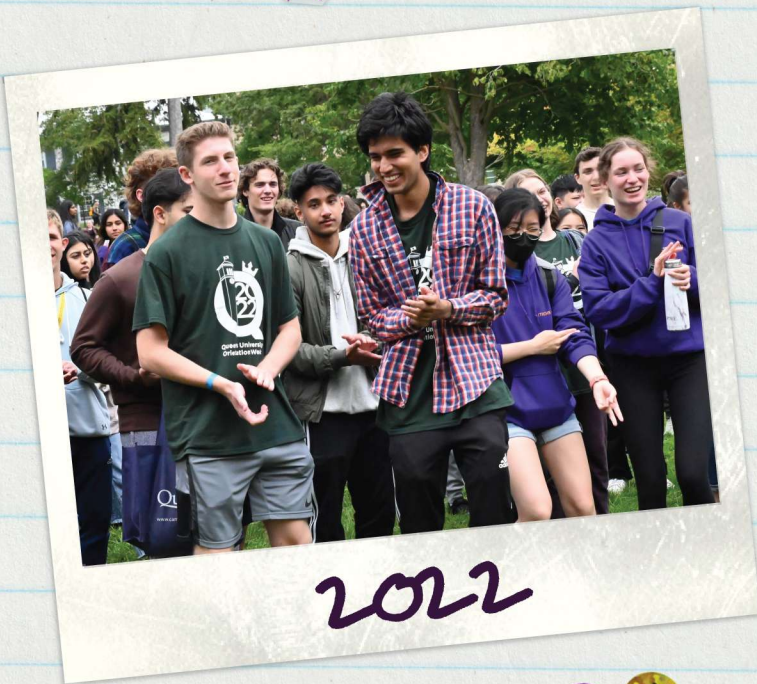


QUEEN'S COMPUTING ORIENTATION HANDBOOK

2024



2022



2023

word to your
motherboard!

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING

WELCOME

Dear Class of 2028:

Welcome to the Queen's School of Computing!

Congratulations on making an excellent decision. Computing serves as the cornerstone of all societal activities, encompassing realms such as business, healthcare, education, transportation, communication, and entertainment. The global significance of computing for shaping our future has been acknowledged by leaders in politics, industry, and business worldwide. The demand for computing professionals is currently the highest it has ever been, which is in part demonstrated by the unprecedented interest in pursuing a computing degree. Before stepping foot on campus, you have already made history as the largest Queen's School of Computing incoming cohort of all time! We are welcoming more than 500 students to the class of 2028, a number which has doubled in the past five years. In these transformative times, the skills you will acquire as computer scientists are indispensable as the world reimagines its path forward.

The landscape of computing as a discipline is ever-changing, and each previous cohort of our students has witnessed transformations, advancements, and disruptions in the technology sector during their undergraduate careers. The School of Computing is proud to be home to excellent researchers and educators who are at the forefront of these technological trends. Currently, the rise of generative AI is posing unique opportunities and challenges, particularly in the field of cybersecurity. The need for robust cybersecurity solutions is making it one of the fastest-growing fields in the world of technology. To respond to this demand, in 2024 The School of Computing was proud to announce the opening of the new The Queen's Centre for Security and Privacy (QCSP), a multidisciplinary research centre which leverages the strengths of 12+ researchers from five departments of Queen's University and the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC). Meanwhile, we continue to be world leaders in Biomedical Informatics and Intelligent Systems - the areas that are guaranteed to see a radical transformation within your lifetimes. Whichever direction your academic curiosity takes you during your academic career with us, you will have the opportunity to learn from the leading mentors in the field.

You will be able to tailor your education to specialize in the area of your interest. The Computing major can be tailored to include a variety of options in foundational computing, data analytics, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, gaming, and biomedical informatics. Or perhaps you will choose to do a deeper specialization in an area such as software design, cognitive science, or biomedical computing. Our undergraduate support staff and distinguished educators will be there to support you each step of the way in creating your own unique learning experience.

The extent to which you benefit from this program depends on your perspective. I genuinely hope each of you seeks a meaningful learning journey, prioritizing more than just earning a degree. Those motivated by true curiosity will not only achieve their degrees but will also see a greater return on their investment. Enthusiastic learners will find joy and gain from every aspect of the program while maintaining academic integrity.

The School of Computing is committed to offering extensive support and resources to ensure your success throughout the next four years and beyond. This commitment starts with me and extends to the faculty and staff of the School, the broader Arts and Science community, student organizations, and the entire Queen's community. We are here to assist with any questions or concerns you may have.

I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet each of you at the Orientation.

Hossam Hassanein
Professor and Director
Queen's School of Computing



SCHOOL OF COMPUTING

WELCOME

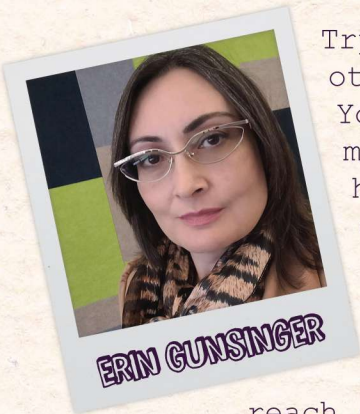


Welcome to the School of Computing, Class of 2028!

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the Queen's School of Computing! From the first day, you are considered family at QSC. One of our most important goals is to help ensure that your undergraduate years here are some of the most rewarding and enjoyable of your lives. We hope you are as excited as we are to enter this lively, warm community. Although we're serious about academic excellence here at Computing - and you will be challenged throughout your studies with us - you will not find a more welcoming, inclusive, laid-back department anywhere here at Queen's. Our students make us who we are, and we welcome your fresh ideas and energy as we continue to evolve and grow as a community.



As you select the courses you will take this Fall and begin on this journey that will expand your mind and shape who you will become, we encourage you to go forth in a spirit of exploration. If your mind is like a computer, a university education is a powerful, permanent operating system upgrade. You have before you the key to access a vast wealth of information and expertise. You will only get out of this what you put into it, so work hard, stay curious, ask lots of questions, and make a habit of getting outside of your comfort zone now and then.



Try new things, start conversations, be kind and offer help to others, and don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it! You're going to make mistakes. You're going to feel stressed and maybe a little overwhelmed as you move through this first year here at University. We get it. But we at Computing - and the entire Queen's community - are here to help you get through the challenges of your first year, and throughout your academic career with us. We have all kinds of resources to support you - you just need to ask. We truly want to see you succeed and we are here to support you in your academic endeavours, so please

reach out to your Undergraduate Team if you find yourself struggling with anything that is keeping you from finding that success in your studies! We are here to help!

