Get to know University Councillor Julia Reid:


1. Why did you select Queen’s University?
I fell in love with all that the BISC program had to offer and the beauty of the campus in Kingston.

2. Most memorable moment as a student?
I have so many memorable moments from my time as a first-year student at Herstmonceux Castle. Some of the most special times include surfing with my classmates in Cornwall, enjoying talks and performances in the ballroom and field trips to London.

3. What is your job?
I am working part-time from home as a marketing consultant and am a mom to two girls under three.

4. What’s the best career advice you’ve ever received?
“Find a rock and build your church on it” was some advice I received at a leadership development conference that I attended while I was a student at Queen's and it left a long lasting impression with me. It has always reminded me to pick carefully which opportunities I want to commit to and to create something glorious along the way.

5. What’s the career highlight you’re most proud of?
Having the opportunity to work both in London and New York.

6. How do you spend your free time?
My free time is quite limited these days, but I do enjoy reading in the evening after my kids go to bed, participating in virtual book clubs, baking, watercolor painting and exercising at home.
7. **What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?**
As one of the few councillors living outside of Canada I wanted to bring an international perspective to Council and share the insights I have gained from volunteering for the QUAA as a Branch President, reunion coordinator and Board member.

8. **What are some of your most memorable milestones/accomplishments as a Councillor?**
I really enjoyed having the opportunity to participate as a member of the Onboarding and Stakeholder Engagement Committee for Principal Deane prior to him commencing his role as I was able to draw on stakeholder engagement and communications experience I gained from working in Public Relations. I have also looked for ways to share any insights I’ve gained as a Councillor with other QUAA volunteers that I work closely with at the Branch and Board level.

9. **Your aspirations for being on University Council?**
As I approach the end of my term, I hope that I can find ways to encourage other Councillors to explore all the ways that they can support the QUAA. Given the tumultuous times we are living in there is an even greater need for those with time, talent, and treasure to spare to support Queen’s as well as all the volunteers who are working hard to unite us together in tricolour spirit.

10. **Do you have any words of wisdom for incoming Councillors?**
Show up to Council meetings, participate in elections, fill in surveys and proactively look for other ways to get involved.

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