



Hello, my name is Xander Winter, and I would like to represent you, the student body, as Vice President Communications on the 2018/19 NUSU Executive. I am currently a second year Child and Family Studies major with Concurrent Education and a teachable in History. In my time at Nipissing I have been involved with many different aspects of student life. I have worked as the supervisor of the Nipissing University Student Athletic Council (NUSAC) planning, coordinating, and running all school intramural sports, sung in the school choir Near North Voices, and was part of Residence General Council as well as a member the the Athletics and

Wellness committee. My involvement with the school has given me insight into how the school runs, and has prepared me for the role of VP Communications.

My platform is 3-tiered:

- 1) Awareness Campaigns
- 2) Health Plan
- 3) Club Communication

1) Awareness Campaigns

Nipissing University, led by NUSU Cares, has participated in many spectacular campaigns this year. The Respect Campaign to form alliances between people of all intellectual abilities, the #BellLetsTalkDay movement to help end the stigma against mental health issues, Let's Talk About Consent Baby campaign to teach about consent culture on campus, and the Movember campaign to raise money for prostate and testicular cancer research, as well as raise awareness about men's mental health issues in conjunction with Weighing In On Men's Mental Health to give work out tips to improve students' overall health were all very important to our student body. However, many students at our school did not know that these events happened. For awareness campaigns to be effective, people must be aware of them. To further the success of these already outstanding programs I would like to bring in guest speakers for each of these topics, as well as partner with other groups around the school to spread the word and gain their help in making these campaigns a true success. Another event I would like to promote is Orange Shirt Day. This past year for Orange Shirt Day there was a pot luck by the tipi, and in addition to this wonderful initiative by some of Nipissing's Indigenous students I would like to have someone come to the school to speak to the students about the importance of marking this day

and keeping the discussion about residential schools and their effects open. Finally, I would like to hold a vigil to battle violence against women on Dec. 6th in commemoration of the Montreal Massacre. This will be for all missing and murdered women, or any women that has experienced violence of any kind.

2) Health Plan

For the school health plan I would like to hear what the students would like. With the new OHIP program all medications are now free to people under the age of 25, which is most of our student population. Medication is a large portion of our student health plan, and if the student body would like, I would be happy to talk to our health insurance provider about removing this portion to save students money. I would also like to improve awareness of our health plan. The school's student health plan is very inclusive and covers many important necessities, yet many students still do not know about it or how to access it. I would also like to better publicize the fact that you can opt out of the student health plan for money back if you already have a health plan.

3) Club Communication

Through my experience running NUSAC and being part of Near North Voices, I know that many clubs and organizations at the school struggle with advertising and reaching the student body. As VP Communications, I would work to help the various groups of the school get their messages out. One example of this is that many students do not know about the many intramural sports that our school offers until the seasons are already in progress. I would like to make students aware of their extracurricular options, including not only athletics, but also Geography club, Near North Voices, Students on Stage, Best Buddies, and all other clubs on campus.

One of the ways that I plan to achieve these goals is to start a school newsletter. Newsletters would be written by students, giving the student body a chance to explore writing further, and would provide space for clubs to advertise. These newsletters would be emailed out on a monthly basis and could also provide advertising space to local business to let the students know what's going on in North Bay, as well as make money for further NUSU programming.

Please help me make all of these ideas a reality, and vote Xander Winter from January 29-31 this year for NUSU Executive.