) available for alumni in the 2023 election. [Role description](#) and [election details](#) are on the [University Secretariat website](#). Please keep your eye out for the Call for Nominations email and share with your alumni networks!

- **Council Committee Term Shifting:** Per the proposal to shift Council committee start dates endorsed by the University Council Executive Committee, terms on the Executive and Nominating Committees will now begin effective Sept. 1. This timing shift will provide newly-elected Councillors with an opportunity to join committees the year they begin on Council. A call for expressions of interest/nominations for vacancies on these committees will be circulated in the summer, following the Council election and new Councillor Orientation.

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: Judith Brown, Artsci'70, Samantha Cheung, Sc'92, and Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08

Program Committee:

Councillors are invited to participate in the **Alumni Volunteer Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Credential**, facilitated by the Queen's Human Rights and Equity Office.) For returning Councillors, this is the same credential that was offered in 2021. Contact [Lindsey Kull](#) to register and gain access to the three online interactive EDI training modules (30-60 minutes each) and receive the link for the virtual live Zoom session.

- Unconscious Bias
- Call it Out: Racism, Racial Discrimination and Human Rights
- Working Together: Building an Inclusive Queen's Community

Once these asynchronous modules have been completed, at your own pace, you will be invited to participate in a 60-90 minute virtual-live session to complete the credential training. This virtual session, facilitated by Queen's Human Rights and Equity Office, will allow you to apply your knowledge and learning, as well as create and experience a safe space for open dialogue and discussion. The session will be the culmination of your learning for this course and the completion of the Alumni Volunteer EDI Credential.

The virtual-live session will be held **Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 11AM- 12:30 PM (EST)** to ensure all Councillors have the opportunity to complete the asynchronous modules first. Space is limited, so [please sign up today!](#)



Mary Dodd, Com'84
Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: Noyelum Anoliefo, MMIE'20, John Armitage, BSc'71, Richard Baugh, MBA'14, Heather Black, Sc'80, Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08, Willa Henry, BNSc'76, Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07

Board / Council Trustees:

- The next regular Open Session of the **Board of Trustees** meeting will be held on **March 3** (meeting dates can be found on the [Board website](#)). You can check out the Board agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend the Board's Open Session, please submit your email request in advance to [Council Trustees](#).

Your University Council Trustees: Heather Black, Sc'80, Doug Bruce, BSc(Eng)'85, Jeremy Gooden, BSc(Eng.) '16, Alison Holt, BAH'87, Mary Wilson Trider, Com'82, and Marcus Wong, Artsci'03.

Senate:



Honorary Degrees: Councillors are requested to consider submitting nominations of worthy individuals for an honorary degree. Nominations are open for degrees to be awarded in 2024 and the deadline is March 1, 2023. Information can be found on the [Secretariat's website](#).

Senate meeting dates can be found on the [Senate website](#). The next regular Senate meeting will be held on Feb. 28. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your email request in advance to the [Senate](#).

A Message from the QUAA



I hope you had a restful holiday season, and I want to wish you a Happy New Year. Reflecting on the past year, I'm excited to see a return to getting together in-person, including at Homecoming and numerous Branch and Chapter events. I'm especially proud of the events that supported progress related to equity, diversity, inclusion and indigeneity. Most notably, the *A Mile in Their Shoes Program* offered non-Indigenous alumni an opportunity to learn about the Indian Residential School system and support Queen's in implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's 94 Calls to Action. More needs to be (and will be) done on this front, but I'm encouraged by the enthusiasm of alumni to support this important issue.

Looking forward, I'm feeling optimistic about what the coming year holds. If the applications for QUAA grants are any indication, there are many alumni keen to return to meaningful, in-person programming. We are also anticipating a return to the QUAA Awards Gala and in-person Alumni Volunteer Summit (AVS) later this year. AVS is truly a highlight of the year when, as a member of Assembly, you will be invited to campus for a day of important programming related to your volunteer efforts and is an opportunity for volunteers to meet in-person. A regular rhythm of Branch and Chapter events is setting in, and planning for Homecoming 2023 is already underway. Throughout the year, we'll use this space to highlight opportunities for you to stay engaged and share your expertise to help better the Queen's alumni community.

If you have any questions or ideas to support alumni engagement through the QUAA, do not hesitate to reach out - always happy to chat.

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Colin McLeod, Artsci'10

Volunteer President & Chair of QUAA Board of Directors

Councillor Spotlights

Chessa Jope, COM'09 – CPA Ontario 2022 Emerging Leader



Congratulations to Chessa Jope, COMM'09 on being named a CPA Ontario 2022 Emerging Leader. The Emerging Leader Award celebrates and recognizes distinguished younger members of CPA Ontario who are socially responsible leaders and innovators, already making notable contributions with significant impact. Chessa is a Finance Director with Ontario Power Generation where her financial expertise and collaborative spirit have been valuable in a number of key initiatives for the organization, including its recent acquisitions of hydropower and gas facilities in the United States and Canada as well as the development of its climate-related financial disclosures and climate change plan.

