

UWSA GENERAL ELECTION 2023

VOTER'S GUIDE

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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WHEN:

Vote online and on campus on March 13-15, 2023.

*Polls close at 6 pm on March 15.

WHERE TO VOTE ON CAMPUS

Riddell Hall and Richardson Building from 9AM-6PM, March 13, 14, 15.

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.

ACCESSIBLE VOTING, APPEALS, AND COMPLAINTS

ACCESSIBLE VOTING

The Simply Voting website is compatible with screen reading technology. Students with accessibility needs or those without access to Wi-Fi can also vote by phone during the voting period. To cast your vote, call the Acting General Manager, Thomas Hanan from 9 am to 5 pm on March 13-15 at (204)-786-9792.

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

Check your spam folder! If you still can't find the email, reach us at t.hanan@theuwsa.ca. Your vote will be tentatively accepted until we can confirm your student status.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

The Chief Elections Commissioner (CEC) and General Manager 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, polling, and disputes between election campaign participants may be reported to the CEC at cec@theuwsa.ca and General Manager at t.hanan@theuwsa.ca.

Complaints regarding the conduct of the CEC or the General Manager 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 and General Manager. Complaints against an action or decision of the CEC and General Manager are appeals and can be submitted to the Chair of EAB at chair@theuwsa.ca. Any member of the association can also file a complaint against the CEC or General Manager, but only those parties to the original complaint can appeal a ruling of the CEC and General Manager.

VOTING PERIOD

Mon, Mar 13 – Wed, Mar 15 by 6:00pm

MAKE YOUR **✓VOTE** COUNT

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

CANIDIDATES FOR **PRESIDENT**



PARUL CHAUHAN

My name is Parul Chauhan, and I am an international student majoring in psychology. As an international student I aspire to represent the interests of all members of our institution to ensure we continue to thrive as a leading academic institution, which is why I am running for the position for the president.

I am passionate about advocating for students need on campus and able to address concerns from the seemingly unheard positions. I will work to create a campus culture that is inclusive, innovative, and empowering all students by prioritising student wellness and mental health.

FOR UNITY CHANGE AND HOPE.



KIRT HAYER

AWARENESS SLATE

Hello everyone! My name is Kirt Hayer and I am once again asking for your support in the 2023 UWSA general election. During my two years of service, I have repeatedly sought to create innovative policies, and to incorporate feedback from all of you to create a better students' union.

I have implemented initiatives that benefit students such as promoting the use of Open-Source Educational Resources (free to access textbooks), created a lounge for UWSA directors to promote engagement with the student body and promoting athletics by hosting a soccer tournament and introducing the sport of cricket.

Throughout my tenure, issues surrounding governance and finance within the UWSA have stood out as the biggest challenges in the pursuit to create a student union of the highest possible value. In order to overcome these challenges, I have hired a new auditor to audit the union's finances, introduced bylaws that require presenting at least three quotes for services and products being purchased by the UWSA, and changed UWSA elections bylaws to give candidates more agency in the elections process. In my next term as UWSA president, I intend to continue this work to create a UWSA that better serves students.

Instagram: @kirthayer



TOMIRIS KALIYEVA

EXECS FOR THE PEOPLE SLATE

Greetings, University of Winnipeg people. I'm a student from Kazakhstan in my third year of an International Development degree. I'd love to have your vote in the upcoming elections, since I believe I have what it takes to be the President for the people.

In the past year, I've been an International Student's co-director for UWSA, and have learnt a lot from that position. As President, I would start more initiatives from our university, since too many large-scale events are happening jointly with UofM. I truly believe that our university is as good, and if represented correctly, can prosper and grow. However, I would still love to continue working with UMSU in advocating for lower international student's fees and free healthcare for international students, as free healthcare is a human right.

I am a very honest and reliable person, and I have experience in student politics. My dream is to work at the UN and help people live lives they deserve. As a highly ethical person, I would never act on something if it doesn't benefit the majority. Thus, I believe that by voting for me, you will truly be voting for a brighter future and a better university life.



