One of the most beautiful campuses in Canada, Queen's University only becomes more striking during the fall as the changing of the leaves adds a splash of vibrant colour to the pale tones of the limestone buildings.

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Funding powers sustainability efforts

University and city partnering to reduce energy and water consumption, as well as greenhouse gas emissions

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Queen’s is continually working to reduce its carbon footprint and on Thursday, Oct. 26 the university received more than $700,000 in funding from Utilities Kingston in support of a number of projects aimed at cutting energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.

The $717,915 in funding, provided in part through provincial Save on Energy programs that are powered by the Independent Electricity System Operator, accounts for grants and incentives for projects completed in 2017, primarily as a result of realized water and electricity savings.

Much of the funding is related to the university’s CAPit program, a $10.7-million comprehensive energy conservation project with international energy services company Honeywell. The project has a target of reducing the university’s greenhouse gas emissions by over 2,600 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide, the equivalent of taking 944 mid-sized cars off of Canadian roads.

“Queen’s has placed a priority on financial and environmental sustainability. This funding enabled the university to expand the CAPit project, reducing our utilities expenditures while, at the same time, significantly cutting our impact on the environment,” says Donna Janiec, Vice-Principal (Finance and Administration). “The CAPit program has been a success, and we thank Utilities Kingston for their contribution to building envelopes. The measures are already having a positive effect. By the end of 2017, Queen’s will have saved 185,000 m3 in water, enough to service 3,700 four-person homes for a year. Similarly, electricity consumption will have been reduced by 2.95 GWh, enough to power 295 average Ontario homes for a year. “We applaud the university’s commitment to reduce energy and water consumption, and cut greenhouse gas emissions. Queen’s efforts to install water and energy conservation measures help extend the useful life of municipal utility infrastructure and further our progress towards meeting provincially-mandated electricity conservation targets. All this, while making a positive impact on the environment,” says Sean Meleschuk, Vice-President of Utilities Kingston. “Our unique multi-utility model provides our customers with one-stop access to water, gas and electricity conservation programs. We are proud to partner with local businesses and institutions as we help build a better community.”

The Queen’s Climate Action Plan is available online (queensu.ca/principal/priorities-and-initiatives/climate-action-plan). More information about the CAPit program is available on the Sustainability Office website queensu.ca/sustainability.

Feedback sought on undergraduate orientation

BY PHIL GAUDREAU, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

If you would like to help shape the future of undergraduate orientation, there are many ways you can take part. The Undergraduate Orientation Review Working Group has announced its community consultation plan which will help inform the working group’s report to Principal Daniel Woolf on the future of undergraduate orientation.

“The purpose of the working group is to review all aspects of our direct-entry undergraduate student orientation experience, and articulate a vision for orientation that achieves shared goals around community-building, inclusivity, accessibility, safety, and responsibility,” says Terri Shearer, Deputy Provost (Academic Operations and Inclusion). “We are committed to creating an environment where all incoming students to Queen’s experience a welcoming and inclusive orientation that reflects and embraces the diversity of our entire student population.”

Members of the Queen’s community, Queen’s alumni, and residents in the broader Kingston community who are interested in providing feedback on orientation can:

• attend one of the working group’s meetings;
• invite the working group to one of your meetings;
• request a one-on-one meeting with one member of the working group;
• send a submission for the group to consider to orientation.review@queensu.ca.

In addition, the group will be hosting two university-wide town hall sessions.

The first will take place on Nov. 22 at 1 pm in Robert Sutherland Hall, Room 202. The second will be held Nov. 27 at 5:30 pm, also in Robert Sutherland Hall, Room 202.

The Undergraduate Orientation Review Working Group was formed by Principal Woolf in August to recommend changes to undergraduate orientation, including both university orientation and student society orientation activities, which will make orientation more welcoming and inclusive for all members of the Queen’s community. As part of this effort, the working group is looking at ways that student associations, student groups, and the university can work together to develop a cooperative framework, including mechanisms for training and educating students on diversity and inclusion. The final report and its recommendations will be delivered to the principal by March 1, 2018.

For more information on the working group, visit the Office of the Principal website (queensu.ca/principal/).
A bigger, better ‘home away from home’

Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre set to double in size as part of expansion and renovation project

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Queen’s Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre is doubling in size.

The design process for the expansion of the centre, to the house next door to its 146 Barrie St. location, is now underway. Renovations to both buildings are expected to begin in the new year.

“As enrolment among Indigenous students increases at Queen’s, we recognize that Four Directions has outgrown its space,” says Ann Tierney, Vice-Provost and Dean of Student Affairs. “In line with recommendations of the TRC Task Force, we are excited to be creating a new, larger ‘home away from home’ for students, with more amenities, staff, as well as programming and community-building opportunities.”

The university has engaged Two Row Architect, a firm based in Six Nations that has worked on many post-secondary campuses. Consultations with students, staff, faculty, and community members took place over the summer, to identify values, goals and aspirations for the new facility. These include learning, inclusivity, the presence of food, connection to the earth and the integration of natural materials, natural light and views.

