



Get to know University Councillor Samantha Cheung, Sc'92, MSc'95:



Oakville, Ontario. Executive Vice-President of Investor Relations. At Queen's, member of the Orientation Program as FREC leader in '89, Women in Science and Engineering, and helped establish an ethanol pilot plant at Dupuis Hall in Chemical Engineering. Current Chair of the Oakville Symphony Youth Orchestra Board, Director of Oakville Symphony Board, and Member of St. Mildred's Lightbourn School Investment Committee. Other past volunteer boards include Women in Capital Markets and the Canadian Institute of Investor Relations. Current term: 2024

1. Why did you select Queen's University?

Honestly, I did not know anyone going to Queen's at the time except my cousin who had already graduated from medicine. It was our lovely student host who showed our family the university at a visitation day that sealed it!

2. Most memorable moment as a student?

Without a doubt, it was the famous grease pole!

3. What is your job?

I am the EVP of Investor Relations for Sagicor Financial Company Ltd (TSX: SFC), a market leading Caribbean financial services and insurance company.

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

Be open and flexible. You have to be willing to take some calculated risks to get to where you want to be in your career. Be purposeful in your endeavours.

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

While I am most proud to have been a part of several initial public offerings in Canada, I am most grateful to have built a broad network of colleagues and friends along the way.

6. How do you spend your free time?

I like to run, ski and travel around the world with my husband and three children. I am proud to have completed 4 marathons and numerous half marathons!

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

This is a critical time for the University given the health and economic crisis we are facing as a society. The crisis has also uncovered inequalities that we knew existed but were never forced to address until now. I am a proud Queen's grad and hope to play a meaningful role in its leadership and sustainability for all students to come. Also, our eldest daughter is starting at Queen's this fall and I couldn't be more thrilled!

8. Your aspirations for being on University Council?

I aspire to get involved as much as time will permit!

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