

When I first stepped onto campus, I knew I wanted more than just an academic experience—I wanted to create a community where every student feels supported, heard, and empowered. I'm Vijayta Thakur, and over the course of my time at Douglas College, I've had the privilege of wearing many hats—from guiding students as a **Student Ambassador** to helping new faces feel at home as a **Global Engagement Buddy** and showing our campus in its best light through **campus tours** and mentorship. These experiences have opened my eyes to the incredible power of connections. I've seen how a simple conversation, a helping hand, or a shared experience can transform someone's journey and help them truly thrive. As a member of the **Student Education Council**, I will work to build a student-centered learning environment that reflects our diverse needs. I'll advocate for better communication between students and faculty, ensuring student feedback is integrated into shaping academic policies and resources.

I will actively work to make education more inclusive and will focus on increasing student grant funds, helping to create more opportunities for students from all backgrounds. I'm also committed to improving academic resources, fostering collaboration, and making sure students have the support and platforms they need to shape their own educational journey.

I would be honored to represent you, and together, we can create a college experience where growth, connection, and success are at the core of everything we do.