

UWSA BY-ELECTION²²⁻²³ VOTER'S GUIDE

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UWSA THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

VOTER'S GUIDE 2022-2023

CANDIDATE SPEECHES

Get to know your candidates and their agendas before you cast your vote. Check out the Candidate pictures and bios in this guide.

WHEN:

Vote online and on campus on October 24-26.

*Polls open on October 24 and close at 6pm on October 26.

WHERE TO VOTE ON CAMPUS

- Centennial Hall across from the art gallery (Oct 24, 25, and 26 from 9am - 6pm)
- Richardson College for the Environment & Science Complex front lobby (Oct 24, 25, and 26 from 9am - 6pm)
- Floating station at Buhler Center (Oct 24 and 25 from 9am - 6pm)

HOW TO VOTE ONLINE

1. Check your Webmail to receive your unique Elector ID, password, and voting link.
2. Click on the voting link and enter your Elector ID and password to login and go to the voting page.
3. Go through every candidate and vote yes, no, or leave it blank to abstain.
4. Click "continue" when you reach the bottom on the voting page.
5. Review your ballot. If you need to change a vote, click "change".
6. Click confirm when you're satisfied with your answers. Your ballot will be submitted. You can view your voting receipt on the page.

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ACCESSIBLE VOTING, APPEALS, AND COMPLAINTS

DIDN'T RECEIVE THE SIMPLY VOTING EMAIL WITH YOUR VOTING LINK?

Check your spam folder! If you still can't find the email, visit an on-campus poll or reach us at cec@theuwsa.ca.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

The Chief Elections Commissioner (CEC) and Election Campaign Facilitators (ECF) are responsible for ensuring a fair and unbiased election, and managing all complaints, disputes, and violations of the By-laws. Any member of the association can file a complaint against a campaign.

Complaints about nominations and polling may be reported to the CEC, Khushneet Kaur at cec@theuwsa.ca.

Conduct complaints, including disputes between election campaign participants, may be reported to the ECF, Shehnaz Kaur Gill at s.gill@theuwsa.ca and Jaskanwal Kaur at j.kaur@theuwsa.ca.

Complaints regarding the conduct of the CEC or the ECFs may be reported directly to the chair of the Election Accountability Board (EAB) at chair@theuwsa.ca.

The Election Accountability Board is the check and balance for the CEC. Complaints against an action or decision of the CEC are appeals and can be submitted to the Chair of EAB at chair@theuwsa.ca. Any member of the association can file a complaint against the CEC but only those party to the original complaint can appeal a ruling of the CEC.

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VOTING PERIOD

Oct 24 - 26

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

Get to know all your candidates! See the list below.

CANIDIDATE FOR **ACCESSIBILITY DIRECTOR**



KRINA PATEL

Krina Patel is a second-year student studying at the University of Winnipeg, doing a major in Mathematics and a minor in ACS. She's dedicated to her work and tries to help everyone whenever they need help.

For the past few years, she has been working in Customer Service at different places serving them with good Customer Service and making them leave the store with happy faces. She possesses good skills to fit for the position of Accessibility Director.

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CANDIDATES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS AS CO-DIRECTOR



CO-DIRECTOR SOBAN FAIZ

Soban (he/him) is currently a second-year student at the University of Winnipeg and is pursuing the Bachelor of Business Administration honors degree.

Over the years Soban has served in a variety of roles to address the environment such as being a leader in his school's environmental ethics committee, as well as being apart of a body in his high school that encouraged the administration to address its carbon footprint as well to encourage recycling.

Soban has also attended multiple environmental conferences hosted by David Suzuki and his team, both virtually and in person, on how we can address the climate crisis. Be it big or small our actions matter, let's save the environment together.

Follow Soban's Instagram at [@sobanforuofw](#) for more information and to receive updates on upcoming projects.



CO-DIRECTOR FARWA AWAN

Farwa Awan is a 2nd year Neuroscience student. Farwa is also an avid activist towards the climate crisis and has attended many climate change protests.

She is the current President of the University of Winnipeg Muslim Students' Association. She was a part of her school's World Environment team, which taught people the importance of recycling and to be a more eco- friendly institution for our planet.

