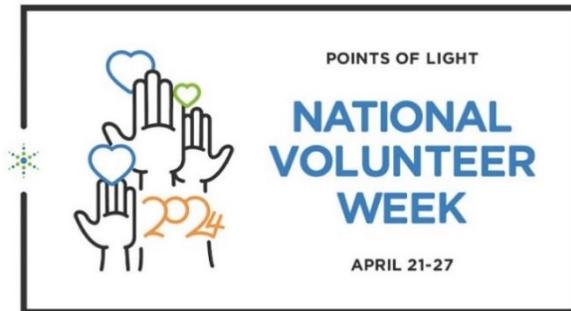


University Council April 2024 Newsletter



April 21-27 is [National Volunteer Week](#)
SHINING A LIGHT ON THE PEOPLE AND CAUSES
THAT INSPIRE US TO SERVE.

#NVW

Volunteering weaves us together, strengthening the fabric of our community through sharing our time, talent, and energy to support one another. Queen's University is fortunate to have you as dedicated Alumni serving on University Council. You have been instrumental to the mission of the

University, as ambassadors and advisors! Thank you!

Committee Updates

[Chancellor Search Advisory Committee](#)

The Chancellor Search Advisory Committee held its first meeting on March 25. Councillors serving on this Committee include Heather Black, Samantha Cheung, Colin McLeod, and Mary Wilson Trider. The Committee is an advisory body to the Principal and has been established review candidates, in confidence, and to recommend a candidate to the Principal for the 16th Chancellor of Queen's University.

When the Advisory Committee has made a recommendation to the Principal, the Principal shall inform the Executive Committee and ask for its approval to bring the recommendation for appointment forward to the University Council for approval at a special meeting.

[Executive Committee](#)

The Executive Committee encourages Councillors to [nominate an individual](#) who has made Queen's a better place through their extraordinary service and achievements for a 2024 Distinguished Service Award. The nominations period is open until April 28 and the Executive Committee will meet in June to select up to six recipients.

The 2024 Distinguished Service Awards will be presented during a ceremony at the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts on Thursday, October 17 at 5:30 pm. Please hold this time in your calendars.

Executive Committee: Patrick Deane (Chair), Chancellor Murray Sinclair, Petra Fachinger, Mary Drinkwater, Artsci'77, Ed'78, MPA'08, Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06, Greg Frankson, Artsi'98, Ed'99, Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07, Noor Rahemtulla, Com'20

[Nominating Committee](#)

The call for nominations for the 2024 University Council election was launched on March 19 and closed April 2. An online election for the 10 available positions will be held May 15 to 29. All Councillors are encouraged to vote and help choose your new colleagues on Council.

The Nominating Committee met on March 22 to discuss the 2024 Council Trustee election. A call for nominations was launched on March 25 and closed on April 1. An election for the three positions on the Board of Trustees will be held from April 9 to 16. All Councillors are encouraged to vote per the terms included in the election email.



Samantha Cheung, Sc'92 Chair

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: Doug Bruce, Sc'85, Mary Drinkwater, Ed'78, MPA'08, Chessa Jope, Com'09, David Pick, Artsci'89, Law'92, and Elaine Wu, Artsci'98, MIR'00, Law'03

[Program Committee](#)

The Committee hosted its first meeting to concentrate on developing the programming for Council's orientation, annual general meeting, in-person fall meeting, and the Distinguished Service Awards gala. We would like to extend a thank you to outgoing members Nonyelum Anoliefo, Heather Black, Willa Henry. And a special thank you to outgoing Chair, Tka Pinnock for your leadership.

June 11 – Virtual Orientation: If you could offer a piece of advice to yourself as a newly elected University Councillor, what would it be? What do you wish you had learned during orientation that would have assisted you in your role? Please send feedback to ucouncil@queensu.ca for consideration for this year's Councillor Orientation being held in June.

University Council Meetings: The 2024 AGM format will be as follows:

- Formal governance items, such as Council Trustee and standing committee reports, will take place on a weeknight via Zoom in advance of the in-person Kingston sessions. Date will be in early October once the calendar of our new Chancellor is known.
- An in-person meeting in Kingston will take place on the afternoon of October 17, followed by the Distinguished Service Awards and a Council Social, and will continue the morning of October 18. Councillors are reminded that [Queen's Homecoming](#) will take place from October 18 to 20 and that they are welcome to participate in events hosted by various university units.

Travel: Per the [Role Description](#), Councillors are expected to incur their own expenses associated with the Annual General Meeting. Councillors are eligible to donate their AGM expenses back to the university, for which an official tax receipt is issued. Councillors are welcome to share questions regarding this via email to ucouncil@queensu.ca

Travelling by VIA Rail: Take advantage of the 15% discount for alumni (with Alumni card and ID). [Details here](#). Queen's Discount code: 709508 [Register for your Alumni Card here](#). Show your Queen's Alumni Card and receive other [on-campus access and discounts](#).

