



# HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON NEWSLETTER

## WHAT IS HSL?

The Queen's Commerce High School Liaison (HSL) is made up of 28 amazing students with a common passion for business and supporting commerce students. HSL facilitates communications to both prospective and incoming students at the Smith School of Business. We provide insights from a student's perspective, aiming to help ease the transition of first years into the program. This includes sharing content directly from HSL members, creating resources, and hosting a mentorship program. Annually, we represent the Commerce program at the Ontario University Fair in Toronto. We also give tours around Goodes Hall during Fall Preview Days and March Break Open House. If you ever see us in the halls and around campus don't be shy, we're always open to chatting!



Head to our website for more information: <https://www.smithcommhsl.com>

## WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION SHOULD I EXPECT FROM THIS NEWSLETTER?

As mentioned, our goal is to help you transition into the commerce program. In this newsletter, we'll be covering all the basics at the Smith School of Business! This includes information about our student government, the Commerce Society (ComSoc), access to resources for studying and academics, clubs, and first-year representative hiring in September.

## MEET THE COCHAIRS

We are extremely excited to announce the incoming HSL Co-Chairs, Cassandra Harvey and Shane Jeffrey. We cannot wait to see what they have in store for HSL this upcoming year.



**Cassandra Harvey**



**Shane Jeffrey**

## STAY CONNECTED

Follow us on our socials for more content and updates on upcoming events. Look forward to day in the life videos, tips & tricks, and other helpful information you don't want to miss out on! Feel free to message us with any questions you might have.



## FUN FACTS ABOUT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY



Queen's tricolour consist of blue, yellow and red and can be spotted throughout campus and at every university event



Douglas Library is home to the Harry Potter Room on the top floor and gained that name from it's resemblance to Hogwarts'



The Alma Mater Society (AMS) is the oldest undergraduate student government in Canada



## FAQS:

### WHERE WILL I HAVE CLASS IN FIRST YEAR?

- Most of your course load will be made up of Commerce-specific classes that are held in Goodes Hall (located on Union Street between Frontenac Street and Alfred Street)
- You will have two outside electives first year and these classes and tutorials for this class will depend on which course you pick, but all the information you need will be on Solus.
- If you need help locating a building or finding more information on courses, please don't hesitate to reach out to the HSL executive team; we're here to help!

### GOODES HALL

Take a look where your classes will be held.



## WHAT RESIDENCE IS THE BEST?

This is one of the most common questions students ask, and the answer will vary from person to person. It all comes down to your preferences and the university experience you want. Whether you want a communal-style residence for the social aspect or you would prefer a suite-style building for privacy, each residence comes with its benefits.

If you get placed into a university residence you think you won't like, don't panic. Plenty of students don't get one of their top choices. Every student ends up making the best of the opportunities their residence has to offer, and the bonds shared with those on your residence floor will stay with you throughout your years at Queen's University. We advise you to keep an open mind and take advantage of new experiences.

Living off-campus is also a great option. Off-campus life gives students more flexibility and freedom, and Queen's student neighbourhood means that you are often just a 5 minute walk from campus and your peers.



## WHAT ORGANIZATIONS CAN STUDENTS JOIN IN FIRST YEAR?

Queen's is home to plenty of student clubs and organizations, and the Smith School of Business has its own clubs under the Commerce Society. Most clubs have positions for First Year Representative that they hire for in September, so be on the lookout for applications. There are very few First Year Representative positions at Queen's, so do not get discouraged if you don't get one in September. Clubs will have larger hiring cycles in the Winter term for the next school year.

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### *Other Opportunities to Get Involved:*

- Intramurals and Sports Leagues (dodgeball, basketball, water polo)
  - LUG leagues for hockey, softball, football, etc.
  - Student Initiatives and Charities
  - Leadership positions in student residences
  - Club-organized social events
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## HOW CAN I LEARN ABOUT CLUBS IN COMMERCE AND AT QUEEN'S?

Most clubs will have information nights early on in the year. These are a great chance to hear from club executives about the subject and work the club focuses on. Clubs will also often host guest speaker and workshop events open to the public to give everyone a chance to learn. Quite often, AMS and Commerce clubs with a similar industry or interest area will partner to host events, giving you a 2-for-1 learning opportunity.

One of the best ways to learn about clubs is by having coffee chats with students doing clubs and activities you're interested in. If you've never coffee chatted anyone before or aren't sure how to go about doing so, send a direct message or email to the HSL executive! Upper year students understand how overwhelming the activities and club scene at Queen's can be for new First Years, so we'll do everything we can to help. We'd be happy to have a coffee chat with you and answer questions you have about Commerce and Queen's, or direct you towards the right person to coffee chat for specific clubs and interests.

## WHAT ARE SOME EVENTS FIRST YEAR STUDENTS CAN ATTEND?



Orientation Week

### CONFERENCES:



Queen's Marketing Association, Queen's Conference on International Business, and Queen's Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee Conference



Comm vs Eng  
CCC Game

### UP NEXT...

Look forward to our next email about SOAR, or the Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources. This newsletter will recap the event if you weren't able to attend.

### SIGNING OFF,

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