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Emily Williams

Delegate-At-Large



Emily Williams is a graduate of the Human Rights department at St. Thomas University and will begin her LLM in International Human Rights Law at the National University of Ireland, Galway in September. She is interested in the intersection between public policy, law, and advocacy. Her career goals include working for an international non-governmental organization that actively participates in the United Nations human rights monitoring mechanism processes. Emily has experience working in public policy development for provincial governments in Canada. She is currently working to collect background documents to support the development of "Impact Database+ 2020", a database that will support the study on the impact of the United Nations human rights treaty system on the domestic level led by the University of Pretoria, the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and

the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. She is interested in increased levels of female representation at all levels of government and the impact this will have on the development of inclusive and just public policies. Outside of work and research, Emily is passionate about tea, travel, politics, spending time with family and friends, reading, yoga, Zumba and power walking.

Shealah Hart

Delegate-At-Large



Shealah Hart is a strong advocate and an active leader born and raised in the picturesque town of Northern Arm, Newfoundland and Labrador. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Social Work at Memorial University of Newfoundland, which has strengthened her passion towards topics of interest such as public policy, feminism, youth, community development, reconciliation, civic engagement, and social justice. As a self-driven, independent individual, Shealah has taken action to create opportunities to help fill gaps in her community, from organizing an annual winter apparel drive to a public speaking competition for elementary school-aged children. She strives to build inclusive, diverse, and engaging communities, and believes drawing on the knowledge and experiences of others is imperative in doing so. When she isn't hitting the schoolbooks or volunteering, you can find Shealah testing new creations in the kitchen, indulging in a Netflix series, or cuddling on the couch with one, or all three, of her furry four-legged friends. Shealah is incredibly excited about partaking in Daughters of the Vote and is looking forward to learning with and from other young Canadians, in hopes that doing so will allow her to continue working towards a better Canada for all.

Melanie William

Delegate-At-Large



Hello/Bonjour! My name is Melanie William, and I am in my final year of a double major in biology and neuroscience with a minor in human rights at the University of Winnipeg. I was inspired to apply for Daughters of the Vote because I believe Canada benefits from informed and passionate women representing diverse communities. I have held numerous leadership positions in student politics for the entirety of my academic career, most notably as the co-president of the World University Service of Canada Student Refugee Program where I oversaw the sponsoring of students from conflict-affected regions to study at my university. I have been at the forefront of running campaigns directed towards human rights and environmental issues within my city and have successfully lobbied municipal politicians for better student services. I am trained in intergroup dialogue facilitation and I am passionate about the promotion of

meaningful exchanges between different identity groups in a safe and controlled space to bridge gaps, exchange ideas and encourage necessary dialogue to build stronger communities. Within these communities, I want to advocate for accessible healthcare, especially in remote communities which are underserved and underfunded. In my free time, I teach classical Bharatanatyam dance at the India School of Dance, Music and Theatre where I earned my certification in 2016. I am thrilled and humbled by the opportunity to participate in this program and I look forward to meeting other young leaders across the country.

Maia Bacchus

Delegate-At-Large



Maia Bacchus (she/her/elle) is living in Winnipeg, Manitoba on Treaty One Territory. When she is not attending her university classes, she can be found teaching the sport of fencing, volunteering within the community and spending time with her family. She is currently pursuing a BA with a focus upon Political Science and French Literature and hopes to one day become a lawyer to work in humanitarian law. Issues near and dear to her heart include advocacy for newcomers to Canada and accessibility in sport.

Liliana Lopez

Delegate-At-Large

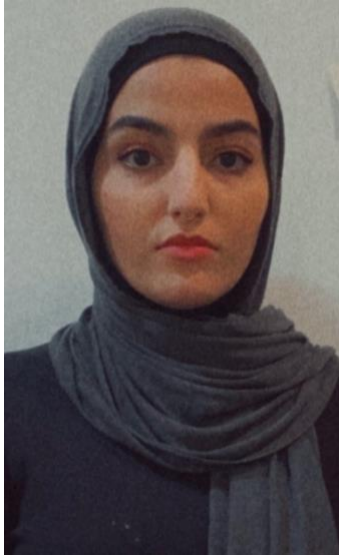


I am a first generation Canadian who's family is from El Salvador. I have always been driven by how hard my parents worked to give me the best possible life that they could. Especially my mother who when I was younger would work all day have school in the evenings, and then would study all night. The influences of my parents have taught me how to be a hard worker and driven to achieve the best that I possibly can. I always put in as much effort as I possibly can in everything that I do. Also, I never give up no matter how difficult a situation gets. Another lesson my parents instilled in me was compassion. I consider myself a compassionate and empathetic person who strives to eliminate or bring attention to inequalities that exist in institutions such as government. This was one of my main focuses in University, specifically gender and racial inequality. I have a strong passion in Politics, and I seek to pursue a career in politics in the future. When I was a young girl, I was always paying attention to the elections going

on around the world and have always been inspired by female politicians. I hope to one day represent women like me and to be an inspiration to young girls.