Accommodation for the In-Person Meeting:

[Kingston Market Square Hotel](#) (Marriott), 285 King St E, Kingston, ON K7L 3B1
There are a limited number of rooms reserved for the University Council under the group blocks below. Guests staying for Homecoming will have to make a second reservation at the Homecoming rate, but the Hotel will combine the reservations, so you do not have to change rooms.

Note: There is a great demand for accommodation for Homecoming. Please do not share these links outside of the University Council.

Start Date	End Date	Last Day to Book:	Group Rate:	Booking Link:
Wednesday, October 16,	Friday, October 18	Tuesday, September 24	\$209 CAD per night	Book your group rate for Queens University Council Meeting Oct2024
Friday, October 18	Sunday, October 20	Tuesday, September 24	\$309 CAD per night	Book your group rate for QUC Homecoming

Program Committee: John Armitage, BSC'71, Samantha Cheung, Sc'92, Letitia Golubitsky, MSc'06, Chessa Jope, Com'09, Daria Juudi-Hope, BScN'11, MPH'20, and Colby Pereira, BA'13, MA'15, Tka Pinnock, Artsci'07

Campaign Advisory Group

Councillors Chessa Jope and Saara Romu were appointed to the Campaign Advisory Group by Principal Deane as elected Councillors. Alison Holt (Council Trustee and elected Councillor) was appointed to the Advisory Group by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. This Group will act as a resource during the planning phase of the next comprehensive campaign for Queen's and will provide valuable insight and advice on the formation of a successful campaign to support a new level of impact for Queen's. Thank you to Councillors Holt, Jope, and Romu for their willingness to serve!

[Board of Trustees](#)

The next regular Open Session of the Board of Trustees meeting will be held on May 10 (meeting dates can be found on Board [website](#)). You can check out the Board agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend the Board's Open Session, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat's Office](#).

Council Trustees: Heather Black, Sc'80, Doug Bruce, Sc'81, MBA'01, Jeremy Gooden, Sc'16, Alison Holt, Artsci'87, Yanique Williams, Artsci'08, Mary Wilson Trider, Com'82

[Senate](#)

The next Senate meeting will be held on April 18. You can review the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat's Office](#).

Senate Appointee to Council: Petra Fachinger, Professor of English, Queen's University

[Queen's University Alumni Association \(QUAA\)](#)

The past month has been an exciting one for the QUAA!

As I mentioned in the March Newsletter, the application and selection process for the 2024-26 QUAA President was underway. I am pleased to share that the President Selection Committee, chaired by EVP, Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition Lisa Hood, Artsci'04, is sharing this announcement:

"It is with great pleasure and confidence that I have the privilege to announce that the next volunteer President of the Queen's University Alumni Association is Allison Williams, Artsci'09!

Allison has served on the QUAA Board since 2020, but her volunteerism and engagement go much further back to her days as a student. A winner of the Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award, Allison was the inaugural president of the Queen's Student Alumni Association (formerly the Student Team on Alumni Relations or "STAR"), a residence don, the AMS Social Issues Commissioner, Food Bank Manager, and a participant in Queen's Model Parliament. She has been an active champion of I-EDIAA issues personally and professionally and is committed to continuing her own learning in this space.

Special thanks to the selection panel: Galvin Niu, Sc'19, Heather Black, Sc'80, George Jackson, Artsci'85, Lindsey Kull (Alumni Volunteer Liaison and Equity Representative) and Leigh Kalin, Artsci'92 (AVP – Strategic Engagement)."

Public announcement of Allison as QUAA President will be made in the coming weeks. Allison's term will officially begin in May 2024, and you will begin hearing more from her in your next newsletter.

Now that the 2024-26 QUAA President Selection is complete, the QUAA Board has opened the application cycle for Directors of the QUAA. As some of you may know, following an 8-month review of Board practices, structure, and commitment to Indigenization, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Anti-Racism (I-EDIAA), the QUAA Board held a vote of Alumni Assembly on amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the QUAA. One of the many significant adjustments that has been made is that QUAA Directors will now be hired under a [uniform position description](#) rather than specific portfolios. This adjustment has been made to reduce barriers during the application and selection process and aim to offer a more collaborative and meaningful volunteer experience. These adjustments have been supported by a vote of the Alumni Assembly on amendments to the [QUAA Constitution and Bylaws](#).

The QUAA Board is looking to fill these positions with a diverse group of alumni, reflective of our alumni population and during this 2-year term, will champion the Board's strong commitment to I-EDIAA in everything they do.