The current plan is for one building to be used for gatherings and activities, including feasts and cultural programming, while the other will be offices, where students will meet one-on-one with staff, and student study spaces, including a first-floor library.

“We want to create more spaces for all of our students to gather, connect, and learn,” says Kanonhsyone (Janice Hill), the university’s inaugural Director of Indigenous Initiatives, who served as director of the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre for the past seven years. “Expanding the centre is an important part of the reconciliation work underway at Queen’s. It will help us continue to build relationships across campus and in the local community, and increase the visibility and awareness of Indigenous cultures, knowledge, teachings and supports.”

The $600,000 project is being primarily funded by the Division of Student Affairs. The federal government is also contributing through an Enabling Accessibility Fund grant for upgrades that will make both buildings more accessible. During construction, the centre will remain open while work is done on the second building. Operations will then temporarily move to the new building, as the current centre is renovated.

Learn more about the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre at queenus.ca/idasc.

Read about the recommendations of the university’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Task Force (queensu.ca/provost/committees-and-reports/truth-and-reconciliation-commission-task-force).

Students accessing Indigenous self-identification mechanism

BY CANDICE PINTO, INTERN, DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

More than 100 students with Indigenous ancestry have chosen to self-identify to the university within the first few months of the launch of a new mechanism in the SOLUS student information system.

Self-identifying provides students with the opportunity to become part of the Aboriginal community at Queen’s, practice and/or learn more about their culture, and access resources like tutoring services, scholarships, cultural workshops, and on-campus Elders.

Some students choose to self-identify to the university during the application process, but until now, that has been the only time they can formally do so. This voluntary and confidential mechanism, comprising five questions, also gives Indigenous students the opportunity to consent to being contacted by an Indigenous student services staff member. To date, almost 60 students have requested outreach.

Vanessa McCourt, Aboriginal Advisor at Four Directions, says she is connecting with students from several faculties and schools.

“We’re seeing a lot more graduate and professional students self-identifying who we otherwise may not have known about” says Ms. McCourt. “Many students, especially graduate students, may have had to leave an Indigenous community at their previous school, and come to Queen’s without a connection or way to form those communities here. By self-identifying, and receiving resources like the Four Directions E-Newsletter, students are able to foster those new relationships here at Queen’s. I am also in touch with some distance students who are accessing services and supports.”

The mechanism is being promoted across campus through posters, the distribution of book marks and brochures, on social media and an on-line hub of information. A new video and poster series launched this month. In the video, Indigenous students and recent grads talk about why they choose to self-identify.

“I’ve never not self-identified. It has made me more comfortable with myself,” says Taylor Bluhm (NSC’18). “It’s nice to talk to people who are going through the same things as you are. If I ever have a question about absolutely anything, Four Directions is always there to help answer my questions.”

“I wouldn’t have gotten involved with so many things if I didn’t self-identify,” adds Thomas Dymond (Meds’20). “Students unions, different projects, and ultimately jobs, that all came from getting involved, getting to know people, and being a part of a community.”

The mechanism was developed with funding from the Ontario Ministry of Advanced Education and Skill Development’s Targeted Initiatives Fund. This month, Ms. McCourt and Paul Pearsall, Associate University Registrar (Student Information Systems), are presenting at a national post-secondary systems conference about the mechanism, its development, and the results to date.

The mechanism was developed by a student-led project team, and included a campus-wide consultation with students, faculty members, staff and other institutions to come up with a set of optional questions that aims to encourage self-identification.

To learn more about Indigenous self-identification at Queen’s, visit queenus.ca/idasc/self-identification.

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Giving back to the Queen’s, Kingston communities

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Organizing the annual fundraising campaign for the United Way of Kingston, Frontenac Lennox and Addington requires a team effort, with hundreds of volunteers and staff members taking part.

At Queen’s, the largest workplace campaign for the United Way KFLA, the effort is led by a cross-campus committee comprising representatives from all aspects of the university, from administration and staff to faculty, retirees and students.

This year the Queen’s United Way Campaign Committee has set a fundraising goal of $320,000, accounting for close to 10 percent of the United Way KFLA’s budget.

Leading the Queen’s United Way Campaign Committee are co-chairs Kellie Hart and James Ligthart.

For both, their support of the United Way started before they arrived at Queen’s, and once they joined the university it was an easy decision to get involved.

Through her participation in the campaign committee, Ms. Hart says she realized that she can make a difference at Queen’s and within the larger community.

“Giving to your community is important for me because you get so much more back,” Ms. Hart says. “I took part in the Seeding Tour and that really opens your eyes to the extent of services that the United Way helps to fund and how important those services are to the community.”

As a major employer in Kingston, Queen’s can contribute so much to the community that houses it and is home to its employees and students, she adds.

Along with his Queen’s committee work, Mr. Ligthart has participated in the United Way KFLA Next Gen, which brings together volunteers ages 25 to 40 who are interested in becoming future leaders.