Aliaa Al-Saadi

Delegate-At-Large



Hi, my name is Aliaa Al-Saadi. I am currently a student at the University of Winnipeg. I work as a boxing trainer and a fitness coach for women only! My job is to help women build their physical strength and build their confidence and mental toughness. As an Iraqi Muslim woman, I can help other women of colour who struggle with racism and sexism and are often ignored by the justice system movements. I focus on learning how women and girls can deal with racism and sexism's psychological effects by utilizing different empowerment techniques. My goal is to help women regain power in different aspects of life and, more importantly, gain the power to change their social conditions.

Jae Mari Colado

Delegate-At-Large



She is double majoring in International Development Studies and Political Science and enjoys taking part in organizations and programs that strive to change an unfair system. Outside of school and work, she enjoys various forms of art, self-care, and little escapades with her friends.

Alyssa Wells

Delegate-At-Large



Alyssa Wells heralds from the border city of Lloydminster AB/SK. She was raised there by her doting parents, Kimberly and Craig Wells before graduating from Lloydminster Comprehensive High School. After attending Lakeland College for the University Transfer program, Alyssa went on to obtain her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Calgary. During her undergraduate years, she had the opportunity to spend a semester abroad in Uganda, studying at Makerere University and interning at a local NGO, Concern for the Girl Child (CGC). Throughout Alyssa's time in university, she was a member of the international sorority Alpha Omicron Pi in the Kappa Lambda chapter. Alyssa held a number of leadership roles within AOII and has gone on to become an international volunteer even past her graduation. Alyssa has always been passionate about feminist issues, such as female participation in politics and access to education for women

and girls globally. Her university internship at Concern for the Girl Child centered around the issue of access to education for women and girls in Uganda and worked towards decreasing barriers, especially in rural areas. Upon returning to Canada, she continued to study the politics and development of Africa, alongside global women's issues. She continues to work and hopes to attend graduate school to study international development and politics in the near future.

Lauren Rutherglen

Delegate-At-Large



A recent graduate from Ryerson University's Immigration and Settlement program, I am interested in researching political accessibility and refugee rights in Canada.

Manjot Sekhon

Delegate-At-Large



Manjot is in her final year of studies at the University of British Columbia and is passionate about social change towards equality and justice.

Rachel Hilson

Delegate-At-Large



I have just completed my Bachelor of Arts from Queen's University with a major in Applied Economics and a minor in Political Science. The political issues regarding women and minorities that have risen in the past few year have sparked my interest in politics. This has resulted in my desire to enter the field in order to make a change for the better! I am looking forward to my participation in DOV 2021 to expand my knowledge and understanding of the Canadian political processes.

Hannan Mohamud

Delegate-At-Large



Hannan is a first-year student in the English Common Law Juris Doctor program at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law. Recently awarded one of Alberta top 30 under 30, she is a policy and communications professional with a successful track-record in citizen engagement and mobilization. Hannan is interested in creating multifaceted solutions to address policy and social issues through meaningful collaboration with citizens, decision-makers, and political institutions. She has demonstrated this through her work with the UNHCR, the Alberta Legislature, and various national non-profits such as The Platform. During her undergraduate and her JD Hannan is exploring the importance of understanding the impacts of historical and contemporary oppression and trauma on policy development and decision-making.

Natasha Breward

Delegate-At-Large



Originally born in Hamilton, Ontario, I lived throughout southern Ontario during my childhood. I went to McGill University for my undergraduate degree in pharmacology. After my undergrad, I made the move to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan to pursue a Master of Science in Pharmacy, where I researched multiple sclerosis. I am lucky to have many female role models in my life, and my time in grad school really brought to light the need to have more women in positions of power. The lack of women in many fields, whether it be business, science, or politics, needs to be rectified. While at the University of Saskatchewan, I went on a Women in Legislature trip where I got to see the Saskatchewan Legislature in Regina and meet women involved in Saskatchewan politics. This was a very rewarding experience and really allowed me to see the

necessity in having women from various backgrounds in political roles. I am currently a program manager in Nova Scotia where I help life and health science students foster a sense of innovation and entrepreneurship. I have lived in five different provinces, and truly love Canada, which is why I want to make it better. In my spare time, I like to crochet, paint, hike, travel (which I am looking forward to getting back to after COVID), bake, read, and watch horror films.

