2021–22
Student Affairs
Annual Report
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Vision
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Mission
To offer and foster holistic, diverse opportunities that engage students, support their unique needs and wellbeing, and help them prepare for future success.

Pillars and Values
The four pillars below and related values at the foundation of our work reflect the Queen's University Strategy: For the Future, and contribute to the institutional goals of Preparing Students for Impact, Queen’s in the Community, and Living Our Values.

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We practice empathy, compassion, and respect. We support each other and see things from a student's perspective. We collaborate with faculties, student groups, and community organizations.

Promote Wellbeing
We promote mental, physical, and emotional wellness. We provide infrastructure and support for ongoing skill development, resiliency, and success.

Foster Growth, Skill-Development and Leadership
We seek and value input to ensure we are continually learning. We act with integrity and are willing to challenge and change. We look to evidence. We nurture and celebrate success.

Advance EDII
We strive to promote equity, diversity, inclusion, and Indigeneity, and to meet the intersectional and evolving needs of our diverse student population. We respect all people and their viewpoints.

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A Message from Vice-Provost & Dean Ann Tierney
Student Affairs comprises 20+ units that deliver a broad range of programs and services that embody the division's and university's mission, vision, and values.

This report details our activities and impact in 2021-22 and reflects the outstanding commitment and accomplishments of Student Affairs staff. Together with student staff and leaders, campus colleagues, and community partners, we worked hard to provide responsive services and supports to our students, as the pandemic evolved throughout the year.

Among the highlights:
- Increasing access to Queen's through a Financial Aid Review that resulted in a new Major Access Award program, enabling students with the highest financial need to join our community
- Creating new professional and student-staff positions dedicated to improving the campus culture through community building, and engaging and amplifying the voices and experiences of equity-deserving students
- Expanding clinical healthcare services and maximizing fitness and recreational options to promote our students' physical and mental wellbeing as COVID-19 continued to cause significant disruption and uncertainty
- Offering thousands of academic and personal development and student leadership opportunities

Our professional staff and trained peer leaders delivered a network of programs, services, and spaces that support ongoing implementation of the Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education, the university’s Declaration of Commitment to Address Systemic Racism, the recommendations of the Queen's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Task Force, and the Campus Wellbeing Framework and Okanagan Charter: An International Charter for Health-Promoting Universities and Colleges. We recognize these efforts require constant focus, intentional decision-making, open minds, and continuous reflection to best serve our students and our community.

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A first point of contact for students, parents, faculty, staff, and community members; we connect individuals to the information and resources they need.
Our office team provides leadership on division-wide initiatives and areas of focus, engaging with campus partners, local organizations, and colleagues across the post-secondary education sector, to fulfill our mission and goals in service to our students.

Preparing Students for Impact

- Awarded the Peer Leadership Award, Brian Yealland Community Service Award, and the EDII Impact Award (recipients pictured below)
- Supported students applying for the Rhodes Scholarship
- 10 grants distributed through the Student Initiative Fund and the Team-Building Activity Fund to promote inclusive, community-building, peer-led events

Celebrating Community-Based Leadership in Student Support

- Awarded the Mike Condra Outstanding Student Service Award
- Awarded the Raillie Award for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching

Living Our Values: Building an Inclusive Community

The Shift Project: Activating Results of the 2021 Student Experiences Survey

A partnership with the Human Rights and Equity Office and Institutional Research and Planning.
- Developed From Input to Action: Your Voice Matters, a detailed analysis of results from 5,400+ respondents
- Created a Student Engagement and Inclusion Coordinator (SEIC) position that:
  - Supported ongoing connection with the survey's Student Advisory Group and student leaders and groups
  - Facilitated student-led discussions about the survey results
  - Developed programming and activities to centre student voices and experiences in ongoing campus climate and culture work
- Engagement and Inclusion strategy highlights:
  - Open feedback sessions – opportunities for students to meet and discuss results, share experiences, suggest improvements, and learn about actions being taken
  - Sunday Supper Series – encouraged dialogue among equity-deserving students
  - The Shift Podcast – stories that amplified the voices of equity-deserving students and highlighted campus resources and visions for a safer community
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Expanding EDII Peer-to-Peer Opportunities

