

Get to know University Councillor Alison Holt, Artsci'87:

BAH'87. Principal, Ahead Consulting and Consulting Partner, Marts & Lundy in the field of management consulting in the charitable sector. Council Trustee 2018-current. Member of University Council 2003-current. Previously served as Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee of Council, Chair of the University Council Reform Planning Group, and member of the Chancellor's Selection Committee. Currently Vice-Chair of the Board, Chair of External Relations and Development Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee, Member of Governance and Nominating and Human Resources committees. Past governance experience includes: Marts & Lundy Board of Directors; LEAP|Pecault Centre for Social Impact Advisory Committee; Montcrest School Board of Directors; Child Development Institute Foundation Board; Integra Advisory Board; Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education; and Queen's Alumni Association. Staff member in Queen's Advancement 1988-1999. Queen's Herb Hamilton Award Winner 2000. Current term to 2024.

This won't make the view book testimonial page. I visited a close friend for a weekend and slept on her floor in Vic Hall. We went to the Engineering Carol Service, the Underground Pub and the Quiet Pub. I lost a contact lens, subsisted on carrots and wine, and returned home to Montreal determined that there was only one choice for me. Oh, and the academic reputation was stellar.

Press nights at the Queen's Journal (many, many memorable moments over sleepless nights twice a week). It's where I found my people and learned the value of raising your voice. It changed my life.

I help great organizations get stronger so they can make an even bigger difference in the world.

want me to go, I had to do it, because you just don't get many chances to build something incredible from the ground up. She was right.

Helping to make that school a success was great, but more importantly the relationships built along the way are what I'll take most pride in. I'm also proud of the fact that my colleagues and I have been a small part of the success of great organizations changing the world.

With family and friends, and even better if we get to travel together. My husband Innes van Nostrand (former Councillor and Council Trustee) and I have three kids – Jack, Claire and Alec -- all Queen's alum. We love to spend time at our cottage in the Eastern Townships of Quebec.

It was part of my lifelong effort to never truly leave Queen's!

I've always firmly believed that this quirky, Queen's-specific, governanceie mie mie.0010.033 Tw4 (t)- Tw t7