Zuleyma Caparo

Delegate-At-Large



Zuleyma holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Science specialized in international relations and focuses her research on the rights of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. She interned at the World Food Programme Latin American and the Caribbean bureau and at Save the Children Canada where she had the opportunity to learn about humanitarian work to strengthen community resilience. She advocates for a bottom-up approach in policy work to prioritize community voices and support solutions led by community members for community members. As a Daughters of the Vote delegate, she hopes to learn more about how community-based organizations can play a bigger role in decision-making at the federal government level.

Johannah Brockie

Delegate-At-Large



Born and raised in Brampton, Ontario, Johannah Brockie is a published co-author and alum of the Guelph Institute of Development Studies. She is a seasoned educator and facilitator who has attended university, taught, traveled and volunteered in over 20 countries. Her passion for community programming and civic engagement led her to mentor youth as a Project Manager with the Prime Minister's Youth Council and teach life skills to individuals with intellectual disabilities in the non-profit sector. Most recently, Johannah co-created a four-part webinar series about Basic Income with her team at the Ontario Council for International Cooperation alongside activists and experts from various fields.

Megan Martin

Delegate-At-Large



My name is Megan, I am a current political science student at Wilfrid Laurier University, with a specialization in legal studies. I have always been an advocate for political and environmental issues, and the Daughters of the Vote program is a unique opportunity to further express these concerns with likeminded young women.

Delaney Krieger

Delegate-At-Large



Delaney realized about halfway through high school that she wanted to build things for a living. She wanted to stand back at the end of the day and see something that she built with her own two hands. She also knew that she wanted to make a difference, inspire people to create change. Being a woman in the skilled trades gives her the opportunity to do both. Delaney attended a Build A Dream expo, an event that encourages young women to consider careers in male dominated industries and connected with The Carpenters Union Local 494. Upon graduation, Delaney signed up as an apprentice through Local 494 and has been working/training ever since. Her job consists of a variety of different tasks from steel stud framing to drywall boarding to installing ceiling systems. Since starting in the skilled trades, she has been involved with Build A Dream. Delaney currently sits on The Her Power Council, she has spoken at Build A Dream's Career Discovery Expos and has been featured on multiple podcasts. Delaney's goal is to inspire other young women to consider a career in the skilled trades, choosing the apprenticeship pathway has been the most rewarding decision she has ever made.

Courtney White

Delegate-At-Large



Courtney White is a fourth-year student at Queen's University currently finishing her Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Global Development. She has a passion for public affairs and furthering women's engagement in the political sphere. She is extremely excited to be participating in this year's DOV and to meet all these incredible women and learn from them.

Emily Johaniuk

Delegate-At-Large



Emily is passionate about public health and climate action, sustainability transitions, and the empowerment of women's voices in environmental management and green urban planning. She currently works as a Policy Analyst at the Public Health Agency of Canada where she lives in Ottawa and likes to explore the hiking trails in nearby Gatineau Park.

Tatiana Portelli-Graham

Delegate-At-Large



Tatiana Portelli-Graham is a third-generation Torontonians, educator, and mental health advocate. She graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Science and secured a corporate job a few months later. Not feeling fulfilled, she quit her job and decided to pursue a future that would allow her to fight for more equitable change. Portelli-Graham was accepted into the inaugural Institute for Future Legislators hosted in Toronto by Ryerson University and University of British Columbia, which ignited her curiosity to become more involved in politics. She

is currently studying social work at Dalhousie University and has worked with agencies across Canada including Covenant House and Kids Help Phone. Her hopes are to become a political leader within Canadian government and that throughout her work she can continue to advocate for social, racial, economic, and environmental justice.

Gulipairi Maimaiti

Delegate-At-Large



My name is Guly, and I am a fourth-year student at Carleton University studying International Business. I am passionate about working on social challenges, and export and trade issues. My interest in politics started when I had the opportunity to volunteer at one of the MP's hill office a few years ago, where I got to work on "equal pay/ gender wage gap", as well as the "missing and murdered indigenous women". I am looking forward to learning opportunities such as the Daughters of the Vote event, where I get to share my ideas and connect with other inspiring, brilliant young leaders.

