



Get to know University Councillor Judith Brown:



Judith Brown nee Wellman, BA'69, MSc.'04 SUNY at Buffalo, retired International educator with over 35 years teaching in Kingston, Bermuda, Egypt, and China. Trustee Limestone District School Board, Trustee on local Library Board, Past President and one of the founding members of Afro Caribe Community Foundation of Kingston (two scholarships to Queen's annually: Robert Sutherland and Alfie Pierce). With Queen's students from ACSA (African Caribbean Students Association) and QBAS (Queen's Black Academic Society) we present a Black History Month Celebration to Kingston Community (I was responsible for moving the activity off campus to hopefully make it

more accessible to the Kingston community). Past President of Frontenac Probus and CFUW. Judith is the 2019 recipient of the Jim Bennett Award for her role in advancing ethnic and racial inclusion and for being a long time champion for change in Kingston and at Queen's. Current term to 2023.

1. Why did you select Queen's University?

I had to come to Queen's to fulfill a requirement of having to spend at least one year on campus. I started my degree in Bermuda via summer schools when profs from Queen's would come to the island and during the winter, I did correspondence courses.

2. Most memorable moment as a student?

Actually it was when I learned that I had fulfilled all requirements to graduate.

3. What is your job?

I am a "retired" educator. Trustee with Limestone District School Board.

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

I was encouraged by an aunt to get as much education as possible so as to keep my options open but at that stage it was pretty much a choice between teacher or nurse.

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

Teaching overseas, receiving the Jim Bennett award, and promoting and sharing Black History.

6. How do you spend your free time?

One might very well ask: "What free time?" I find that I am busier in my retirement than I was when formally working. However, I am always involved in some community project.

Management member in Probus, church committee, Trustee work, phoning friends during COVID to see if they are o.k. especially relatives, trying to write a book on Blacks in Kingston from the 60's, reading, gardening, used to be travelling, playing games on the iPad.

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

I felt there was a need for more diversity, and I could help bring attention to the university about some of the issues concerning students of colour.

8. What are some of your most memorable milestones/accomplishments as a Councillor?

It has been interesting to see how the University is really poised for change and is making changes. I feel that the university really listens to us.

9. Your aspirations for being on University Council?

To help bring about positive change.

10. Do you have any words of wisdom for incoming Councillors?

Come on, join and if you have ideas, let your voice be heard.

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