

Thank you to all Councillors who donated to the AMS Food Bank. Total donations = \$2285. It's not too late to [donate](#).

Looking ahead, we will be looking for new committee members in the new year. If interested, reach out to a member of the Program Committee with your questions and watch your email for the call for expressions of interest.

And due to his absence from the Student Leader Panel, a message from:



Owen Rocchi, Comp '24,
President, AMS
president@ams.queensu.ca

For those of you who I did get to meet and chat with at the Council meeting, it was a pleasure. Due to an illness, I was not able to attend any events past the initial retreat, but I was told they were a great experience for all who were able to attend.

I want to start by thanking you all for your generosity with over \$2000 been raised on behalf of councillors towards [the AMS food bank](#). I'll also extend a big thank you to Emils who brought up this idea in my absence. The AMS food bank works tirelessly to support members of the Queens community facing food insecurity, your kindness will be felt by many patrons.

At the student leader panel, I was planning to ask you all to share experiences on how you've seen student leaders at Queens successfully empower student voices. I've been able to call myself a proud Queens student, but I understand many students don't share that common sentiment. I'd love advice on how to best listen to students and address the issues they raise such that we can all be proud to be at this school.

Secondly, I wanted to gain some insight into any advice you could give into working with alumni to support and amplify student voices. I was blown away with the passion for Queens that I've experienced speaking with alumni, and I only see this as an opportunity to explore ways they can empower current Queens students. Anything you can share with me as to next steps to cultivate this idea would be much appreciated.

If any of you would like to connect and speak further about anything I've mentioned, please book 30 minutes with me at the following link: [Book time with Owen Rocchi: Book time with Owen \(private link - 30m\) • This link will expire on: January 19, 2025](#). I'd love to be given advice or any stories I can share with my team, I'm looking forward to seeing how I can learn from you all to continue to be the best advocate for undergraduate students possible.

Lastly if anyone was involved in the AMS during their time at Queens and are curious on what the modern proceedings look like, we'll be live streaming all remaining major assemblies of the term over YouTube! You can find the schedule for upcoming assemblies at this link <https://www.myams.org/about/governance/assembly/>, and access the livestreams from the AMS YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@AlmaMaterSociety>.



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

The next regular Open Session of the 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](#).

[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

Please check the _____ for a list of all upcoming alumni events (including branch, reunion, etc.).

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.

Members of the Queen's University Council are invited to Fall Convocation to celebrate the achievements of our graduates receiving their degrees, diplomas and certificates. Check out the [full listing of ceremonies, dates and times, as well as participating programs.](#)

Those requiring further assistance are encouraged to e-mail: graduand@queensu.ca or call extension 74050

You will be asked to sit on stage (red circle in photo) and hand an alumni pin to each graduand. Simple, but so meaningful. Please reach out to [Jessie Mercer](#), Alumni Relations with questions.

Nov 14 (12-1 pm): Haudenosaunee Ways of Being and Knowing
Nov 28 (12-1 pm): Open Session (Questions + Discussion)

Thanks to all Councillors who volunteered to assist with Homecoming, as a [Reunion Coordinator for your Class, Club or Group](#), or as a greeter at one of the many [Homecoming events](#) or attending to represent University Council.

