Get to know University Councillor John Armitage, Sc’71:

P.Eng., BSc. (Civil)' 71; Head Coach, Rowing (1977-2016), Varsity Hockey (1967-69); QUAA Kingston Achievement Award; QUAA Mentorship Award; Business Owner; Leadership positions in Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce, Kingston Area Economic Development Commission, Kingston and Ontario Home Builders’ Association, CFB Kingston Task Force, Canadian University Rowing Association, Kingston Rowing Club. Member of Kingston Business Hall of Fame, Kingston District Sports Hall of Fame, Kingston Rowing Hall of Fame, Brockville Collegiate Hall of Fame. Paul Harris Fellow Award (Rotary Club of Kingston); Kingston 2017 Canada 150 Citizen of the Year; Rolf Lund Jule Nisse Ontario Coach of the Year; Rowing Canada Coach of the Year; OUA Coach of the Year, Lifetime member, Grant Hall Society. Current term to 2022.

1. Why did you select Queen’s University?
   Because it was closest to my hometown of Brockville, ON

2. Most memorable moment as a student?
   Being selected to represent Queen’s on the hockey team.

3. What is your job?
   Owner of a house building, land development and investment property business

4. What’s the best career advice you’ve ever received?
   Have fun at whatever you choose to do.

5. What’s the career highlight you’re most proud of?
   Being selected as the top builder in Ontario for after sales service.

6. How do you spend your free time?
   Chasing around after grandchildren and coaching minor hockey and rowing.

7. What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?
   After 40 years of involvement with the rowing team I found I had time to give back to students and the university.

8. What are some of your most memorable milestones/accomplishments as a Councillor?
   Being selected to the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee.

Connect with [John](#) on [LinkedIn](#).