Vanessa Padilla

Delegate-At-Large



Hello, my name is Vanessa, I am 19 years old, and I am a resident of Orléans, Ontario. Because I have lived my whole life in Orléans, this has made me value my constituency so much for the memories and opportunities it has awarded me. Furthermore, I am a political science and history student at the University of Ottawa, a watercolour artist, and a ceramic instructor for children in my community. All of these pursuits and hobbies stem from my need to give back to my community. I began pursuing art because the medium allowed me to explore different ways to critique inequalities in society, as well as managing my mental health. I decided to start teaching to help other children explore their artistic side. My interest in politics began when I started volunteering with my local MP and MPP when I was 14. These experiences led me to pursue a degree in political science and history and to continue teaching at my local ceramic studio.

Rachel Birnie

Delegate-At-Large



My name is Rachel Birnie, and I am a 20-year-old woman born in Scotland and raised in Canada. My family moved to Ottawa to start a new life when I was just under two years old. Through my local community centre, I grew up being actively involved in sports, arts, and volunteering. I specifically love to play soccer, travel, and learn about new cultures and religions. My passion for helping others and creating change is my reason for wanting to go into Politics. I am currently attending Concordia University in Montreal for my second year in Political Science.

Misbah Noor

Delegate-At-Large



My name is Misbah, I am a graduate student studying sociology at the University of Windsor. I have a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Windsor. I am passionate about social justice and helping my community. I am an auxiliary director for the Windsor West federal Liberal Association, where I have the opportunity to serve my community by addressing issues that affect people in Windsor West. My academic pursuits also align with this, as my thesis looks at migrant rights advocacy and activism in Ontario. I hope to get more involved in politics and represent migrant communities who have little to no representation in Canadian politics.

Bridget Dueck

Delegate-At-Large



Bridget is a 23-year-old woman, recent graduate from the University of Ottawa, and passionate sexual & reproductive rights activist. She discovered her passion for political activism on her university campus and hopes to one day make the world a better place through community engagement and political action. // Bridget est une femme de 23 ans, récemment diplômée de l'Université d'Ottawa, et passionnée des droits sexuels et reproductifs. Elle a découvert sa passion pour l'activisme politique sur son campus universitaire et espère un jour rendre le monde meilleur grâce à l'engagement communautaire et à l'action politique.

Jaclyn Adelson

Delegate-At-Large



When asked what I've done to help make the world a better place, I want to be able to give an answer. This applies itself to the array of domestic and international crises that we face as Canadians and global citizens. I was inspired to join DOV in order to obtain important knowledge on how to best support global and local movements for social change and justice, social development, environmental justice, and Indigenous rights. We have an obligation to ensure that our physical and political environments that we maintain and promote are based in facts and ethics. As a Delegate-at-Large, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to learn more about our federal political system to stimulate this needed change in our divisive contemporary political atmosphere. With an undergraduate degree from Carleton and an ongoing

certificate from Ryerson both in the fields of politics, development, and service delivery with an ultimate environmental focus, my academic experiences have allowed me to learn systematically about Canada's role in the global order and how we are actors of change - both positive and negative. I have been able to apply my academic experiences to local and international development and environmental organizations. This has provided me with a unique, environmental justice focus when approaching politics. We have a lot of challenges to address, and it is more important than ever to promote intersectionality and not rely on performative measures. I am honoured to be a part of the third cohort of DOV delegates that work to provide women with crucial political knowledge to make impacts in our own communities.

Monica Izaguirre-Canales

Delegate-At-Large



Hello, I'm Monica Izaguirre-Canales! I am 20-year-old and from Guelph, Ontario. But my family is originally from Costa Rica and El Salvador. I am currently an undergrad student in my third year at Carleton University in Ottawa. My program is Global and International Studies Honours, with a Specialization in Global Politics. I am grateful to have experience and work with incredible leaders in my field. This fall semester I was a Teaching Development Assistant

(TDA) working for my professor. Currently, I am a Sustainable Development Goal Ambassador for the United Nations Association in Canada's innovation project. As an SDG Ambassador, I am developing a COVID-19 response project to alleviate economic inequality in Ottawa. This past summer, I was a Research Intern at the Canadian Voice of Women for Peace and focused on Canadian foreign policy. Lastly, in 2019 I had the privilege to work as a Constituency Intern for the Member of Parliament of Guelph, Lloyd Longfield. In my role, I provided research support on policy issues, responded to constituent's, and drafted responses on all issues relating to policy. Moving forward, I have recently been chosen to be a Senator in the Senate of Canada's Model Senate January 2021! My overall interests include the Government of Canada, the United Nations, human rights, and foreign affairs. I am excited to participate in the Daughter of the Vote and get a first-hand experience of Government and learn more about the role of a Member of Parliament.