“For me, volunteering for the United Way is a way to support an organization that gives opportunity to people in our community who may otherwise not have it, helping them take the next step forward that they can turn into an opportunity for something else and grow from that,” he says.

At Queen’s he has found that the campaign draws strength by reaching across campus and inviting a diversity of ideas and contributions. It all adds up to a greater positive impact.

“We are very fortunate to have a large workforce but within that it allows for a lot of different-minded people to come to the table with the campaign committee, from different departments, different faculties, to come together with one goal in mind but have lots of different avenues towards getting the campaign exposure and helping reaching into different areas of our large campus,” Mr. Ligthart says.

During their time as committee members, and now co-chairs, both have found that along with the positives of helping others, they have also benefited by meeting and working with their colleagues from across the Queen’s community.

“We have a great team to work with and it is very motivating when you have a group of people who are committed and want to make a difference along with you,” Ms. Hart says. “Just knowing the good things that Queen’s can do for the community and knowing that you are part of that and that you can make that happen is very rewarding.”

The fundraising campaign is currently underway and helps the United Way support community agencies. Last year, more than 55,000 people benefited from United Way KFLA-funded programs.

Queen’s community members can back the United Way through payroll deduction, a one-time gift, credit card, cheque or cash. To make a donation online through the United Way’s ePledge system, simply go to queensu.ca/unitedway. Please note that if you donated last year and selected the auto-renewal action, no further action is required unless you would like to change your donation.

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Honouring inspirational women leaders

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

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Susan Belyea, right, PhD candidate and instructor in Kinesiology and Health Studies, reveals her T-shirt as she receives the Ban Righ Foundation Leadership Award from Sylvie Charlebois and Georgette Frye.
Autumn aura

Autumn at Queen’s is always a beautiful time of year with vibrant colours on trees and clinging vines providing a sharp contrast to the limestone buildings. Whether it’s an unseasonably warm and bright morning or a gloomy, cold afternoon, the reds and yellows stand out against the countless shades of gray. Across campus the pathways are littered with fallen carpets of scarlet and gold, but look closer and hidden gems can be found all around, tucked away in courtyards and behind walls.

While autumn signals the end of summer there is still so much beauty to take in.

One of the best places on campus for taking in the colours of autumn is the Snodgrass Arboretum, located in front of Summerhill.

Leaves litter the grass near Summerhill but they won’t be there for long as crews from Physical Plant Services are always busy cleaning the campus grounds.

There are fewer vines around campus this year due to the stonework on many buildings, however, the ones that remain continue to bring a flash of colour to the limestone.

All along University Avenue, trees were turning red and yellow before the rains arrived and washed the leaves away.

Some of the most beautiful scenes on campus in autumn are to be found in hidden away locations.

After an unseasonably warm start to the autumn, a cold snap brought out the vibrant colours of the trees lining University Avenue.
The road less travelled

This column was first published through the Equity Office’s “Together We Are” blog

BY HAZEM AHMED

It might sound a cliché, but looking back to my past 15 years, I apparently have been taking the roads less travelled whether consciously or perhaps subconsciously. Starting back in 2002, when I decided to pursue my undergraduate studies at Queen’s, I was fully aware that I would not only pursue a unique graduate program at Queen’s School of Computing, but again I chose a less-travelled road with a specialization in bioinformatics, which is the intersection between computer science and medical sciences.

Studying at Queen’s was a truly life-changing experience although my first year as an international student was a bit challenging. I needed some time to adapt to the new environment, culture, and long distance from my family back home in Egypt. However, when I started participating in extracurricular and social activities at Queen’s (e.g., elected student rep for University Senate) and the broader Kingston community (e.g., member of the organization team of the Kingston Multicultural Arts Festival), the challenges turned into opportunities. I received several awards at the departmental-level (featured in the PhD Handbook of the School of Computing), university-level (Dean's Graduate Award), provincial-level (Ontario Graduate Scholarship), and prestigious national-level awards (NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship and Post-Doctoral Fellowship). I would not have had the same opportunity if I did not push the border of my comfort zone, if I did not travel to study at Queen’s, if I did not take a less-travelled road.

During my second year at Queen’s, I participated in a work-study program. There were several on-campus job openings available at that time in the university library, cafeteria, Information Technology Store and one at the Equity Office. I know many students already work in the university library, cafeteria, ITS store, but I did not want to choose a common road. I applied to the Equity Office. While there I had a unique opportunity to learn more about equity issues in the workplace and the hiring process. A six-month web developer position led to over a six-year programmer/analyst position. I was recommending implementing IT solutions to transform many of the office’s processes; therefore, producing a significant impact in the office and the broader Queen’s community. I would not have made a similar impact, had I worked at a library or ITS store. I would not have left a footprint, had I picked a common road.

After completing my graduate studies in bioinformatics, the most common road was obviously becoming a professor. But once again I did not take the obvious road. I moved to industry – I am now a data scientist at General Electric Aviation. Aviation is a data-intensive industry, where data science has the potential to offer impactful insights and revolutionize traditional ways used to address their multifaceted business challenges. I feel honoured to be part of the digital journey of one of the world’s largest companies and work on the most demanding problems of the world’s biggest airlines.

