

2016-2017

**ANNUAL
REPORT**






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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are the students of George Brown College committed to supporting each other in the struggle for students' rights, the pursuit of quality education and the provision of services in a safe, equitable and accessible environment.



OUR MANDATE

The Student Association functions as the central student government representing the interests of all George Brown College students. The Student Association focuses on representation, advocacy, delivery of services and the operation of businesses to support its overall mandate.

The Student Association's basic objectives shall be:

- A. To build a united student movement among the students of George Brown College regardless of gender, religion, ethnicity, language, ability, sexual orientation, age or socio-economic status.
- B. To provide a democratic forum to voice students' concerns and issues.
- C. To provide the opportunity for students to unite in various student groups to address concerns specific to particular constituencies of the Student Association.
- D. To facilitate cooperation among all students and student groups to work towards common goals on a cooperative basis.
- E. To voice the students' perspective on issues at the college, municipally, provincially, and federally and to represent the students' interests at all levels.
- F. To promote awareness of pertinent College activities and policies.
- G. To strive towards a high-quality education by providing optimal support services accessible to all students.





MESSAGE FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The 2016-2017 school year was a year of changes. With an entirely new Board of Directors, the Student Association of George Brown College (SAGBC) was set to take the organization into a new direction where transparency and accountability were key focuses, followed closely by a desire to increase the engagement of our membership and empower our members to make change.

Over the summer of 2016, the Student Association spent most of its time focusing on training the new Board and integrating them with the staff of the organization to ensure everyone was working together in harmony. Of course, we spent much of the summer planning the events for the school year, but a large portion of our time was spent on reworking our budget. The Board wanted to ensure that our budget properly reflected where our members' money was being spent, so we worked hard to ensure that budget line items were updated with the correct names of departments, as well as reduced the amount of "miscellaneous" and "other" lines so that students can see clearly what their membership fees are paying for.

Throughout the year, we hosted some wonderful events, such as: Fuego Latino Night, Mawd, Desi Night, Not Your Typical Sex Talk, an International Women's Day Panel, SA Let's Talk: Black History Month, Genderful, Indigenized, and many more that bring our students together and also teach them about the diverse communities that come together and make the GBC community...all while having a great time and taking a break from the daily grind of assignments and exams!

For our incredible Community Action Centre, the 2016-2017 term was where we saw great strides being taken towards building more inclusive environments. This was the year that the CAC started introducing testosterone kits into the George Brown College community. It was the 2016-2017 year that the CAC was able to pave the way into making those testosterone kits available and easily accessible for the 2017-2018 year.

During the Fall 2016 semester, the Student Association of George Brown College became a key player in the November 2 National Day of Action. As Ontario is the province with the highest tuition fees in Canada, it is no surprise that this was a highly important event. Organized by the Canadian Federation of Students, after passing the vote in the June 2016 National General Meeting, many of the Toronto Action Coalition meetings were held in SAGBC spaces! We hosted students from across the GTA so that we could plan for the Day of Action. On November 2, 2017, over 100 GBC students gathered at the St. James Campus and were provided with a bus at the rally meet-up point on the Ryerson University campus where we marched to Queens Park and rallied to "Fight the Fees". That rally sparked key conversations with folks like the Minister of Advanced Education and Special Skills, Deb Matthews, and the Premier of Ontario, Kathleen Wynne.

The 2016-2017 year was a wonderful learning experience for us as a Board of Directors. We not only worked to teach our members about important topics like consent culture, trans* inclusion, gender-based violence, anti-islamophobia, and Black Lives Matter, but we also brought our students together and built a true community. From our over 120 part-time student staff members, to our 60+ clubs, the SAGBC truly strives for inclusion of all of its members.

We are truly grateful to have served as your Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 term.