ZEKARIA SALAHADIN

Hello everyone, my name is Zekaria. I am currently a fifth year in the University of Winnipeg. Currently, I am running to become the next President for the University of Winnipeg Student Association (UWSA).

The reason for my decision to become the president is because I believe there is a lot that needs to be changed throughout the University of Winnipeg. I believe that the main change that needs to be made is the student retention in the activities of the University of Winnipeg. For this to happen there needs to be a change in how we in act the security and costs for students such as the food that is available, and the fees that are placed on students.

I believe that there also needs to be more activities that are available for student to make it more fun in order to increase student involvement within the university. This is the main things that I want to push for if I become president. Remember to vote in the Elections.



QUINTON VANDER AA

Vote for me on March 13 - 15.

CANIDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT AFFAIRS



MANAV NARANG

Vote for me on March 13 - 15.



CHRISTINE QUIAH

EXECS FOR THE PEOPLE SLATE

“Fight for the things that you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.” - Ruth Bader

Hello all, I’m Christine and I’m running to be your Vice-President Student Affairs for the upcoming year. I’m a student from Bangladesh. I’m in my 3rd year, double majoring in Criminal Justice and Conflict Resolution.

Presently, I am serving as the Co-director for International Students, and have gained valuable knowledge about current happenings and how to effectively participate as well. We worked with UMSA and MAPS to address healthcare and high tuition fees, not just internationals but all students.

I aim to make systemic changes that enable anyone who wants to participate to do so easily and transparently, without the need to navigate through many people and lengthy procedures. While serving on the board for an entire term, I have gained experience and perspectives that would have otherwise been unavailable to me.

Through which I’ve made strong connections. My goal is to organize joint events that will benefit all students in terms of networking. I am confident that our University can take the lead in organizing events and not only join other University led events.

Go vote!



ANJALI SONI

I am Anjali Soni, doing bachelors in business administration and I am in my second year.

I have always tried to bring best out of me and I want bring best out of my university. There are several issues that students face and I want to address them so that students have no longer issue regarding anything that affects them. I had always volunteered in several NGO's. I have all the leadership qualities that a vise president of student affairs need to have.

To know more about me follow me up on instagram @anjalisoni1105



PATRICK TRUDEAU AWARENESS SLATE

Hello everyone! I am Patrick Trudeau. I am a student here at UWinnipeg, going into my final year of studies. I am a political science major who aspires to make a positive impact for all of us campus. I enjoy studying both the humanities and STEM, and I know how important it is to everyone to maximize academic success. I am running to be your next vice-president external affairs, and my campaign will focus on three important policy initiatives: improvement of campus security, affordability, and mental health resources. Each student who attends the University of Winnipeg should feel safe, which is why I will work with the UWSA and campus security to see what new changes we can make to ensure the protection of all students.

Providing extensive mental health resources is vital; as an individual who has worked as an entry-level social worker, I have seen how individuals who have problems with their mental health have been greatly impacted. The student experience at the University of Winnipeg should be high quality; I will work to attract more businesses to campus to ensure students have more places to attend to eat, study and have greater affordability through more business competition.

CANIDIDATE FOR **ACCESSIBILTY DIRECTOR**



PATEL DEVANSHI ALPESHKUMAR

Hi, I am Devanshi Patel. I am a second-year student studying at the University of Winnipeg, pursuing Business administration.

I am an optimistic, obedient, generous personality. I try to give my level best in whatever I do.

For the past few years, I have been working in Customer Service with different companies. Assured customers with an excellent Customer Service. I possess good skills to fit for the position of Accessibility Director.

I believe in making around surrounding more accessible.

Thank you.

CANIDIDATE FOR ARTS DIRECTOR



ETHAN REDEKOP

Hello. My name is Ethan Redekop, but most people know me as Etan. I am in my fourth year of an Honours Degree in Philosophy, and I am running to be the UWSA Director of Arts. I am currently the president of the Philosophy Students' Association, and I work in the Library, so you may have seen me around campus.