John Freeman was a mentor to all. He was passionate about teaching, and for people was evident that making rugs was something he enjoyed in his evenings. He wrote the most unique Christmas stories, and each reflected where his thoughts were at the exact moment when he took pen to paper. Those of us who counted John as friend all have at least one memory story that will remain with us for years to come. John Freeman died Aug. 1 and continues to be missed by those whose lives he touched.
NEWSPAPERS

Robert Morrison (English Language and Literature) piece for The Conversation about Gord Downie's lyrical legacy ran in the National Post, Toronto Star and the Kingston Whig-Standard.

Sharry Aiken (Law) says in the Toronto Star that the Canadian refugee system is working, but says the refugee board is under-resourced and cannot process claims fast enough and says the majority of refugees crossing from the US to Canada have genuine asylum claims in Metro News.

Joan Tranmer (School of Nursing) commented on shift workers in the Globe and Mail.

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BY PHIL GAUDREAU, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Global entrepreneurship network expands to Shanghai

Freshly minted Queen’s entrepreneurs looking to get their start in Asia now have some additional support.

The Dunin-Deshpande Queen’s Innovation Centre (DDQIC)’s Global Network, a group of alumni and senior business leaders around the world, has added a network node in Shanghai. The node marks the fifth link in the Global Network, and the first in Asia.

“A node in Shanghai is the next logical step for us, and will be a boost to our ability to support entrepreneurship and innovation activities at Queen’s and beyond,” says Greg Bavington (Sc’95), Executive Director of the DDQIC. “Our growing network will help entrepreneurs emerging from our program solidify their manufacturing strategy and tap into one of the world’s largest markets.”

Joining Queen’s in Shanghai for the announcement of the node was Iris Technologies, a startup launched by Colin Harding (Com’17) and Conor Ross (Sc’16). The company is focused on solving the problem those with a concussion, migraine, or eye strain often have when using computers.

The company is in the midst of implementing a manufacturing strategy for the region. “As a technology company looking to grow sales and expand its manufacturing capabilities, doing business in Asia is almost a necessity,” says Mr. Ross. “It is my hope that this Global Network node will help hardware startups tackle their biggest challenge – bringing a high-quality product to market – and to achieve this faster and with better products. We are grateful for the support of the DDQIC team and their efforts to support entrepreneurs like us.”

The Queen’s China Liaison Office, located in Shanghai, and the department of Alumni Relations are supporting the recruitment of the first volunteer members of this new node. The China Liaison Office was founded in 2007 and its existence underscores the importance of the country to Queen’s global ambitions, says Associate Vice-Principal (International) Kathy O’Brien.

“Building relationships in China is a priority for Queen’s,” says Ms. O’Brien. “The university sent 47 students on exchanges to China in 2016-2017, and has almost 300 identified alumni in mainland China. The Shanghai node of the Global Network is an exciting opportunity to engage our strong and committed Queen’s alumni community in building Queen’s-China connections, and to leverage and recognize their talents by making them an integral partner to what we are doing.”

The DDQIC, Alumni Relations, and Office of the Associate Vice-Principal (International) are seeking Shanghai-based alumni, business leaders, and other supporters who are willing to volunteer their time advising and assisting Queen’s student entrepreneurs. In addition to supporting alumni entrepreneurs as they seek to build connections globally, the network also helps review the pitches of student entrepreneurs who are a part of the Queen’s Innovation Centre Summer Initiative program.

Those interested in participating in the Global Network program or learning more about it should visit the DDQIC’s website (queensu.ca/innovationcentre).
Fostering sustainable social change

BY SARAH LINDERS, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Two Queen’s University graduates, who each received $25,000 in funding from the OceanPath Fellowship, are now busy pursuing community-focused experiential projects in East Africa.

Hanna Chidwick (ArtsSc’17) and Nabeela Jivraj (ArtsSc’17), are two of this year’s OceanPath Fellows, and are currently in Tanzania and Kenya, respectively.

The year-long OceanPath Fellowship, coordinated by the Coaldy Institute, offers community-focused experiential learning opportunities up to 12 graduating students every year from Queen’s, as well as three other universities. New graduates have the chance to bring new ideas to, and work closely with, communities to foster sustainable and positive social change – both within Canada, and around the world.

Ms. Chidwick’s project in Moshi, Tanzania – located at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro – is a partnership with the Pamoja Tumwake Women’s Centre, a local health clinic, to build health support for elderly women.

“Because elderly people in Moshi are living longer, there are more chronic diseases such as diabetes that many have to deal with,” says Ms. Chidwick.

Ms. Chidwick arrived in September and is working on building peer-to-peer social supports to help seniors who may feel isolated due to taking care of family, physical immobility or lack of finances to access healthcare or social support.

