

UWSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Sarah Anderson Accessibility Director

As a third year Education student living with a disability, I recognize that each student possesses a unique perspective on the world. Your voice is my passion and dedication.

As your twice returning Accessibility Director, your input guides my leadership. With experience in ambassador and motivational speaking positions, I also take interest in furthering the UWSA's More Than a Door Campaign to make entrances on campus more accessible and contributing to disability awareness and training within the UWSA and UWinnipeg.

I look forward to another year of progressing toward full accessibility and inclusion in ways that are meaningful to you!



Umar Awan Arts Director

My name is Umar Awan, and I am your UWSA Arts Director for the 2021-2022 term. I'm currently a second-year student pursuing my bachelor's degree in Political Science.

I have made multiple appearances on CTV News, CBC News, The Winnipeg Free Press and The Manitoban regarding my advocacy for students. I had created the petition for the University of Winnipeg and University of Manitoba Student Compensation back in the 2020-2021 term.

During my free time, I liked to do some professional level photography and create cinematic videos.

If you would like to chat, feel free to add me on my social media handles or email me at my email above. I hope to see all of you soon!

Instagram: @umarrawann



Bedel Shafe'a Business and Economics Director

My name is Bedel Shafea, and I am a fourth-year accounting major with a minor in Economics at the University of Winnipeg. I anticipate graduating in the spring of 2022 and plan to pursue the Charter Professional Accountants (CPA) designation.

Throughout my university career, I have been involved with several student groups at the University of Winnipeg. I am the current vice president of the University of Winnipeg Accounting Students' Association (UWASA). UWASA works to bring accounting students and the industry together to enable students to gain valuable skills in the industry through workshops and events.

Similarly, I serve as an advisor to the World University Services of Canada (WUSC), its Local chapter at the University of Winnipeg. I also served as Co-Chair in the 2020/2021 school year. WUSC is a non-profit that facilitates the sponsorship of refugee students who have experienced forced migration and live-in refugee camps. Besides student groups, I participated in the Inner-city work-study program at U of W in 2021. Through this, I work with a non-profit called English Online that provides free and flexible English and settlement services to newcomers in Manitoba.

Through these organizations, I established a deep connection to the community in which I live, study, and work. My involvement with these organizations further allowed me to get involved with the UWSA, serving as Business and Economics Director on the UWSA Board for the 2021/2022 academic year. As a board member, I collaborate with all students and student groups to address the common challenges we face while representing the Business and Economics students.

For fun, I like to run because it allows me to refresh my mind and connect with nature. If you would like to communicate with me, please send me an email at b.shafea@theuwsa.ca



Faith Marcial

Emerging Leader Director (2 Year Term)

My name is Faith Marcial. I'm an English Major. In 2020/21, I was so lucky to be part of the 5 Days for The Homeless Team as a Brand Ambassador and a Marketing Director.

I created, organized & effectively executed Valentine's Day campaign: 5 Days of Love. Which also included the participation of the National 5 Days team. The campaign's goal was to engage our current audience by spreading love to yourself and others and help aid in spreading awareness for homeless youth.

In my spare time, I work as a freelance portrait photographer. I believe in the encouragement of others so that they can feel confident in their own skin.



Deep Thind

Emerging Leader Co-Director (2 Year Term)

Hi all! My name is Deep & I am a 5th-year biology student at The University of Winnipeg. I have been at the university for quite some time now and decided to get more involved with the student body by being a part of the UWSA.

When I'm not nerding out over microbiology or biochemistry, I'm likely knitting, reading, or taking a nap. My goal as a director is to improve student experience on campus, especially after being away from campus for so long due to COVID-19.



Adhiraj S. Majumder

Environmental Ethics Co-Directors

Being a second-year student at The University of Winnipeg and as an environmentalist, I'm happy to inform you that I am elected for the position of a Co-director along with Adhiraj Majumder for the department of Environmental Ethics for the term 2021-22.

I choose this department, in order to reach out to students and work with them in making our university a place where we can celebrate our environment with the least possible carbon footprint of every student.

