



## Get to know University Councillor Abdul-Aziz Garuba, MBA'12:



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### 1. Why did you select Queen's University?

I chose Queen's for its stellar global reputation and great programming. The Accelerated MBA aligned with my professional goals of being able to get a world-class degree without taking a break from my career.

### 2. Most memorable moment as a student?

My most memorable moment was meeting and connecting with all the amazing individuals in my class and the amazing time we had during residency sessions in Kingston.

### 3. What is your job?

I am currently a Director, Cost Transformation, Finance at RBC Capital Markets where I lead cost transformation and reporting initiatives to support the Capital Markets business

### 4. What's the best career advice you've ever received?

The best advice I've received is to not be afraid to say yes to opportunities even if you aren't completely sure how to execute on them. These end up being the best circumstances for learning new things and challenging yourself.

### 5. What's the career highlight you're most proud of?

I've had a few good successes in my career. One of them was being able to deliver on a cost savings project for a client by presenting some unique solutions. The client was extremely happy and hired our firm back to help with implementation.

### 6. How do you spend your free time?

I usually spend my free time working on my Made To Lead Podcast or watching Netflix with my significant other. Pre-covid, I also enjoyed travelling.

### 7. What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?

I wanted to give back to the school and contribute to ensuring that the university remains top notch for the future especially with the changes the world is going through.

**8. Your aspirations for being on University Council?**

My goal on the council is to ensure that the equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging agenda continues to be on the forefront. The university must continue to remain a safe space where all students and faculty feel like they truly belong, free of discrimination and other practices that hinder them from getting a wholesome experience at Queen's.

**9. Anything else you would like to add/highlight?**

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