

Fellow Trustees,

The academic year has come to a close and I want to make a point of recognizing and thanking the student leaders who have completed their term. The return to full-time in-person learning after the pandemic presented many challenges but more importantly, presented new opportunities to connect with the student body and tailor offerings and advocacy to best meet their changing needs. I wish those that are graduating the best of luck on their next adventure and assure them they are always welcome back home at Queen's.

Equity Town Hall and Student Voices Week | In March, I participated in a town hall event with partners from the AMS and various Faculty Societies. This was an opportunity to engage with the students we represent on important equity, diversity, inclusion, Indigeneity, and accessibility issues. This served as an opportunity to reflect on the progress that has been made in the past year and to make clear commitments to improving the student experience in the years to come.

I also participated in the Student Experience Office's *Student Voices Week* where I was a panelist on men's allyship and the role men play in shaping and improving campus culture. This live recording was followed by dinner and offered an opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations on a wide range of topics critical to student success, safety, and belonging.

Student Advocacy Symposium | I had the honour of speaking to students about housing landscape at Queen's at the *Student Advocacy Symposium* facilitated by the AMS. I shared results from the survey conducted in the fall and early winter, provided insight into the external factors that are impacting housing at Queen's, and heard from students about what they would like to see from Queen's University and the City of Kingston to alleviate the affordability and supply crisis we are continuing to see. I hope to carry on this important work with the incoming teams of the AMS and SGPS as well as students, staff, and faculty, who recognize this as critical to the success of students at Queen's.

Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award | It has been wonderful to see the Queen's community recognize our four distinguished award winners this past semester which has included social media posts, a CFRC interview, and a lunch at Benidickson House with

University Secretary Lon Knox. The four winners will be honoured at the Alumni Gala in Kingston on June 17th and for those that are graduating, at Convocation in May and June.

Rector's Bursary | The bursary that is administered in partnership with the Student Awards office was accessed twice this year to help alleviate emergency financial need. In the coming year, I will continue to ensure the bursary is well communicated to students and serve those most in need.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, feel free to send me an email at rector@queensu.ca or give me a call at (343) 363-2150.

At your service,



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