2016/2017 BOARD MEMBERS

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Director of Campus Life
Brittney DaCosta

Director of Communications & Internal
Riddhi Modi

Director of Education
Tiffany White

Director of Equity
Rajai Refai

Director of Operations
Gemedra Beker

CAMPUS DIRECTORS

Casa Loma Campus Director
Naqeeb Omar

Satellite Campus Director
Vacant

St. James Campus Director
Francis Torres

Waterfront Campus Director
Gracel Quibrantar

EDUCATION CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE

Art and Design Representative
Rajat Sood

Business Representative
Ron Greenberg

Community Services Representative
Andrew Murrell

Construction & Engineering Representative
Mufasa Fashina

Health Sciences Representative
Nikki Shumaker

Hospitality Representative
Cathy Chung

Liberal Arts & Preparatory Studies Representative
Michelle Harrypaul

CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE

First Nations, Metis and Inuit Representative
Leslie Van Every

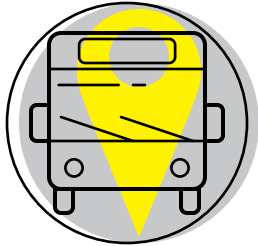
Accessibility Representative
Carolyn Mooney

International Students Representative
Gurjot Singh

LGBTQ Representative
Sheldon Mortimore

Woman & Trans Representative
Jimbo Cotoner

PROGRAMS & SERVICES



T T C M E T R O P A S S E S

20,853 metropasses sold



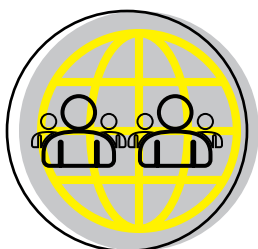
K I N G S L O U N G E

Over 50 events hosted



S A F E W A L K

2,616 walks



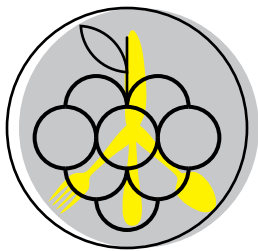
C L U B S

More than 75 clubs and 200+ events



L E G A L

Over **300** students supported



F O O D B A N K

7,528 individual visits



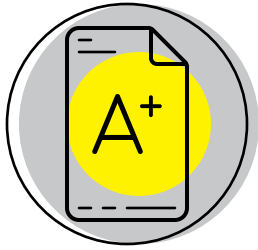
T A X

268 students served



C O M M U N I T Y A C T I O N C E N T R E

Over **4000** students engaged in the fight for accessible education



ACADEMIC ADVOCACY

264 cases supported



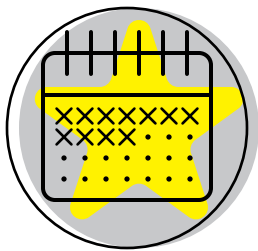
MEMBER SERVICES

24,641 students insured under our health plan



THE DIALOG

264 stories published



EVENTS

Over 5000 students attended events

A few posters of our Events

GBC FEST 2016
ALESSIA CARA
 LIVE IN CONCERT

W/ SPECIAL GUEST
BOI-1DA

CRAIGSTICKLAND
 DJ LISSA MONET

HOSTED BY: HARLOW PALMER
 (@YouTube User) (@Facebook Mistry)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21
 THE PHOENIX CONCERT THEATRE
 410 SHERBOURNE STREET, TORONTO, ON
 8 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

FREE FOR GBC STUDENTS | \$10 FOR GUESTS (GBC STUDENT TICKETS ONLY)

ROGERS PRESENTS
 THE 16TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BOAT CRUISE

Boat Cruise

Join us for the biggest party on the water, with the best views of the city. Multiple floors, DJs and sounds.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30, 2016
 \$20 for GBC students and \$25 for guests.
 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Aboard the Enterprise 2000 | 242 Cherry Street
 Tickets are available at all SA offices.

Shuttle buses will be available at 6 p.m. from St. James campus
 (corner of Frederick & King St. E.)

SA
 GBC
 LAKESHORE

MAWD

SOCA VS. DANCEHALL EDITION

FRIDAY, OCT. 14, 2016
 8 P.M. - 1 A.M.

ST. JAMES, KINGS LOUNGE

MUSIC BY:
 DJ SOCA SWEETNESS
 DJ FIRE KID STEENIE

FREE FOR STUDENTS
 \$10 FOR GUESTS

Withband policy in effect

Please note: Absolutely no access into the college during the event from the Kings Lounge. Shuttle buses will be available inside the Kings Lounge for jackets & bags.

GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE
GOT TALENT

We are looking for the best talent in the school. Singing, dancing, juggling, magic, etc.

1st prize - \$500, 2nd prize - \$250, 3rd prize - \$150

THURSDAY,
 NOV. 24, 2016
 ST. JAMES, KINGS LOUNGE, ROOM 150
 6:30 P.M. - 9 P.M.