Farwa was a part of her school's Envirothon team where she studied the topics of Aquatics and Soils, in which her team earned bronze in the province.

In 2021, she was also given the opportunity to attend Bio Innovation week in which she got to visit a farm and learn all about sustainable farming and the impacts it can have on our environment.

Follow Farwa's Instagram @votefarwa to learn more about her campaign and promise for sustainability and change at the University of Winnipeg.

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CANDIDATE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



FATHMA MEHJABIN

Fathma Mehjabin (she/her) is an aspiring environmental economist pursuing her Master of Arts in Applied Economics with a specialisation in environmental, resource and developmental economics. She currently works as Climate Policy Analyst at the Climate and Green Plan Implementation Office with the Government of Manitoba.

She is passionate about conserving the mother earth and wildlife and firmly believes in combating climate change through pro-environmental policies. In her free time, she actively volunteers and advocates for local environmental interest groups and is a self-proclaimed bookworm.

As an international graduate student, she wants to help graduate students gain more exposure in their respective fields by conducting and organizing more networking events with alumni and faculty and assist with PhD programs for prospective students.

The goal is to highlight each student's hard work and help them develop their own personal brand and career identity.

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CANDIDATE FOR 2SLGBTQ* STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



BRIE VILLENEUVE

Brie Villeneuve (they/them) is a first-year student majoring in Neuroscience.

Community has been an important part to Brie's life since they were young. Ever since coming out they've strived to create a safe and accessible place for 2SLGBTQ+ youth to feel comfortable and confident in their surroundings.

Brie has been a prominent community leader through leading High School Clubs including their Social Justice and GSA and educating people on Queer Identity and other important topics like ableism and mental health. You can see their work @brie.vill on Instagram.

Identity is important. The fact students feel ashamed and scared to be open and proud speaks poorly to the support in our current system. It's time we change our understanding of how identity truly affects an individual and how we can honour it every day.

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CANDIDATES FOR PACE STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



DAVID DOKUN

David Dokun is an experienced management consultant with fifteen years of experience working in projects and consulting environments. Over the past decade, David's corporate and consultancy work has cut across aviation, Agriculture, and the public service. Notably, he has also worked with a team of experts to successfully deliver several multi-million-dollar projects for Chevron, Shell & Agip.

As a John Maxwell Certified International Speaker, Coach, and trainer, he facilitates transformational coaching and training sessions for individuals and corporates in the areas of personal development and public speaking. As proof of his competence, he recently earned the highest award achievable in Toastmasters International by becoming a Distinguished Toastmaster.

David holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master's in Business Administration. He is a student in the Project Management Diploma program at PACE and has held leadership positions in volunteer organisations such as Society of Petroleum Engineers and Toastmasters International.



RONIL PURANI

Who am I? **Reliable, Obedient, Neat, Innovative, Loving.** I am currently studying Post Graduation Diploma in Marketing Management at UofW PACE (Professional, Applied, and Continuing Education).

At present, I work as a Sales Associate with a leading home improvement company to support my education and living expenses. Also, I volunteer for an NGO to support a social cause. Prior to that, I have been a public relations and communications professional before starting my career in Canada.

Why should YOU vote for me? I am **Passionate, Adaptable, Committed and Energetic (PACE)** and these qualities help me to communicate our concerns and compliments to our community, UofW leaders and the government.

I want to help international and domestic students by:

1. Supporting to create of a balance between education, work, and family time.
2. Encouraging participation in UofW activities and developing a strong network among ourselves.
3. Initiating healthy forums and discussions among students (governed by UofW leaders/professors/instructors.)

I am one of you and I want to be the one for all of you!



SANCHIT SHANGARI

Sanchit Shangari is an immigrant living his dream in Winnipeg. He loves the University of Winnipeg, where he studies marketing management, dreaming of becoming a marketing professional after graduation. Instructors at his school adore him for actively participating in the school and initiating volunteering opportunities.

He is an extrovert who loves meeting new people and learning from their experiences. He has a strong belief in himself and others. His primary agenda is to help and nurture the community, which has supported and welcomed him to achieve his dreams.

