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CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENT
LIFE



✓ EXPERIENCE

Vice-President Student Life

My most relevant experience is having been the Vice-President Student Life already. I have insight for this position that I would not have without having done this for a year. I am confident that having successfully done this already will aid me in having an even greater successful term again.

Frosh Leader

I was a Frosh Leader already, having been a Froshie, a Leader, and the Vice-President Student Life. I know what the Froshies want, what the Frosh Leaders want, and what the corporation wants. This will aid me in having the best Frosh Week possible next year.

Business Administration

I am a Business major. This has given me a lot of insight as to how NUSU operates, and how to best help the organization succeed.

GOALS

CONTINUE AND INCREASE DIVERSE PROGRAMMING AT NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

Tradition of Successful Events

The Welcome Back BBQ and Frosh Week are great examples of events that already do well and happen yearly. In my position this year, I organized, planned and executed with my team the first Block Party. I would love to keep building on this, and make this a yearly "welcome back" for the students.

Wet and Dry Events

As NUSU opens its new student centre, it is important that although it is opening a bar, NUSU still runs "dry" events (meaning free of alcohol consumption). We have a large population of students at Nipissing, and we need to make sure that we are focusing on more than just alcoholic events with the bar opening.

Program Targeted Events

Having been in this position already, I know how important it is to run events and programs that represent many different bodies of students. If elected, I would like to run events that are program specific (in addition to university wide programs). Some examples would be a History department movie night, an English Studies trivia night, and more!

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CONTINUED EXPERIENCE

Residence Representative

While living in residence, I was a representative for residents on General Council, the Social Committee, and as the Governors House Complex Representative.

Technology Services Assistant

Before working at NUSU, I worked in the UTS Office. It was helpful to create connections with departments that I worked with frequently in this position, as well as how to troubleshoot problems, and also work closely with students coming into the office and resolving their technological problems.

Student Learning and Transitions Assistant

For a brief period of time, I was the SLT Assistant. A lot of my job was inputting data and reviewing materials from New Student Orientation (NSO) and planning for future orientation events. This is relevant to the position of Vice-President Student Life as the individual in this position needs to plan orientation events, participate in NSO, and collaborate with other groups.

NUSU Crew Member

In my first year, I was a member of NUSU Crew. Though it was not active last year, in my term, I have completely rebuilt NUSU Crew and turned it into a great opportunity to get involved, gain volunteer experience, references, and participation prizes.

GOALS

EXECUTE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL FROSH WEEK

This summer holds a number of changes for NUSU. Frosh Week is included in those changes. With the student centre opening, the operations of the student union will have evolved, and therefore it needs to be restructured and executed in a way that incoming students and Frosh Leaders will still have a positive experience. I recognize that every year there can be things done to improve the week, and having the experience, I am confident with my ability to fill the gaps, improve the week, etc. I ran a successful Frosh Week, but there is always room to improve.

SUPPORT GROUPS, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Continued Communication and Support

This year I was lucky enough to work closely with groups, clubs and societies, and I want to continue this. I would like to create a Society Policy that separates Societies and Clubs. I would also like to put more decision making in the hands of students. I'd like this to happen through encouraging students to join groups on campus such as NUSU Crew, clubs, societies, and to attend the events that those groups hold. I'd like to elevate the profiles of groups on and off campus and the work that they do.