We invite you to drop by the 5th floor of Goodwin Hall (we try to have at least one UG Team member on hand through the week) or through Teams or email. If you have any questions over the summer about courses or registration, you can reach our team at advising@cs.queensu.ca. Have a wonderful summer, and we will see you in the Fall!!



Karen Knight (she/her) and Erin Gunsinger (she/her)
Undergraduate Program Assistants
Queen's School of Computing



HIGH TECH WELCOME

Dear Class of 2028,



On behalf of the Computing Orientation Committee, our warmest congratulations on being admitted to the Queen's School of Computing. This is an incredible achievement, so please take a moment to celebrate that you have made it this far! We are so pleased to welcome you into our vibrant Computing community!

My name is Arianne, and I am the High Tech for Computing Orientation 2024. I am in my third year of Computing, with a focus in Artificial Intelligence. As High Tech, I am responsible for organizing Orientation, alongside my Tech Committee (TC) colleagues, and ensuring that you feel included and supported as you begin your journey at Queen's.

The TC is comprised of nine outstanding, dedicated individuals who have all worked tirelessly to organize Orientation 2024, starting in late December 2023. Together, we've spent countless hours planning events, acquiring sponsors, hosting fundraisers, and a whole lot more to make Orientation a memorable experience. This 21st edition of Computing Orientation combines long-standing Queen's traditions and new events, all of which present great opportunities to create new relationships and make unforgettable memories with your fellow incoming Students.

During my first year at Queen's, I was very anxious. Being in a new city, learning in a new environment, not knowing anyone, not knowing what to expect... It was nerve-racking. As I look back on those difficult moments, I could not be more thankful for my Orientation experience. O-Week was a turning point for me because this is where I created my community: I met so many amazing people, many of whom became close friends, including my roommates. Through Orientation, I also met kind upper-year students who helped guide me in this new experience and made invaluable connections that shaped my experience at Queen's. O-Week is your chance to plant seeds that can grow into so much more. The connections you make will be long-standing and support you in this new chapter of your life.

Beyond the academic experience, University life is your opportunity to try new things, test your limits, and open your mind. Don't be shy! Whether it's applying for a club position or joining an intramural team for a sport you've never played before, there are so many opportunities around campus to learn, grow, and meet incredible people from different walks of life. Whatever you choose to do, rest assured: you'll be supported by the computing community every step of the way. Whether MATH111 is giving you a difficult time, endless internship applications have got you down, or you're feeling alone in this new environment; we have all been there and we are there for you. More than anything, everyone in Computing wants to see you succeed - and that, in my opinion, is the most beautiful part of being part of the Queen's Computing community. I look forward to meeting you in September, to celebrate the start of this new adventure together!



Best,
Arianne Nantel
High Tech

orientation@compsa.queensu.ca



P.S. Feel free to email me (or any member of TC) with any questions you have! We would be so happy to help!

Hello World, I am so beyond thrilled that you have accepted your offer to Queens and decided to join the Computing community! You are now officially part of our amazing Computing family and I welcome all of you with open arms.

MESSAGE FROM COMPSA

My name is Liv Stewart (she/her) and I serve as your president of the undergraduate Computing Student's Association (COMPSA). My job as President is to represent you and best serve the needs of the computing student body. I have been involved with COMPSA and orientation ever since my second year and have never looked back. It was a pivotal point in my journey here at Queens. As someone not from Ontario or Central Canada at all, I felt some feelings of imposter syndrome which many of you might feel as well. My best advice is to get involved (especially in COMPSA) to meet likeminded people who most likely are feeling the same feelings as you. Joining COMPSA helped me to realize I wasn't alone in this.



Now what does COMPSA even do? COMPSA is involved with running various events throughout the academic year, some academic, some social and some to help kickstart your future career. We provide exam revision sessions, access to tutoring, connect you to professors and if you head over to our website (compsa.ca) you can even access our merch store! COMPSA is run alongside my wonderful Vice Presidents Nina Thaksee and Josh Cowan, with the help of our amazing directors and volunteers. Without their help, none of this would be possible.

Classes and school will occupy a significant portion of your time this year, undoubtedly. Despite that, one of the most uniquely beautiful parts of this university is how easy it can be to get involved and meet new people. Push yourself this year, join clubs, meet friends and grow your network on campus. Talk to your professors, join clubs, get lunch with the people on your floor. Also, consider applying to join COMPSA. We're always looking for bright minds to join us. Trust me, you won't regret it. Apart from COMPSA, many other clubs will want you as well, and you'll hear from them during orientation.



Transitioning to university can be both daunting and exciting. However, rest assured that there's home for you in Kingston. It may take a little while longer to find your place here, but if you put yourself out there and trust the process, you'll undoubtedly feel just as confident as we all do now in calling this city and campus "home away from home".

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any concerns, ideas, questions or just if you need someone to talk to. You will find me around the CASLab and in the COMPSA office throughout the day. I really look forward to meeting you all so don't be shy to come say hi!!!

One final word of advice: I met some of my closest friends, and made a lot of memories during orientation which I hope you will as well. Don't be afraid to get in there, be loud, take up space and have fun.

liv laugh compsa

Liv Stewart
COMPSA President
president@compsa.queensu.ca





TABLE OF CONTENTS

3 QSC WELCOME

5 HIGH TECH WELCOME

6 MESSAGE FROM COMPSA

7 MEET TC! 

11 MEET YOUR TECHS!

12 WHAT IS ORIENTATION?

13 OWEEK 2024 SCHEDULE 

14 EVENT RUNDOWN

16 CAMPUS MAP AND RESOURCES

17 SPONSORS

19 UNIVERSITY ORIENTATION

20 AMS PAGES



Enjoy!

MEET TC? ...or Not!



Looks like our photos got mixed up. Can you match these photos to TC?



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



I



J

MEET TC!



ARIANNE NANTEL

ari_nantell7
arianne2474



Born and raised in Ottawa, Arianne is entering into 3rd year CompSci, in the Artificial Intelligence specialty. If you're looking for Arianne, you will likely find her in the Computing Lounge or, if the sun is shining, on the Pier, where she might be gearing up for a polar bear dip (yes, she did swim in the St Lawrence in February once!). Arianne's interests range from striving to make the best possible French onion soup to learning how to crochet little yellow duckies, with some astronomy, rock climbing, and abstract painting thrown into the mix. What Arianne loves most, however, is AI - animal intelligence, particularly if it's furry and has four paws. Her best job ever was working full-time in a Pet Hotel during a gap year she took before coming to Queens.