I am an international student from India, pursuing a 3-year bachelor's degree in Business and Administration. Apart from my studies, I am really into sports with cricket and horse-back riding being my favorites.

Spreading awareness about possible environmental issues that we face in our day-to-day life will be one of my objectives as a Co-director of Environmental Ethics.



Jude Obidiagha

Graduate Students' Director

Hi, I'm Jude Obidiagha and I am your UWSA Graduate Students' Director for the 2021-2021 term. I am currently a graduate student of Applied Economics (Policy Analysis) at the University.

As someone who is passionate and has taken actionable steps to address issues that dampened systems building and to promote positive change. I understand that servant leadership is a necessary tool to forge transformational change in society.

As a graduate student, I understand the many hurdles graduate students face and I'm here to assist in resolving any institutional challenges they might encounter in the course of their studies at the University of Winnipeg.



Riya Katia

International Students' Co-Directors

My name is Riya Katia, and I am third year student doing major in Business administration. I am in co-directorship with Priyanshu Setia at the position of International Student Director.

As being an International Student Director, I want to become the voice of all international student and bring equality in our campus.



Priyanshu Setia

International Students' Co-Directors

My name is Priyanshu Setia. I am a second year student majoring in Business administration. I am at position of International Student's Director in co-directorship with Riya Katia.

Being an International Student Director, I will try to bring changes by providing more facilities to International students on UWinnipeg campus.



Clifford Stornel

Part-Time/Mature Students' Director

Hi, I'm Cliff Stornel and two years ago I decided to take a life altering leap and completely change the direction of my life. Before that leap, I worked various inbound call centres providing customer service, the last position for a duration of 15 years. I am currently a second-year student work on a double undergraduate degree in Psychology and Conflict Resolution. I then plan to continue on for a Masters in Psychology. My long-term plan is to become a counsellor.

I was born and raised here in Winnipeg, on Treaty 1 territory, and lived in the north-end for the last 20 years. Outside of studying and doing homework well I don't do much right now, what with Covid and all. If we were not all living under a new normal I would have far too many hobbies to list off. The majority of them are related in some way to Table Top Games, Science Fiction, and Fantasy. Over the years I have chaired conventions, ran social groups, and volunteered in more organizations than I can list. I love to be active and involved in my community and the University of Winnipeg is my now my community. I look forward to taking an active role in the student community at UW.



Ripanjot Kaur Gill and Will Sass Recreation & Athletics Director

I'm a third year Kinesiology student and the Event Director at The University of Winnipeg's chapter in 'Motionball for Special Olympics'. Being part of Motionball, we together are helping raise imperative funds, creating awareness for the Special Olympics movement and making it possible for more people with intellectual disabilities to benefit from the transformative power of sport.

As a Kinesiology student, I aspire to raise communities' perspective towards being physically active by promoting recreational activities instilled with the values of inclusion and diversity.

I consider, sports and physical activity gives an individual a sense of community and belonging, that every student yearns for. Being an International student, I have always been exacting my comfort zone to explore my capabilities and encourage other students as well. Hence, I believe that "Life is about chasing new challenges and growing into a better version of oneself through gains and fails." Looking forward to more challenges and fun!



Manjot Singh Sembhi Racialized Students' Co-Director

My Name is Manjot Singh Sembhi. I am a first-year student majoring in Applied Computer Science. I am in Co-directorship with Shubam Aman Kumar at the position of Racialized Students' Co-Director.

As being in this position, I want to make a racism-free environment in our university where no one will be discriminated against based on their immutable characteristics.



Bavleen Kaur

Science Director

My name is Bavleen Kaur. I am a Data Science student at the University of Winnipeg. I wish to be a data analyst and work with agencies like Statistics Canada. Apart from working with numbers, charts and data, I am highly inclined to volunteer work and community service. I volunteer with the Red Cross as a Smart-Start program facilitator for newcomers.

I am always up for opportunities to build my communication and interpersonal skills. I served my school as the President of the Student Council, where I gained great leadership experience. I work at the university as a Student Mentor and help first-year students transition to university life.