“So far, the clinic staff and I have consulted with many of the elderly people in the Rau neighbourhood, along with the local chairman,” she says. “It’s been interesting to see the changes in the project because of our direct engagement with the elderly so far. Building partnerships and fostering relationships with people to create a foundation for community support is key to sustainability and success. The support offered through the fellowship has been invaluable. I look forward to building on the strengths of the Moshi community by connecting directly with people and working towards a real impact.”

Meanwhile in Meki, Kenya, Ms. Jivraj’s project is centred on the provision of access to water, sanitation and hygiene, working in partnership with Rieko Kenya, a locally-based organization run by members of the community.

The Meki community has just begun the process of mobilizing resources to drill a deep well to serve the whole area. Since she arrived in Kenya in late September, Ms. Jivraj has been working on improving educational programs for the community until funding for more safe water sources is secured.

The education piece will be important to drive behavioural change once additional infrastructure is available,” says Ms. Jivraj.

The unique political situation in Kenya has paused the election process during the election re-run period, including action on her project. Nonetheless, Ms. Jivraj says that having the chance to connect with and learn from community members, people doing similar projects, and witnessing the practicalities of projects operating during the election period has been a valuable learning experience.

The next deadline for 2018-19 applications to the fellowship is Nov. 16. Both Ms. Chidwick and Ms. Jivraj highly recommend the experience and are grateful for support from their professors in the Queen’s Department of Global Development Studies, particularly Paritosh Kumar.

“This experience has reinforced the importance of experiential learning,” says Ms. Chidwick. “I would encourage students with a passion for learning and working in partnership with a community to reach out to their professors and apply.”

“As a life sciences student, having the opportunity to work in a practical setting during my degree was both unique and formative. I’ve also learned a lot about myself during the process,” says Ms. Jivraj. “I’d definitely recommend the fellowship to students from any discipline who have a passion for working with people, and are up for a challenge.”

Students interested in applying for the fellowship can contact Queen’s Oceanpath Advisor, Katie Fizzell (oceanpath@queensu.ca) in Queen’s Career Services.

Summit attendees seeking to make an impact

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Across the globe people are keenly aware of how social and environmental factors are critical to the health and prosperity of our communities. As efforts to achieve the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals are pursued by business, governments, and communities worldwide, students from the Smith School of Business are seeking to make their impact.

Hosted by Smith’s Centre for Social Impact, the 13th annual Social Impact Summit provides unique opportunities for Queen’s students and their broader community to learn from today’s trailblazers who are scaling solutions to complex issues. For more information on the Social Impact Summit including an opening keynote address from Queen’s Career Services.

As always, the summit offers programming for students, staff, faculty, and members of the Queen’s community to learn about the processes and practices that drive social impact – including the practice of values-based leadership and, social innovation, which refers to an innovation that both drives profound and positively changes a social system and is widely recognized as a key driver of solutions to such complex issues. For more information email csi@queensu.ca.

Among the list of speakers for the 13th annual Social Impact Summit are, clockwise from top left: Valérie Courtois, Director of the Indigenous Leadership Initiative; Zita Cobb, co-founder and CEO of the Shorefast Foundation and Innkeeper of the Fogo Island Inn; Geoff Green, founder and President of Students on Ice Foundation; and Chef Michael Smith and Chastity Smith, proprietors of The Inn at Bay Fortune.

“The Social Impact Summit, along with the Social Innovation Bootcamp that was held Oct. 13-14, are opportunities for students to engage with leading professionals in the area of social finance, social entrepreneurship, social innovation,” says Joanna Reynolds, Associate Director, Centre for Social Impact. “The summit allows students to reflect upon their values and to understand from seasoned professionals how values apply to business and community life.”

As always, the summit offers an excellent lineup of speakers, including an opening keynote address on Friday by Zita Cobb, co-founder and CEO of the Shorefast Foundation and Innkeeper of the Fogo Island Inn.

A full day of learning and networking activities follows on Saturday, including morning keynote sessions featuring speakers Geoff Green, founder and President of Students on Ice Foundation, Chef Michael Smith and Chastity Smith, proprietors of The Inn at Bay Fortune, and Valérie Courtois, Director of the Indigenous Leadership Initiative. The afternoon has a full schedule of panel sessions and workshops.

The Social Impact Summit is open to the Queen’s and the Kingston communities, but registration is required (smith.queensu.ca/centres/social-impact/summit/register.php).

Delegates expected to attend the Social Impact Summit include Queen’s students in the Commerce programs as well as the MBA and Master of International Business programs. Many of whom are enrolled in the Certificate in Social Impact Program.

The Centre for Social Impact wishes to thank the OLG for their continued support of the Social Impact Summit. Visit the Centre for Social Impact’s website for the complete agenda.