HIGH TECH

HUGH TUCKWELL



icemangler
vexorb

Originally from Toronto, Ontario, Hugh is going into his 3rd year of Software Design and is often seen running QXR (his awesome VR/AR club that everybody should join). You can find him either studying in the Caslab or walking around the many sick n' twisted parks that Kingston has to offer. In his free time, Hugh loves to play video games, listen to and produce music, and attend a bunch of local music shows (shoutout Kings of Queens!)



LOGISTICS

AUSTIN SMITH



Based out of the beautiful Burlington, Ontario, Austin is on his way to 3rd year, specializing in Cybersecurity. About a year ago Austin developed an addiction to Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and has since been seen practicing with the Queen's BJJ club on their Jiu-Jitsu nights. After getting his hands on his mom's old 2006 Nikon camera, birdwatching unexpectedly found its way into his schedule. Toronto people-watching gives birds a run for their money, though. Austin loves gymnastics, specifically the mental kind, and relies on luck more than he should. Despite his best efforts, things always seem to work out. I guess that makes him lucky.

ausman

LOGISTICS

WILL MACINNIS



Originally from Toronto, Ontario, Will is going into his 3rd year of Computer Science with a specialization in Security. On a regular day you can find him in the COMPSA office, in Stauff, or across the river at CFB Kingston. When Will's not working you can bet that he's downtown on Princess Street with his roommates (probably at Ale). He also really enjoys live music and spends way too much money on concert tickets on the regular.

Instagram: [willmaci](#)
LinkedIn: [william-macinnis](#)

OPERATIONS

EVAN COOK



Instagram: [evan_cookll](#)
LinkedIn: [evancookll](#)

From Bedford, Nova Scotia, Evan is entering his 3rd year of his Computing major with a focus in cybersecurity and a minor in math. In his free time, he enjoys watching movies and playing board games, card games, and video games. When the weather is nicer, you can find Evan on one of the campus fields playing spikeball, or going for a swim at the pier.

SPONSORSHIPS

LIV STEWART



Instagram: [liviistewart](#)
Discord: [oliste01272](#)
LinkedIn: [olivia-stewart-](#)

Liv is going into third year Computing with specialization in AI. She is from Rothesay, New Brunswick, small town in the south. You will see her around a lot as she is this years COMPSA (Computing Student Association) President! Liv has a baby kitten named Bino (yes from the cartoon Toopy and Bino) who will almost always be in the COMPSA office especially during office hours so come by and say hi! She loves hiking, camping, and going to the gym as well as being obsessed with swimming and the water. She would become a fish if she could. Her fav food is probably pickles just letting everyone know. Liv is always down to make new friends and chat so feel free to reach out!

SPONSORSHIPS

ORAN CHIARELLI



Hailing from Ottawa ON, Oran, aka The Bug, has found a home in the Queen's Computing community. Oran is going into his third year and has loved getting involved with the community and is excited to continue doing so. Outside of school you can find him rock climbing, messing around in nature, and playing video games. Fun fact about Oran is that he was being born at the same time the infamous "Malice at the Palace" NBA brawl was taking place.

Instagram: [oranchiarelli](#)
Discord: [orelli](#)

FUNDRAISING

SOPHIA PAGAZANI

Instagram: [sophiapagz](#)
Discord: [dietsalami](#)



Originally from Oshawa, Ontario, Sophia is going into her 3rd year of Software Design and is often taking any creative electives she can. You'll find her living in the Computing Lounge next year as she recently moved to Odessa (which is 20ish minutes out from Kingston) and she doesn't have her driver's license (yet!). I guess you could call her a local now :3. With her new obsession of Smiski figures (they're just little guys!), Sophia is always seeking out something weird but cute enough to take her attention. She spends most of her time on her PC playing RPGs and making Spotify playlists, but when she does find herself outside, she is taking photos of anything and everything with her film camera.



PUBLICATIONS



HUY TRUONG



Born in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Huy moved to Canada when he was 8 years old and now hails from Mississauga. Huy is going into his 3rd year of Computing at Queen's with a specialization in Software Design. You'll most likely find him in his room tinkering with one of his 3 Linux servers, playing video games, or at the gym in the ARC. If you run into Huy outside he's either heading to one of those two locations or he's heading to the other side of Kingston on a whim. Huy loves to DIY and tinker, and built his own computer, and a couple of mechanical keyboards, found and fixed up a few old computers to use as personal servers, and recently picked up 3D printing. He's always looking for a chance to nerd out about any of these things so don't hesitate to strike up a conversation!

Instagram: [ouitruong](#)



ACADEMICS



DYLAN LETTS

Dylan is a 3rd year Cognitive Science student from Philadelphia. He enjoys things like chess, squash, beat saber, and any and all music, along with learning about any new topic, or anything overly challenging. If you're interested in something, he probably will be too. During the winter, you can identify him from his bright orange coat, so you'll probably see him from across campus. He's happy to commit to anything as long as it's slightly amusing, and is always available to help with any problem. Also he was once on the jumbotron of a baseball game twice in two different seats.



Instagram: [okidli1](#)
Discord: [okidli](#)
LinkedIn: [dylan.letts](#)



FINANCE



MEET YOUR

TECHS





WHAT IS

ORIENTATION?

Welcome to Queen's Computing Orientation!

Orientation is designed to make your transition to Queen's as comfortable and memorable as possible. During Orientation, you will make meaningful connections and participate in a variety of activities, including classic Queen's traditions!



You will also be given the opportunity to learn more about your university career, as you will be able to talk with Computing professors and academic advisors.



So, come have fun with us Class of 2028! It is important to remember that none of the Orientation activities are mandatory, though we encourage you to participate as much as you can. If you haven't registered yet, visit qcomputingorientation.ca to sign up! With that being said... Welcome to Queen's Computing! We can't wait to meet you!



FRESH START

Memories

Pride

belong

CELEBRATION

adventure



ORIENTATION SCHEDULE



SEPT. 1ST

HELLO WORLD
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Dunning Hall

CIRCUITS
3:30pm - 5:30pm
Theological Hall

JEOPARDY
7:30pm - 9:00pm
Biosciences Complex

SEPT. 2ND

COMPUTING SHOWCASE
9:30am - 12:00pm
Biosciences Complex

Rotation Events

DECRYPTED
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Ellis Hall

JUMP++
3:00pm - 7:30pm
Xtreme Trampoline Park

SEPT. 7TH

COMPSCI CUP
10:30am - 2:00pm
Nixon Field

HIGH TABLES
7:30pm - 11:00pm
Ban Righ Hall

SEPT. 8TH

COVERALL PAINTING
10:00am - 12:00am
East Summerhill

[REDACTED]
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Grant Hall



EVENTS

HELLO WORLD

Class of 2028, this is your starting point! You'll get to know a little about the individuals overseeing Orientation activities (TC!), as well as be introduced to key members of the Queen's School of Computing. Then, you'll get a chance to meet and get to know your Orientation groups and other Incoming Students!