Helping people, students and fellow mates give me great pleasure and a sense of satisfaction along with new experiences. Being the Science Director, I look forward to using the skills achieved and knowledge gained to represent the science community and voice all science students.



Ifeoma S. Onyekwelu

Student Living Director

Hello everyone, I am Ifeoma Onyekwelu- your new Student Living Director.

My vision is a situation where no student of the University of Winnipeg should have to struggle with cost of living due to university costs and I believe that this is achievable together.



Dagan Perrot

Urban Inner-City Campus Director

My name is Dagen Perrott (He/Him) I am a fourth year Urban and Inner-City Studies (UIC) and Conflict Resolution Studies (CRS) major, and the UWSA rep for the UIC Student Association for the second year in a row.

I am a white settler, born on Treaty 6 but I have lived most of my life in the inner-city of Winnipeg on Treaty 1 land. I primarily work as a tutor for the UIC department and as the program assistant at the Community-Based Research Training Centre.

Outside of this I volunteer with a few grassroots initiatives. I am grateful to continue to have the opportunity to learn and grow within this role and support the amazing community at Merchants Corner.



Mansi K. Joshi

Women, Trans & Non-Binary Students’ Co-Director

I’m Mansi Joshi and I’m currently a second year Business student. I came to Canada in September 2019. I was born in India, but I have been living in Tanzania since quite some time.

When I started my first year at the University, I was unaware about all the student groups and how things are at the university. As time went by, I came across different associations, and I decided to be a part of them. I first started as a member of the Business Administration Students’ Association (BASA) and then became a part of UWISU that is the University of Winnipeg International Students’ Union.

Being a part of different groups has taught me a new ways of learning things. Apart from the student groups I work as a Pharmacy Assistant at Walmart. I’m really hoping to have a great year ahead with you all.



Gursimran Kaur

Women, Trans & Non-Binary Students’ Co-Director

Hello there! (General Kenobi). My name is Gursimran Kaur, but if you ever see me in person, you can address me as G! and please do, I love making new friends.

Being a second-year student at UW, pursuing my bachelors in kinesiology faculty, I automatically want to muster as much experience as I can and want to understand what the students want and act on them.

I am running as women, trans and non-binary co-directorship, I as an international student understand the hardships of a regular student, trying to get through their degree and I want nothing more than making their life a bit easier while doing it. It’s In my nature to help people which is one of the main reasons that I ran for this position.

Working in community service, I learned the core values and importance of listening and helping people and I will integrate them in my service to anyone who reaches out to me.

Even though classes are Online, and students don’t have access to the on-campus services, I still understand the problems that they might be facing, and I will happily cater to those needs by making the appropriate decisions without any judgements. Thank you!

Student Representatives



Princess Egwu

University of Winnipeg Board of Regents

My name is Princess Chinyere Egwu (she, her). I am taking a 4-year bachelor's degree in kinesiology in this university, I love challenging myself, being careful in making decisions and having a positive impact in my team.

As an international student, I am aware of the struggles students face studying far away from home. My goal is to see to it that students who have the zeal to complete their degree are not hindered by finance but have the quality education they need. And I believe we can all work together to achieve that.



Althea Dunlop

University of Winnipeg Senate

Althea is a coffee-obsessed, intellectually curious, number-cruncher with too many interests to list. She has come to the U of W as a third-year Business and Administration student majoring in Accounting, and planning to minor in Applied Computer Science.

She has a varied educational background that includes time at both the University of Manitoba in Arts, and Red River College where she graduated last Spring with an Honours Diploma in Business Administration. While at Red River, she was involved in the Student Association as a general volunteer, tutored students in math, computer, and accounting courses, and got involved in leading a Business Solutions Team. Outside of school, she volunteers every spring with community Volunteer Tax Clinics that help low-income people with simple tax situations get their returns done.

Coming back to school after a decade raising a family of four while simultaneously doing her best to run a small clothing design business has been a big challenge, but one that she has enjoyed immensely. She looks forward to working with students across all faculties to make sure that their interests and voices are heard.

MORE BIOS TO COME!