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Christine Le Humber River-Black Creek



Christine (she/hers) a second-generation Vietnamese Canadian born in Mississauga and raised in Toronto, Ontario. Growing up, Christine had a determination for knowledge and leading others. At Brookview Middle School, Christine participated in Hockey HEROS (Hockey Education Reaching Out to Society) mentor-based ice hockey program that helps empowers at-risk youth. From the lessons she learned from the program, Christine was recognized by CIBC as, "Most Inspirational" (2012) through her initiatives working with others as a team. Her legacy carried onto University as a community organizer and ambassador for the Vietnamese community. In the second year of her undergrad, Christine relaunched the University of Toronto Scarborough Vietnamese Student's Association (UTSVA) by providing students the opportunities to network and build leadership within themselves. After one year, the United Vietnamese Students Association Eastern

Canada (UVSAEC) and United North American Vietnamese Students Association (UNAVSA) acknowledge Christine, "VSA Member of the Year (2018)". Since 2017, Christine continues to be socially active in school and the Vietnamese community by encouraging others to join leadership initiatives and teaching about civic engagement in her social circles. Christine wishes to pursue social justice and education by eliminating barriers to marginalized communities by working with DOV delegates and Federal MPs towards challenging and reducing inequality in Canada.

Lovleen Goraya

York South-Weston



My name is Lovleen Goraya and I am currently an undergraduate student at York University. My major is Political Science. I am planning on using my degree to work closely within Canadian Politics and transfer this knowledge towards practicing law in the future.

Alia Samem York-Simcoe



HI! My name is Alia Samem. I am an Afghan Canadian representing the York-Simcoe riding in the 2020/2021 Daughters of the Vote. I am a post-secondary student at McMaster University studying Political Science with a specialization in Public Law and Judicial Studies. My passion lies in social justice advocacy, particularly for underprivileged communities, as well as politics and law. I believe that women have the capability of ascending past the patriarchy to have a seat at the table in deciding how our Canadian democracy operates. As such, I hope to see an egalitarian future, where there is an adequate representation of our true Canadian society.

Miles Obille York Centre



Miles is a fourth-year social work student at York University and identifies with the FilCan (Filipino Canadian) community. She is an active member in her university and has held the roles as a Peer Academic Leader, Executive member for the Social Work Students Association, and a speaker for leadership training. Miles' work also extends outside of her school as she has facilitated youth-focused discussions, canvassed for grassroots organizations, participated in fundraisers for charities, and volunteered with basketball organizations. Miles is passionate about community-based activism, advocacy, and policy. Core to Miles' work is anti-oppressive practice and the integration of a critical lens.

Michaela Reid Windsor West



My name is Michaela Reid and I'm proud to be representing the riding of Windsor West! Since I was nine years old, I've volunteered with many different charities throughout Windsor-Essex and the GTA, which has ignited in me a passion for helping others. This is part of the reason why I consider myself to be a strong advocate for many different causes. Some of these causes being, helping those with special needs, as well as educating others on Indigenous Issues and working towards reconciliation. Both of these causes are very close to my heart. I'm currently attending St. Clair College here in my hometown and I hope to one day be able to work in a field where I can advocate for causes like the ones mentioned as part of my career. I applied to be part of Daughters of the Vote because I want to do all that I can to make Windsor West and Canada as a whole a safer, more inclusive and

accessible place for everyone who lives here. Specifically, for Indigenous people and others, who still lack access to basic human rights such as food security, clean water and access to education. My goal is to educate those around me about the dire circumstances many people in our country experience each day, in the hopes that we can work together to solve these problems one day soon.

