



## **Nine per cent increase in first-year class at King's University College**

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London, ON. - King's University College is set to welcome more than 3500 new and returning full- and part-time students as part of Orientation Week (or OWeek), to be held the week of September 2-8, 2019.

King's is pleased to announce this is a nine per cent increase in the first-year class over last year, and a three per cent increase in enrolment overall.

"We are thrilled that we are welcoming more Canadian and International students," says Marilyn Mason, Vice-Principal, Enrolment Services and Strategic Partnerships.

The number of students includes 951 first-year or first-time (new to King's) students; 350 students in residence by the end of OWeek; and 749 international students (including 309 first-year international students) who have already started to arrive from over 30 different countries.

"King's is recognized to a great extent as Canada's leading Liberal Arts institution of its size. We help our students to leap ahead by clearing a path and find meaning in their lives through education and experiential learning," says Dr. David Malloy, King's Principal.

King's will hold Opening Ceremonies on Move-In Day on Monday, September 2, 2019 at 3 p.m. in the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre. There will be a formal welcome from members of the King's faculty, the Head Soph Team (upper-year volunteers) and the Western Cheerleaders.

As part of OWeek, King's Sophs will offer a variety of activities to welcome the incoming first-year students, including information sessions with King's professors and guest speakers, mature and transfer orientation, a multicultural festival, a resource festival, information on how to become involved in the community, a concert at UC Hill and more.

As students arrive on campus, they will be supported by dozens of Residence Assistants and Sophs. Along with members of the Student Affairs department, the Resident Assistants and Sophs will continue to provide assistance for personal and academic successes throughout the 2019/2020 academic year.

Dr. Malloy told student leaders, gathered at King's for training in late August, that "we are stronger together. Please care for our incoming students and for each other as the semester starts and over the year. It is important you are here for each other."

King's understands Move-in Day is also an important time of transition for parents, family and friends who are experiencing a change with loved ones starting university. Joe Henry, King's Dean of Students, will offer a seminar for parents, family and friends of students on Monday, September 2 at 1 p.m. in Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall.

For more information including a complete list of activities during OWeek, please visit <https://www.kings.uwo.ca/about-kings/visitor-info/calendar-of-events/orientation-week/>

King's is a public Catholic University College which provides general and honors degree programs in the liberal arts, social sciences, management, and a master's degree in social work. It is positioned in the top rank of institutions of higher learning in Canada for the high quality of its teaching faculty and student experience. Institutionally autonomous, King's is academically-affiliated with Western University, and King's graduates receive a Western University degree. King's is open to students of all faith backgrounds, with its community centred on the values of social justice, equality, and the education of the whole person.

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