

I, Emma Bonneau, am a student at Nipissing University in an honors BSc in Biology and a minor in Studio Arts. I am finishing my 2nd year in the 2023/2024 season and have been interested in getting involved with the thriving Nipissing community since I joined. I was fortunate to get involved with the residence community this year as an On-Call Don at Founders House. At NUSU events, I loved seeing our school's passion blossoming, and in my high school community/government, I was involved and have been looking for an opportunity to do so here too. I was the Media coordinator for the student council Instagram and ran for Student Trustee and Copresident. Over my summers I have worked with the City of Ottawa and Junglesport to coordinate camps and working in a team. I have learned a lot from my working opportunities and over 200 hours of volunteering at an array of occasions and for many organizations. From this, I've learned the importance of communication, respect and planning and I'm excited to apply my skills to a role and union I hold a lot of passion for.

Other than the great opportunity to develop professional skills and make meaningful connections, I want to help be an advocate for the students I would represent. As a science and art student I have heard the faculty and student concerns regarding funding, class availability and much more. I want to be involved in having the student and faculty voice heard in both the department of Arts and Science. To achieve this, I will be available through teams and google forms to seek out more information to extend my reach or perspective.

My goals are to explore the needs and interests of students/faculty or projects they support. To achieve this, I plan to talk to the members of Arts/Science through Google forms and table discussions. To break down my main areas of concern/interest within the departments I represent is to look at course availability/range, ways to cut costs for students and resource availability. I want to know the ins and outs of Nipissing University, which I plan to learn when I attend more meetings within departments and department wide meetings, to better understand and serve its staff and students.