



Ethan Houghton's Platform

Why you should vote for Ethan for Director-at-Large

I am Ethan Houghton and I am a 3rd year Honours Double Major student specializing in Sociology and Social Welfare. One of my past experiences that I think will bring a beneficial perspective to this position is having worked as a Residence Don for the University. This experience has taught me many things in regards to developing strong communication skills as well as understanding what the student population wants when it comes to things such as programs and having their voices heard. These skills will be helpful in the Director position as communication is extremely important in a team dynamic as well as communicating to the general population about what is happening. Also having experience with listening to students and hearing their opinions is crucial to this position as NUSU as a whole is meant to represent the student body and so hearing what they think is what will allow us to bring the most enjoyable experience to the student population.

A standout reason for me wanting to run for this position as a Director is being a contributor toward bringing change for the greater good of the students. It is important to understand that students are what make Nipissing University possible and to make sure we have our best interest for the students when making decisions. Having this position would also allow me to ensure that all students are represented in the community and have all voices heard.

Transparency: To honour the students who are putting their trust into the Student Union, transparency is a characteristic that is very valuable. Having transparency is important as it allows for students to understand completely what is being changed or discussed as it affects them personally. A way I plan to incorporate this is by creating open communication with those who are involved at NUSU as well as providing this information to the student population in an easy accessible way.

Representation: Something I find very important when it comes to making decisions toward the benefit of students is ensuring that the majority of students are heard rather than only a select few groups. A way that I plan to have all voices heard would be to advocate for more diverse programs to be run as well as creating an open dialogue for comments or suggestions toward the betterment of the University.

Inclusivity: To ensure that people are having their experiences shared and recognized, promoting inclusivity is a beneficial way to do this as it creates a sense of belonging. A way I plan on promoting inclusivity in this role is to ensure that there are more equal opportunities to all students as well as resources provided by the school.