- Additional student-staff positions were created across Student Affairs in support of diverse student communities, including in the Yellow House, Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre, the Queen's University International Centre, the Ban Righ Centre, the Student Experience Office, and Undergraduate Admission and Recruitment
- These student staff were engaged in program development and leadership, peer-to-peer advising, as well as marketing and communications that showcased the lived experiences of our diverse student population

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Campus Wellness Framework Implementation

A partnership with Human Resources, as co-chairs of the Provost's Advisory Committee on Wellness.
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Champions for Mental Health, recognizing the important role of educators and staff members in supporting and advancing student mental health.

- Celebrated and showcased instructors and staff members who created environments where student mental health is valued and supported
- Led by the Student Mental Health Network
- 60+ instructors and staff nominated by students who shared stories of their positive impacts
- 15,000+ impressions on Twitter

National Standard for Mental Health and Wellbeing for Post-Secondary Students.

Ongoing implementation using a Mental Health Action Tracker tool to audit services and programming, allocate resources, and focus work on priority areas of action.

- 800% increase in engagement (term over term) on Instagram
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All students were invited to complete one of the following surveys:

- National Collegiate Health Assessment
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- 4,264 responses
- Integrated the Student Experiences Survey data
- Data analysis underway in partnership with Institutional Research and Planning
- Questions mapped to themes: overall, physical, mental, and sexual health, social health/belonging, food security, substance use, and safety and violence

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Task Force

Co-chaired by Student Affairs and the Human Rights and Equity Office. Longstanding cross-campus group of students, staff, and faculty that works to bring about change at the individual, cultural, and institutional levels to help foster a safer campus environment. In 2021-22, this group:

- Contributed to the development and implementation of It Takes All of Us – 90% completion rate among incoming undergraduate students – and the VESTA disclosure tool
- Discussed and drafted a formal response to the sexual violence results of the Student Experiences Survey, and identified focus areas for action
- Continued to connect, through Co-Chair Ann Tierney, to the Council of Ontario Universities’ Sexual and Gender-based Violence Reference Group that shares research and effective practices in the university sector to help prevent and respond to sexual violence
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Addressing Food Insecurity

Queen’s Food Insecurity Advisory Committee is chaired by Student Affairs on behalf of the Provost. This cross-campus committee, comprising staff and students, monitors food insecurity, promotes initiatives related to education, awareness, environment, community, skill-building, and policy, and aims to create a food culture with reduced stigma and a broad understanding of issues related to student food insecurity.

The committee and the Student Food Collective released a report updating progress made in implementing recommendations of a 2019 Food Insecurity Report, with consideration of the reduction of in-person programming and services due to the pandemic. Progress highlights include:

- Ongoing student-led engagement of collective members
- Annual training created and delivered to 180+ student leaders to date
- Data collected through an AMS Food Bank User Survey and the Student Experiences Survey
- Created a centralized Food Access Resources Information Hub on the Student Affairs website
- Peer support through the unique-in-Canada Swipe It Forward Queen’s program
- Internal review of the AMS Food Bank’s model and operations to ensure sustainability
- Advocacy to integrate food insecurity into policies and strategies to advance UN SDG 2: Zero Hunger, e.g., the Working Group on Graduate Success, the Internationalization Strategy, the Campus Wellness Framework, and increased access to financial aid

The committee further enhanced and expanded collaborations with campus partners and community organizations to ensure continued supports for food-insecure students in the context of COVID-19.

Alcohol Harm Reduction

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- Off-campus door-to-door outreach and information drop-off
- Campus Observation Room, an on-campus overnight detox service
- Ongoing safe drinking education
- Party Goer Safety Kit giveaway event
- Alternate programming in residence and for all students
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Class of 2026: By the Numbers*

- * Numbers as of November 1, 2022
- 55,000 applications (+6% year-over-year (YoY))
- 91% incoming class average
- 90% 18 years of age or younger
- 7% attended high school outside Canada
- 8% are visa students

Bader College

Record-setting increase for first-year applications and enrolment

- 1,368 applications (+41% YoY)
- 155 registrations (+30% YoY)