Sam Yee

Delegate-At-Large



Hey there! My name is Sam Yee and I'm a third-year undergraduate student at the University of Ottawa, majoring in Biomedical Sciences with a Science Policy option and minoring in Indigenous Studies. As you may be able to tell from my odd degree combo, my interests are very interdisciplinary and wide-ranging. I'm passionate about equity, social justice, decolonization, and most of all, trying to incorporate these principles into the work I do in STEM (science, technology, engineering & math). Outside of school you'll probably find me doing advocacy work on the Board of Directors of the University of Ottawa Students' Union (UOSU), as well as Pulsar Collective, a non-profit fighting for gender equality

in STEM. One day, I hope to have a career in epidemiology and public health policy. Believe it or not, my passion for public health goes back to before the pandemic. As a long-time volunteer with The Ottawa Hospital, I've always been astounded by just how many people end up in the hospital due to preventable circumstances, many of which could be improved at the policy level, such as lack of access to primary care providers, poor housing, lack of culturally appropriate health education, etc. I believe improving the health of our populations, especially minority populations, needs leadership from women, gender-non-conforming folks, and BIPOC. I'm honoured to participate in Daughters of the Vote 2021, and to learn about the important work young people across Canada are doing to improve their communities.

Maria Thomas

Delegate-At-Large



Maria Thomas (she/her) completed a degree in International Development at McGill University and is currently pursuing a Master of Law in International Development and Human Rights at University of Warwick. Since high school, Maria has been involved in local community activities. Throughout high school, she gathered almost a thousand volunteer hours. Between 2013-2014, she served as a student trustee for the Halton Catholic District School Board. Throughout her undergraduate

degree, she became actively involved in the campus community to improve student well-being. She was President of the Arts Undergraduate Society managing all functions of the organization and introducing equity-based initiatives amongst the faculty. She was also an executive in McGill Women in Leadership given their focus on an intersectional approach to female empowerment. She is honoured to be part of Daughters of the Vote and cannot wait to break more glass ceilings.

Noor Elsabagh

Delegate-At-Large

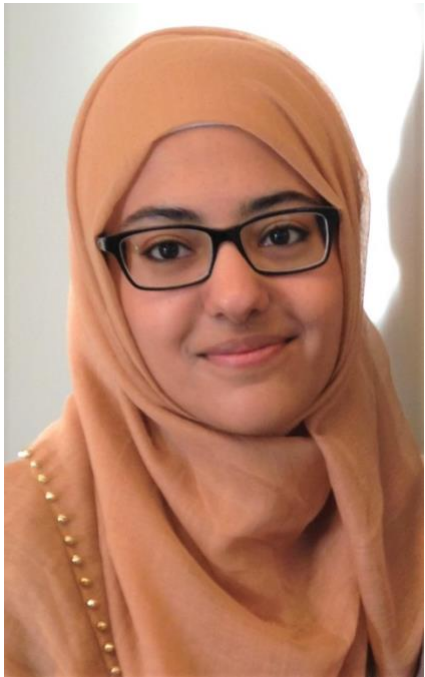


My name is Noor Elsabagh. I am a recent McGill Graduate (Class of 2020!) from a very interdisciplinary program; I majored in Political Science (probably like many fellow delegates!), with minors in Chemistry and Religion and Globalization. To date, I have lived in four continents; Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America, and am fluent in English and Arabic, near fluent in Spanish, and have a good understanding of French. My upbringing gave me a great appreciation for people, travel, and variety, which, alongside education and liberty, I value very highly in my day-to-day life. Fortunately, prior to the current pandemic, I was able to travel around the world for exchanges and summer internships while in university. Studying at the University of Cambridge in England and Leiden University in the Netherlands are among the highlights of my university years, as I experienced

new languages and cuisines and met many people, I now consider great friends! Likewise, my internship with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and later with one of its partner organizations, Etijah, allowed me to spend time in sunny Cairo and to learn from excellent mentors in the NGO world. I am an open advocate for truth, reason, and justice. As a future lawyer, I hope to expand the ways in which I can advocate for these ideals, and to encourage people to become positive and rational advocates for these ideals where they exist, and to actively seek change where they do not.