The Centre for Social Impact at Smith School of Business was established in 2004 with a mission to educate students and foster education, research, and advocacy on issues impacting our local and global communities. Every year, the Centre presents and supports a wide range of programming for students, staff, faculty, and members of the Queen’s community to learn about the processes and practices that drive social impact – including the practice of values-based leadership and, social innovation, which refers to an innovative process or organization that profoundly and positively changes a social system and is widely recognized as a key driver of solutions to such complex issues.
Leading the way in research at Queen’s

BY LEIGH CAMERON, RESEARCH PROMOTION COORDINATOR

The recipients of the 2017 Prize for Excellence in Research are committed to building connections. Whether it be between organic compounds and metals or scholars and Indigenous communities, each scholar has established themselves as leaders in their fields, working to connect their studies to the world at large. Spanning disciplines across the university, the 2017 PER recipients are Sam McKeegney (English), Liying Cheng (Education), Cathleen Cruden (Chemistry), Pascale Champagne (Civil Engineering), and Denis O’Donnell (Medicine). Awarded annually in five areas (humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, health sciences), the awards have been the signature internal research prize since 1980, and represent an important investment by Queen’s in recognizing research and scholarship. Recipients are some of the top scholars in their fields, and they are each awarded a prize of $5,000 as well as the chance to give a public lecture on their research in the spring. More information on the public lectures will be made available in early 2018.

“I would like to extend my sincerest congratulations to this year's Prize for Excellence in Research recipients,” says John Fisher, Interim Vice-Principal (Research). “This prize is a testament to the level of research excellence found at the university, and a true mark of excellence for these scholars. Each researcher has made a significant, long-standing impact in their field. I look forward to watching them receive their prize at our Convocation and to hearing their public lectures in the spring.”

Sam McKeegney (English) is an associate professor whose research has greatly impacted considerations of the ethical roles of settler scholars in Indigenous Studies. He has written many articles on environmental kinship, Indigenous prison writing, and the Truth and Reconciliation process. Dr. McKeegney’s 2014 book Masculindians explored the connections between constructions of racial and gender identities by interviewing North American Indigenous artists, and received an honourable mention for The Canadian Women’s and Gender Studies Association’s Outstanding Scholarship Award.

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BY LEIGH CAMERON, RESEARCH PROMOTION COORDINATOR

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Innovation and Wellness Centre (IWC) is taking shape now and we are taking steps to ensure the site, and neighbouring buildings, are ready for the winter,” says Robert Polegato, one of the Project Managers in Physical Plant Services. “There will be some impacts to traffic around the site in the coming weeks, and we are reminding everyone to exercise patience and caution when driving, walking, or cycling past the IWC."

As part of the remaining exterior work, large slabs of concrete are being brought in on trucks. Once the installation of panels on the southern and western sides of the building begins, likely in late November, there will also be a lane reduction on Union in front of the centre while additional panels are brought to the site.

Updates regarding the Innovation and Wellness Centre project will be posted on the Gazette website (queensu.ca/gazette/).

Invitation to provide feedback to Queen’s Principalship Review

Queen’s University engineering lab redesigns bicycle for teenager with cerebral palsy

Janessa Gerhardt has a cool, new set of wheels thanks to Queen’s University engineer Claire Davies and a team of fourth-year students working in her Building and Designing Assistive Technology Lab.

The Napanee teenager, who is living with cerebral palsy, had been trying for years to find a bike that would suit her limited range of motion. Her search came up empty until her physiotherapist Karen Forbes met up with Dr. Davies, who proposed a solution.

“We attended a special adaptive bike fair last spring but no bike worked for Janessa so she left in tears,” Ms. Forbes says. “We met with Claire soon after and she proposed a solution.”

Dr. Davies says she tasked a team of her fourth-year students with redesigning the crankshaft of a three-wheeled bicycle, which was the main area of concern. Due to her limited range of motion, Ms. Gerhardt was unable to pedal a traditional bicycle. Now, she rides up to two or three kilometers twice a day which is critical for someone confined to a wheelchair, according to her therapist.

“Most kids her age who are at her level of mobility are confined to a power chair and that isn’t healthy,” she explains. “Janessa understands the health benefits of exercise so it’s important for her to be active. Obesity is a genuine concern which affects all areas of health, especially for those with limited mobility.”

During a media event on campus, Ms. Gerhardt couldn’t stop smiling or talking about her bicycle.

“It gives me exercise and freedom, and my legs work like they are supposed to,” she says. “It’s really fun. If it wasn’t for Karen, Claire and their team, I wouldn’t be riding at all.”

Dr. Davies says the vision for her multidisciplinary lab at Queen’s, which includes occupational therapists and physical therapists, focuses on designing and building assistive devices to increase the independence of individuals with disabilities. Research includes assistive learning devices for children with visual impairments and Nintendo Wii software to prevent older adults from falling by improving their balance.
Collaborating with Indigenous communities on research

BY PHIL GAUDREAU, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Several recommendations within the Queen’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Task Force final report challenged researchers across the university to ensure they are engaging Indigenous communities in culturally appropriate and respectful ways.

To help share the perspectives of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers and build competency at Queen’s, the School of Graduate Studies, the Aboriginal Council of Queen’s University (ACQU), and Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre hosted a three-hour session about “Research Collaboration with Indigenous Communities.”