CIRCUITS

Are you ready to learn about your new home? Circuits consists of three stations where we'll teach you computing traditions; clarify any burning questions about classes, solus, and more; and show you around our beautiful campus and its resources. Board games are available in a separate room for those who need a break.

JEOPARDY

Calm down after a busy day of new things for a friendly competition between groups playing our very own version of the fan-favourite gameshow Jeopardy. Through the quiz, you will not only learn more about computing but you'll also have a awesome time.

who done it?

DECRYPTED

Solve a exciting mystery designed by TC with your fellow detectives. Use your knowledge of queens, Computer science, and just plain logic to unravel this web of clues!

high intensity

JUMP++



Release all you excitement from the first weekend at the trampoline park, where you'll be able to jump around, play games, and more with all of your future peers! A cooldown room will be available. Be sure to keep some energy for the next weekend!

COMPUTING SHOWCASE

Confused about all the different pathways the computing major has? Come to the Computing Showcase, where you'll hear some academic advice from professors and from students in each of the Computing sub-plans!

wow!

COMPSCI CUP

Put your teamwork skills to the test by participating in our exciting array of activities, where your group is competing for the most points! Score the highest and go down in history as the CompSci Cup of '28 winners. There are two break stations that will be accessible to students anytime



COVERALL PAINTING

Enjoy one of the oldest Queen's traditions, Coverall Painting! You'll use red, yellow, and blue paint to decorate a pair of coveralls -- or your orientation shirt -- however you want! Express your creativity and have fun painting with your future classmates.



HIGH TABLES

Put on your best semi-formal attire and have a nice dinner with your peers, techs, and TC for a classic O-Week celebration. Look forwards to more dancing, chants, and memories!



[REDACTED]

End off O-Week on an amazing and fitting note, at [REDACTED]. Where you'll [REDACTED]



MAP & RESOURCES

WEST CAMPUS



1 & 2

Leonard Hall and Ban Righ; your dining halls

3, 4, & 5

Main Campus libraries: Douglas, Stauffer, and Bracken

6 & 7

Jeffery Hall (home to the math help centre) and Walter Light; both CasLab locations

8

Goodwin Hall, the computing building! Visit the computing lounge and find more CasLab machines

9

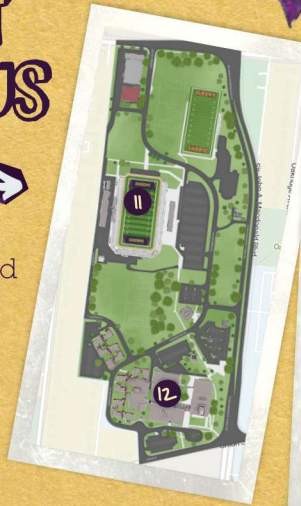
Atheletics and Recreation centre. Busy student hub with a gym, pool, food, and resources

10

Mitchell Hall houses student wellness, international centre and more



MAIN CAMPUS



11

Richardson Stadium hosts all of Queen's football games

12

Jean Royce is the west campus dining hall and residences



BLUE LIGHTS

These lights are scattered around campus! Press the red button in case of emergency.

COR

Had too much to drink? Visit the Campus Observation Room for a safe place to stay.

WALK HOME

Don't want to walk home alone? Contact Walk Home: (613) 533-WALK (9255)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

In an Emergency Situation on campus? DIAL: 613-533-6111

FOUR DIRECTIONS

A home away from home, a hub of activity, and a key resource for Queen's Indigenous students
144 and 146 Barrie Street

AND MORE!

Visit the Queen's Arts and Science website to browse all the resources available.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



CEO of Distributive, Dan Desjardins is a former Queen's student who has supported Computing Orientation in the past and often visits Queen's to share his experience and work! Here he is, pictured left, in our very own Computing lounge talking to a group of students.



Python | Monkey

WHAT IS DISTRIBUTIVE?

Computing power has become the currency of knowledge creation. Distributive's mission is to provide a platform to allow everyone access to computing resources and use distributed computing to solve tomorrow's greatest challenges.

LEARN MORE:

Visit the Distributive website:
distributive.network

Connect with Distributive:
info@distributive.network
+1 (613) 484-2415

"We created the Distributive Compute Protocol (DCP). A web standard for matching supply and demand for compute to enable everyone, from academia to industry, to access easy, affordable and abundant computing resources to power their AI, data analytics, and research computing solutions."



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR

SPONSORS



ONTARIO SECURITY HUB

WHAT IS ONTARIO SECURITY HUB?

Ontario Security Hub is an Ontario Ministry licenced security organization who serves customers across Ontario and are able to issue all Training Completion Numbers (TCNs) directly through their online course that follows the syllabus required for security guards in Ontario.

LEARN MORE:


Visit the Ontario Security Hub website:

ontariosecurityhub.ca

Contact them!:

admin@ontariosecurityhub.ca

1-866-585-2024 (Text only)



"We believe security guards that are better educated and prepared will help improve the security industry resulting in safer, more effective and positive interactions with everyone they interact with across Canada. We aim to be recognized across Canada as the online security guard training entity that gets individuals more prepared to work as a security guard and more accurately informed about the security guard licensing process and provides better support, compared to any other online security guard training entity in Canada."

Want to join our sponsors in supporting Queen's Computing Orientation? Email Liv and Evan at sponsorship_tc@compsa.queensu.ca



UNIVERSITY



ORIENTATION



University Orientation is a free program run by the Student Experience Office. It is part of First Year Foundations and, in collaboration with Faculty Orientation, makes up Queen's Fall Orientation.

It is open to all incoming students and is free!



Events:



WELCOME HOME NIGHT

There is a little something for everyone at Welcome Home Night like tricolour crafts, a movie night, snacks and sports! Come out and meet upper-year leaders and an evening campus tour.

TRICOLOUR PARADE

The incoming class will parade to the official welcome and kick-off of Fall Orientation in Richardson Stadium. They will learn the Oil Thigh, hear from student leaders, and enjoy a picnic lunch!