In this role, Directors will support alumni, Advancement, and the University by:

- Championing I-EDIAA within the Queen's community, on the Board and in Assembly
- Impacting the future of the Alumni Association through Board decision making during meetings and retreats.
- Building relationships by participating in events and outreach
- Building on leadership skills or leading as mentors, as Board members and/or chairs of QUAA committees
- Expanding their Queen's networks via learning and engagement opportunities

Most of the work of the Board is remote, however some in-person attendance is required. The full QUAA Director Application, position description and 2024 application process can be found on the [QUAA webpage](#). Applications close on Friday, April 19, 2024.

Please share this opportunity widely in your networks. To ensure we reach the widest audience possible we ask that you challenge any preconceptions or biases you may have about who is 'qualified' or a 'good fit' for this opportunity. All are welcome to apply! Visit the [QUAA webpage](#) or reach out to [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Volunteer Liaison for more information.

Lastly, a reminder to save the date, Saturday, June 1 to attend the Alumni Awards Gala in Toronto. More details will be released shortly and please read on in your newsletter for the announcement of the 2024 Alumni Gala Award Recipients.



Colin McLeod, Artsci'10, President and Chair, QUAA Board of Directors

QUAA Assembly Members [appointed by the University Council](#): Heather Black, Sc'80, Bittu George, Artsci'95, Law'98

News and Events

[A Conversation with Principal Patrick Deane](#)



This link is being shared with you with the ask that it is not reshared to your own social accounts. Principal Deane has planned for these Town Hall conversations to continue in the future. Topics will change based on the current climate of the University, inquiries from the Queen's community and other factors but please keep an eye out for communication of future virtual opportunities to connect and be informed.

April 8 – Total Solar Eclipse



On April 8, 2024, the once-in-a-lifetime [2024 eclipse](#) will be visible from Mexico, the United States, and Canada. For the first time in almost 700 years, Kingston is in the path of totality, or where the Sun will be completely blocked out by the Moon. This means many people will be flocking to the area to view this wondrous celestial spectacle.

For details, safety information and activities, click [here](#).

April 11, 2024 (5-6 pm) Healthy Sleep: A lifestyle medicine approach (Virtual)



Join Param Dedhai, MD for this workshop where participants will delve deep into the multifaceted aspects of sleep, understanding its essential components, exploring its physiological and psychological significance, and unraveling its profound impact on health. [Param Dedhia](#) will translate medical science into our everyday lives. Param Dedhai is a curious internal medicine doctor and passionate integrative medicine practitioner, sought after speaker and physician. Free. [Register now](#).

April 15, 2024 (8:30-9:30 am) [Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion in Development and Humanitarian Response Discourse](#) (Virtual)



The 6th annual Dr. Malcolm Peat Lectureship (virtual) with visiting lecturer Abia Akram and moderated by Dr. Heather Aldersey. Complimentary. [Register here.](#) The Dr. Malcolm Peat Lectureship was established in memory and recognition of former Queen's School of Rehabilitation Therapy Director and founder of the International Centre for Advancement of Community-Based Rehabilitation (ICACBR), Dr. Malcolm Peat.

May 2, 2024 - NEW Queen's Online Health Professions Fair – Seeking Employment Opportunities for Students



Career Services is hosting a new [Health Professions Online Fair](#) on May 2, 2024. Employers and representatives from professional and graduate programs who are interested in connecting with students in Bachelor of Health Sciences, Life Sciences, or Kinesiology & Health Studies programs for post-graduation, internship, or summer job opportunities are invited to attend this online fair.

Councillors are encouraged to share information about the [Health Professions Online Fair](#) with their networks and help Queen's Students connect with top employers and explore their future education and career paths.

Congratulations to QUAA Alumni Gala Award Recipients



The QUAA is proud to recognize the achievements of outstanding alumni and students at the annual [QUAA Awards Gala](#). Recipients of these awards demonstrate the best qualities of the Queen's community and illustrate the impact our alumni have on the world.

The 2024 Gala Awards Selection Committee are pleased to announce these outstanding members of the Queen's community as the recipients for 2024.

Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award – Stu Lang, Sc'74, and Kim Lang, Artsci'75

Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award – Daniel Tisch, Artsci'91, MBA'96

Alumni Global Citizenship Award – Kayla Cooper, Artsci'13

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization Alumni Award – Margaret Greenberg, Sc'04

One to Watch Award – Stephanie Zhou, Artsci'14

Herbert J. Hamilton Volunteer Service Award – Lisa Hood, Artsci'04

Marsha Lampman Volunteer Award – Jennifer Reynolds, Com'13, GDA'13

Outstanding Student Leader Award – Owen Crawford-Lem

QSAA Volunteer of Distinction – Grace Zhang

The 2024 Alumni Awards Gala will be held the evening of Saturday, June 1 in Toronto, please save the date and register to celebrate the incredible accomplishments of these award recipients. Public announcements of recipients and Gala registration will open in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact the [QUAA Board](#).