More than 80 faculty and students attended the workshop, which included a keynote address and panel presentations by masters student Jon Aarsen; PhD candidate Natasha Stirrett; Heather Castleden, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Reconciling Relations for Health, and Canada Research Chair in Durable Research Collaborations; Heather Castleden, Associate Professor and Canada Research Chair in Reconciling Relations for Health, and Canada Research Chair in Durable Research Collaborations; and Marlene Brant Castellano, Chair of Aboriginal Council of Queen’s University. The event concluded with a talking circle which included all participants.

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This presentation was the realization of months of effort by the School of Graduate Studies to better educate its students on how to engage Indigenous communities in research – being ever mindful of the adage “nothing about us without us”. The workshop originated this summer, when the School of Graduate Studies and the ACQU established a Committee on Indigenous Research Collaboration. The committee includes representation from the ACQU, the School of Graduate Studies, Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre, and other faculty members and students.

The workshop represents phase one of a longer-term plan to help broaden access by First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities and organizations to the research resources of the university, appropriate to community needs and priorities. The School is also seeking to promote and develop the skills and intercultural competencies of graduate students and faculty for community-engaged research with, and by, Indigenous Peoples. Moving forward, the School of Graduate Studies will aim to provide students and faculty with the knowledge to build strong, mutually respectful, and durable research collaborations between Queen’s University and Indigenous communities.

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Indigenous communities, added Dr. Straznicky. As an example of a successful research collaboration, Queen’s Adjunct Professor Alex McComber (DSc’16) delivered a lecture about Indigenous research collaboration. More than 80 faculty and students attended the workshop on “Research Collaboration with Indigenous Communities.”

Dr. McComber noted, in the past, researchers would fly into Indigenous communities, gather information, and leave without contacting the community again; the next time the information would be seen was when a report was published. He suggested aspiring researchers should instead make the goal of their work to create new knowledge in collaboration with Indigenous communities and to build relationships that bring about understanding on both sides. “As up and coming researchers…you have two ears, two eyes, and one mouth,” Dr. McComber said in closing. “Come in with respect, and be open to being challenged and doing things differently.”

The session was part of an annual two-day Indigenous Research Symposium organized by the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre. In addition to the Friday workshop, the symposium explored the themes of this year’s Queen’s Read title, The Break, from an Indigenous perspective.
FALL CONVOCATION
All ceremonies are at Grant Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 10 am
Ceremony 1: School of Graduate Studies, Smith School of Business, School of Medicine, Faculty of Law
Honorary Degree Recipient: John Rae, LL.D

EVENTS
Wednesday, Nov. 15, 10 am - Friday, Nov. 17 Annual Gem and Mineral Sale at Miller Museum

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2:30 pm
Ceremony 6: School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Education
Honorary Degree Recipient: David Bouchard, LL.D

Social Impact Summit
The Social Impact Summit is an engaging and inspiring conference program that brings together leading academics and practitioners to expose delegates to a variety of issues and topics in the area of Social Impact and Responsible Leadership. This two-day Summit is a mixture of keynote speakers, panel discussions, skill building workshops and networking opportunities designed to educate and inspire delegates to be impactful and responsible leaders both in their careers and in their local communities. The Centre is thrilled to announce that Zita Cobb, Co-founder and CEO of Shorefast Foundation and Inkeeper of the Fogo Island Inn will provide the keynote address on Friday, Nov. 10.

Monday, Nov. 13, 5-6:30 pm
Queen’s Reads Discussion Group Parts 1 & 2

Come join our first Queen’s Reads reading group where we will be discussing the first two parts of the Break. The session will be led by a trained facilitator and will finish with a bookmark making activity. Hosted at Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre.

Sudoku and Crossword solutions on Page 15
Women’s cross country team wins OUA title

The No. 1 Queen’s Gaels women’s cross country team took the OUA championship in Windsor on Saturday, Oct. 28 led by a gold medal performance from Branna MacDougall. The men’s team also put in a strong performance, claiming the bronze.

The Gaels dethroned the 13-time reigning champion Guelph Gryphons, finishing with 37 points, 25 points ahead of the silver medalist Toronto Varsity Blues (62). The Gryphons earned the bronze medal with 79 points.

Second-year runner Branna MacDougall finished first overall in the women’s 8km race, becoming the second consecutive Gael to earn OUA MVP honours after Claire Sumner won the title in 2016. MacDougall crossed the finish line in a time of 27:19.5.

Close behind MacDougall were fellow first-team All-Stars Amy Stephenson in fourth in 27:43.3 and Claire Sumner in fifth in 27:46.1. Molly Steer was named a second-team All-Star finishing 10th in a time of 28:35.2 and Taylor Sills rounded out the Queen’s scorers in 17th in a time of 29:16.9.

The Gaels men earned the bronze medal with 85 points behind Guelph (41) and McMaster (50). Eric Wynands finished fourth in a time of 30:45.3 taking first-team All-Star honours while teammate Mark Schmidt took the final second-team All-Star spot finishing 14th in a time of 31:06.4.

