

## GOVERNANCE UPDATES

### Executive Committee

**Distinguished Service Awards:** The 2025 call for nominations closed April 28. The Executive Committee will meet in June to review all nominations and select this year's recipients. The DSA reception will be held November 7 (5:30-7:30 pm) at the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts and all Councillors are encouraged to attend the celebration.

Executive Committee: Patrick Deane (Chair), Chancellor Shelagh Rogers, Petra Fachinger, Doug Bruce (Vice-Chair), Mary Drinkwater, Letitia Golubitsky, Chessa Jope, Noor Rahemtulla, Yanique Williams

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### Nominating Committee

**2025 University Council Election Update:** The 2025 University Council election will be held from May 14-28. There will be ten positions with four-year terms (September 2025-2029) available for alumni in the 2025 election. All Councillors are asked to vote and encourage your respective alumni networks to vote for their peers.

Alumni will be alerted to this election via email. **To ensure they will receive communications about this election**, please encourage alumni in your networks to update their contact information and confirm their communication preferences by contacting the Alumni Relations Office by email: [records@queensu.ca](mailto:records@queensu.ca) or by phone: 1-800-267-7837. Questions about the election process can be directed to [ucouncil@queensu.ca](mailto:ucouncil@queensu.ca). This must be done by May 9.



Elaine Wu, Chair, Nominating Committee

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: John Armitage, Doug Bruce, Alexander Lam, Irene Mukasa, David Pick, Elaine Wu

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### Program Committee

**June 18 (11 am- 12:30 pm) Councillor Orientation:** Newly elected Councillors will be invited to orientation to learn more about Queen's governance, the role of Councillors, Council committees and Council trustees

**Mark your calendars for the following Council meetings. Details to follow.**

- **October 10 (10 - 11:30 am) University Council Virtual AGM:** The 2025 AGM format will include formal governance items, such as Council Trustee and standing committee reports taking place via Zoom
- November 7 (afternoon) - 8 (morning) – **University Council In-Person Retreat**
- November 7 (5:30-7:30 pm) - [Distinguished Service Awards](#) – Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions.



Colby Pereira, Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: Yinka Adegbusi, John Armitage, Leo Bailey, Heather Black, Letitia Golubitsky, Daria Juudi-Hope

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### **Board/Council Trustees**

The next regular Open Session of the **Board of Trustees** meeting will be held on May **9** (meeting dates can be found on Board [website](#)). You can check out the Board agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend the Board's Open Session, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat](#).

University Council Trustees: Heather Black, Samantha Cheung, Jeremy Gooden, Alison Holt, Noor Rahemtulla, Yanique Williams.

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### **Senate**

Senate meeting dates can be found on the [Senate website](#). You can review the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to the [Secretariat's Office](#).

Senate Appointee to Council: Petra Fachinger, Professor of English, Queen's University

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### **Queen's University Alumni Association (QUAA) President Update**

Hello fellow UC Members,

It was a busy month for your QUAA President! It was nice to run into some of you on campus at the Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Awards reception, and I know some of you also attended the virtual conversation with Principal Deane, about his discussion paper on the Bicentennial Vision. I am sure the conversation will be posted online and available for review, if you did not make it. It is worth a watch!

#### **QUAA Alumni Awards Gala Registration**

As mentioned in my last update, the [QUAA Gala awards reception](#) will be held in Toronto at the Gladstone House on June 19<sup>th</sup>. We have a lovely slate of [deserving recipients](#), including our own fellow University councillor - Daria Adèle Juüdi-Hope, who is being recognized with the "One to Watch" award. For councillors residing in the GTA, it would be great to see you there!

#### **Micro Summits**

For western-Canada-based councillors, there is one more micro summit in the series left to attend. The topic is ["Navigating the global energy future"](#) and it will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. I really enjoyed the summit in Toronto – so I would encourage you not to miss out! Thank you to Councillor **Saara Romu** for volunteering at the Vancouver Micro Summit.

#### **Spring Branch Events and Reunions**

With the warmer weather, there are several branch events and reunions coming up in New York, Calgary and Kingston. I would encourage you to check out the [events page](#) to see if you are able to attend any. The event in New York is a private alumni tour of the Metropolitan Museum of Art – it looks really special!

The Strategic Engagement team in Advancement is always interested in exploring unique and novel venues for events, which might draw out alumni who do not regularly participate in alumni activities. If you have any connections in your

network that might give Queen's access to such a space, I know the team would be interested in connecting with you about it. You can connect with them through Lindsey Kull at [lindsey.kull@queensu.ca](mailto:lindsey.kull@queensu.ca).

