

## Get to know University Councillor Chris Polson:



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

I considered a wide number of graduate schools for my MBA and ultimately landed on Queen's School of Business due to its strategy and case-based curriculum, outstanding faculty, and the class cohort drawn from leading Canadian organizations.

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

With all due respect to the professors, I think my most memorable moments were outside of the lecture halls. The friendships that I made during the program will last for life.

**3. What is your job?**

I'm a Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Toronto where I lead the Canadian Disputes advisory practice. My job involves providing expert opinions and testimony in connection with highly contentious business valuation, damage quantification and financial accounting matters.

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

Brains will only get you so far. What truly differentiates the good from the great is the amount of effort that you are willing to put in.

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

Watching the growth and development of the people that I work with and knowing that I was able to play a role in that has been tremendously fulfilling.

Our own successes only last for a moment but knowing that you've helped to create a stronger group of professionals who will continue to have great impact well beyond the duration of your own career is much more rewarding.

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

I'm an avid reader and like to spend time in nature, ideally accompanied by my yellow labrador retriever.

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

I strongly believe in the transformational power of education and worry that its contributions towards forming a just and free society are being overlooked. For the sake of future generations, I'd like to do whatever I can to help rebuild the strength of Canadian universities.

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

This is my first year as a Councillor – you'll have to check back with me in a few years!

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

I'd like to help find ways to improve the holistic university experience for students. There are many dimensions to what a university offers. Learning about who you are and what interests and motivates you are equally important to the academic aspects.

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

I think all of us (not just University Councillors) have a role to play in reinforcing the importance and relevance of education to the development of thriving future generations. If you have any ideas or would like to get involved somehow don't hesitate to get in touch!

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