Sitwat Syed

Delegate-At-Large



Hello! My name is Sitwat, and currently I am enjoying working in customer service in the telecom field. Academically, one of my interests has always been understanding how the best systems are built that make achieving goals more approachable and impactful in areas of social change and policy creation. This is what gave me the drive to attain a degree in Political Science during my time at the UofT. After graduation, I have been able to expand my skillset through continuing volunteer work in the local youth group and women's association as well as entering the field of commerce. Through this I have been able to witness firsthand how organizations can be the outlets that people invest their time, money, input, or participation into to reach the objectives and constructive development for their society as a whole. Volunteering for an International Women's day event that took place last year, for example, was a rewarding and educative experience that brought women of different communities and career paths together to showcase and learn from each other's journeys. Some other things I am very passionate about and wish to continue learning of are

environmental conservation and sustainability, tech, education and outreach in societies, and literature. Some facts about me are that I am fluent in Urdu with a moderate proficiency in French and Arabic, I love spending time with my cats and budgies, I am very into sustainable or repurposed fashion and design and am always on the lookout for exchanging landfill-bound everyday products with biodegradable alternatives. I reside in the vibrant city of Mississauga.

Hannah Beltran

Delegate-At-Large



Throughout her formative years, Hannah Beltran volunteered consistently at shelters for those experiencing homelessness in her riding. By learning about the challenges that people experiencing homelessness face, Hannah became inspired to focus her work on improving the standard of living for marginalized communities. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management at Carleton University with a specialization in Development Policy Studies and a concentration in Global Economic Relations. Her academic interests encompass the fields of political science, law, international affairs, and economics for the purpose of understanding how these fields inform Canadian policies related to underdeveloped communities in Canada and to

Canada's relationship with underdeveloped countries. As a Philippine migrant, Hannah dedicates her time to strengthening the Filipino Canadian community through her executive roles in the Carleton University Filipino Students' Association and Pinoys on Parliament. She also participates as a mentor in a myriad of mentorship programs to encourage young leaders to pursue their passions and advocate for their interests. Moreover, Hannah develops her persuasive speaking skills as a competitive mooter. She is the Champion of the 2020 Capital Cup Undergraduate Moot Competition and received a distinguished oral advocate award for the competition. Her creative outlets include playing the guitar and writing stories. Next year, Hannah will apply to law school as her next step to advocate for the interests of marginalized communities, especially with the support of the law and the legal system.

Hibah Siraj

Delegate-At-Large



Strong legal student currently studying Criminal Justice/Political Science from University of Toronto Mississauga. Holding an appointed position in the Youth Council of Mississauga - Erin Mills. Consistently advocating concerns for youth and social justice and actively volunteering with organizations to engage in philanthropic activities. From volunteering in local food banks to hosting my own charity drives, I have seen the community and it's needs through the lens of a philanthropist. I think that as a woman there are so many opportunities that are

waiting to be conquered. There is so much potential in just the community I was raised in, I would love to see that potential be used to the fullest by benefiting those who are vulnerable. I believe that community service should be significant for every citizen therefore it is our duty to contribute and help our fellow citizens for the betterment of the community. A nation cannot be reformed without the reformation of the youth.

Suhaylah Nawar

Delegate-At-Large



My name is Suhaylah Nawar, and I am a student in the 4th year of my undergraduate degree in Leadership of Early Childhood Education. I was born and spent my early years in Bangladesh and moved to Canada at the age of 8. Since then, Mississauga, Ontario Canada has been my home. I have a deep love for languages and while I can speak English, Bengali and Hindi fluently and I hope to learn many more languages so that I can travel, meet new people and gain new experiences. My curiosity and passion for learning has led to me read more than 1000 books and I am constantly on the hunt for a good book! As an Early Childhood Educator, I am passionate about the work I do with children and would like to advocate for children with learning differences, underpaid educators and access to education for all. Educating the masses is the only way Canada can overcome many of its challenges such as climate

change, racism and gender disparity. I truly believe Canada has so much to offer to all its people. However, Canada can truly thrive when it starts to lend a receptive ear to the minority and underrepresented. When each and every Canadian feel valued and respected, then only can we hope to truly prosper as a nation!