CAMPUS TOURS

Join a campus tour to hear about the "need to know" locations for your first month on campus. These short evening tours will introduce you to the essential locations for snacks, studying and staying fit.

and various drop-in meet and mingles!

visit this link for more information:

<https://www.queensu.ca/orientation/fall#university-orientation>



ORIENTATION ROUNDTABLE PRESENTS

ORT **MYSTERY CONCERT**

**OPENER | MIDLINER |
HEADLINER**

**ON SITE BATHROOMS, WATER
COOLERS, AND A LOW
INTENSITY ZONE!**

**NO FOOD/DRINK ALLOWED
NO BAGS ALLOWED
NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED**

**For the safety and enjoyment of all
attendees, students who are, or appear
to be intoxicated will not be permitted
entry.**

**BRING YOUR
WRISTBAND**



**Wristband
pick-up will
be on
Wednesday
Sept. 4th &
Thursday
Sept. 5th
from your
faculty.**

**MILLER HALL
PARKING LOT**

**LINE UP ON FIFTH FIELD
COMPANY LANE**

**FRIDAY
6 SEPT**

DOORS AT 6 PM

MORE INFO: @QUEENSU.ORT ON INSTAGRAM OR ORTCONCERT@AMS.QUEENSU.CA

FIRST YEAR WELCOME



WELCOME TO QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
CLASS OF 2028!

ALMA MATER SOCIETY





By Students, For Students
#myAMS

- 5 Offices
- 6 Commissions
- 9 Faculty Societies
- 13 Student-run services
- 50 + Full-time Student Staff
- 250+ Student Clubs
- 700+ Part-time Student Staff
- 1,000+ Student Volunteers
- 20,000+ Student Members (including you!)



AMS EXECUTIVE



OWEN ROCCHI
President

Hello Class of 2028! Welcome home, and congratulations! Queen's University, where you will quickly learn is a wonderful place to grow, learn and come into your own leadership. Orientation Week is a magical experience for students and is something that I remember fondly. You will experience so many exciting Queen's traditions that you will remember for years to come. Over the next week you will be introduced to so many new things - it may feel overwhelming. I want you all to remember is that the AMS is here for you. As by students for students we are here to support, and set you up for success! We cannot wait for you to get involved with the AMS and to begin your Queen's journey. Don't be a stranger on campus, the AMS will always offer a home to you. As your undergraduate student government, we feel so lucky to assist you on your Queen's experience.

Welcome Home!



AYAN CHOWDHURY
Vice President, Operations

Welcome to Queen's University, Class of '28!

We are happy to welcome you with a fun week of orientation, a long-standing tradition where you will get to opportunity to meet your peers for the next four years and learn about the various opportunities Queen's University and the Alma Mater Society has to offer. Leaving home for the first time can be challenging, and I encourage you all to try new experiences and get involved with the school in any type of fashion. You will not be the same person you are now when you walk across the stage at graduation. Be kind to everyone, and don't wait for opportunities to come to you – leave your comfort zone to discover them!

I hope you enjoy your orientation week that is filled with magic, and you take advantage of the resources available to you from the University, and your AMS!



RUTH OSUNDE
Vice President, University Affairs

Welcome to Queen's University, Class of '28! We are thrilled to have you joining this spectacular group of students and community. Over the course of your studies, you will be able to make this experience entirely your own, and there is no shortage of ways to get involved within the Queen's community, including in the AMS! Your first year is such a formative time where you can get outside of your comfort zone and challenge yourself to find and follow your passions. No matter what path this journey leads you on, you will have sources of support that want to see you succeed. Enjoy every moment and make the most of this next stage of your academic career because it goes by fast! We cannot wait to see all the incredible things that you do. Have a fantastic Orientation Week and welcome home!

CONNECT WITH US!



myAMS.org



queens_AMS



queensAMS



queensAMS

ORIENTATION ROUNDTABLE



The Orientation Roundtable (ORT) is the division of the AMS responsible for the high-level advocacy, planning and execution of Queen's Faculty Orientation Week. The commission collaborates with all Faculty Society Orientation Committees, the New Exchange World Transfer Students (NEWTS), and the Division of Student Affairs to facilitate a welcoming, safe and inclusive Orientation and transition to Queen's. This commission accomplishes this goal by facilitating the planning and execution of Faculty-Specific Orientation events; training Faculty Orientation leaders and executives; working alongside the Student Experience Office, Residence Life, and Residence Society to execute all events from Move-In Day to the end of Orientation Week; and finally, advising on Orientation Policy and Procedures with the Senate Orientation Review Committee.

See you soon!



Maddie Ronan
ORT Coordinator

Alyssa Persia
Concert & Communications Director

Mack Woods
Assistant Coordinator

Nethmi Illamperuma
Equity Director

Georgia Dean-Savage
Logistics Director

Johnny Shenouda
Systems & Support
Director

UNIVERSITY PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Queen's and Kingston -- your home for the next few years.

Your hard work and dedication have brought you here, and that drive and ambition will continue to serve you well as you begin this exciting new chapter of your life.

We're so pleased that you are joining us, and we invite you to embrace our shared commitment to making real and positive differences that change our society for the better through education, research, and community and global engagement.

At Queen's we value all our community members and their diverse perspectives. It is your intellectual curiosity, passion to achieve, and commitment to collaboration that make our university such a special place. As a member of the Queen's community, you will expand your knowledge and develop skills through engaging learning experiences and inspiring opportunities enabling you to achieve your goals while at university and beyond.

I hope you will explore all Queen's and Kingston have to offer. There are countless university resources and activities for students to make the most of their experiences and to help you succeed. Kingston is one of the most beautiful and bustling cities in Canada and has so much to offer. I encourage you to explore all that is available to you!

My advice for the coming weeks is to be patient with yourself as you adjust to life at Queen's. Transitioning to university is a significant feat, and it is natural to feel a bit untethered or overwhelmed during this time. Get to know your new city and campus and meet the people you now share these spaces with. Foster new connections and learn not only from your professors but also from your community and your peers who are undoubtedly experiencing similar things as they, too, transition to university life. Connect with staff and faculty who are readily available to help you find programs, services, and any other tools and information you may need to support your wellbeing and success.

I wish you all the best this fall, and in the years ahead. I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Patrick

Patrick Deane
Principal and Vice-Chancellor



UNIVERSITY RECTOR



WELCOME HOME CLASS OF 2028!

I am glad you chose to land here for the next several years. If you're like me, this sweet town and the people within it will capture your heart. I was elected by undergraduate and graduate students to be a strong advocate and steady facilitator for our best interests as students. As the Rector, I sit on the Board of Trustees and observe the Senate, AMS Assembly, and SGPS Council. I serve as a liaison between students and the administration regarding important campus community matters. I also have the pleasure of presenting the Tricolour Award and shaking graduands hands as they walk the stage at convocation.

