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REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fellow Trustees,

It has been a busy fall semester around campus, in the office, and for me personally as I navigate a new academic program. It is no surprise that because this role is unique to any other Canadian university, it comes with privileges and challenges just as exceptional. I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for their support, guidance, and cheerleading during my first six months. I am pleased to report on the key events and initiatives that the Office of the Rector has been a part of and look forward to sharing more details about student experiences in my verbal report.

Office Team | Last session, I had just hired and onboarded two work-study students. Now, the Office is complete with the latest addition of a First-Year Intern. I feel like I struck gold with this mighty team of passionate and dedicated peers. In the open, they are bringing our social media to life through [fun videos](#) that resonate with both students and alumni. Behind the scenes, they pitch in with organizational logistics to make everything I do possible, and appear effortless.

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. As the Rector, I am the Chair and non-voting member of the selection committee. The AMS, SGPS, and each Faculty Society has one voting representative. Students can nominate their peers until December 31, 2024. Learn more about the process on my [webpage](#) and amplify [this post](#) with your network on Instagram. We have confirmed a date, venue, and alumni speaker for the event. At the advice of the QUAA President, we sent a Save the Date early to give the Tricolour Society members plenty of notice. I hope to welcome many back to campus this spring.

Community Engagement | From [homecoming](#), [clubs events](#), and [convocation](#), there has been plenty of opportunity to connect with students, alumni, and community members. A highlight was the collaboration on the Remembrance Day service planning. 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.

Committee work | I have no major updates about committee work since the last report. They continue to take up a large portion of my week. At times, there are overlapping meetings, and I



have needed to make tough decisions about which to attend. I have great gratitude for technology, which has allowed me to watch back recordings and stay in the loop.

Rector's Digest | I have kept up a consistent flow for my column in the Queen's Journal. Lately, I have been starting conversations about significant events.

- [Recognizing reconciliation](#)
- [Queen's highest honour](#)

Rector Advisory Committee | The [RAC](#) met for the first time during my Rectorship. I introduced my term goals and sought advice on several topics related to the Rector's Bursary, Tricolour Award, committee requirements.

At your service,

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