



Get to know University Councillor Mary Dodd, Com'84:



CPA, CA. Queen's Debating Union 1980-1981, Gael 1981, Commerce Chronicle Manager 1982-1983, Teaching Assistant 1982-1984. Retired February 2019 after a 35 year career in the not-for-profit sector, most recently holding the dual role of CEO and CFO for Women's Hospital Foundation. Professional accomplishments include: \$77 million fundraising campaign leveraged to build a new \$500 million hospital; strategy leader in the creation of WCHF's first ever strategic plan; appearing by request of the Canadian government before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance as an expert witness for charitable giving tax incentives. Current term to 2023.

1. Why did you select Queen's University?

My parent's attended Queen's, so you could say that I was predisposed to Queen's all my life. But what really sold me on Queen's was a visit as a teenager to campus in the fall and joining in the parade down Union Street to the football game. I didn't have a ticket so sat in the end-zone on the grass and watched both the game and the boisterous students. They had me at Oil Thigh.

2. Most memorable moment as a student?

Successfully transferring from ArtSci into Commerce as a second year student and then completing the 4-year degree in 3 years.

3. What is your job?

I retired two years ago from Women's College Hospital Foundation where I served as Executive Vice-President & CFO. I currently provide consulting to select clients in the not-for-profit sector.

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

A very well-known and successful business woman told me early in my career "You have a life-time to build a career but only a few moments to build a family". Her words helped me appreciate the importance of a good work-life balance throughout my career.

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

I have many proud moments, but to select just one it would be appearing by invitation before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance as an expert witness on charitable giving and the only representative of the hospital foundation sector.

6. How do you spend your free time?

I am an equestrian, a runner, and a reader.

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

Visiting Queen's as a Homecoming alumni and also as a Queen's parent made me view Queen's from different perspectives and I wanted a way to stay connected and give back.

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

I volunteered with Advancement to make phone calls to long time donors. It was a very rewarding experience to speak to alumni from all faculties and spanning many decades and hear the enthusiasm they still held for Queen's.

9. Your aspirations for being on University Council?

Continue and expand my involvement as I move into my second year as a Councillor.

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

Dive right in.

11. Anything else you would like to add/highlight?

My four years at Queen's helped shape me into the person I am today...and I met my husband there! Serving on the University Council is one way I can say 'thanks'.

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