FUEGO
 LATINO

PERFORMANCE BY
FIYO BLANKO

A PUB NIGHT TO SHOWCASE LATIN AMERICAN CULTURE, FREE FOOD, DANCES AND MORE.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25, 2016
 ST. JAMES, KINGS LOUNGE, ROOM 150
 8 PM - 1 A.M.

FREE FOR GBC STUDENTS & GUESTS

Withband policy in effect

Please note: there is no access into the college during the event from the Kings Lounge.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE PRESENTS
DESINIGHT
 - SOUTH ASIAN PARTY -

Performance by **Deep Jando**

Come out for a fun night on our party to the latest in South Asian music.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9, 2016
 8 P.M. TO 1 A.M.

ST. JAMES, KINGS LOUNGE, ROOM 150
 FREE FOR GBC STUDENTS | \$10 FOR GUESTS

Withband policy in effect

Please note there is no access into the college during the event from the Kings Lounge. Coat Check will be available inside the Kings Lounge for jackets and bags.

HOLIDAY JAM

END OF TERM PUB NIGHT, DJ, DANCE FLOOR AND PRIZES.

FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 2016
 8 P.M. TO 1 A.M.

St. James, Kings Lounge, Room 150
 Free for GBC students, \$10 for guests

Bryran was injected with HIV by his father in 1992.

His story regarding HIV education has received national attention.

Come hear his amazing story!

WORLD AIDS DAY
 MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER:

BRYRAN JACKSON

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016
 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
 St. James campus, Kings Lounge (Room 150)

STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE PRESENTS

PAINTBALL
 BATTLE OF THE CAMPUSES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017
 Sgt. Spalders Paintball | 54 Wingold Avenue

\$5 for GBC students and \$10 for guests

Tickets available from Student Association office:
 430 Spadina Street, 1st Floor, St. James Campus, Toronto, ON M5S 1A5
 Shuttle bus will be leaving from St. James at 6 p.m. Corner of George & Spadina Street
 Shuttle bus will be leaving from Lakeshore at 6 p.m. Corner of Sheppard & Lakeshore Avenue

Student Association of George Brown College presents
GBC Winter Fest 2017

THE BIGGEST PARTY IN THE CITY THIS WINTER

Laidback!!
ROY WOODS
RITZ & Olanib

Friday, Jan. 27, 2017
 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Phonix Concert Theatre
 410 Spadina Avenue

Tickets: \$10 for GBC students and \$15 for guests (see guest list for details)
 All are available at all SA offices. *GBC Members \$5 per ticket and \$10 for guest tickets.
 All are available at all SA offices.

SA
 GBC
 ADVISORY (LIVE! COMEDY)

KINGS LOUNGE COMEDY NIGHT

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+ KEITH PEDRO & CRYSTAL FERRIER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2017
 ST. JAMES - KINGS LOUNGE, ROOM 150 | SHOW TIME: 6 P.M.
 A \$10 will be included in your \$15 ticket.

Join us for a good laugh with some of the best comedians in the city.
 Language Advisory: Due to the nature of stand-up comedy, some of the language & content used may be explicit.

Indigenized
 Featuring **Shub**

(FORMERLY OF A TRIBE CALLED RED)

AN ELECTRIFYING NIGHT OF POWWOW STEPPING MUSIC BY JUNO AWARD WINNER DJ SHUB.

ALSO FEATURING DJ LANCE BLACK, INDIGENOUS ARTWORK AND A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY GLENNIE BOYTS

FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 2017
 ST. JAMES - KINGS LOUNGE, ROOM 150
 7 P.M. - MIDNIGHT

FREE FOR GBC STUDENTS | \$5 FOR GUESTS

MAWD
 DA LAST LAP

DON'T MISS THE LAST REGGAE VS. SOCA PARTY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2017
 St James - Kings Lounge, Room 150
 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Free for GBC students before 9 p.m. \$5 after.
 \$10 for guests all night.

Music by Fire Kid Steenie, Soca Sweetness and B-Smooth
 Special dance performance by Fire Kid Steenie

Withband policy in effect

Please note there is no access into the college during the event from the Kings Lounge.

SA
 GBC

STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE PRESENTS
DESINIGHT
 - SOUTH ASIAN PARTY -

Friday, March 31, 2017
 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.

