

Leaving Waterloo's AVP, International Post

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As my time as the [University of Waterloo](#)'s Associate Vice-President, International concludes, let me express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve in the role – it has been personally transformative.

I have learned so much – learned about higher education, about internationalization, about collaboration, about co-creating, about team-building, and about myself.

And I have enjoyed so much – the learnings; the progress and achievements that we have made together; and the people I have met. Indeed, by moving into central administration, I got to work with – and got to get to know so well – many fantastic people whom I otherwise would not have met. I am particularly grateful for that. Thank you to everyone – at Waterloo and beyond – for your support and friendship during the past eight years. I look forward to keeping in touch!

And as I think about the highlights over the past eight years, there have been many: it has been an honour to welcome delegations from around the world to Waterloo; it has been a joy to represent Waterloo on the global stage; and it has been energizing and satisfying to build things together with others.

I will miss all of this and so much more, but I know that Waterloo International is in great hands.

And I am excited about returning to [University of Waterloo Faculty of Environment](#) and doing work on sustainable energy transitions (including governance, internationalization, and higher education! 😊).

I am also excited to have a forthcoming sabbatical and to be able to spend some time at [Arizona State University](#)'s Center for Energy and Society. I look forward to it, and feel free to get in touch on issues of common interest!

To all, best wishes for the holidays and for 2024!



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