



Fall 2022

INSPIRING WOMEN: AN EVENING AT THE ISABEL

For many years The Ban Righ Foundation has produced two annual award events; the Inspiring Women Awards each fall, and the Student Spring Awards at the end of the academic year. In 2022, we produced a video event combining the two events and we received positive feedback about it. This year, as we move fully back to in-person activities, we will be combining both awards ceremonies into one fabulous in-person event at the beautiful Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts in Kingston.

At the Ban Righ Foundation we often talk about how inspired we are by our students. We decided it made sense to honor them, along with the faculty and community recipients of the Inspiring Women Awards, in one celebration. In combining these events we celebrate the successes of all Inspiring Women, creating an opportunity for award winners from all categories to connect and celebrate together. Hope to see you there!

The Ban Righ Foundation Inspiring Women Awards 2023 will be held at 7:00 pm on Thursday April 27th at the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts.



INSPIRING WOMEN AWARDS

Call For Nominations

Have you been inspired by a Faculty Mentor or a Community Member?

The Ban Righ Foundation is seeking nominations for two awards:

Mentorship Award

Recognizes a current or retired Queen's faculty member who identifies as a woman, and who demonstrates mentorship and knowledge sharing. She supports women students in achieving their goals and has been inspirational to a student or students.

Leadership Award

Recognizes a Kingston community member who identifies as a woman, and who has been an inspiration in the community. Her leadership builds capacity and fosters opportunities for others.

Nomination forms are available by contacting brc@queensu.ca or at www.queensu.ca/ban-righ-centre/inspiring-women



Deadline for
nominations
November 18

OUR HOUSE

As we resumed our in-person activities over the summer we couldn't help but notice that some of our rooms needed freshening up. The Ban Righ Centre feels fresh and welcoming with new casual seating areas on the third floor, new rugs, lamps and a fresh coat of paint in the hallways. We hope you will drop in to see us when you can.



"The study spaces (esp Margaret's room -the one with the couch, I love that room) has provided me with a quiet and comfortable reprieve from the busy campus that I have needed many times."

LOOKING FORWARD TO BAN RIGH'S 50th ANNIVERSARY

In October 1974 through great foresight and careful fiscal management, a group of Queen's women opened the Ban Righ Centre for the Continuing Education of Women at 32 Queen's Crescent (now 32 Bader Lane). Fifty years later, we are still going strong and have provided supports and services for countless mature women students at Queen's.

We are making plans for our 50th anniversary celebration which will be held in 2024. We will be reaching out to our friends old and new, so in the meantime, if you have stories or memories to share please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you!



L-R Jean Royce, Kathleen Morand, Helen Mathers, Frances Dexter, Maureen Ewan, Stephanie Deutsch

Visit our website for a list of all the woman who contributed to our opening
www.queensu.ca/ban-righ-centre/about/history

IN MEMORY



Isabel Bader
1926-2022

The Ban Righ Centre acknowledges the passing of Dr. Isabel Bader. As well as many art and cultural contributions to Queen's, Dr. Isabel Bader also established a bursary for international Ban Righ Centre women students in honour of Judith Brown, Artsci'76, MA'79, Associate Vice-Principal (Advancement- now retired), for her years of dedicated service. The recipients of this bursary, their families, and their communities have all felt the positive effects of her thoughtful contribution.

STUDENT PROFILE

Linda Dunn

Straight out of high school, I was clearly unprepared for university and dropped out halfway through first year. Mea culpa!

The second time, though ready to do the work, a series of tough life events prevented my continuing.

In 2020, as the pandemic emerged, I discovered the online program at Queen's and decided it was now or never. No question, the transition, in my late 60s, was hard. There was so much technology to learn before I tackled the coursework. Two years later, with credits transferred, I am nearly halfway through the BA program and loving learning.



Advisors at both the Arts & Science Online office and the BRC have helped me tremendously. Reaching out to them has helped me begin building relationships at Queen's and feel part of a community.

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to all of you who have made a priority out of giving to the Ban Righ Foundation this year. Your gifts – large and small – make a difference.

"I was in a very bad place because I was not eligible for OSAP and I had so many other responsibilities. But the financial help that I got through Ban Righ Foundation helped me overcome all those financial obstacles and allow me to pursue my degree."

A new endowed bursary and a new named operating fund will help us to continue to provide the range of services and supports that our students need.

Doris Jelly Bursary

Wilda and Mitchell Andriesky Fund

Help us with our mission to provide mature women students and student mothers with the services and supports that help them thrive at Queen's University.

Donations can be made through our website at

queensu.ca/ban-righ-centre/donate/making-gift

or mail a cheque made out to Queen's University (Ban Righ Centre) to:

Queen's University
Gift Services
Old Medical Building
99 University Avenue
Kingston, ON K7L 3N6

"The student advising service impacted my life. Actually, not impacted it, changed my life."

WHO WE ARE



It's great to be back in the Centre after two years of on-again-off-again activities, and Ban Righ Centre staff have resumed our normal activities. We prepare a daily soup lunch free for students, provide quiet comfortable workspaces for individuals and small groups, napping rooms, and a dedicated baby feeding room. Best of all, students are once again gathering in our lounge to eat, chat, and connect with one another.

Thanks to lessons learned through the pandemic we also recognize the importance of online services for some of our students. We now provide both in-person and virtual student advising, as well as Zoom stretching and meditation sessions.

Ban Righ Centre Staff

Susan Belyea: Director

Lisa Webb: Student Advisor and Program Planner

Nikisha Grant Ridley: Administrative Support

Interested in joining the Board of Directors?

Contact Susan Belyea at susan.belyea@queensu.ca

The Ban Righ Foundation Board of Directors sets policy and guides strategic planning for the organization. The Board includes members of the Queen's community, alumnae, students, and Kingston community members.

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STAYING IN TOUCH

There are many ways to find out what is going on at the Ban Righ Centre. Our website now has an event calendar, and we regularly post about upcoming events on Facebook, and Instagram. If you are in Kingston, we are always happy to welcome visitors in person at the Centre.



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