Maddy McCarville

Delegate-At-Large



Maddy holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Development from the University of Guelph. Throughout her studies she was actively involved in Model United Nations and the Student Refugee Program. She is currently pursuing both Project Management and Not-For-Profit Management certificates from Western University. Maddy is actively involved in her local political landscape as a Youth Councillor for her hometown of London, ON, where she is currently working on a project to address both gender equality and political participation. In her free time, she loves to read, watch documentaries and volunteer with a variety of organizations that include the OnCovid-19 Project, Bracelet of Hope and Live Different. Maddy is passionate about political participation, gender equality, human rights, international development and global health. She hopes to further her education and pursue a career in these fields.

Lobsang Dolkar

Delegate-At-Large



My name is Lobsang Dolkar, and I'm finishing my undergrad with a double major in Political Science and Criminology at the University of Toronto. As a Tibetan refugee, immigration and human rights are issues that have affected me my whole life. This has led me to believe that Canada's government and institutions need much more improvement to successfully provide and care for all Canadians. I have interned at Students for a Free Tibet--a NGO that aims to raise awareness about the hardships Tibetans face in Tibet--and at the Parliament of Canada, and I hope to continue working in this field in the future.

Monique Dyer

Delegate-At-Large



Monique studies Politics and International Relations at Cardiff University in Wales. She was previously a page in the House of Commons from 2018-2019. She currently sits as the Politics representative for her school meetings with Faculty to discuss student issues. She is passionate about women in politics and is very excited to participate in the Daughters of the Vote Program.

Mackenzie White

Delegate-At-Large



Mackenzie White (She/Her) is a fourth year Undergraduate Student pursuing an Honours Double Major in Political Science & Social Justice and Peace Studies at King's University College (Western University). Her research interests lie in global governance, Federal foreign affairs, and international development, and Mackenzie looks forward to continuing her studies at the graduate level. Her true passion of bridging justice into politics is evident in her positions on two student councils, as a teaching assistant, and a student leader in the academic community. Mackenzie's experience as a delegate at Model UN and Model EU, as well as with the Canadian Senate, UNECA and the African Union, fuelled a love for public speaking, representation, and engagement. She volunteered with Liberal MP Peter Fragiskatos' re-elect campaign and was a Registration Officer at the Polls with Elections Canada for the 2019 Federal Election. Mackenzie is delighted for the opportunity to participate in DOV 2021

through Equal Voice, especially in the virtual format that the House of Commons currently operates through in real time. Today is an exciting time to innovate diplomacy and political affairs, and Mackenzie is elated to represent a riding with 337 inspiring womxn delegates to showcase an equitable variety of voices from the next generation. She would like to use this opportunity as a platform to learn about representing constituents, listen to other daughters with a passion for politics, and build relationships that will be put to use in both her career and the future of Canadian governance and diplomacy.

Isabelle Daoust

Delegate-At-Large



B.A in English and Gender studies, passionate about human rights, equity amongst all as well as the fight to mitigate and end climate change.

Ghada Abid

Delegate-At-Large



My name is Ghada. I'm a Tunisian student at the University of Ottawa. I'm currently in my third year in International Development and Globalization with a minor in Economics (co-op). I'm fluent in Arabic, French, English and Spanish. I'm excited to be part of this program and I can't wait to (virtually) meet you all!

Alessia Iafano

Delegate-At-Large



Alessia Iafano is a second-year student at Queen's University, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Studies, Philosophy and Economics. Born and raised in Vaughan, Ontario, Alessia is an active member of her community, volunteering since a very young age. Her many years of volunteerism resulted in her earning the Canada Cord through Girl Guides of Canada and her receiving the BinderTwine Involvement award. Alessia is passionate about Canadian politics. In the summer of 2020, she was selected for the PC Caucus Services Internship program, which inspired her to get further involved politically. Alessia currently volunteers in her local MPP's constituency office and has worked on federal, provincial, and municipal campaigns. Most recently, she was appointed to the Economic Prosperity

Task Force at the City of Vaughan, where she is the youngest member. Outside of politics, Alessia is an avid reader and enjoys theatre. She was a member of the Debate Society and wrote for her high school paper. She participated in Theatre DLS throughout high school and participated in several outside productions. Alessia is an accomplished poet, published by Poetic Power and Poetry Nation. In university, Alessia is a member of the BISC choir, is a delegate to Queen's Model Parliament, and is currently an outreach coordinator for QHacks. Alessia is a contributor to the Matariki Network, where she and fellow-minded classmates discuss the reality of global citizenship in a post-COVID world. In 2019-2020, Alessia served as President of BISC's Student Government. Alessia is excited to make 337 new friends at DOV-HDS 2021!

