

Get to know University Councillor Tazrian Alam, Artsci'13



What is your most memorable moment as a student at Queen's?

Everything from waking up to bag pipes, lectures in ivy-covered buildings, tailgating, and singing the oil thigh at Homecoming games, longboarding by the lake, all the late nights and early mornings with my housemates, and of course, the quaint city of Kingston itself made my time at Queen's an unforgettable experience.

Please share a little bit about your current career

I work in corporate Canada's Anti-Money Laundering (AML) sector. Currently I am a Senior Manager on RBC's Financial Crime team – the team dedicated to deter, detect and report suspicious activity related to money laundering, terrorist financing, human trafficking or other activities that may violate applicable economic sanctions. In my role, I lead and manage quarterly reports to RBC's Board of Directors, providing a comprehensive view of the performance and operational effectiveness of RBC's Enterprise AML program.

What is the best career advice you've ever received?

"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." – Gretzky

What is the career highlight you are most proud of?

I am a big advocate for networking and getting involved with community organizations. I am most proud of being a mentor to young people trying to navigate their career in the corporate space.

How do you enjoy spending your free time?

In my free time I love to be outdoors. In the summer you can find me sailing, golfing, camping, and longboarding. In the winters you can find me skiing and skating.

What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?

The four years I spent at Queen's helped to shape me into the strong and assertive person I am today. I am a proud Alumni of Queen's U; I am filled with nostalgia every time I visit Kingston. Memories with roommates and old classmates come flooding back when I return to campus for events like Homecoming. Serving on the University Council

will be an opportunity to say thank you to my alma-mater for the unforgettable experiences and opportunities it offered.

What are your aspirations for being on University Council?

During my term on the council, I aim to facilitate the same sense of belonging I felt at Queen's for other students from diverse communities who are on campus today. My wish is to foster a more connected campus where students are enabled to build community, be their true selves and are encouraged to adopt an inclusive mindset. I want to ensure that the equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging agenda continues to be a priority at Queen's. The university was a safe space for me, as it should be for all students and faculty-- a place where everyone feels they truly belong, free of discrimination, and able to have a wholesome experience at Queen's.

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