Recruiting the Class of 2026

Webinars and Events

- 10 Ontario Universities’ Fair online presentations = 8,000+ attendees
- 190+ webinars - 6,800+ registrations

Queen’sUBound Yield Campaign

- 1,000+ registrations for in-person student receptions in Halifax, Calgary, Vancouver, Hamilton, Toronto, and several cities in India, China, and Vietnam, as well as a hybrid event in Kingston
- 15,000+ page views from 4,300 unique visitors on a new Queen’sUBound website for students with an offer of admission

Campus Tours

- 10,500+ registrations for 190+ in-person campus tours (opened in October 2021, shut down in December, opened again in March 2022)
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International Initiatives and Outreach

- Hired a new regional manager of international enrolment (Asia) who oversees 3 embedded recruiters and a recruitment agent network
- Increased international agent partnership network
- Introduced weekly “Friday Night Series” for students in China; every week featured a new program or service
- Instagram livestreams continued in partnership with faculties and Student Affairs services

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Living Our Values: Increasing Access and Diversity

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• Developed a 3-year strategic development plan for outreach, recruitment, and program growth
• Doubled our partnerships from 11 to 22, with community organizations that work with underserved student communities. These include a strong and important relationship with Pathways to Education
• Created a semi-annual forum for in-person open dialogue with affiliated youth-serving community organizations
• Created a monthly newsletter for community partners and guidance counsellors to facilitate access to information related to navigating post-secondary, including the First-Generation Admission Pathway and Equity Ambassador program

“Diversity, equity, and inclusion are our shared responsibility and now more than ever, our efforts to create pathways for underserved youth communities is of critical importance. Through Ladder2Rise’s partnership with the Access and Inclusion team at Queen’s, we’ve moved from conversation to demonstrable action to remove barriers and enable access to post-secondary education for youth who now believe that a post-secondary education is possible, and more critically that we are all committed to seeing them rise to their greatest potential.”

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Equity Self-Identification*

• 6,705 first-year applicants from the class of 2026 (12%) completed the optional Equity Self-Identification form
  • Offer rate: 53% vs 51% overall
  • Acceptance rate: 24% vs 20% overall
• 600 first-year students self-identified as racialized/visible minorities
  • 108 self-identified as Black (subset)
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Office of the University Registrar

Comprehensive enrolment management services to the Queen's community, supporting the student learning experience and the academic mission of the university. The Office of the University Registrar (OUR) comprises three units: Records and Services, Student Information Systems, and Student Awards.

Records and Services

Maintained online and in-person services, including making both hard copy and digital documentation available.

- **60,253** phone and email student contacts
- **5,216** in-person interactions
- **~$359.7M** student payments received and reconciled
- **~541K** enrolment actions

Exams

In-person exams returned to the Mitchell Hall gyms and the OUR's Exam Centre in December 2021 and April 2022 with COVID-19 protocols.

- Students were required to complete the SeQure Self-Assessment app before writing exams
- Medical-grade masks were required at all times
- Queuing systems and line monitoring ensured social distancing

- **12,093** exam accommodation requests (+31% YoY)
- **856** exams scheduled and run for
  - **1,284** course sections (+9% YoY)
  - **304** online exams
  - **552** in-person exams

- **13** Two additional exam venues were created in former squash courts in Mitchell Hall. Due to open in fall 2022, these 28-seat rooms will house accommodated students requiring ‘semi-private’ space. When not in use for exams, these rooms will be made available as quiet study spaces.

Convocation

While spring and fall 2021 in-person ceremonies were postponed due to the pandemic, **8,000+** degrees, diplomas, and certificates were granted and mailed.