Until next time - take good care,



[Allison P. Williams](#), Artsci'09, President and Chair, QUAA Board of Directors

QUAA Assembly Members [appointed by the University Council](#): Bittu George and Erin Polansky

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please check the [Alumni Events calendar](#) for a list of all upcoming alumni events (including branch, reunion, etc.).

### Teaching and Learning Month



Teaching and Learning Month at Queen's (May-June) brings together teaching and learning events from Faculties, Schools, and Support Units, providing a shared focus for showcasing innovative practices and fostering collaboration. Organized by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning, the month highlights Queen's commitment to student learning and

academic excellence. For [more information, resources and the schedule of events, check out the Teaching and Learning month website](#).

### May 7-11- Hunger Awareness Week



The campaign was created to promote understanding about what life is like when food is out of reach. At Queen's, [the AMS Food Bank](#) serves as a confidential and non-judgmental food service to ensure that Queen's students can be healthy and productive as they pursue academic achievement. They are a non-profit organization which aims to provide clients with food services in the most comfortable environment possible. They operate mainly on [donations](#) as well as an opt-out able student fee from both the AMS and the Society for Graduate and Professional Students. For more information, contact [foodbank@ams.queensu.ca](mailto:foodbank@ams.queensu.ca)

### May 5 – National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls



Also known as [Red Dress Day](#), May 5 honours the thousands of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, 2 spirit, and gender diverse people in Canada by encouraging learning and building awareness to end violence. Métis artist Jaime Black helped inspire the red dress movement, where red dresses are hung from windows and trees to represent the pain and loss felt by loved ones and survivors. Learn more on the [Office of Indigenous Initiatives website](#)

In addition, the Queen's Indigenous Medical Student Association (QuIMSA) invites you to our third annual fundraiser in support of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+), taking place 12:30-1:30 pm on May 6th, 2025 at the Queen's School of Medicine Building. Click [here](#) for details. .

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## May 10 (10 am - 3 pm)- [Science Rendezvous Kingston](#)



A free, annual science festival for Southeastern Ontario families hosted by Queen's University. Bringing together the Kingston community with local S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) experts and Queen's researchers. Booths, special presentations, sensory friendly science zone, and more. Held at the [Slush Puppie Place](#), 1 Tragically Hip Way. Check the [webpage](#) for more details.

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## May 15 – Moose Hide Campaign Day



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The [Moose Hide Campaign](#) began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from local communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges/universities, police forces and many other organizations – all committed to taking action to end this violence. Queen's is an [ambassador](#)

[campus](#) for the Moose Hide Campaign, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to reconciliation and addressing violence on campus. Learn more on the [Office of Indigenous Initiatives Instagram](#)

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## May 19 – Victoria Day – University Closed

## May 20 – World Bee Day



To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as [World Bee Day](#). Did you know Queen's University has an apiary that is producing honey for the campus community, while promoting sustainability and local food production? To learn more about the West Campus Apiary, visit the Queen's Hospitality Services website [here](#)

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## May 22-23 and June 24-27 [Queen's Convocation](#)



[Office of the University Registrar](#) relies on the support of **volunteers** from across the University to assist with day-of-ceremony functions that occur prior to the start of ceremony! Shifts are approx. 2.5 to 3 hours in length to cover off the key functional roles:

- **Graduate Registration:** greet graduates into the venue, and are responsible for directly assisting graduates with check-in, distributing graduate registration cards, and wayfinding, ensuring a smooth flow and positive first impression of the event.
- **Graduate Assembly** -responsible for assisting with graduate assembly, lineup management, and guiding graduates to the marshals for procession.
- **Guest Services** assist with guest check-in, provide directions and information, guide guests to seating, ensuring a welcoming and efficient environment for all convocation attendees.

**To sign up for shifts, the following form is to be completed:** [Queen's Spring 2025 Convocation - Volunteer Sign Up Form](#). *Of note: In selecting a time slot, the staff member is committing to the assigned time slot, and function!*

For more convocation details, please visit: <https://www.queensu.ca/registrar/graduation/spring-2025-convocation>

Questions? Contact [Toni Easter](#)

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**Summerhill Sendoff:** Know someone graduating? [Alumni Relations](#) is looking for **alumni volunteers** to assist with Alumni pin distribution (Convocation) and to congratulate Queen's Class of 2025 at the Summerhill Sendoff. Details to follow, or please contact [jessie.mercer@queensu.ca](mailto:jessie.mercer@queensu.ca)

