



## Get to know University Councillor Elaine Wu:



BA(Hons)'98, MIR'00, Law'03. Provincial Specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development. Volunteer with the Queen's Toronto Alumni Branch from 2005 - present, serving in a variety of positions from chair of the Education and Culture Committee, to Vice-President and President. In 2008, she was the recipient of the QUAA Branch Marsha Lampman Award for service and dedication as an ambassador on behalf of Queen's. University Council 2005-17, University Council Nominating Committee 2014-17. During her time at Queen's, she was Secretary General of the Queen's Model UN, Finance Director of the Queen's International Affairs Association, worked at the Queen's Journal and AMS. Current term to 2022.

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

A good friend from highschool that was a year ahead of me went to Queen's and I heard such great things about his experiences that I thought it would be a good place for me. Being from Vancouver, my parents expected me to live at home and go to UBC. Both are great educational institutions, but I preferred the smaller size of Queen's so I "rebelled" and chose to go to Queen's. It was one of the best decisions I ever made especially since I had never visited Kingston or been on a campus tour.

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

Too many for just one: late nights working at the Queen's Journal, attending model UNs, being taught by some of the leading academics in their fields, going to football games with friends, having Justice Arbour receive her honorary degree during my convocation and getting a photo with her.

### 3. What is your job?

I work for the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development providing interpretation and operationalizing the *Employment Standards Act, 2000*.

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

I don't have much free time now that I have a toddler to keep me busy. Pre-covid I enjoyed travelling, reading, going to Raptors games, and getting together with friends.

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

After graduation, someone from Alumni Relations reached out to me to consider standing for election. I was keen to stay involved and give back to the university and decided to run.

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

Being part of the UC transformation and working on the Nominating Committee to draft the first councillor role description.

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

To continue to expand my involvement with University Council and encourage connections between Councillors and the QUAA and alumni branches.

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

Get involved right away. Volunteer to be on a committee, ask to see how you can contribute.

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