

GOVERNANCE UPDATES

Chancellor:



Mark your calendars for the installation of Queen's University's 16th Chancellor Shelagh Rogers on November 11th. Details to follow

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, approved the appointment of Bittu George and Erin Polansky to the Queen's University Alumni Assembly for terms effective immediately to August 31, 2026. The Alumni Assembly is the voting body for the [Queen's University Alumni Association](#) (QUAA) and is vested with constitutional amending power for the Association. The Assembly is a diverse cross-section of alumni volunteers who come together as liaisons of their respective communities to share ideas and support the Association, Advancement, and the University with their priorities. Thank you to Bittu and Erin for your willingness to serve in this capacity!

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

Nominating Committee

The Executive Committee approved the appointment of John Armitage, Alexander Lam, and Irene Mukasa as elected Councillors to the Nominating Committee for terms effective immediately to August 31, 2026. Existing members would like to welcome John, Alexander, and Irene to the Committee.

On behalf of your Nominating Committee: John Armitage, Mary Drinkwater, Chessa Jope, Alexander Lam, Irene Mukasa, David Pick, Elaine Wu

Program Committee

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus for the University Council Retreat. [Ensure you are registered.](#) Theme: Enhancing University Council Engagement at Queen's.

Please note that all agendas and meeting materials will be available on the Governance Portal and will be circulated to Councillors in advance of the meetings.

University Council Retreat (in-person)

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024 & Friday, October 18, 2024

Time: 1:00-3:30 pm EST & 8:30 am -12:30 pm EST, respectively

Registration: If you haven't already, [registration required](#)

[Distinguished Service Award Celebration](#) (Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts)

Date: October 17, 2024

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Registration: If you haven't already, [registration required](#) *Note: Discounted rate for Councillors*

Homecoming (Queen's Campus)

Date: October 18-20, 2024

Registration: Once the Retreat has concluded, Councillors are invited to participate in [Homecoming activities](#). Separate [registration required](#). Volunteer opportunities for Councillors are outlined in the [September newsletter](#).

Contact ucouncil@queensu.ca for more information. And, all Councillors are encouraged to complete the post-event survey following the Retreat.



Letitia Golubitsky, MSC'06 Chair, Program Committee

On behalf of your Program Committee: John Armitage, Samantha Cheung, Chessa Jope, Daria Juudi-Hope, Colby Pereira, Tka Pinnock

[Board/Council Trustees](#)

The next regular Open Session of the **Board of Trustees** meeting will be held on December 6 (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.

[Senate](#)

The next Senate meeting will be held on October 24 at 2:30 pm (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

[Queen's University Alumni Association \(QUAA\) President Update](#)

Hello fellow UC Members,

I am looking forward to reconnecting with those of you I know, and meeting those I don't at the University Council retreat this month.

UC Representatives to Alumni Assembly

The QUAA is pleased to welcome Erin Polansky as a new University Council representative on [Alumni Assembly](#), and to welcome back returning councillor, Bittu George. As one of their first official duties, Erin and Bittu will be called upon to attend the QUAA's upcoming AGM on Tuesday November 26th. While the AGM is typically held in the Spring, it was delayed this year as a result of all the changes to our Board structure.

Young Alumni Welcome Events

Thank you to our University Councillors who supported our Young Alumni Welcome events over the past month. I had an opportunity to briefly catch up with Heather Black and Chessa Jope at the event in Toronto, but I was also kept

very busy greeting and networking the dozens of other alumni out at Amsterdam Brew House. It was a very fun event, and I would encourage the Councillors who didn't make their local events to try to come out next year!

Homecoming

I'm also looking forward to celebrating Homecoming this month, October 18-20. I know a few University Councillors will be sticking around for the fun. Whether you are celebrating a reunion or not, it would be great to see you there!

2025 QUAA Gala Award Nominations Opening



Do you know a student or alum in your network deserving of a QUAA Gala Award?

On October 25 the QUAA Gala Award Nomination cycle will open for the 8 alumni awards and 1 student* award presented by the QUAA. The nomination cycle will close on December 10, 2024.

Nomination submissions require contact information (for nominee, nominator and a person to record a short video of congratulations should the nominee be selected) biographical summary, reason for recommendation and any additional documents (such as letters of support, awards or other items of note) supporting the nomination.

To learn more about the awards, nomination process or 2024 recipients please visit the [QUAA Gala webpage](#) or reach out to [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Volunteer Liaison.

*Notes: The Queen's Student Alumni Association (QSAA) Volunteer of Distinction Award is selected by the QSAA. The Initiative of the Year Award was not awarded in 2024, for more information on this award please visit the [Alumni Awards and Fellowships webpage](#) and scroll down to the Gala Awards section.

Queen's Annual Appeal

You may be getting a piece of mail from me in coming weeks as part of the Queen's Annual Appeal. If you haven't already made your gift to Queen's this year, I would encourage you to. There are so many amazing ways to give through Queen's. You can explore opportunities here: <https://givetoqueens.ca/> I would also be happy to hear any feedback on my letter.