Cessidia De Biasio Windsor–Tecumseh



Cessidia De Biasio is passionate about mental health initiatives, educational equality, and advocating for immigrants, women, and youth. As the daughter and granddaughter of immigrants, she learned about honoring her heritage, strong work ethics, and using her education to help those less fortunate. In 2015, Cessidia established The Addolorata De Luca Leadership Scholarship in honor of her Nonna Addolorata, a widow who immigrated from Italy to Canada with her five children. To date, the charity has raised over \$53,000. The foundation aids first-and second-generation university student leaders while paying homage to our ancestors who immigrated to

Canada. Understanding the impact of storytelling, Cessidia launched the #OurJourneytoCanada campaign, which showcases Canadian immigration stories. Additionally, she is a Board of Director for Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare and Big Brothers Big Sisters Windsor-Essex, a Sole Focus Project Ambassador with the Windsor-Essex Canadian Mental Health Association, and the Vice President of Communications for UNTOLD. In 2015, Cessidia obtained her Bachelor of Arts, Social Work degree from the University of Windsor and was awarded the Board of Governors Medal at Convocation. In 2018, she graduated with a Honours Business Administration degree and became a Golden Key International Honour Society member. Cessidia is currently a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Candidate at Queen's University's Smith School of Business. She aspires to work at the Canadian Women's Foundation, Global Affairs Canada, or the United Nations. She plans to continue devoting her time to organizations, campaigns, and policies that advocates for educational, employment, and gender parity.

Bahoz Dara Aziz Whitby



Bahoz Dara Aziz is a student at Ryerson University where she is completing the final of her Undergraduate Psychology degree and working as a Research Assistant at the Social and Political Psychology Lab. While proudly raised in Whitby, Ontario, she is originally from Sulaymaniyah, Kurdistan; a formidable experience that has directly impacted her political lens and prompted her need to formulate strong allyship. She has spent her years in politics as the President of the Ryerson Liberal Arts Society catering to the 4000 students within the faculty, co-campaign managing in the 2018 Provincial Election, and working on Parliament Hill.

Yashaswani Chauhan

Wellington–Halton Hills



As a young woman of this country, I hold a firm belief in the power of political advocacy and wish to actively work to justify this belief by representing not just myself, but my entire demographic. Being the daughter of two hardworking educators and an undergraduate student of science, I have witnessed the merits of a good education and intend to bring attention to the inadequacies of our leaders that have let its value depreciate through poor policy. I am a proud daughter of Indian immigrants who aspires to give our community a cultural voice and identity that builds new bridges over ones that have been broken. I am extremely grateful to be a member of such an inspirational group of women who have proven, time and time again, the power in our collective voice.

Michelle Angkasa Waterloo



My name is Michelle Angkasa, and I'm a second year Environment and Business student at the University of Waterloo. I've always been passionate about environmentalism and politics, and in the past few years, I've had the opportunity to wear several different hats. I'm a climate justice organizer with Our Time, a Kitchener-Waterloo fellow with Future Majority, a campus Residence Life Don, as well as a writer and mentor. Spurred by this pandemic, I spent the past few months doing advocacy work for a Just Recovery, a pandemic recovery plan that paves

the path for a more equitable and sustainable Canada. My activism works both within and outside of institutions to push our elected leaders to prioritize the wellbeing of people and the planet over corporate profits. I am an environmentalist in progress and am constantly learning more about and incorporating intersectionality into my work. As a queer young woman of colour, my various identities inform my worldview and I aim to approach problems in an interdisciplinary and holistic way. I am looking forward to the discussions we will have during this conference. Being a part of this amazing group of young leaders is an incredible honour. I hope to see more bright young women and gender diverse people bring their voices and unique perspectives to politics!

Jaskiran Gill

Vaughan–Woodbridge



From the age of 10, Jaskiran found her voice through community involvement and leadership. Her driving passion for impact inspired her to work with several non-profit organizations over the past decade. She has become an advocate for global literacy, entrepreneurship, as well as empowerment for youth and women of colour. Jaskiran's optimistic approach in life has allowed for her to build strength in situations of adversity. Jaskiran has served two terms as the Director of Internal Affairs at the Toronto Youth Cabinet. She is a recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Volunteerism as well as the La Rocca Bursary for Volunteerism and Altruism. In 2020, Jaskiran attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Etobicoke Civic Centre to lay a wreath on behalf of the Youth

of Toronto. Through her leadership roles, Jaskiran strives to use her voice to eliminate barriers for women of colour and to be a leader for young girls around the world. As a serial entrepreneur, she is determined to push boundaries in the business industry through her ventures, paving the way for others. One of Jaskiran's core beliefs is that everyone has something unique to offer society; "it is up to us to step forward, get on the stage, and pull up chairs to speak at tables that haven't heard our voices yet."

