

Mercedes Fichaud

NUSU Director-At-Large Candidate

It is with great enthusiasm that I submit my nomination for 'Director at Large' on the Nipissing University Student Union Board of Directors.

About Me:

I am a second year student in the Honours Bachelor of Business Administration program and am completing a double major in Finance and Marketing. I am from the Midland area which is approximately 30 minutes from Barrie, Ontario; however, I am currently residing in North Bay.

I am a huge animal lover and have two dogs at home, Napoleon and Rumba. I enjoy theatre and attend the Stratford Festival with my mom every summer - apart from this year unfortunately.

Qualifications & Experience:

During my short time at Nipissing University I have excelled academically and demonstrated strong initiative beyond the classroom. I took on a big responsibility this past school year as a Marketing Captain on the Nipissing and Candore Relay for Life Committee, where we raised over \$25,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

I was an active participant in my highschool community and was recognized with the School Letter and Pin for my contributions. My biggest involvements were as a Lighting/Sound Designer for school productions, captain of the girls basketball team and a member of Student Council.

The last two summers I worked as a marina supervisor. This experience taught me how to represent and respect my peers while still being able to deliver constructive criticism. I believe this would not only be very valuable, but necessary to have as a successful Director-at-Large.

Why I'm Running:

I am a highly ambitious student with a strong sense of advocacy and ethics. The NUSU Board of Directors is a great opportunity to demonstrate these

skills while still challenging myself to develop my communication and critical thinking skills. I quickly grew my passion for community service while involved with Relay for Life and am eager to become more involved in the initiatives on and off campus. I am especially interested in opportunities that have a strong impact on student culture and advocacy; thus why I am applying to the Board of Directors.

Three goals I would like to achieve if elected are to...

- 1) Maximize the Directors-at-Larges' reach so that every student knows of at least one person they can go to on the Board of Directors.
- 2) Develop an effective method for students to more easily have their voice heard, especially about issues resulting from COVID-19's impact.
- 3) Increase awareness of the services and responsibilities of the NUSU Board of Directors with the Nipissing student body.

With my skills, personality and vision I believe I would exceed expectations as a Director-at-Large; which is why you should vote for me!