Educational Opportunities



The [Queen's University Ever Scholar](#) program is a series of free courses designed to engage and connect lifelong learners in the greater Kingston community and beyond by providing an enriching and accessible learning experience.

Developed by the Faculty of Education in collaboration with subject-matter experts, the interactive courses are taught by qualified instructors who care deeply about sharing their knowledge and expertise with the community. Designed as a lifelong-learning program for all ages, Ever Scholar provides opportunities to explore topics in art, science, and the humanities.

While there is no cost to attend Ever Scholar programs, a voluntary donation to the [Ever Scholar Fund](#) is strongly encouraged in lieu of payment. With your support, we can continue to enrich our community by ensuring this program remains free and accessible to lifelong learners.

Spring 2024 Programs:

April 9, 16, 23, 30 (5-7 pm EST) - An Introduction to Architecture

This survey course is designed to provide participants with a general overview of architecture as a blend of artistic expression infused into purposeful design and construction. Using photographic visuals and informative details, this engaging series will explore the fundamental concepts and purposes of architecture, the various types of architecture across the ages, and features some of the most acclaimed architects of our times. Presentations will also include opportunities for discussions and collaborative learning. Instructor: Paolo Fietta [Register here](#).

April 22, 29, May 6, 13 (5-7 pm EST) – The Ethics of Biomedical Enhancement

Recent advances in biomedical knowledge and innovation- such as sequencing of the human genome, gene therapy and genome editing, the biology of aging, behavioural genetics, etc.- raise the prospect that science could be utilized to “enhance” our biology rather than simply search for treatments for specific diseases. In his book *Beyond Humanity?* (Oxford University Press, 2011) the philosopher Allen Buchanan defines biomedical enhancement as “a deliberate intervention, applying biomedical science, which aims to improve an existing capacity that most or all normal human beings typically have, or to create a new capacity, by acting directly on the body or brain”. This course will introduce students to both the science and ethics of biomedical enhancement,

covering a range of topics like eugenics, genetics, the therapy/enhancement distinction, procreative liberty, aging, and memory modification. Instructor: Colin Farrelly [Register here](#)

Councillor Spotlight



Mary Wilson Trider is President & CEO of Almonte General Hospital and Carleton Place & District Memorial Hospital. She is a graduate of the Smith School of Business (B.Comm) and a FCPA, FCA. Mary is active in numerous healthcare industry committees. Previous Board service includes Ontario 211 Services Corporation, United Way of York Region (Past Chair), Booth Centennial Healthcare Linen Services (Past Vice Chair) and the National Ballet Endowment Foundation.

Mary Wilson Trider became a member of University Council in 2007 and was elected to sit as one Council's six representatives on the Board of Trustees in 2013. She served as Vice-Chair and chaired the Board's Audit and Risk Committee and was also a member of its Capital Assets and Finance Committee. In 2020, Mary was appointed Chair of the Board of Trustees, becoming the first-ever University Council Trustee to have been selected for this important position.

As she comes to the end of her term as Chair, we wish to thank Mary for her valued and dedicated service to the University Council and Queen's University!

Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#). And, if you have exciting personal or professional news you would like to share through the Council monthly newsletter, please reach out to Alumni Officer, Volunteer Liaison, [Lindsey Kull](#).

Student life

Margaret Hoey Governance Award – Congratulations to Emils Matiss!

The 2024 recipient of the [Margaret Hoey Governance Award](#) is Mr. Emils Matiss.



Mr. Matiss is a student in the Neuroscience PhD program. He has extensive service as both as the Graduate Student Senator since 2021 and through various Senate committees. He has served as both a member and as Chair of the Queen's University Board Senate Advisory Committee. In addition, he has been a member of the Senate Cyclical Program Review Committee and the Non-Academic Misconduct Subcommittee. He has also served as the Chair of the Student Senate Caucus for two years and maintains an active relationship with the Society of Graduate and Professional Students and the Graduate Studies Executive Council.

His letters of support note his strength in creating and maintaining relationships across the university. The words of a reference encapsulate the impact Emils has had by saying "...few students can demonstrate the breadth of activity, the depth of impact, and the unwavering commitment to service that Emils has through his contributions to the governance of this university".

Please note, Emils is also the President-Elect for the [Society of Graduate and Professional Students](#), starting his term May 1, 2024.

[Queen's University](#) links to keep you informed

Principal	Queen's Alumni Review	Arts & Science
Queen's Strategic Goals	Queen's Gazette	Education
QUAA	Queen's Quarterly	Engineering & Applied Science
Rector	Event Calendar	Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs
Alma Mater Society	Inclusive Queen's	Health Sciences
SGPS	Queen's Encyclopedia	Law
QSAA	Viewbook	Smith School of Business