PACE is a highly diverse professional school, where Sanchit met a lot of students from his class and other courses with a plethora of work experience and cultural knowledge. Sanchit seeks to generate more awareness about this awesome school and hopes to connect different cultures in PACE in one big family.



KARANBIR DHILLON

Hi, my name is Karanbir Dhillon. I belong to a family who immigrated to Canada from Punjab, India in 2012. Currently I am pursuing my degree in Criminal Justice aiming for a career in law enforcement. My first job was when I was 16 years old at a summer camp organized by the seven Oaks immigrant services. We worked with the sweetest little children ever and it was my favorite work experience. I then worked at The Real Canadian Superstore as a deli clerk.

Now as someone who has come through strong out of all the struggles as an immigrant here I am looking forward to expanding my skills by helping and becoming a voice for the international students who are a part of PACE.

This bio would be incomplete if I don't tell you that I love modeling, dancing and Acting...

NISHA OBEROI



I am an international student and one of you all. My name is Nisha Oberoi (She/Her) and I am thrilled to declare my candidacy for the role of PACE Students' Director.

For those who don't know me, I have worked as an IT Consultant in Delhi, India, and now I am a part of Staples IT Support. I am currently pursuing a Postgraduate Diploma in Network Security. Forever, I have walked in your shoes.

I am very personable and receptive to any concerns. I am a skilled observer, an attentive listener, and a persuasive speaker. One of the leading drama groups in North India is Natyashala, of which I am a co-founder.

I've performed many street plays about social issues. I have great management skills and excellent budget planning. My objective is to use my background to raise awareness of the problems encountered by university students.

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CANDIDATE FOR UWSA REGENTS



GARV KOCHAR

Hello Everyone, my name is Garv Kochar and I'm a second-year bachelor in business administration student from India. I aspire to be an investment banker after completing my bachelor's from the University of Winnipeg.

I am a fitness enthusiast and I enjoy serving my community when I am not in the gym or studying. I have been a volunteer with Red Cross for multiple years, participating in multiple workshops and charity events held by them over the years. On a professional level, I have been an auditor for a high-level firm in India and I have also been a financial advisor with the same firm. I aim to be a Regent with the UWSA in the upcoming by-law election and make a difference on our campus and for all my fellow students.

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CANIDIDATES FOR UWSA SENATOR



JOSHUA CECIL HANEY

As a member of the Métis Nation, Josh Haney (he/him) grew up in Manitoba his entire life. He's a full time Business Administration student with an employment background in philanthropy, and politics.

He has volunteered for organizations such as Gwen Secter, the Stonewall 55+, and as a fundraiser for the Neurological Wellness Association, where he set the record for the most funds raised in a day.

Previously he managed and worked on various political campaigns, and ran for town council in Stonewall, Manitoba.



RHYTHM GILL

Hi ! I am Rhythm Gill (she/her), a first year international student majoring in Biochemistry. I plan on attending med school after my graduation and hopefully becoming a neurosurgeon. I am a polyglot. I am also a gold level participant for The INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE .

I have volunteered for a non-profit organisation that helped autistic kids. Volunteering makes me at peace, when I worked with kids with autism or kids with special needs I was at the happiest point of my life .

I learnt so many new things from these children, they are the most vulnerable yet strong people I've ever met in my life. I really want to make a change even if a little in my surroundings. I am passionate about making a difference in others life and learning new things that life has to offer for us. I believe that human race is so lucky because we have such a strong community and everybody is so willing to be there for each other. I love spreading smiles and teaching and learning whatever I can from others. I am a firm believer of fairness , hardwork and integrity. Thanks for considering me !



LEAH SHORE

Hi everyone, I'm Leah Shore, I'm a second year rhetoric and communications student and I'm running to be one of the next UWSA Senators. As senator I hope to be able to give students a voice and be involved in making choices around their academic experience here at the university.

I believe this is one of the best ways to make the best decisions regarding the curriculum and other academic aspects of the university. Make sure to get out and vote to see the changes you'd like to see be made on Election Day!



