

My name is **Patrick Bethune** and I am running for the position of Director-at-Large of the NUSU Board of Directors.

I am currently in my third year of studies here at Nipissing pursuing an Honours Specialization in Political Science. Over the past two year serving in my capacity as director, I have always remained committed to NUSU's mission of **enriching the student experience** at Nipissing and **committed to serving** the student body to the best of my ability. One of my favorite parts of serving as a director of NUSU is that I get to witness firsthand how passionate students can be about the issues they are advocating for. It has been a privilege to be able to **support** some of those **students** in their **advocacy** through NUSU. Should I be fortunate enough to serve another term, I will continue to act as a **mouthpiece for students** through my position with NUSU. One of my strengths is that I am generally very **friendly, approachable** and **open-minded**. I take my commitment as a student representative very seriously and try to make myself as **accessible** as possible **to hear** the **concerns, questions** and **ideas** of students. This is important since addressing these are integral to improving the experience of individual students at Nipissing and NUSU's mandate. One of my priorities will be to continue to ensure that **lines of communication** between the student body and NUSU are kept as **open** as possible so that students can feel confident that their representatives are **representing their best interests**. Furthermore, I will continue to **advocate** for students by **voicing** their **ideas** and **concerns** and by **making** all of my **decisions** with these at **front of mind**. I will also continue to support NUSU in its efforts of **reviewing and improving existing policies** (most importantly around **NUSU's general governance, oversight** and **accountability structures**) and continue to ensure that NUSU operates in a **fiscally responsible** manner. It is for all these reasons that I think you should vote **YES** for **Patrick Bethune** in this year's election.