



Hello Presidents,

It's been an exciting month for my Office, with plenty of community events and planning. I connected with [University Council](#) on September 17 – 18 at their annual meeting. Along with my peers at the SGPS and Faculty Societies, I shared insights into student experiences and offered some ways they can help support our community. I also celebrated [Homecoming](#) – where I enjoyed my first football game and heard great stories from the Tricolour guard. At the end of October, I attended the Queen's Students Indian Association [biggest event](#) of the year for Navratri. I've also been continuing my communication efforts and recently presented to the Student Equity, Belonging, and Inclusion team.

By this time, I will have completed another full week of convocation services, and the installation of our 16<sup>th</sup> Chancellor, Shelagh Rogers. Now, I'm switching gears to wrap up some projects before winter holidays, including a video summarizing things that my Office has been up to this term.

**Remembrance Day** | All members of the community were [encouraged to attend](#) and mark Remembrance Day together and acknowledge the sacrifices of many Queen's students, alumni, faculty, and staff in times of war. New this year, I worked with the University Chaplain and Principal's Office to acknowledge the efforts of Indigenous veterans. Kaiya Mongrain, ConEd'25, Co-President of the Queen's Native Students Association, read two poems from [The Dialogues: the Song of Francis Pegahmagabow](#), which tells the story of an Anishinaabe-Ojibwe WWI sharpshooter.

**Tricolour Award** | The Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award (ABTA) and induction into the Tricolour Society is the highest tribute that can be paid to a Queen's University student for distinguished service, leadership, character, and community impact during their time at Queen's. Peer nominations are now open, until December 31, 2024. Learn more about the process on my [webpage](#) and amplify [this post](#) with your network on Instagram.

**Flu vaccine clinic** | Until Nov. 21, there is a flu clinic on campus in Mitchel Hall that is serviced by Queen's Nursing students. I don't have time to get sick, so I got my shot (and did it with a [camera crew](#) for the FHS!). You can book an appointment now on the [Student Wellness website](#).

**Committee work** | Most of my days continue to be filled with committee meetings for the Board of Trustees, various search advisories, the [Provost Academic Accommodations Interim Working Group](#) and the [Principal's Review Committee for Responsible Investing](#).

**Rector's Digest** | My latest column in the Queen's Journal looks at honorary degrees. Read [Queen's Highest Honour](#) to learn more about this convocation tradition.

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 'NikiBH' with a horizontal line underneath.

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