Importantly, I am a confidential resource for you during your time at Queen's. When you need a little extra support, I can help you navigate the plethora of systems designed to set you up for success. For more information and to connect, visit queensu.ca/rector, follow me on Instagram (@queensurector), or come say hello in my JDUC office. I wish you the best of luck during this transition period. Just know, like orientation, your time at Queen's will go by quicker than you'd ever imagine. As you adjust to classes, join clubs, and attend events, remember that you're only as cool as the way you treat people.

Cha Gheill!



MAYOR OF KINGSTON



Hello to the class of 2028!

As Mayor of the City of Kingston, it's my great pleasure to welcome each and every one of you to Kingston! Like many people in our community, I didn't grow up in Kingston. I was once in your shoes and came to study at Queen's University in the year 2000. I ended up loving Kingston and I never left. My hope is that you immerse yourself in our community and come to love it as much as I did and still do!

I encourage you to break out of the campus bubble and explore our historic downtown and beautiful waterfront. With the most restaurants per capita in all of Canada, and so many one-of-a-kind businesses, there are endless opportunities to create new memories with friends. I hope you really entrench yourself in our community – whether you choose to work in Kingston, or volunteer at a local agency, or take part in one of our many local attractions – there's no shortage of ways to get involved. You are now just as much a part of our community as any lifelong resident.

Please know that my door is always open, and I would love to hear from you. Connect with me on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram or by email at mayor@cityofkingston.ca. Congratulations on selecting Queen's University for your post-secondary education and Kingston as your new home. Wishing you the very best as you begin this new and exciting chapter in life!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Bryan Paterson'.

Bryan Paterson



QUEEN'S SVPRS



We believe you.

Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Services

Support and services are available to all students who have experienced sexual violence at any time in their lives. Filing a report is NOT required in order to access SVPR Services.



Contact Barb Lotan
bjl7@queensu.ca for
more information or to
book an appointment
with an Advisor.

What we do

Provide information about on and off campus supports and services

Make referrals to help you get connected with the services you wish to access

Provide assistance to access academic considerations and accommodations

Help with safety planning

Provide information and support about police reporting, file University complaints




Queen's
UNIVERSITY
HUMAN RIGHTS
AND EQUITY OFFICE
Sexual Violence Prevention
and Response



COMMISSIONS

The core components of the AMS are the six Commissions that advocate on behalf of Queen's students to the University, the City of Kingston, and to the provincial government on student issues.

There are a wide range of work and volunteer opportunities available within each of the Commissions. Visit myams.org to learn more!

The Commission of External Affairs (CEA) advocates on behalf of students on the



Municipal, Provincial, and Federal levels. In this pursuit, the Commission lobbies and advocates internally within the university administration while also lobbying externally to raise awareness about government policies regarding post-secondary education, as well as municipal issues pertaining to student life. The Commission also manages the Housing Resource Centre (HRC) and the Academic Grievance Centre (AGC). Contact the Commissioner of External Affairs at cea@ams.queensu.ca

The Commission of Clubs is comprised of an average of 300 unique organizations, ranging from cultural groups to health outreach initiatives, among others.



For many students, one of the most important experiences outside of the classroom is participating in clubs on campus. The Clubs Commission works to provide club advocacy, resources and support to AMS ratified groups through financial means (grants, bursaries, fundraising, etc.), providing club space, insurance, and resources for event planning and marketing. Contact the Commissioner of Clubs at clubs@ams.queensu.ca



The Campus Affairs Commissions (CAC) strives for the betterment of student life through

social, inclusive, and entertaining extracurricular activities. They run events and conferences each year that enriches the Queen's experience for undergraduates in unique and memorable ways. Contact the Commissioner of Campus Affairs at cac@ams.queensu.ca



The Social Issues Commission (SIC) aims to speak to issues of equity while

engaging with oppression at Queen's. They seek to provide students with resources and education as well as offer an open, safe space for those who face oppression and their allies. By fostering close ties with various groups and the Queen's administration as well as facilitating student learning about oppression, we aim to eliminate marginalization on campus. Contact the Commissioners of Social Issues at sicexternal@ams.queensu.ca



The Commission of Environmental Sustainability (CES) works towards a

sustainable campus by advocating for sustainable action and initiatives on behalf of Queen's undergraduate students. Reinstated in 2020, the commission encourage sustainability within the AMS, Queen's University, and the city of Kingston. Projects include the Sustainable Action Fund, the Sustainable Event Certificate. Contact the Commissioner of Environmental Sustainability at ces@ams.queensu.ca



OFFICES

The five AMS Offices support the activities of all students presently involved with the AMS as well as those looking to get involved. They also work toward strengthening the organizational and reputational standing of student leadership. Check out myams.org to see the opportunities in each office!

The Human Resources (HR) Office is here to make sure that your experience at the AMS is rewarding, productive, and welcoming. Whether you volunteer on a committee, work as an AMS intern, or are employed by one of the many AMS services. Don't know where to start? We can help with that too because recruitment is one of the primary roles of the HR Office. Contact the Human Resources Manager, at hrmanager@ams.queensu.ca

The Office of Internal Affairs is responsible for ensuring that internal functions of the AMS are running smoothly. This includes elections and referendum, AMS Assembly (the AMS legislative body), AMS Board of Directors, the judicial branches, and keeping policy up to date. The office is managed by the Secretary of Internal Affairs and provides students with open access to the electoral processes and assembly. Contact the Secretariat at secretariat@ams.queensu.ca



The Information Technology department provides IT infrastructure, security and support services to the AMS and its stakeholders. These services come in the form of both individual department plans and consultation on other stakeholder initiatives that require an IT component.



The Communications Office facilitates the two-way flow of information between the AMS and student body, communicating intended messaging from the AMS to the students, and back again. Using local and national media outlets, they manage public relations and supervise the creation of AMS publications. They provide resources for services, clubs, and societies to assist in event promotion, information campaigns, and media relations! The Communications Office acts to inform, facilitate, and engage members of the AMS in events, referendums, and initiatives. Contact the Director of Communications at communications@ams.queensu.ca.



The Marketing Office aims to promote AMS initiatives, opportunities, and services by establishing various channels to engage students with the AMS. They use market research to gauge the opinions of the Queen's student body while monitoring the AMS's brand awareness. They are also responsible for the supervision and creation of AMS digital media content and interacting with students and the city through social media. The Marketing Office provides resources for services, clubs, and societies to assist in social media and event promotion and collaboration. Contact the Director of Marketing, Caitlin Parkes, at marketing@ams.queensu.ca.

2024-2025

AMS Health & Dental Plan



Make the most out of it

Health-care coverage and wellness services designed to support students!