Riel Hishon

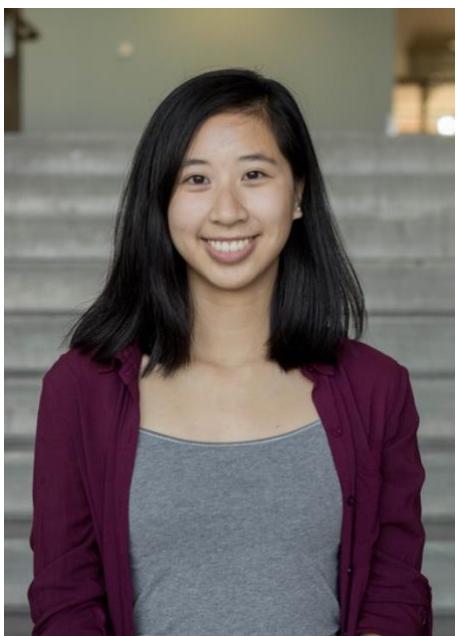
University–Rosedale



Riel Hishon is a lawyer in Toronto. She obtained an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of British Columbia and a law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School. She is fluent in French and English. In her spare time, she likes reading, swimming, playing softball and sewing. She is passionate about mental health advocacy, and the issue of bereavement in particular. // Riel Hishon est avocate à Toronto. Elle a obtenu son baccalauréat en sciences économiques à l'Université de la Colombie Britannique et a obtenu son diplôme en droit à l'Osgoode Hall Law School. Elle est bilingue. Elle aime lire, nager, jouer au softball, et coudre. Elle est passionnée par la santé mentale, le deuil en particulier.

Megan Tran

Toronto–Danforth



Megan is a recent graduate with an International Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and a Certificate of Bilingualism from Glendon, York University. During her undergraduate program, she also completed an academic exchange at Sciences Po Paris, where she received a Certificate in International Affairs & Strategy with Distinction. With 3+ years of non-profit experience, she is accomplished in the fields of international affairs, youth leadership, sustainability, and social equity. Since graduating, Megan has been working with organizations carrying out valuable work that align with her passions for sustainability and social equity. Most recently, she has worked as a researcher on how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected youth living in urban centres, as well as a sustainability officer for an environmental non-profit. She currently volunteers at Ally Squared, a youth-led non-profit that challenges performance in allyship and transforms it into actions that break down oppressive systems, are impact-measured, and are led by

those with lived experiences of discrimination. After being involved with AIESEC, an international non-profit that develops youth leadership through international exchange, she became interested in pursuing other opportunities where she could continue learning about the world. Her passion for sustainable development led her to be a part of a multidisciplinary team of students that worked on an award-winning, solar energy project for remote communities. As a Daughters of the Vote delegate, she is excited to continue developing skills to build a career in policy as well as create effective solutions to various social challenges.

Rachel Sutton

Toronto Centre



Rachel studied Environmental Science at the University of Toronto. In her final two years, she carried out a research thesis in conjunction with the university's Procurement Services Department and the City of Toronto to develop and put forward a sustainable procurement pilot to improve the ethics of the university's purchasing process. She also worked for the university's Sustainability Office, served on the city of Toronto's Youth Food Policy Council, volunteered with food rescue charity Second Harvest, and volunteered with environmental NGO GreenPAC. In the summer after her undergrad, Rachel got her first exposure to political work with the Office of Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, the Member of Parliament for Beaches-East York. Her experience sparked her interest in politics and government.

In the fall of 2019, she moved to the UK to pursue her law degree. While at the University of Sussex, Rachel interned with a firm that uses client data to advise parliamentarians on ways in which they might amend policies to become more inclusive and effective for their constituents. Now back in Toronto, she is working with Councillor Bradford's office as a Constituency Assistant. In her environmental work, she has seen how the climate crisis disproportionately impacts women, youth, and marginalized groups. She believes one of the best ways to address this is to ensure more women are elected at all levels of government to ensure they can incorporate their lived experiences into the policy and legislation development process.