The 2017 U SPORTS Cross Country Championships are being hosted by the University of Victoria on Sunday, Nov. 12.

fit tips

Afternoon boost

Many of us know the afternoon slump rather well. Your energy level goes down and it’s hard to focus. Physical activity does a lot to help beat the afternoon slump:

- Do leg lifts to get blood flowing during those long meetings.
- Substitute a short walk for a break instead of browsing the internet.
- Use washrooms on another floor and take the stairs.
- Do shoulder rolls every time you check your email.
- Sit on a yoga ball when doing work at your desk.

Taking a physical activity break around 3 p.m. will help you stay focused and work more efficiently. It’s normal to get dozy in the afternoon. Be aware of what’s affecting your body and your energy level. Make sure you get enough sleep, eat a healthy lunch, and fit in some physical activity.
Without Walls or Barriers: The Speeches of Premier David Peterson
Edited by Arthur Milnes and Ryan Zade

In June 1985, David Peterson was sworn in as the leader of Ontario's first Liberal government in forty-two years. This collection of speeches explores the activist agenda the London, Ontario, lawyer pursued through his premiership and Peterson's agenda, which sought to ensure all Ontarians were able to participate fully in provincial society. When Peterson was asked what he viewed as his most important accomplishment, he thought for a brief moment and then whispered with obvious emotion, "breaking down walls and barriers." Through his speeches, readers can see Premier Peterson on the wider Canadian stage by addressing the economic challenges faced by the federation - most notably free trade - and by supporting the Meech accord, which was designed to bring Quebec into the constitutional family.

His speeches also show him on the global stage, engaged in the challenges of the transformation of world politics and Canada's trading relationship with the United States. By the time Peterson's premiership had come to an end in 1990, the Berlin Wall had fallen, Europe was in the midst of its reunification, and the Cold War had come to an end in 1990, the Vietnam War had ended in 1975, and the relationship between the United States and the Soviet Union was beginning to collapse, the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement was in full force and effect, and the age of globalisation had begun.

Through this selection of speeches, the editors also present insights into a range of other figures, from former premiers and Peterson's political contemporaries to the British royal family. Particularly powerful tributes include Nelson Mandela's first visit to Canada and Peterson's eulogy for MPP Dalton McGuinty, Sr., the father of Ontario's 24th premier.

COMMITTEES
Advisory Selection Committee for the next Vice-Principal (Advancement)
Principal Daniel Woolf has convened, and will chair, a committee to advise him on the appointment of a new Vice-Principal (Advancement). Tom Harris’ term will end on June 30, 2018.

The committee members are:
- Daniel Woolf, Principal and Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
- Sue Bates, QUA President
- Janet Dancy, Professor, Department of Oncology
- Kevin Deluzio, Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science
- Marcia Finlayson, Professor and Vice-Dean, School of Rehabilitation Therapy
- Michael Frases, Vice-Principal (University Relations)
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- Stephanie Simpson, Director, Human Rights Office (equity representative)
- Dan Tisch, Board of Trustees
- Rosie LaLande, Executive Assistant, Office of the Principal (Recruiting Secretary)

APPOINTMENTS
Anthony Sanfilippo appointed as associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education
Dean Richard Reznick is pleased to announce that Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) at Queen’s University, has reappointed Dr. Anthony Sanfilippo as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education, Faculty of Health Sciences, for a five-year period beginning July 1, 2017.

Dr. Sanfilippo will be entering his third term in the position as Associate Dean, which he has held since 2007. Anthony Sanfilippo has been a member of Queen’s faculty since 1989 and is currently a full Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology.

Under Dr. Sanfilippo’s leadership, the undergraduate medical education program has made dramatic gains. In 2015, it received an eight-year accreditation status, and in 2016, a glowing QUQAPS review.

Under his direction, the entire undergraduate program mounted an innovative competency-based curriculum, and now has one of the highest student satisfaction indices in the country.

Dr. Sanfilippo graduated from Queen’s University with his Bachelor of Sciences in 1976 and Doctor of Medicine in 1981. Dr. Sanfilippo undertook residency in Internal Medicine at Queen’s and became Chief Resident in Internal Medicine in 1984. Dr. Sanfilippo subsequently underwent his Clinical Training Fellowship in Cardiology at Queen’s University. He then completed his research fellowship as a Research Clinical Fellow in the Cardiac Electrophysiology Unit at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University School of Medicine in 1989.

Dr. Sanfilippo has been involved with a variety of professional organizations and committees, taking on the role of President of the Canadian Society of Echocardiography from 1997 to 2002, and leading the development of guidelines and accreditation processes for the practice of Echocardiography in Ontario. Widely recognized as an expert in the field of cardiology and medical education, Dr. Sanfilippo has also given over 150 presentations over the course of his career.

human resources

Job postings
Full details regarding job postings – as well as the application process – can be found atqueensu.ca/humanresources/careers.

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