She serves as Vice Chair of Electricity Canada's Finance and Accounting Committee and volunteers her time with CPA Ontario as a mentor and Panel Member for the Capstone program, in addition to the passion she has in her various volunteer roles with Queen's University including as a current Councillor. She obtained her CPA, CA designation with PwC Toronto in their mining and energy assurance practice.

Congratulations Judith Brown, Artsci'70



Congratulations to Councillor Judith Brown, Artsci'70, re-elected this fall as a Trustee with the Kingston Limestone District School Board.

Judith was also the recipient of the 2022 Ontario Public Schools Boards Association Award for outstanding service as a public school Trustee in Ontario.

To find out more about Chessa, Judith or other fellow Councillors, visit the [University Council Biographical Sketches](#) page of the website.

News & Events

Save the date - 2023 Homecoming



As you have heard, the date for Homecoming 2023 is set! Save the date and join us on the Oct. 20-22 weekend as we celebrate milestone reunion years ending in three and eight and the Tricolour Guard.

More information will be coming to your inbox and through Queen's social channels soon!

Black Histories and Futures Month



In honour of Black Histories and Futures Month, every week Queen's will celebrate the accomplishments of great Black alumni; follow us follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

Gales of the Last Decade (GOLD) Series



If you didn't have a chance to see the GOLD series programming last fall, now's your chance. In this recorded video series, GOLD alumni, such as **Councillor, Aziz Garuba, MBA'12**, speak candidly about life after Queen's, offer valuable financial tips, and work to inspire fellow alumni to take chances and follow their dreams.

Visit the [QSAA YouTube Channel](#) to view all recorded GOLD programming. While you're there, make sure to subscribe so you don't miss an update from the QSAA!

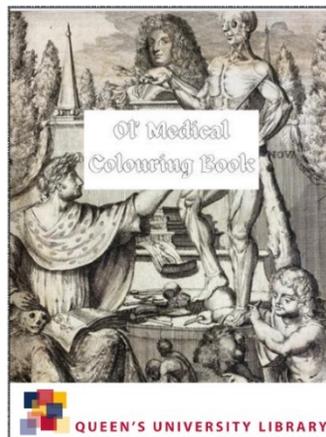
Alumni world-wide are coming together!



Are you interested in Curling with the Boston or Ottawa Branch? Or maybe you would like to join the Okanagan Branch Aprè-Ski? 2023 is bringing more exciting programming for you to connect and reconnect with fellow alumni.

Keep an eye on Queen's [Alumni Events](#) page for up-to-date information on events in your area. And please get in touch if you are interested in organizing something yourself!

Supporting Students in Creative Ways: The OI' Medical Colouring Book



[The OI' Medical Colouring Book](#) is an initiative aimed at providing students with a "colouring book" – a complimentary, stress-relieving activity to support their mental health while incorporating the history and images they may be exposed to throughout their studies. The book also includes helpful tips for managing stress, links to Student Wellness Services (SWS),

and pointers to library assistance and resources. The project would not have been realized without the hard work and dedication of Carolyn Kane, an Experiential Learning in Historical Practice student in the Faculty of Arts and Science. For more information, please contact: [Brendan Edwards](#), Curator, Rare Books and Special Collections.

Opportunities

Support a Queen's Scholar



Queen's and our alumni community are proud to support our Promise Scholars. This program provides dedicated financial, academic, and career support to help these deserving students complete their degrees.

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

HOST A QUEEN'S SCHOLAR AT YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR THE SUMMER.

One of the unique benefits of being a Queen's student is having access to a rich network of alumni working in various professional fields who can offer students exposure to various industries and careers. **Could you host a student placement in your workplace this summer?**

TIMELINE (SUMMER 2023)

- March 10 – Commit to the creation of a position in your organization
- March 28 – Provide position description and meet with Career Supports coordinator
- April 8 – Meet your student to discuss the position
- May 1 – Aug. 31 – Off-Campus Job Placement period

WAGES AND SCHEDULING

- Minimum of \$4,000 (after deductions) to the student by the end of summer
- We recommend at least minimum wage, but encourage higher if possible
- Flexibility for scheduling: the specific number of hours and schedule to be discussed between you and your student
- Opportunity can be located in Kingston, Toronto, or be a remote placement

If you have any questions or are interested in supporting one of the 2022-23 Scholars with a job placement, please reach out to [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Volunteer Liaison.

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Consultation and Feedback - University Council members are welcome to provide feedback to the subcommittee. Community members can participate with an [online survey](#).

Queen's Links to Keep You Informed

- [Queen's Gazette](#)
- [Queen's Alumni Review](#)
- [Queen's Quarterly](#)
- [Queen's Law Reports](#)
- [Smith Magazine](#)
- [The Complete Engineer](#)
- [Inclusive Queen's](#)
- [Viewbooks](#)
- [Queen's Encyclopedia](#)
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