The University of Winnipeg has given me so much; it has made me a truly better human being, given me opportunities to learn, and provided me a lovely community, and so I would like to give back to UW by serving on the UWSA Board of Directors. I promise to work for the interests of the arts and maintain academic excellence at this institution.

The arts, social sciences, and humanities provide us with amazing and beautiful insights about society and the human soul, which makes them a necessary part of civilized life. Without art and thought, existence would be dull, which is why I care so much about emphasizing the role of these disciplines in our society and institution. I will, therefore, ensure that truth and light continue to flourish at the University of Winnipeg.

CANDIDATE FOR **BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS DIRECTOR**



SAHIL LEKHI

Hi everyone, my name is Sahil Lekhi and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Business and Economics Director. I am entering my second year this summer and I am eager to take on new challenges and opportunities.

I have always been passionate about participation and teamwork, and I believe that these values are essential for success in both sports and business. As a former athlete, I learned the importance of hard work, dedication, and perseverance, and I am committed to bringing these qualities to my role as Economics and Business Director.

If elected, I will work tirelessly to promote participation and collaboration among our community of business students. I believe that by working together and supporting one another, we can achieve great things and make a positive impact in our perspectives of business. Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I look forward to serving you all as Business and Economics Director.

CANIDIDATE FOR EDUCATION DIRECTOR



SARAH ANDERSON

My name is Sarah Anderson and amplifying your voice is my passion and mission. As a fifth year Education student and a UWSA board member of four years, I am appreciative of the rich diversity among UWinnipeg students, including those pursuing a teaching career. While we are aspiring educators, we may also be parents, employees, rural dwellers, people living with disabilities, and contributors to our respective communities.

I am committed to advocating for schedule flexibility, online options for info/PD sessions, increased accessibility considerations, and other topics that promote success for all. I have developed the necessary skills to implement such changes through nearly a decade of leadership, disability advocacy, public speaking and writing.

I have also had the privilege of working alongside former and present student representatives and UWSA staff to create grant opportunities, improve the Access Lounge, and most notably, spearhead UWSA's More Than a Door campaign which led to over 70 automatic operators being gradually installed on campus doors. While furthering parts of this work, I am motivated to continue learning in my journey to empower emerging educators.

Vote March 13-15 and have your voice heard!

CANDIDATES FOR EMERGING LEADER DIRECTOR



GABRIEL LOUER

Vote for me on March 13 - 15.



KARAMJEET SINGH

Hey, I'm Karamjeet Singh, a criminal justice major in my second year of university and I am running for the Emerging leader director position.

I consider myself to be a people-person who enjoys interacting and strives to raise awareness of social concerns. In terms of my personal life, I had the chance to work in the parliament, which increased my understanding of our political system. I'm excited to put my knowledge to use improving the UOW student population. I am very passionate about bringing positive changes and advocating on behalf of Uwinipeg students.

I am running for this position because I want our students to be heard; I want to ensure that their messages are conveyed and that improvements are made with them in mind. I intend to work closely with executives to give our students thorough services. I am determined to regularly engage with our students to keep an eye out for any concerns or issues that might need to be addressed to the executives. To conclude, I think that spreading positivity and interacting with people can make a big difference in any area, and as an Emerging Leader Director, I want to deliver my best. Thank You.

CANIDIDATE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



DHRUV GUPTA

I am Dhruv Gupta and I'm a 2 year business major student. I am competing for the position of Graduate Students' Director. My main motive to compete in this election is to be the voice of the students and also to provide them with the help they need.

Working in various NGO and self help group has given me a lot of learning experience and leadership skills.

I would like to use that skill to guide our international students who need someone to guide them in correct path.

To know more about me follow me on instagram at [@imdhruvg](#)

CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DIRECTORS



ISHITA WADHWA

CO-DIRECTOR WITH RAVPREET SINGH SALUJA

Ishita Wadhwa is a first-year student studying at the University of Winnipeg, pursuing the bachelor of business administration degree. She is running to be the next international students director.