Thanks and take care!



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

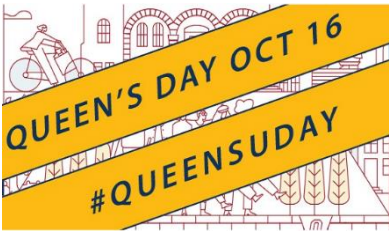
QUAA Assembly Members [appointed by the University Council](#): Bittu George and Erin Polansky

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

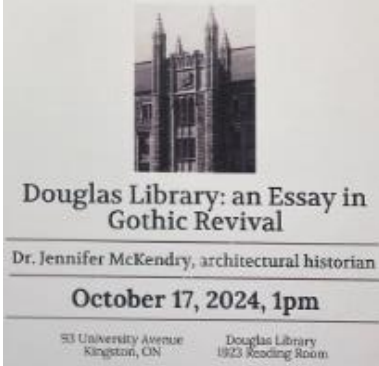
October 15-18 -Fall Reading Week – Classes suspended

October 16 – [Queen's Day](#)



October 16 marks Queen's Day, celebrating 183 years since Queen's University received its [Royal Charter](#) in 1841. No matter where you are in the world, join in the celebration by wearing your tricolour, embracing the Queen's spirit, and connecting with the traditions that have united Gaels for generations.

October 17 (1 pm) – In celebration of 100 Years of Douglas Library



[Douglas Library](#) has been a landmark for Queen's students and Kingston residents for the past 100 years. Renowned architectural historian, [Dr. Jennifer McKendry](#) will present "Douglas Library: An Essay in Gothic Revival" to outline the building's unique gothic architecture and celebrate the important role that the library has played in the life and culture of the university. Please share the [registration](#). As this conflicts with the Council Retreat, Douglas Library has generously donated a limited number of books printed on the history of the building (available at the Retreat registration desk). Councillors are also encouraged to visit Douglas Library during their time on campus. For more information, please contact: brendan.edwards@queensu.ca

October 18-20 – [Homecoming 2024](#)



Join us fall 2024 and reconnect with friends and former classmates, while creating new traditions and showing your tricolour spirit. This is a milestone reunion year for graduating class years ending in 4, 9, and members of the Tricolour Guard (alumni celebrating having graduated 50 years ago, or more). However, all alumni are welcome back to campus to celebrate! Mark your calendars, and [plan your visit](#) with [Class activities](#) and [Homecoming events](#). For more information, contact reunions@queensu.ca

October 24, 2024 (7-9 pm) [Ban Righ Foundation 50th Anniversary Gala at the Isabel](#)



Fifty years ago the ribbon was cut at the Ban Righ Centre for the Continuing Education of Women. In the early 1970's a small and mighty group of "Queen's Women" saw the value of a dedicated space and supports for mature women students returning to education. Surplus funds from the women's residences were endowed to create the Ban Righ Foundation. Over the years, through a series of directors, staff, board members, and an ever-changing student body, Ban Righ has stayed true to this vision. The Ban Righ Foundation will host a Gala in the beautiful atrium of the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts. [Register now.](#)

November 7, 2024 (11:30 am-1:00 pm EST) Gift Planning Educational Session (virtual)



Building on the Annual Giving session in 2023, the [Office of Advancement](#) invites members of the [University Council](#) and [QUAA Board](#) to a [Gift Planning](#) educational session. There are many ways for you to [support Queen's](#) both as ambassadors and donors. Planning your gift can be one of the most tax effective ways to make a charitable donation, while supporting the causes you care about and the people you care for by planning your estate. As ambassadors of Queen's we invite you to join [Carmen Vanderlinde](#), Director of

Gift Planning to learn more about the complexities of life insurance, bequests, and many other giving options to establish your legacy at Queen's.

A meeting invite and Zoom link will be sent to all current Council and QUAA Board members to attend this information session. For more information, questions or issues connecting to this educational session please contact [Lindsey Kull](#), Alumni Volunteer Liaison. lindsey.kull@queensu.ca | 613-453-2596

November 23, 2024 (1:00 pm) – Vanier Cup at Richardson Stadium



The [Vanier Cup](#) is a post season [college football](#) championship game, used to determine the national champion in [U Sports football](#).

Queen's is hosting the 59th edition of the Vanier Cup and [tickets are available now!](#)

Learn more on the [Queen's Athletics & Recreation website](#).

LEARN AND SHARE

[Give to Queen's](#)

Councillors are expected to demonstrate leadership and set an example for fellow Alumni by making a [charitable contribution](#) to support Queen's philanthropic priorities. In the absence of any personal interest or commitment, Councillors are encouraged to direct their gifts to the [University Council Bursary](#), which assists students in financial need (in any faculty or school).



On behalf of all of us at Queen's University, a thank you [message from Niki Boytchuk-Hale, Queen's 39th Rector](#). We deeply appreciate you and our entire community for advancing Queen's mission to create a better future for people and the planet. With you by our side, we continue to empower students, scholars, researchers and faculty to make positive contributions that alter the course of society.

