

2021 Education Council Elections Platform

Student Representative

Candidate: Tyler McLaren

I believe that I'm a pretty average student here at Douglas, and can accurately represent the needs of the students. I'm in the economics program and have taken a wide range of classes so far. School is challenging, I get that. The work can pile up and things can get stressful. I'd like to try and smooth that out as much as possible. I've been involved in a couple clubs, particularly the debate club. In the club I speak with, and have a good time with other students while developing my critical thinking skills. I'd like to fully understand what the best course of action is and act for the interest of all students at Douglas. I'm willing to do my part and research topics if necessary to be better informed on topics that come up on the board.

Candidate: Amrita Ramkumar

Hello, I am Amrita Ramkumar, I am running for the student representative position for the education council elections at Douglas College. I am a third-year business student in the BBA Program majoring in human resources. I am also an international student from India. I enjoy giving back and fostering a community.

During my journey at Douglas College, I have been lucky enough to volunteer with the future student's office, to be an edge leader and to have won the "Up and coming leader award at the 2020 Student Leadership Awards at Douglas College. I have been a campus representative at the DSU for two terms, and during this I have met with MLAs to advocate for students and magnify the issues around college tuition and international tuition fees. I have attended the BC Budget and participated in the transition of moving our events, campaign, and services online.

If given the opportunity to sit on the education council I will make sure the voices of international students are represented when making decisions. I will ask question, provide ideas and opinions to make educational decisions, and work together with the board. I will also make it a point to provide recommendations, and discuss information provided to me, and put it forward to the board at monthly meetings.

Candidate: Miguel Rodriguez Ibarra

United our voices are stronger, heard and change can be achieved. My name is Miguel Angel Rodriguez Ibarra and I'm running in the 2021 Education Council Elections for Student Representative with Team U+I. I'm an international student in the Associates of Arts program, specializing in intercultural and international studies. Throughout my student life, I've been engaged in multiple activities and groups such as advising international students, offering diverse opportunities and helpful workshops. Each one of these activities design to help each

student develop or grow in the cultural, social and educational spheres. As a student, I consider that is important to be heard and walk together to the process. I would like to have a stronger and direct connection with the students in order to listen and prioritize any issues. I commit to listen, move and achieve meaningful changes for you. Let me be your voice.

Candidate: Tyler Sullivan

Tyler Sullivan is an active student at Douglas College in the legal studies program. His journey first started back in Fall 2015, where he got involved in the school through Student Ambassadors. After a year, he was unsure where his future would lead, so he took a break from school. He returned in Fall 2019 semester, where he got involved in advocating on behalf of students on changes needed in the school. He obtained a personal goal to grow students critical thinking and communication skills at Douglas College. In Winter 2020, Tyler formed the DSU Debates Club through the Douglas Students' Union, to work toward achieving his goal. Tyler currently sits on the education council and was appointed member of the education council appeal tribunal. Tyler has demonstrated through his time on education council as a strong voice for all students. Tyler feels he is best suited to continue to help guide the education council, representing the students as a whole at Douglas College.

Candidate: Luna Wagner

Hi, my name is Luna Wagner and I am running for Education Council as one of your student representatives for the 2021-22 school year. I am a second-year student obtaining my Bachelor in Physical Education and Coaching. I believe that every student has the right to affordable and accessible education. Having the experience of being a student ambassador and a member of the student wellness awareness network, I understand the struggles students face when it comes to dealing with stress. With the experience I bring, I will advocate for better online platforms that provide transparency and organization for students. Along with that I will focus on bringing fairness within programs to allow students to be more successful and more open education resources so school can be more affordable and accessible to all. The transition to online learning due to COVID-19 has been a tough time for everyone, and with the increase of tuition and limited resources available to students, I can ensure that I will work closely with the board members on the Education Council to make sure the policies that are in place fairly represent students and their learning.

I will make sure that students are fairly represented on the education council by:

- Working alongside faculty to provide more access to open educational resources
- Advocating for better online services
- Encouraging faculty to have open communication to allow better transparency between the professor and student
- Equal and fair student representation to ensure student success and accountability