Health



Dental



Vision



Travel

For complete details on coverage, eligibility, and group numbers, visit www.studentcare.ca.

Save more money



Consult with a financial advisor professional for more insight on health services.

*The above information is not intended to constitute an offer of insurance or any other financial product. For more information, visit www.studentcare.ca.

Mental Health is Well From

Empower Me

For more by @blogue

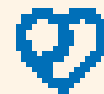


A student assistance program providing mental health and wellness services 24/7

Virtual Health Care

HI

For more by @blogue



Virtual health care that connects you with nurses and physicians from anywhere in Canada

24/7 Gender Support

Gender Affirmation Care



Coverage for gender-affirming medical care and legal assistance for students on their gender affirmation journeys



STUDENTCARE

Questions? www.studentcare.ca

Scan the QR code for more details on your Plan.





SERVICES

All AMS services are entirely student-run! We have thousands of student employees and volunteers who work hard to bring on-campus resources to those who need them, whether that's a cup of coffee at Common Ground, weekly campus news from the Queen's Journal, or academic support from the Academic Grievance Centre. Want to be a part of an AMS service?

Check out www.myAMS.org for information about which services will be hiring this fall!



The Common Ground Coffeehouse (CoGro) is a student run coffeehouse found at the heart of the Queen's Campus in the Athletics & Recreation Centre. They offer a large variety of espresso based drinks, iced drinks, bagels, delicious sandwiches, and local baked goods. The CoGro lounge space can be used for studying, hanging out with friends, grabbing lunch, or can even be booked for events! Be sure to drop by CoGro in the Queen's Centre to pick up a coffee, tea, or baked goods on your way to class! Check out the insta @queenscogro.



Located in the brand new John Deustch University Centre, the brew is a student run coffeehouse serving students with quality, consistency and creativity. The Brew will offer a large variety of menu items and be a place for students to study, meet up with friends, and grab their favourite mid-afternoon meal. Be sure to look out for it's opening in the upcoming academic year! We can't wait to see you at the brew!



Walkhome is a student-run service that provides all members of the Queen's Community with a safe and comfortable way to travel Kingston at night. It is a completely anonymous and confidential service, so our staff members do not wear any clothes identifying them as a Walkhome team. Whether you feel unsafe or just want company on your night walk please call (613) 533-WALK or visit the kiosk under the stairs on the first floor of the Queen's Centre.



SERVICES



The Peer Support Centre (PSC) is comprised of 100+ dedicated staff and volunteers. The PSC provides all undergraduate students with confidential, empathetic, peer-to-peer support, including resource referrals and practical guidance. Students are welcome to come in to talk about homesickness, personal grievances, mental health, instances of oppression and/or discrimination, sexual violence, academic challenges, and more! 'No problem is too big or too small, we care about them all.' For the latest hours, visit their Instagram @peersupportcentre or contact the Head Manager at peersupport@ams.queensu.ca.



The Queen's Student Constables (StuCons) are the only peer-to-peer security service in North America. The StuCons were founded in 1936, and ever since have been working to help facilitate campus engagement by upholding the AMS rules and regulations in a safe and judgement free environment. With a Staff of approximately 60 students, you can find us at your favourite on-campus establishments such as Clark Hall Pub or the Grad Club. They also regularly work alongside the over 260+ student run clubs to promote and organize sanctioned events during the school year. StuCons can be reached at QSC@ams.queensu.ca.



Tricolour Outlet is your one-stop shop that serves students, alumni, and the Queen's community. They provide high-quality options for Queen's clothing and merchandise, and convenient bus service. Stay stylish, save money, and support students when you shop at Tricolour Outlet! Check out their website: www.tricolouroutlet.ca!



SERVICES



The Media Centre is an on-campus provider of all media and printing needs, located in the new and improved John Deutsch University Centre. The Media Centre provides students with media services, specializing in photography, videography, and graphic design. The Media Centre also offers on-the-spot printing, alongside other production services. Suited to meet all creative needs! For more information, contact the AMC at amc@ams.queensu.ca.



With a staff of almost 30 students, the Queen's Journal (QJ) puts out issues every Friday and releases online content throughout each week at www.queensjournal.ca. They welcome all students to contribute as writers, as well as letters or opinion pieces from all members of the Queen's community. Feel free to drop by the Journal House (190 University Ave.) or contact the Editors In-Chiefs at journal_editors@ams.queensu.ca or (613) 533-2800 for more information about services and opportunities.



The AMS Food Bank provides confidential and non-judgmental food options to members of the Queen's community in the most comfortable environment possible. The Food Bank helps to ensure that Queen's students can be healthy and productive as they pursue academic achievement and alleviate poverty amongst Queen's community members. Keep posted with the latest location and hours updates on the Food Bank Instagram [@amsfoodbank](https://www.instagram.com/amsfoodbank) or on their website at www.amsfoodbank.ca.



PEACH Market complements other food access programs on campus and supports sustainability through food rescue. Untouched food from across Queen's Hospitality Services will be packaged and made available to students, staff, and faculty through the market's accessible 'pay what you can' operating model. PEACH Market is proudly run by student volunteers for the campus community. Follow [@peachmarket.qu](https://www.instagram.com/peachmarket.qu) and [@queensfood](https://www.instagram.com/queensfood) for more information!

Queen's First Aid Campus Response Team



**Non-judgemental on campus first aid response
dispatched through the Emergency Reporting Centre by
calling**

(613)-533-6111

Or by pressing any emergency blue light on campus.

Who are We?

QFA is an on-call first aid service offered across the Queen's University campus. Composed of a highly trained group of students all holding the certification of Advanced Medical First Responder, QFA aims to provide comprehensive, non-judgemental first aid to all members of the Queen's and Kingston community.

Hours of Operation

QFA operates at a variety of different times, including daytime shifts, evening shifts, and even overnight shifts on Fridays and Saturdays. In addition, you can find us at many different events across campus and during orientation week. Head to our website for the most up-to-date hours!

When to Call

QFA responders can be called for any first aid emergency experienced on campus and can often be found at the "Grey House" on 51 Bader Ln. With continuous training throughout the academic year, QFA responders are equipped to handle first aid situations big or small, ranging from mental health emergencies to physical injuries. Remember, you can't get in trouble for calling first aid services so when in doubt, give us a shout!

Join our Team!

QFA hires students of all years both in the Fall and Spring. If you are passionate about first aid and think you would be a good fit for our team, apply through our website, or reach out for more information!



@QueensFirstAid.com



@QueensFirstAid



@QueensFirstAid_



SERVICES



The Housing Resource Centre (HRC) offers support for students who are experiencing a conflict with a landlord or housemate in a safe and confidential space. Trained student volunteers can also answer questions and provide information on property standards, leases, tenant rights, house hunting, home security, and more. For the latest hours and location updates contact hrc@ams.queensu.ca.



