

# What's going on at the SA

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## Meet your Student Association board of directors!

### **Ali Shahid, Director of Finance & Operations**

Ali came to George Brown College by way of the University of Toronto and the Ontario College of Art and Design. "I have a wide range of experiences which I would like to bring to the table to help improve the student experience at our college," he said.

Ali also worked as a bookkeeper for two years. "I believe in the highest of transparency in the

financial process and I firmly believe that we can do things that benefit everyone by hearing the voice of students and acting on their feedback," he said.



### **Aman Arora, Construction & Engineering Technologies Representative**

Aman is a wireless networking student. He describes himself as young, smart and volatile.

"Skills and knowledge alone are not enough to meet the organization's goals but hard work, innovation and responsiveness will give better results," he said.

Aman plans on working to add more and more industrial

visits and co-op programmes, help international students understand and try to increase lab hours. "For me, it's not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog," he said.



### **Brandon Wallace, Director of Student Life & Campus Relations**

While Brandon is Mr. Popularity, he's also a born leader.

"My straight – forward approach to issues in my everyday life translates well into leadership qualities, as there is never any backing down or shying away from pertinent, pressing issues," he said.

This year, Brandon was a member of the Events team.

Using that experience, Brandon wants to raise and improve school spirit, make a difference in the rebranding of the Student Association, help create an SA board that has maximum student representation on all levels, and help SA events reach their full potential.



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## **Christine Graystone, Campus Director Casa Loma**

Christine brings 18 years of entrepreneurial experience with her. What does that mean?

"I am a great idea person. That means I love great ideas and, occasionally, I even have one or two," she said.

A keen observer, Christine noted the following areas of college life need improvement: improving pedestrian safety on campus, the library, improving access to

instructors and work spaces, food options, and improving the ways the Student Association and its representatives reach out to students.

"We can take great ideas and turn them into action through negotiation and mastering a thorough comprehension of the issue from all its perspectives," she said.



## **Cindy Brownlee, Director of Education and Equity**

Cindy is back for her third term on the board of directors. The vice president of Ryerson for two terms, Cindy helped increase student health insurance coverage by \$300,000 without increasing prices to students. She is also to thank for wireless Internet at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts and discount movie tickets sold at Student Association offices.

This year, Cindy intends to create an equity of services across all campuses and increase access to college and university for underrepresented groups. "I stand for students. My time at the SA has been dedicated to serving students," she said.



## **Corinne Bos, Hospitality and Tourism Representative**

Corinne is a culinary management student who travelled for a few years before coming to George Brown. She is looking to strengthen communication between the Student Association and hospitality students, who have their own campus and may feel isolated. "Feel that many events and information don't get

passed on to the hospitality and culinary students and would like to help change that and insure that our centre gets informed better," she said.

Corinne also wants to set up a designated location in the hospitality building to post flyers and advertisements to inform students of upcoming events and opportunities.



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## **Daniel N. G. MacDonald, Director of Public Relations**

Daniel was the vice president of St. James and academic issues for the 2010-2011 school year.

"I wasn't sure I would run for a second term; however, after careful consideration and encouragement by students, it was hard to say no. One year is not enough to accomplish everything; in this second year – we're

gonna kick some butt!" he said.

Daniel intends to focus on a full implementation of the Student Representative Councils with a college buy-in, creating a student marketplace on the Student Association's website where students can buy and sell used textbooks, and helping with the SA's branding.



## **Itzila "Liz" Sanchez, Ryerson Campus Director**

Liz is an early childhood education student at George Brown College's Ryerson campus.

Liz considers herself a great leader.

"When decisions have to be made, I am the one to speak up," she said.

Using her leadership qualities, Liz intends to advocate for George Brown College students at Ryerson to have

better access to Ryerson facilities, increase student awareness of bursaries and grants offered by the Student Association, the college and external organizations, and have more ECE activities for George Brown students at Ryerson. Liz's position will be ratified at the next board of directors meeting.



## **Leon Cox, Director of Internal Affairs**

Before being elected to the board of directors, Leon worked in the Campaigns department of the Student Association and helped raise student awareness of critical issues. He was also a regular contributor to the Dialog, the student newspaper.

While in office, Leon plans on increase the SA's presence on campus to improve student awareness, par-

ticipation and use of SA services, improving internal efficiency and communication and strengthening the relationship between the SA and the George Brown College administration.

"As a GBC student and SA staff, I have noticed opportunities for improvement in the efficiency and efficacy with which the SA represents the student body," he said.



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## **Robbie Depriest, Liberal Arts and Preparatory Studies Representative**

Robbie is a first generation student and studies social service work and life skills coaching. Before coming to George Brown College, Robbie volunteered over 3,000 hours across Canada in rural and urban areas and in First Nations reservations. He successfully facilitated experiential education by fostering personal and professional development to more than 300 young Canadians

across Canada. "An honour and a privilege I will truly cherish forever," he said of the experience.

While living and volunteering in

Quebec with low income

families, Robbie taught

himself to speak French.

Robbie plans to advocate,

mediate, or arbitrate on

behalf of students and to fight

for certificate students

being able to access TTC student Metropasses.



## **Ryan McFadden, Business Representative**

Ryan is a mature student entering his second year of human resources. He brings with him nine years of business experience.

"I want the business faculty to have strong representation," he said.

Ryan considers himself approachable, friendly and outgoing and has an objective point of view and an under-

standing that each individual voice is important.

"I want to be involved in the campaign of students first

by allowing the opportunity

for ALL program students

to have an equal voice,"

he said.

He brings with him a

commitment to the of

student concerns and

suggestions with an unbiased approach.



## **Siân Melton, Community Services Representative**

Siân ran for the community services representative position because she loves helping people, had a desire to get involved and wanted to make the most of her GBC experience.

"I am very passionate about helping people," she said.

"I have a voice and I'm not afraid to use it."

She hopes to establish a stronger voice for the ECE and community services department while making herself

known to students and being there for them.

"I believe the best college experience is one where stu-

dents get involved and feel

like their school cares

about them, so I want to

provide that for my fellow

students," she said.

Siân's position will be

ratified at the next board

of directors meeting.



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## **Shasa Boshoff, Campus Director St. James**

Elected as campus director of St. James for the third time, Shasa is also the commissioner of the national students with disabilities constituency with the Canadian Federation of Students. When not helping to ensure students with disabilities are able to make the most of their college experience, Shasa also helps foster school spirit by promoting SA activities to the student body and

increase student involvement.

“There is a lot of work that still needs to be done to improve students’ knowledge about the SA and to ensure the students at St. James receive the best from their student union,” she said.

“I will continue my involvement in student groups and ensure that my presence at St. James continues.”



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## **Constituency Centre Representatives**

George Brown College is unique in that it offers constituency centres to its underrepresented students. It is one of the few colleges in Ontario to offer a space to LGBTQ and women-identified and trans students, and the only college in Ontario to offer space to aboriginal, ASL and international students. Each centre also has a representative who sits on the board of directors.

Damien Turner is the ASL centre representative, Teal-Rose Jarid Jaques is the LGBTQ centre representative, and Danielle Saldanha is the Centre for Women and Trans People (CWTP) representative. Danielle was the business representative on the 2010-2011 board of directors. The aboriginal centre representative and the international student representative positions are still open. If you are interested in running for these positions, contact Claudia Caine at [ccaine@georgebrown.ca](mailto:ccaine@georgebrown.ca).

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