Brianna Watson

Delegate-At-Large



I am a political science student as well as a social service worker student with a focus on youth and addictions. Originally from Drumheller, Alberta, I have been living in Toronto for a few years now and firmly consider myself a Torontonians. I discovered Daughters of the Vote while doing research for a class about women in Canadian politics and was instantly motivated to become a part of this ambitious and necessary initiative. I look forward to meeting other women and gender diverse people with my passion for politics and gender parity.

Jasmine Ali-Gami

Delegate-At-Large



Jasmine is an Eritrean-Canadian youth, and recent Alumna from the University of Waterloo completing a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with a minor in Biology. With vested interests in racial equity, and reproductive health she has heavily immersed herself in community and advocacy work through her involvement with numerous organizations in the non-profit sector such as Youth Gravity, Leading in Colour, IYAFP, FemCare Community Health Initiative, amongst more. Her volunteer and research experiences in reproductive health has fueled her passions for

examining and highlighting the social determinants impacting reproductive health such as race, socioeconomic status, and class.

Juwairihya Rafi

Delegate-At-Large



Juwairihya Rafi is a recent Bachelor of Commerce Law and Business graduate from the Ted Rogers School of Management with 4+ years of combined experience ranging from project management, leadership initiatives, research and civic engagement. Recently, a fire regarding international development, specifically access to justice and equality, conflict negotiation and peace-making has been ignited in her heart. With this newfound passion, Juwairihya hopes to fan the flames and inspire her peers to take charge of their future and prompt action starting within their own communities. She is fuelled by a commitment to change, meaningful impact, collaboration and advocacy. She always thought that to be a successful change-maker, she had to change the world but through her community projects with Apathy is Boring and Pivot2020, Juwairihya came to the realization that

taking charge of the community she lives in is a hugely significant contribution, well within her means. In the past year, Juwairihya has had the opportunity to take part in a Canada-wide youth-led discussion by Apathy is Boring on current political trends which had her faith in civic engagement and youth renewed.

Tenzin Shaksur

Delegate-At-Large



Tenzin is currently interning with YindaYin Coaching, a non-profit organization based in New York. This past fall she worked as an Urban Researcher with PIVOT 2020—a national collaboration project with Simon Fraser University and Youthful Cities, involving youth from across 27 cities to perform urban research on what can help Canadian cities prosper during and post COVID-19. Tenzin holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Governance and a minor in Biology from Ryerson University. During the 2019/2020 academic year she served as the Director of Communications for the Politics and Governance Students' Association (POGSA). She is also a Youth Policy Advocate within the Ontario Council for International Cooperation's (OCIC) Youth Policy-Makers Hub. As a Youth Policy Advocate, she's working on collaborating with a diverse group of youth to further advance the Sustainable Development Goals and work to advocate on a wide range of issues. Tenzin is passionate about working to increase access to quality education,

increasing youth engagement in policy issues, the intersection of labour policy and workers' rights, and human rights.

Maya Treitel

Delegate-At-Large



Maya Treitel is passionate about gender equality and politics with aspirations to design better policy for girls at every level of government. She is a supporter of women in STEM and a strong proponent of youth engagement. Maya is a member of Plan International Canada Speaker's Bureau, advocating for issues impacting women and children in Canada and internationally. She was appointed by her Member of Parliament as the only youth on the Selection Committee of the Canada 150 Exemplary Canadian Award. Additionally, for the past five years, she has been an active member of her Constituency Youth Council. Maya is a Shad fellow and a current undergraduate student at the University of Waterloo.

Olivia Klasios

Delegate-At-Large



Olivia is a graduate of Victoria University at the University of Toronto (2017) and the Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy (2019). While at the Munk School, she travelled to Hamburg, Germany to intern with the Central Europe Center for Research and Documentation and co-chaired the 2018 Munk Graduate Student Conference. Olivia also travelled to Budapest, Hungary with the Munk School to conduct research on the lack of female political representation in the Hungarian National Parliament. After graduating from the Munk School's Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, she worked as a political staffer for Councillor Jaye Robinson at Toronto City Hall. After a year in municipal politics, she moved to Ottawa to join the office of Senator Robert Black.