

*The McMaster Students Union*

# PRESIDENT'S PAGE



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Supporting students in their transition from university to attaining employment after graduation is an important role of post-secondary institutions. This week, the McMaster Students Union has partnered with the McMaster Alumni Association, the Student Success Centre, and Hire McMaster to bring you the second annual *Life After Mac*. This new program represents a growing commitment of support for graduating students and helping in their transition out of university. From January 8-11, different events are scheduled with the intent to equip students with some of the knowledge, skills, advice, and network that will help ease the transition into 'the real world.' At the end of this jam-packed week, we are hosting an incredible performance and Q&A with famous actor and comedian, Ken Jeong.

Last year, the week ran as a pilot program and saw great success.

As a result, *Life After Mac* expanded its scope this year to better match student needs. In addition to past events, the updated programming relates to money management, networking tips, interview preparation lessons, resume review sessions, and the opportunity to learn from

Crazy Rich Asians, as well as in TV shows including *Community* and *The Office*. However, Ken's journey towards success in comedy was not linear. He originally went to Duke University to pursue a career in medicine, going on to complete his medical residency in New Orleans

The show is nearly sold out, but some tickets are still available online and at Compass in MUSC.

For more information about this year's *Life After Mac* events, visit [lifeaftermcmaster.com](http://lifeaftermcmaster.com). The Student Success Centre, McMaster Alumni, and Hire McMaster continue to provide transitional programming and coordinate paid work opportunities. In particular, the Alumni Association profiles stories of alumni finding their way as they journey through life after Mac via [medium.com/mcmaster-alumni](http://medium.com/mcmaster-alumni) and the Student Success Centre offers ongoing support services, including interview prep, career counselling, and career networking guidance.

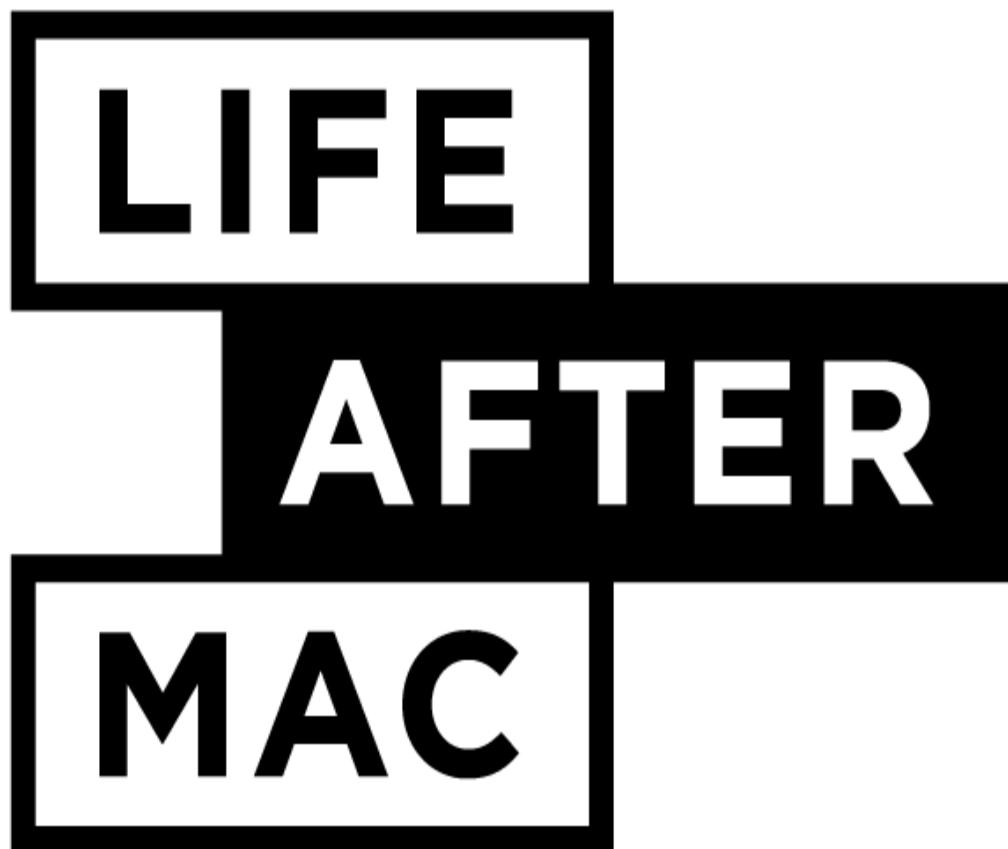
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recent alumni. Kicking off the week, the President's New Year's Levée was highly attended by graduating students. The always popular event is a celebratory toast led by President Patrick Deane.

Opening the show on Friday evening is Salma Hindy. Salma is a graduate from McMaster's Faculty of Engineering, whose journey into stand-up comedy began while Salma was studying for her masters. Since then, she has performed across the country and all over the world, recently as a part of the UK Super Muslim Comedy tour. She also placed 2nd out of over 400 comedians at the Toronto Comedy Brawl.

This year's headline speaker is Ken Jeong. Ken is recognized for his stand-out work in movies such as *The Hangover*, *Step Brothers*, and

before heading to Los Angeles to start his career in acting and comedy. After his comedy performance, McMaster alumna Amanda Weldon will moderate a Q&A that will touch on his career hurdles and hardships.



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