The Academic Grievance Centre (AGC) is the place to go if you have any questions or concerns about academic grievances, discipline, or regulations. The volunteers that work in the centre are very knowledgeable about the academic policies of the University and can be a resource and support if you have a problem or simply need someone to listen. For the latest hours and location updates, contact them at agc@ams.queensu.ca.





SERVICES

The Student Life Centre (SLC) is a collaboration of facilities, services, and resources dedicated to enhancing the quality of student life at Queen's. Encompassing the Queen's Centre (QC), the John Deutsch University Centre (JDUC), the Rideau Building, the Mackintosh-Corry Student Street (MC) and the Grey House, the SLC provides bookable equipment and spaces for individuals, organizations and clubs to arrange meetings, performances, and events encompassing a wide range of student and community uses. Visit the SLC info desk located on the 1st floor of the Queen's Centre or visit their website at www.studentlifecentre.ca.



Student Life Centre

The Queen's Pub is the place to be! Serviced and staffed by students, the Queen's Pub is a historical part of the Queen's community we are excited to bring back this year. Located in the brand new John Deutsch University Centre, the Queen's Pub is the perfect spot to unwind or catch up with friends! From live music to delicious pub food, every visit promises a good time. Come experience Queen's hospitality—it's where good vibes and great memories are always on tap at The Queens Pub! Coming soon!



Navigating First Year Frenzy

Thursdays October 3 - November 28, 2024

(excluding Oct. 17)

2 pm - 3:30 pm

JDUC 4th Floor Wellness Space

**Snacks and Activities/Games weekly,
Meet New People**

Welcome to Navigating First Year Frenzy, where your academic survival kit includes more than just caffeine and ramen noodles! We'll have snacks and activities/games weekly. Led by seasoned therapists, we'll tackle the University chaos with laughter and a touch of sarcasm. We'll guide you through stress reduction, adjusting to academic demands, navigating campus and adulting.



Register here!





CAMPUS SECURITY

Campus Security is a service department with the main objective being to promote a safe and welcoming environment that recognizes and is respectful of the diverse nature of the Queen's Community. The Campus Security staff is available 24/7, 365 days of the year.

CAMPUS PATROL PROGRAM - Teams of uniformed security patrols walk the entire campus every night of the year, providing a visible deterrent to crime as well as a safe resource for staff, students and visitors who require assistance. The patrols act on the direction of the on-duty Security Supervisor who coordinates all responses to emergencies on campus.

BLUE LIGHT PROGRAM - The phones are there for you to use anytime you feel unsafe, afraid or concerned. All the phones have a direct line to the Emergency Report Centre. Blue lights are an important safety feature for the university community. Any malicious or irresponsible behaviour in activating an emergency phone is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and may result in disciplinary action by the University. Any tampering, damage, or theft of an emergency phone or associated equipment is considered an offense under the Criminal Code of Canada.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - A public address system using a siren signal followed by voice instructions will alert the campus community to take shelter and if safe to do so, check one of the current Emergency Notification platforms (Queen's Web site, University Status Line--613-533-3333, Queen's email account) for information & instructions.

LONE WORKER PROGRAM - Students, Staff & Faculty who work/study alone outside of the regular working hours can call Campus Security and request to be checked on, either by phone or in person. *ALERT-L LIST* - The purpose of the Alert-L list is to provide students, staff and faculty with notices about serious incidents on or around the campus. To subscribe to the Alert-L list, click on the "Alerts" web link at Security's main web page.

PREPARE TRAINING - PREPARE is a certification course offered by the Security department at no cost to University members. Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Recognize early warning signs of anger or hostility
- Effectively utilize personal space, body language and paraverbal communication to relieve tension and defuse hostility.
- Employ verbal intervention strategies to de-escalate situations before they become more disruptive or potentially dangerous.
- Maintain an objective and professional attitude when responding to an agitated individual
- Invoke four priorities essential to your organization's Violence Response Procedures.
- Effectively debrief once Tension Reduction occurs

To learn more about these and other services provided by Campus Security, please visit our web page at: www.queensu.ca/security

GENDER NEUTRAL WASHROOMS



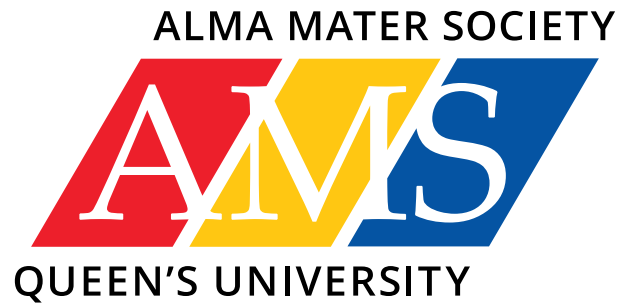
Building

Rooms

Abramsky Hall	009, 114, 115, 217, 218, 322, 323
Benidickson House/Summerhill East	121 and 122
Biosciences Complex	2284, 2288, 3288, and 3289
Bruce Wing	537A
Cancer Research Institute	395
Carruthers Hall	201 and 305
Cataraqui Building	124 and 215
Craine Building	322
Douglas Library	490, 491, 689
Dunning Hall	138
Dupuis Hall	B30, 300, 402
Ellis Hall	137
Fleming Hall - Stewart Pollock Annex	102, 116, 203, 303, 403, 502, and 503
Goodes Hall	LL161, LL254, 357
Grant Hall	112
Harrison-LeCaine Hall	265
Haynes Hall	104
Humphrey Hall	314
Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts	170
Jeffery Hall	121 and 324
Kathleen Ryan Hall	110, 210, 310, and 410
Louise D. Acton Building	28
MacGillivray-Brown Hall	103, 104, and 203
Mackintosh-Corry Hall	B245b and D570
McLaughlin Hall	403
Mitchell Hall	104, 109C, 113, 127E, 127H, 133, 137A, 137B, 143, 231, 300C, 302A, 337, 341
Nicol Hall	301 and 309
Robert Sutherland Hall	191 and 291
School of Medicine	070, 075, 325
Stauffer Library	179A
Stirling Hall	135, 163, 227, 329
Summerhill West	107 and 110
The Law Building	185, 210B, 366,
Theological Hall	25, 103, 105, 207, and 217
Victoria Hall	0027C, 136A, 137A
Waldron Tower	1-122, 1-123
Walter Light Hall	197A, 197B
Watson Hall	146



SEE YOU SOON!





Record. **Support.** Report.