- In-person ceremonies returned in June 2022 for all 2020, 2021, and spring 2022 graduates
  - **6,000** graduates and **10,000** guests were hosted at **10+** ceremonies, most at the Leon's Centre in downtown Kingston
  - **34** gifts were presented on stage to spring 2022 Indigenous graduates
  - National Indigenous Peoples Day was celebrated at the June 21, 2022 ceremonies with Indigenous drumming

Student Information Systems

- Enhanced the SOLUS Student Centre interface with the new “Fluid” upgrade to be more user friendly and intuitive for end users (current students and alumni) and to improve its mobile performance and accessibility, in partnership with ITS
- Provided specialized data reporting, analysis, and testing; managed hardware and software suites to enhance service delivery and productivity
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- ~541K enrolment actions

Exams

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- Students were required to complete the SeQure Self-Assessment app before writing exams
- Medical-grade masks were required at all times
- Queuing systems and line monitoring ensured social distancing

12,093 exam accommodation requests (+31% YoY)

Two additional exam venues were created in former squash courts in Mitchell Hall. Due to open in fall 2022, these 28-seat rooms will house accommodated students requiring ‘semi-private’ space. When not in use for exams, these rooms will be made available as quiet study spaces.

Convocation

- While spring and fall 2021 in-person ceremonies were postponed due to the pandemic, 8,000+ degrees, diplomas, and certificates were granted and mailed
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Student Awards

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Year-round meetings, conferences, weddings, special events, dining, and stays.

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- Hosted three national U SPORTS championships: the Women’s and Men’s Rugby championships on Nixon Field, and Women’s Basketball at the ARC
- Queen’s Football hosted the 113th Yates Cup at Richardson Stadium
- Construction began on the new pavilion at Richardson Stadium
Support Services & Community Engagement

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Ongoing Pandemic Response

- Continued both online and in-person meetings with students across all services to maximize access and support
- Implemented regular outreach activities in near-campus neighbourhoods to check in with students and provide information and resources

Living Our Values: Student Outreach

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Start-of-Year Outreach

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600 bags with campus and community resources distributed to student houses in neighbourhoods near campus

Engagement Stations

2,700 students reached at 3 resource stations throughout the year

Door Knocking

1,944 student connections made over four months of house visits

CARE Referral Program

Helps to support students by getting them referred to resources early on. The program relies on campus community members or “CARE connectors” (e.g., academic advisors, coaches, residence life staff) to help connect students, who may be facing academic or personal difficulties, to resources and support services.

428 students referred to CARE (+116 YoY)

1,424 individual supports and actions provided

27 cases referred to the Assessment and Care Team (ACT)

Most Common Concerns

- 24% academic (154)
- 10% mental health (65)
- 9% general wellness (59)
- 5% suicide ideation (33)
- 5% grieving/bereavement (33)

Non-Academic Misconduct System

The Non-Academic Misconduct System (NAM) Intake Office manages intake and referral to four units across the NAM system: the Student Conduct Office, Queen’s Residence, Queen’s Athletics and Recreation, and the AMS Judicial Affairs Office.

Cases are resolved through educational, developmental, restorative, and disciplinary outcomes. Students are encouraged to reflect on their behaviour, take responsibility, learn, and repair harms. Support is provided to all students throughout the process.

Student Conduct Office

- 120 case referrals received
- 334 students and 1 student group involved
- 446 meetings with complainants, respondents, and witnesses
- 311 students and 1 student group found responsible for Code violations

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Ongoing Pandemic Response

Continued online services and community building initiatives.

Living Our Values: Building Community

• Continued to provide and maintain meditation, prayer, and reflection spaces on campus
• Provided emergency food access through Swipe It Forward Queen’s, and emergency bursary assistance to students dealing with a sudden or serious shortfall of funds
• Offered one-on-one support for grief, loss, transition, and complicated relationships (families, inter-faith relationships)
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University Orientation

- 3,921 students accessed their orientation course in onQ
- 730 students participated in virtual activities (University Orientation and First Year Not in Residence [FYNIR])
- 1,150 incoming students attended campus tours
- Created and delivered orientation leader training to 800+ upper-year students on topics including accessible event planning, inclusive leadership, bystander intervention, and intercultural awareness
- Supported faculty orientation leaders in planning 20+ in-person, drop-in events

Year-Long, First-Year Transition Programming

- 4,963 views on 25 Instagram livestreams highlighting campus resources
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- 195 students accessed our drop-in, on-campus lounge space

