

Office of the Rector
Report to Assembly
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Hello Presidents,

The summer is setting on us and I am thrilled to welcome the fall semester – and the class of 2028. I will be doing a tour of some faculty orientation events to introduce myself and look forward to seeing many of you around campus outside of Assembly. I'm wishing the best to everyone involved in such a massive and important undertaking that has been in the works since last fall.

September is a particularly vulnerable time for some members of our community. The first six weeks of a university's school year are categorized as the "red zone" for the high rate of sexual violence. We can all do our part in supporting a positive campus culture, including being vigilant and sharing resources like [Walkhome](#), [COR](#), and the [SVPRS](#). As always, I am here to support you as leaders and students. Please reach out for support or referrals.

I also want to draw your attention to the University District Safety Initiative (UDSI) which occurs around times when large social gatherings historically occur. [The City of Kingston announced](#) that the next UDSI will be enacted on August 29, 2024 at 11:59pm and end on September 9, 2024 at 11:59pm, spanning move-in and orientation. I encourage you to share this with your constituents on social media to ensure they are aware of their rights and responsibilities as Queen's students and residents of Kingston. The University has a [webpage](#) that can be linked during communications.

First Year Foundation | FYF100 is an OnQ course for first years that I have identified as an opportunity to connect with new students. I am excited to have four videos in my module introducing myself, the role of the rector, my goals, and how to connect. I will also be looking at adding these videos publicly to my webpage and socials. Shoutout to the AMS Media Centre for their support with this project!

JDUC Revitalization | The University provided a much anticipated [update on the JDUC](#). Right now, the residence portion of the project will be completed in time for first years to move in. The remainder of the project will not be ready for occupancy until later in the fall semester. I anticipate a coordinated move with the AMS and SGPS will likely bring us into the new year. Until then, you can continue to find me in LaSalle room 212.

Responsible Investing Review | The committee is accepting written submissions or in-person presentations for consideration in response to a special request made that launched a review of pooled endowments and investments. As updates are made available, they will be posted on the [review committees' webpage](#).

Board of Trustees | I am continuing to educate myself about university governance through the orientation modules. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will occur on September 27 – 28. The open session agenda will be available through the governance portal ahead of time and students who would like to attend must email trustees@queensu.ca the request for a seat ahead of time.

Rector's Digest | The July column was published in the annual First Year in Focus paper and its attention is on [student support systems](#). In August, I will shed light on search advisory committees.

That's all for now! Please reach out to me if you have any questions, need support, or would like to share an experience that can help me convey student voices to the administration.

At your service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niki BH' with a stylized flourish underneath.

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