Amanda Miknev Timmins–James Bay



Amanda Miknev (she/her) envisions a Canada where women are equal representatives in our government. She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario with an Honours Specialization Degree in Political Science. After learning about the disparity in representation as a student at Brescia University College, Amanda set herself on getting more women involved in politics. She has since involved herself in campaign politics at multiple levels. Most recently, she served as the Campaign Manager during the London 2018 Municipal Election. Amanda believes in paying-it-forward when it comes to opportunities. So, it was a natural fit for her to become a mentor for two young women in the Kings University College Campaign Management Community Engaged

Learning program. She continues to promote women's participation in government as a Board member of Women & Politics. Beyond politics, Amanda is involved in supporting women's access to menstrual hygiene products. She volunteers with Tampon Tuesdays and provides individual menstrual hygiene packages to vulnerable individuals through her Fairy Pod Mother initiative. As a Delegate, Amanda is excited to be involved in changing the landscape for women in Canadian politics alongside 337 other inspiring young women.

Sarah Hanson

Thunder Bay–Superior North



Sarah Hanson is Anishinaabe from Biigtigong Nishnaabeg, whose lived experience as an Indigenous youth guides her work around climate action and community engagement. She holds a Bachelor of Science from Queen's University in Biology and is currently taking a break from her second bachelor's degree in Human Rights, Social Justice and Indigenous Studies at Carleton University. During her days, she wears many hats including Program Coordinator for Experiences Canada, North America Regional Director for Youth4Nature and Director of Indigenous Relations for Leading Change Canada. During her down time, she spends time reconnecting to her ancestry through beading, ribbon skirt making and learning Anishinaabemowin.

Ruva Gwekwerere Sudbury



Ruva Gwekwerere is a Zimbabwean-Canadian student from Sudbury, Ontario. She is a Women's, Gender, and Sexualities student at Laurentian University. She has an interest in international development and social justice. She has spent years working with youth in Northern Ontario educating on issues of justice in the global south and here in Canada. She also engages in research on intersectional issues of justice. She is a member of the Ontario Council for International Cooperation youth policy-makers hub. She also serves as the community relations assistant for Black Lives Matter Sudbury.

Brooke Richards

Stormont–Dundas–South Glengarry



Hello, my name is Brooke Richards, and I'm honoured to be this terms SD&G representative for Daughter of the Vote. I am currently a first-year student at the University of Toronto, with plans to study political science and international relations. While in this position, I hope to be an advocate that everyone has a role in politics, and everyone's voices deserve to be heard, all while meeting some strong empowering individuals.

Peya Mynoddin

Spadina–Fort York



My name is Peya Mynoddin, and I'm an international student from Dhaka, Bangladesh. I am in my fourth year pursuing an honours degree in political science with a minor in women's studies at Western University. I am passionate about giving back to my community in unique and meaningful ways.

Valerie Stanton Simcoe North



Valerie Stanton is a writer, editor, and aspiring director with a knack for organization and a passion for storytelling. She graduated from the University of Toronto and Toronto Film School having studied English Literature, Visual Art, and all areas of Film Production.

Aamina Masood Scarborough Southwest



I am an enthusiastic individual with a curious mind. I love learning, travelling, going on for long walks and drives, volunteering, and experimenting around with food during my spare time. I am a York University alumna, who has a degree in Political Science, along with a certificate in Public Policy and Administration. I am passionate about policy and advocacy work. I believe policies and programs can address many barriers and inequities that exist within our communities. I love discussing about how different policies/programs can be implemented or evaluated to ensure that it's achieving its goals and serving its purpose. My passion for policies developed when I interned at the Ministry of Transportation, Minister's Office, and by also participating in the first-ever Post-Secondary Model Parliament program. I represented the riding of Scarborough Rouge-Park and I served as the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport. A profound experience of Model Parliament was understanding the meaning of "audi alteram partem", Latin for "hear the other side". This helped me understand how this is the foundation of our democracy and without it, our elected representatives would not be able to hold themselves or each other accountable. This experience started to make me think about pursuing a career in politics and law, which is also one of the reasons why I applied to Daughters of the Vote. In the future, I am determined that I will become a lawyer, and I will explore the intersectionality between law and policies that affect us and our communities that we live in together.