Year-Long, First-Year Peer Mentorship Program

- 598 first-year students matched with 189 upper-year mentors
- 4,794 one-on-one and small group mentoring meetings
- 193 mentees attended 13 online and in-person QSuccess events
- Mentors developed meaningful leadership skills through training, developmental activities, and ongoing reflection
- 57% of first-year mentees and 60% of mentors self-identified as members of equity-deserving communities

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• Programming delivered in a hybrid model to increase student access to services
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227 sessions

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Second Year Stride: How to Prep, What to Expect

• Collaborated with campus partners to deliver a week-long series of workshops and events, and created an online hub containing resources and information, to help second-year students improve their academic and extracurricular skills
• Produced Levelling Up, an interactive, online tutorial to help develop critical thinking and other skills

Expanded Programming for Graduate Students

• Grad Skills Workshop Series: new online and in-person academic skills and writing workshops for graduate students across disciplines
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Indigenous Student Centre

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Ongoing Pandemic Response

- Offered in-person and virtual options for programs and services for students to socialize and spend time with their community
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- 4D’s cultural counsellor provided support for pandemic-related accommodations, as needed

Preparing Students for Impact

Advising

- Our Indigenous advisor provided one-on-one support to approximately 47 students with academic advising, referrals to tutoring services, and assistance with academic appeals
- 20 Indigenous students received tutoring in 28 different courses
- New Gather Together program facilitated skill-building for goal setting, time management, exam prep, and self-care

New Indigenous Student Leadership Team

- Opportunities for students to build workplace skills, earn income, and contribute positively to the Indigenous student experience at 4D
- 3 social ambassadors, 6 Indigenous peer mentors, and 3 Indigenous administrative support student staff

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Living Our Values: Building Community and Promoting Wellbeing

4D Social Ambassadors

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Frybread Fridays

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- Opened study spaces when many campus buildings were closed
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Student Advising

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6,842 email sessions

New Academic Skills Programming

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- 59% graduate/professional students
- 41% undergraduate/other students

- $164,940 in financial assistance provided
- $148,486 in emergency bursaries
- $16,454 in awards
Student Life and Learning

Yellow House
Student Centre for Equity & Inclusion

Committed to creating a comfortable and accountable space for students who identify as Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous, and/or as People of Colour (QTBIPOC) to feel safe, to create community, to be empowered, to celebrate their identity and to flourish. We seek to engage students in initiatives that actively dismantle oppressive, racist, and colonial ideologies and practices. Home to four student clubs: the African Caribbean Student Association, the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre, Queen’s Black Academic Society, and the Queen’s University Muslim Students Association.

Ongoing Pandemic Response

- The space was opened to the Yellow House’s four resident student clubs and students when possible
- Online programming was expanded, with in-person programming delivered when possible

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- This information was used to design a series of programs ranging from low-key social events, like art workshops and physical activity, to one-on-one and group counselling, as well as the exploration of drag history and modern-day culture
- Select programs launched – full series to launch in 2022-23

Preparing Students for Impact

- Connecting QTBIPOC students to skill-building opportunities and jobs is an important aspect of dismantling frameworks that impede on equitable opportunities and advancement of socio-economic status
  - Skill-building activities included QTBIPOC cooking classes, Queer Yoga, Solidarity Swims, a series highlighting hair and skincare regimes and local service providers for Black-identifying students, and a BIPoC Reclaim Your Voice series to provide participants with a framework to approach difficult conversations
- Curated a suite of co-curricular programs and tools designed to nurture future changemakers by providing them with meaningful personal, academic, and professional growth opportunities
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Student Life and Learning

Yellow House
Student Centre for Equity & Inclusion

Committed to creating a comfortable and accountable space for students who identify as Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous, and/or as People of Colour (QTBIPOC) to feel safe, to create community, to be empowered, to celebrate their identity and to flourish. We seek to engage students in initiatives that actively dismantle oppressive, racist, and colonial ideologies and practices. Home to four student clubs: the African Caribbean Student Association, the Levana Gender Advocacy Centre, Queen’s Black Academic Society, and the Queen’s University Muslim Students Association.

Ongoing Pandemic Response

- The space was opened to the Yellow House’s four resident student clubs and students when possible
- Online programming was expanded, with in-person programming delivered when possible

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390 internships +61% participants

Increasing Access

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