MUBARAK OWOLABI

My name is Mubarak Owolabi, I am studying Applied Computer Science in The University Of Winnipeg . I'm from Nigeria and I am running for UWSA Senator in the upcoming UWSA Election because I aim to represent students to the University of Winnipeg Senate and make decisions about important topics that directly impact UW students.

I am possessing an effective personality with enhanced communication skills. I am an enthusiastic learner with exceptional computer based skills and possess various soft skills like emotional intelligence, empathy and caring nature.

I have gained leadership skills from being the given the chance of heading some school based projects which has allowed me to learn about advanced leadership, communication, teamwork, organization and public speaking skills. The one thing which I can ensure about myself is the hard work and dedication towards the task assigned till it gets done.



NICHOLAS M. WASYLIW

Nick Wasyliw is a volunteer, activist, and elected executive specializing in writing, communications, and outreach. He is president of the English Literature Students' Association and a writer and reader of short stories.

He currently works as a canvasser for the Winnipeg Labour Council, spreading awareness of and advocating for political candidates endorsed by the council. In addition to this he is also a volunteer for and member of the Manitoba Young New Democrats.

When not going door to door in support of a school trustee or city councillor Nick's time is primarily spent on creative endeavours. With over 40,000 words of creative writing completed he has a continual motivation to improve his ability and create better works.

Email Nick at nmwasyliw@gmail.com to ask a question or see about joining the English Literature Students' Association.



SUALEHA

My name is Sualeha, and I am a third year political science student. I like to take part in campus activities so I am really excited to run for one of the University of Winnipeg Student's Association (UWSA) Senator positions. I would like to have a chance at possibly advocating for student's concerns regarding any academic policies and practices.

I am running for UWSA Senator because I believe I can make a change by advocating for students' concerns in front of the Senate Committee. I have an extensive background in student leadership and advocacy. I am currently the UW Muslim Student Association External Affairs Manager and have held many leadership positions in high school as well.

As a UWSA senator candidate, I am striving to implement a volunteer credit to cater to different learning styles of students and acquiring increased assistance for international students in understanding all academic policies.



HARPREET SINGH PUNJAB

A 3rd year International Student at UWinnipeg, Harpreet belongs to Punjab and is running for UWSA Senator. Having excellent leadership skills and his keen interest in Student benefits, he was actively involved in Student activities and Community services and running awareness campaigns at his back home.

Harpreet's one of the priorities moving forward as a UWSA Senator is to represent UWinnipeg students to the Senate, as he thinks sometimes student concerns regarding their academic appeals and other academic issues remain unrepresented due to more vacant positions in the Senate.

Being UWSA Senator, Harpreet committed to act in the best interests of Student Welfare and the university by exercising civility, collegiality, and decorum.

To Support Harpreet Singh, Follow him on Instagram at @harpreet.singh.punjab and boost his hashtag #SinghforSenate.



RAIHAN MAHMUD

Greetings, my name is Raihan (Ryan) Mahmud. I am an international student studying Human Resources at U of W, PACE. I would like to express my gratitude for your time today. In the past, I founded a social organization and volunteered in various fields including the students' association, which I am continuing here by serving on the PACE Student Life Committee. Bringing students together to share relevant career experiences is an invaluable part of students' careers. I am proud to be a part of a committee that facilitates that dialogue.

Studying at UW has allowed me tremendous learning experiences while also providing opportunities to be a problem solver. I am running for the UWSA Senator position because I want to be the "VOICE" you need in your difficult times. To address international students' tuition fees, I want to be the spark.

As your representative on the University Senate, I will fight for your interests. Being an international student in a diverse classroom has allowed me to view things from all angles, which will help me better understand the underlying concerns. If given a chance, I am confident I can offer you the maximum advocacy and insight for success.



TARAN SINGH

student majoring in Biochemistry. After graduation I plan on attending Medical School and becoming a surgeon. I enjoy painting, writing and playing basketball. I'm a hardworking, passionate and resilient person. I volunteer at English Language Program at University of Winnipeg and have also worked at a retirement Home. I am running for the Senators position in UWSA 2022 elections.

I believe in equal opportunities for all. My campaign focuses on providing students with the opportunity to understand and get more involved in academic matters and help students to achieve academic success. Thank you for considering me.

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