Naheed Nero Scarborough Centre



Naheed is currently completing her BScH in Biology and Certificate in French for Professionals at Queen's University. She currently works as a Residence Don and is the Vice-President of Student's Facing Noma Queen's. As an alumni of the Ontario Science Centre Science School and volunteer at the Kingston General Hospital Emergency Room, Naheed continues to be an advocate for female involvement in STEM and healthcare.

Anika Munir Scarborough–Agincourt



Hello! My name is Anika Munir. I am currently a second-year student at the University of Toronto doing a double major in Public Policy and Urban Studies with a minor in Public Law. Something I enjoy doing is volunteering in my community and giving back. I like volunteering at fundraiser marathons, programs with children and at local events. When I volunteer, I get to connect with others in the community, try new things and use my high energy to make a positive change. I am incredibly passionate about various issues related to education, transportation, mental health and public safety. I have volunteered and worked with various

organizations and have tried to advocate and educate others on these serious topics. Some of my hobbies that I take part in when I am not working, studying or volunteering are reading, dancing, painting and going on walks! I am not the best dancer, but I enjoy just letting loose to a good tune.

Kanitha Uthayakumar Scarborough North



Kanitha Uthayakumar is a final year student doing a double major in Health Studies and Political Science at University of Toronto Scarborough. Some of her leadership experiences from the University of Toronto Scarborough include: UTSC Athletics as MOVE U Sneaker Squad Leader, Outdoor Recreation Supervisor, Female Fitness Ambassador, and Fit with Friends coach. She has also been an executive member of the Scarborough College Athletics Association (SCAA), VP Equity and President at UTSC Tamil Student's Association (TSA). Currently, she works at the Scarborough Campus Student Union (SCSU) as VP Equity, an elected position to represent 14,000+ undergraduate students at the University of Toronto Scarborough. She is a passionate individual who is community-minded and enjoys participating in various community events. She got involved with the "Daughters of the Vote" to have the opportunity to learn, network, and to improve her knowledge about Canadian political institutions and processes. She hopes to use this opportunity to improve herself to serve the community and create political institutions more accessible.

Laura Hernandez Merlano

Nickel Belt



Laura is an active environmental advocate who loves giving back to her community and is always adding a global perspective to the projects she participates in. Born in Medellin, Colombia and raised in Ontario, she attended French Immersion school while dedicating her spare time to achieving her triple gold figure skating qualification. Laura is currently finishing her studies in Environmental Economics and Public Policy at the University of Ottawa and works as a Sustainability Analyst at Global Affairs Canada. As an avid community volunteer, she has participated in several grassroots programs and co-founded MealCare's Ottawa chapter, a non-profit that aims to redirect edible food waste to food-insecure communities. In her spare time, Laura enjoys cooking new plant-based recipes, staying active outdoors, and playing her ukulele, especially by a campfire.

Allison Kingston Sarnia–Lambton



Born and raised in Sarnia-Lambton, Allison has a passion for refugee and immigration policy, equity in education and women in sports. She graduated from Carleton University in 2018 and after trying out various industries an internship abroad settled her into the non-profit world. Allison has a strong belief in collaboration to bring about real change locally and around the world. When she's not working or with her Rotaract club, she spends her time practising her flawed French, reading a good book or with her Roller Derby team.

April Yeung Toronto-St. Paul's



April holds an MA in Political Science from the University of Toronto. She is an immigrant from Hong Kong and has lived in three different countries. She completed her LLB whilst working full time as a law clerk and gained hands-on experience of the Canadian legal system. April is passionate about upholding the rights of refugees, indigenous peoples, and other minorities, as well as protecting our digital rights such as the right to privacy.

Janine Alhadidi St. Catharines



Janine Alhadidi is a rising senior at the University of Toronto, majoring in Political Science and Diaspora and Transnational Studies. Born and raised in Amman, Jordan she is passionate about amplifying the voices of Arab Canadian youth and celebrating their contributions to Canadian society at large. Since moving to Canada, Janine has worked with newcomers at COSTI Refugee Services, conducted foreign policy research at the G7 Research Group, and was selected as a fellow at the Mosaic Institute's UofMosaic Fellowship Program to initiate and engage in campus dialogues on intercultural understanding in Canada. Driven by her passion for journalism and public policy, she aims to create and support platforms for Canadian youth to express themselves in order to participate in decision-making processes across the country.