Over the years Ishita has been working to serve the society by being part of various clubs and national schemes .

She is a good influencer and always take a step ahead to help others .

As an international student she knows the hardship and threat's for them and wants them to get the greatest exposure and experience of their life.

The goal is to bring a mandatory change towards better standard of living.

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RAVPREET SINGH SALUJA

CO-DIRECTOR WITH ISHITA WADHWA

Ravpreet Singh Saluja (He/Him) is an International Student at the University of Winnipeg, doing a major in Applied Computer Sciences. His hometown is in Amritsar in Punjab.

He joined this University last year. He is running to be the next International Student 's Director.

He is an extrovert and always meets and greets people with grace. He is a good communicator, hence helps everyone by listening and solving their problems.

His goal is to bring a necessary change in the surroundings and set up standards for the individuals.

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CANIDIDATE FOR 2SLGBTQ* STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



BRIE VILLENEUVE

Vote for me on March 13 - 15.

CANIDIDATES FOR **PART-TIME/MATURE STUDENTS' DIRECTOR**



WALTER DYCK

Vote for me on March 13 - 15.

CANDIDATES FOR PROFESSIONAL, APPLIED, AND CONTINUING EDUCATION (PACE) STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



JAYAKRISHNAN BALAKRISHNAN (J KRISH)

J Krish is an international student pursuing Marketing Management program at PACE. He is in constant pursuit to explore the opportunities in Winnipeg as well as in UofW. He has marketing expertise working with MINI Cooper and VW. He is a graduate in MSW & MBA.

J Krish is also a HipHop singer songwriter who consistently releases his original songs in his YT channel "JKrish". Since his arrival in Winnipeg in Sep2022, he has performed live in 5 stages. J Krish is an approachable person who loves networking. He is empathetic and a good listener. J Krish trust in his qualities as he is a man of his words.

PACE is an umbrella where amazing people from all around the globe have gathered with limitless experiences in variety of fields to fulfill their dreams. It would be an honour for J Krish to represent and serve for each one at PACE to make the opportunities available for everyone equally.



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.

CANIDIDATE FOR RACIALIZED STUDENTS' DIRECTOR



OYIN AKINBOYE

Hi, I'm Oyin Akinboye and I'm running for Racialized Student Director at the University of Winnipeg. As a Black student, I understand the importance of representation and having a voice on campus. I'm dedicated to ensuring that the voices of all racialized students are heard and represented.

I'm a 3rd-year student studying Computer Science, and I've been actively involved in various initiatives on campus that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion. I'm particularly proud of my work partnering with the BIPOC lounge coordinator to host a successful Black History Month event, as well as my volunteer work with community organizations like Harvest Manitoba.

If elected, I plan to continue advocating for racialized students and supporting their access to necessary resources and services. I believe in promoting mental health and wellness initiatives for students and creating a more inclusive and equitable university community for everyone.

If you're looking for a passionate and dedicated individual who is committed to making a real difference on campus, I'm your person. I hope you'll consider me for the position of Racialized Student Director. Together, let's create a better and more equitable university community for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

CANDIDATES FOR RECREATION AND ATHLETICS DIRECTOR



AFRASIYAAB KHAN

Vote for me on March 13 - 15.



MUBARAK OWOLABI

My name is Mubarak Owolabi, and I attend The University of Winnipeg to pursue Applied Computer Science. I'm from Nigeria and I'm running for Recreation and Athletics Director in the upcoming UWSA Election because I want to work on and improve the university's sporting events. I want to manage all aspects of an athletic programme, including scheduling, promoting events and programmes, ordering equipment when necessary, and facilitating operations.