Learn more about our annual report on the [Queen's Endowment performance](#).

If you have questions, please contact the [Donor Experience team](#).

Queen's alumni review wants your class notes



Marking career and personal achievements, special milestones and the birth of future Queen's alumni - Class Notes helps you stay in touch with former classmates, housemates, and faculty. Please share and [submit your updates](#).

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COUNCILLOR SPOTLIGHT

Get to know your fellow Councillor members by visiting their [biographical sketches](#) and their [online profiles](#). Let us know how you have engaged with the University or if you have exciting personal or professional news you would like to share through your monthly newsletter, please reach out to ucouncil@queensu.ca

This month in Queen's History:



Do you recognize the 1996 AMS President with Principal Bill Leggett unveiling the Sutherland plaque?

(University Councillor) [Greg Frankson](#) was elected President of the AMS, the first black student to occupy the role. Mr. Frankson was determined to resurrect the memory of Queen's first black graduate, Jamaica-born Robert Sutherland, an Arts graduate of 1854.

[Robert Sutherland](#) (c1830-1878) was the first student and graduate of colour at Queen's and one of the university's most important early benefactors. When he died in 1878 of pneumonia, he left his sizable estate of \$12,700 entirely to Queen's. He had drawn up his will just three weeks before his death. It is unclear why he did so, but friends recalled that he often said Queen's was one place where "he had always been treated as a gentleman." Sutherland's gift was used to launch a fundraising campaign that helped stop Queen's from being annexed by the University of Toronto. In appreciation, [Principal George Monro Grant](#) ordered that a large granite tombstone be placed on his grave in Toronto's Mt Pleasant Cemetery - where it still stands - to mark his connection with Queen's.

For more than a century, Mr. Sutherland's legacy was not broadly recognized. In 1975, the City of Kingston, prompted into action by the Jamaican-Canadian community, erected a plaque to Mr. Sutherland's memory at Queen's and the Jamaican High Commissioner attended the unveiling. In February 2009, Queen's Board of Trustees unanimously approved a student-initiated motion to name the Policy Studies Building at 138 University Avenue after alumnus Robert Sutherland. An unveiling ceremony was held on **October 3, 2009**.

[Councillor John Armitage](#)



It was a very special day on September 14, 2024 for the Armitage family and for [Queen's Rowing](#) to christen the newest boat in the boathouse, "The John Armitage". Councillor John Armitage is one of the founders of the Kingston Rowing Club in 1977. With over 40 years as the Queen's Rowing coach (a 3-time OUA Coach of the Year), and coaching on the national and international level, he is a legend to the sport of rowing in Kingston and at Queen's! Congrats Councillor John Armitage!

STUDENT LIFE

Hate Has No Home Here Poster Campaign



Hill Werth, Ed'24 is providing Queen's and Kingston businesses with a way to stand strong together against hate faced by marginalized communities. A 2024 recipient of [Kingston 40 under 40 Award](#), Hill's impactful poster *Hate Has No Home Here*, has even caught the [attention of the House of Commons](#).

Many local businesses and schools have jumped in as proud supporters for this marker of safe spaces, including the [Office of the Rector](#). Niki Boytchuk-Hale has partnered with Hill as a diplomat of the campaign. This fall, 225 posters will be posted around student government offices, the Division of Student Affairs, and all residence buildings.

More information available on [@slow_and_intentional](#).

[Queen's Bands](#) – spirit and tradition since 1905!



Queen's Bands are called "bands," plural, because there are actually six of them:

- pipe band
- brass band
- cheerleaders
- highland dancers
- drum corps
- colour guard

The Bands got their start in 1905 when a few first-year students decided to form a marching brass band "to help things along at football games." Over time, the Bands established themselves as the university's most recognized ambassadors. After Gaels' victories, the band led impromptu snake dances down Princess Street, and they marched in Grey Cup, Santa Claus, Cotton Bowl and Macy's Thanksgiving parades across the continent. Learn more about their [history](#).

Queen's mascot, [Boo Hoo the bear](#), cheers our Gaels on to victory with Queen's Bands. While nowadays there's a student inside the Boo Hoo costume, in the 1920s and for decades later, Queen's had a live bear. The original Boo Hoo was a real bear cub purchased by students in 1922.

Attending Homecoming? Join the [Alumni Parade to Richardson Stadium](#) with Queen's Bands to the [Homecoming Football Game](#). And, look out for the Queen's Bands and Boo Hoo throughout the weekend!

And, who as an alum doesn't hear the Queen's bands every time you sing the [Oil Thigh?](#)

To learn more, check out their [website](#), [facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or contact Operations & Finance Managers: [Abigail Rugg \(she/her\)](#) and [Gavin Scott \(he/him\)](#)

Interested in [supporting the Bands](#) in representing Queen's? Consider a [donation](#).



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