Karen D'souza

Carleton



Karen is a graduate from the University of Ottawa's Political Science program. She is passionate about accessibility of education in Canada, human rights, immigration, and small businesses. She wishes to pursue a Masters in Communications focusing her efforts on Political Communications. She wishes to further educate herself on the challenges that many Canadians face and hopefully run in her riding one day.

Yalda Sarwar

Richmond Hill



Yalda Sarwar is a Journalism student, based in the city of Richmond Hill. Yalda has been keen about politics from a very young age. She was born in Afghanistan and migrated to Canada fourteen years ago. The politics of her Afghan Canadian identity has always been at the forefront of her academic life, and beyond it even. The first exposure she had with politics was when she volunteered her time with her Federal MP's office, during a summer break. Following that, she has attended rallies and campaign events with PM Justin Trudeau and NDP leader, Jagmeet Singh, but she has never had the opportunity of debating policy or politics,

beyond that. Though she has been curious about the functionality of governments and their policies all her life, she has been an equally outspoken critic of both states she identifies with, and their governments as well. Through her Journalism quest, she continues to shine light on a variety of Canadian, and global issues. Indigenous affairs and matters of race, eradicating Islamophobia, poverty, homelessness, hunger, advocacy for human rights, violence against women and children, mental health, and failure of the Canadian state with respect to implementing its promise of truth and a real reconciliation with Canada's Indigenous peoples are some matters closest to her heart. That said, Yalda has never before had a chance to look at the above issues from the lens of the lawmakers and politicians themselves. Yalda was born in a warzone and has lived with news and politics being the topic of discussion at the dinner table of her household, her entire life. For that reason and due to her own passion for national and international affairs, she is also keen on addressing global issues including the ongoing wars and injustices around the world, during her term in the 2021 Daughters of the Vote House of Commons as well.

Elizabeth Peprah Pickering-Uxbridge



Elizabeth Peprah is a passionate violence prevention educator in the field of Gender-Based Violence. She is a PhD student in Human Services with a concentration in Higher Education at Walden University studying innovative ways to dismantle ‘rape culture’. Elizabeth is the author of *A Cloud of Witnesses: Poems for Survivors* (2019). In 2016, at the start of her graduate studies, she launched The Blackest Eye at her prior university campus (Carleton). Her intent was to initiate an intimate dialogue amongst “ABC” (African, Black, Caribbean) students concerning identity politics within the 21st century. In 2018, Elizabeth launched a street outreach to homeless women called The Survivor’s Boat Outreach to Vulnerable Women to support their basic needs. As a former front-line worker in domestic violence shelters and a bail residency program with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa, Elizabeth has learned the importance of community organizing in order to collaborate towards

systemic change to better the livelihoods of vulnerable populations. With a heart to give back and work towards transformative change, Elizabeth is a volunteer Gender-Based Violence Specialist with the Canadian Centre for Women’s Empowerment (<https://ccfwe.org/>). All of her advocacy work is marked by one purpose: the transformative healing and liberation that comes with speaking truth to power.

Jessica Frappier

Peterborough–Kawartha



Jessica Frappier is a Teme Augama Anishinaabe who grew up in Sudbury, Ontario. She is currently finishing her degree in Indigenous Environmental Studies at Trent University. She is passionate about Indigenous environmental justice and resurgence and has been involved in advocacy and community work in both the Trent University and Peterborough community throughout her studies for the past five years.

Rachel Strathdee Perth–Wellington



Hi, I'm Rachel Strathdee. I live in a small town in Ontario called St. Marys. I study Media, Information and Technoculture at Western University. I am also pursuing a minor in Disability Studies. I am passionate about helping others and advocating for social issues that are important to me. Through my volunteer and educational experiences, I have become specifically passionate about issues in the education system. In my spare time, I enjoy playing guitar and singing.