I have a strong demeanour and improved communication abilities. I have excellent computer skills, a passion for learning, and a variety of soft skills like emotional intelligence, empathy, and caring nature. Being given the opportunity to lead some school-based projects has helped me develop my leadership abilities and exposed me to advanced leadership, abilities in public speaking, collaboration, organization and communication. The only thing I can guarantee about myself is that I will work diligently and devotedly on the assigned job until it is completed.



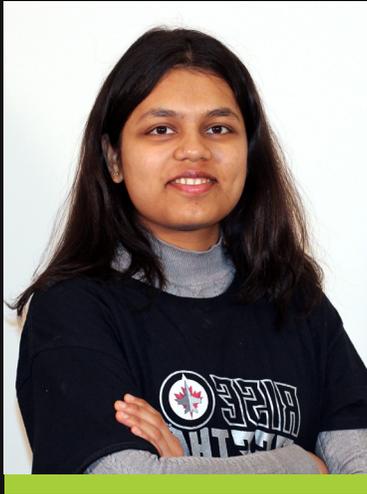
ENIOLA SOETAN

Eniola Soetan (she/her) is a first year biochemistry student at the University of Winnipeg. She is an aspiring sports medicine physician.

Eniola can often be found at the Duckworth and RecPlex buildings on campus where she works as a scorekeeper and events assistant for Wesmen athletics, as well as a community attendant for RecPlex. You may also have seen her participating in basketball and soccer drop in sessions!

The link between sports and community has always been important to Eniola, and she has aimed to further explore that link through her multi-faceted involvement in athletics throughout the years: from competitive participation, recreational participation, coaching, managing, scorekeeping, media, research, and community work. In this role she hopes to continue to use a multifaceted approach to sport in order to ensure that they are fun and accessible to the entire UW community!

CANDIDATE FOR **SCIENCE DIRECTOR**



VRUTTI GABANI

Vrutti Gabani is a second-year student at UOW, she is a perusing degree in Computer Science. she is a dedicated and motivated candidate for the position of Science Director. With a strong background in leadership and having served as high school president for two years, Vrutti is committed to advancing the field of science and promoting scientific literacy among students.

During her time as president, Vrutti implemented several initiatives to improve student engagement and promote academic excellence, including science fairs, field trips to local science museums and labs, and a peer tutoring program.

As Science Director, Vrutti will leverage her experience and passion to develop and implement innovative programs that encourage students to pursue careers in science and promote scientific literacy. she is committed to creating a supportive and engaging learning environment for all students and promoting diversity and inclusion in the field of science.

Vrutti is the ideal candidate for the position of Science Director, with the vision, energy, and commitment needed to lead our university's science program into a bright and exciting future.

CANIDIDATE FOR **STUDENT LIVING DIRECTOR**



ANSHUL PATHANIA

Vote for me on March 13 - 15.

CANDIDATE FOR UWSA REGENTS



KARANINDER SINGH DELOW

Hi, I am Karaninder Singh Delow and I am a first-year international student. I am doing my majors in applied computer science.

With my diverse experiences and passion for making a difference, I aspire to be a Regent with the UWSA in the upcoming bylaw election. I am committed to working towards positive change on our campus and advocating for the needs and interests of all students.

CANIDIDATES FOR UWSA SENATORS



RAHUL KANWAL BRAR

Rahul Kanwal Brar, an international student from Punjab currently in his second year of studies at UWinnipeg is a candidate for the UWSA Senator position. Rahul takes pleasure in serving the community and is passionate about fitness. He has been actively involved in student activities and community services in his hometown.

Representing the concerns of the University of Winnipeg students to the Senate is a top priority for him as a UWSA Senator. He is primarily focused on addressing academic appeals and other academic issues that may have been overlooked due to vacant positions. He aims to provide students with a platform to express their opinions and participate in decision-making processes that impact their academic experience at the university.



NICHOLAS WASYLIW (NICK WASYLIW)

Nick Wasyliw is a volunteer, activist, and elected executive specializing in writing, communications, and outreach. He's been a University of Winnipeg senator since 2022 and is the current president of the English Literature Students' Association.

He has experience working 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.

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