## May 28 – [Innovation for a Prosperous Future Micro Summit](#) (Calgary)



The future of innovation starts here. What will it mean to live in a world where AI is woven into every part of our lives? How will it shape the way we eat, travel, and power our daily routines? From building roads and bridges to transforming public infrastructure, how can AI drive innovation and create prosperity for all? Join Queen's researchers, students, and alumni at Studio Bell in Calgary for two evenings of conversation and curiosity around the future of innovation. From smart systems to everyday change, we'll explore how innovation and responsibility can — and must — go hand in hand. [For more information and registration details.](#)

## Oct 17-19 – [Homecoming 2025](#)



All alumni are welcome to attend festivities on campus during Homecoming weekend. This is a milestone reunion for classes ending in 0 and 5, and for Tricolour Guard (alumni celebrating having graduated 50 years ago, or more). Mark your calendars, and make sure to book accommodations early. Details will be released as they are confirmed. Questions? Contact [reunions@queensu.ca](mailto:reunions@queensu.ca)

Note: May 23 - [Homecoming event submission](#) deadline; June 26 - Homecoming registration begins

## LEARN AND SHARE

Revitalized [John Deutsch University Centre](#) JDUC



The [John Deutsch University Centre](#) (JDUC), located on the corner of University Avenue and Union Street, is used by students, staff, faculty, and alumni for a variety of purposes and is a key hub for student life at Queen's. It is home to the [Alma Mater Society](#), the [Society of Graduate and Professional Students](#), the [Office of the Rector](#), the [Student Experience Office](#) (SEO), numerous student clubs, a pub, and a print and copy centre. At the heart of the JDUC is the [ceilidh](#) (pronounced kay'lee), a large open space where members of the community come together to celebrate, debate, innovate, and create. The ceilidh will be renamed the [Jim Leech Ceilidh Centre](#) in his honour

Reopening in May 2025, the renovated building will again house the student government offices, and feature dedicated Graduate Student space, [accommodation for more than 100 student clubs](#), 6,000 square feet of new public study spaces, secure and discreet wellness spaces, a larger pub with a patio, an expanded Common Ground Coffee House and Tricolour Outlet.

Tricolour award recipient Hannah Burrows co-authored a book to help [Pay for Post-Secondary: A Student's Guide for Securing Financial Aid](#). It is available on Open Library and has had in excess of 10,000 copies downloaded since its release in June 2024. Please share with any students who could benefit from financial aid.

## COUNCILLOR SPOTLIGHT



- Please ensure you [update](#) your contact information (mail, email, phone) to stay informed about Queen's.
- Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#).
- Learn more about how you can [support Queen's University](#).
- If you have exciting personal or professional news you would like to share through your monthly newsletter, please send us details to [ucouncil@queensu.ca](mailto:ucouncil@queensu.ca). In addition, [please share](#) your participation with University activities to record the impact of Council.
- [Councillor Role Description](#) highlight: **Elections:** Elections internal to the University Council are conducted at various points during the year and Councillors are expected to participate in the nomination process and voting. Councillors are notified via email of election opportunities when a call for nominations is issued and when polls are open for voting. All correspondence and voting are done online.

## STUDENT LIFE

### Agnes Benidickson Tricolour Award Recipients:



Ore Maxwell, Hannah Burrows and Zaid Kasim were the recipients of the [2025 recipients](#) and inducted into the Tricolour Society. [HERE](#) is a recap of the event.

**Quote from a nomination package, by student** Vin Bassi, Com'28  
"Each strand of the tricolour flag tells a store – one of leadership, integrity, and strength – woven together to create a community that students, faculty, and community members can proudly call their own."

### Queen's Student Affairs Leadership Awards:



In partnership with faculties and schools, student leaders, and colleagues across the university, [Queen's Student Affairs](#) delivers diverse high-quality programs and services to students, from their first point of contact with Queen's through to graduation, and beyond!

Every year, Student Affairs celebrates extraordinary student leadership on campus and in the local community.

The [Student Leadership Awards](#) honour student recipients of the Peer Leadership Award, the Indigenization, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Anti-Racism (I-EDIAA) Impact Award, and the Brian Yealland Community

Leadership Award. Nominations are submitted by students, faculty, community members, and staff. **Congratulations to the [2024-25 recipients!](#)**

In addition, Student Affairs presents the annual [Michael Condra Outstanding Student Service Award](#) to Queen's faculty or staff who have displayed a commitment to providing outstanding service to students, outside of a teaching role. **Congratulations to the [2024-25 recipients!](#)**

If you have any questions about these awards, please email [studentaffairs@queensu.ca](mailto:studentaffairs@queensu.ca)

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