St. James - Kings Lounge, Room 150
 Free for GBC students \$10 for guests
 Prizes for the best dressed

Music by:
 Toronto Production House

THE ULTIMATE GLOW EXPERIENCE

INDOOR SKYDIVE | SKYSLAM DRINK OFF TOURNAMENT / FRAM ZONE AFFRESH/STYLE JUMP

SKY ZONE
 INDOOR TRAMPOLINE PARK

Thursday April 6, 2017
 6:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

\$10 for students - \$15 for guests

Book your tickets from your Student Association office: 430 Spadina Street, 1st Floor, St. James Campus, Toronto, ON M5S 1A5
 Contact list of participating clubs to sign up your designated teams: 430 Spadina Street, 1st Floor, St. James Campus, Toronto, ON M5S 1A5
 All are available at all SA offices. *GBC Members \$5 per ticket and \$10 for guest tickets.
 All are available at all SA offices.
 Shuttle buses will be leaving from both St. James & St. James campus at 6 p.m. Shuttle
 INFORMATION: All attendees must be 18 or older to participate. All attendees must be 18 or older and must have appropriate ID upon registration for membership benefits.

12TH ANNUAL
 END OF YEAR
Boat Cruise
 MEMORIES EDITION

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017
 LEAVING 6:30 P.M. | \$20 FOR GBC STUDENTS
 RETURNING 11:30 P.M. | \$25 FOR GUESTS

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL SA OFFICES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017.
 430 SPADINA STREET | ST. JAMES CAMPUS | TORONTO, ON M5S 1A5

SHUTTLE BUSES WILL BE LEAVING FROM ST. JAMES CAMPUS ONLY FROM 6:30 P.M.

QUESTIONS BY CONTACTING:
 DRESS CODE: YOUNG PROFESSIONAL
 THIS IS A 19 PARTY!

Covers of The Dialog Newspaper



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to headline GBC Fest
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Amigo reflects on 40 years at GBC
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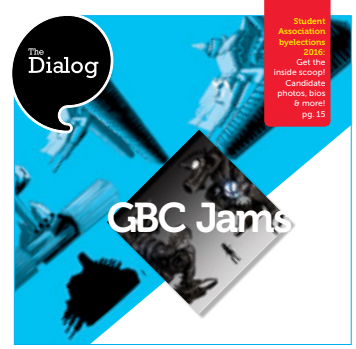
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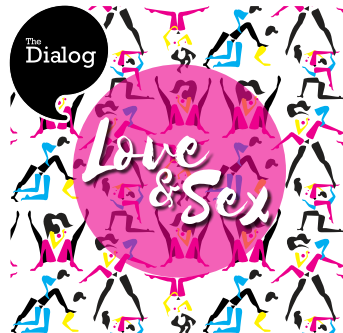
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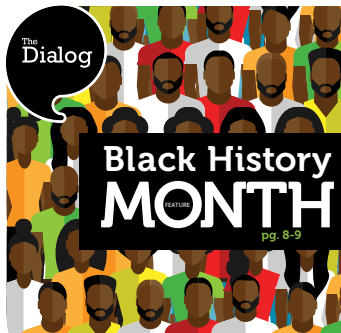
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See the George Brown powwow
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New SA board aims for unity after election
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Huskies indoor soccer brings home gold
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STUDENT ASSOCIATION FEES

THE SA RECEIVES A SMALL PORTION OF THE FEES AT THE COLLEGE, WHICH IS SPENT TO OFFER VARIOUS SERVICES TO STUDENTS:

SA OPERATING FEE :

\$59.71 per year

This fee is used to operate many services and departments in the SA including events, clubs, food banks, Community Action Centre, campaigns, academic advocacy and The Dialog.

SA BUILDING FEE :

\$31.95 per year

The SA helped to build the Casa Loma Student Centre in order to provide students with a place to eat and relax. A portion of this fee is also used to pay off the existing mortgage and maintain the facility.

SA CONTINGENCY FEE :

\$1.93 per year

This amount goes into a fund that allows us to deal with unforeseen expenses and emergencies.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS :

\$8.12 per year

This fee goes towards membership in the CFS, which gives students perks such as free ISIC cards.

HEALTH INSURANCE :

\$191.54 per year (domestic)

\$570.82 per year (international)

The SA provides extended health care benefits to the students of George Brown College



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