Rachel Miller

Parry Sound–Muskoka



After completing my Bachelor of Commerce in International Management from the Telfer School of Management, I plan to expand and grow my newly incorporated small business. In addition to completing my education I am a Legislative Assistant in the House of Commons for MP Scott Aitchison. I have had the opportunity to study abroad and have completed a semester at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. I can often be found in my hometown, Huntsville ON, where I spent many summers working for Ontario Parks and winters teaching downhill skiing at the Muskoka Ski Club. I have also had the experience of learning through my parents and elder brother, as they have taken on many entrepreneurial endeavours themselves. I spent many hours clerking at my Dad's law firm, a job which has helped me develop my communication skills tremendously. I have watched my mom start and grow a successful business; despite the challenges she has faced as a female entrepreneur.

It is through my education, work experience and family support that I have found my voice as a young female entrepreneur. I look forward to representing Parry Sound – Muskoka and using my unique experience and knowledge to educate others, and to continue the dialogue surrounding equal voice in the business world and beyond.

Victoria Barclay

Parkdale–High Park



Victoria Barclay's lifelong mission is to advance the social world through research, writing, policy, sharing, and learning. Victoria's philosophy is that she must live in ways to fulfill her happiness and well-being while encouraging and not intruding on other people's attempts to do the same. She hopes to see a world where we can all feel safe in our communities and our homes. Victoria is a recent graduate from the University of Toronto, where she majored in Sociology and double minored in Political Science and Equity Studies. Throughout her undergraduate career, she was heavily involved in on-campus initiatives surrounding equity, leadership, and fostering community. Notably, she co-founded a racialized students' collective (WRiSC) that spotlighted racial injustices and provided learning opportunities through events and campaigns rooted in ideas of intersectionality, inclusivity, and accessibility.

Since graduating, Victoria has worked in several research positions where she examines the differential experiences of marginalized people and discusses evidence-based solutions. Victoria hopes to pursue a master's degree so she can continue to dismantle oppressive systems while working towards equality and equity in local and global contexts.

Heather Taylor Oxford



Hello! My name is Heather Taylor, and I am currently a third-year student at the University of Ottawa for an Honour's Bachelor of English, and a Minor in Public Administration. During my years at University, I have been a part of several organizations such as Rotaract, the International Organization of Business Communicators, and COVID-19 Women's Initiative. I enjoy volunteering throughout my communities and have taken on several leadership roles within these organizations. In my spare time I love to travel, draw, read and write!

Krystin Dumont Ottawa–Vanier



Kyristin Dumont is a 20-year-old Algonquin anishinabe woman who resides in Algonquin territory. Kyristin has spoken with organizations, school boards, churches and with government officials to help create a better understanding of indigenous issues. She is an activist, advocate and has been awarded twice for her work within the indigenous community.

Reem Al-Ameri

Ottawa South



Reem Al-Ameri (she/her) is an undergraduate student at Sciences Po Paris and is currently based on traditional, unceded Algonquin territory (Ottawa South). A first-generation immigrant, Reem's primary research focus is on human rights defenders and has spent time in the refugee assistance and emergency response sector in Greece. A member of the Centretown Community Health Centre (CCHC), she volunteers with initiatives geared towards early years, youth and newcomers. As a grassroots organizer with CCHC, she advocates for better policies at all levels, from policing to public transit access. Currently an associate with Wisdom2Action, a national social enterprise and consulting firm specializing in community engagement, creative facilitation, and EDI, Reem has worked in

facilitation and consultation, primarily on youth issues. A Youth Ambassador and consultant for Children First Canada (CFC), she helped draft Canada's first Children's Rights Charter and develop CFC's Young Canadian Parliament and National Child Day forums with over 3000 participants. Previously a Youth Ambassador for Experiences Canada, she currently sits on W2AxRBC's Youth Advisory Council to create a youth mental health app evaluation framework and database. Reem is a CIVICA EU ambassador and elected student representative for the past 3 years, advocating for student well-being and success at all levels of university governance. Reem's community involvement earned her a Senate of Canada Sesquicentennial medal in 2017. Outside of community engagement, Reem works with the Forum of Federations on GAC funded feminist international development projects designed to advance inclusiveness in governance in the MENA region.

Eunice Oladejo Orléans



Eunice is a 4th year Political Science major, also completing a minor in Transitional Justice and Post-Conflict Reconstruction. Living in Nigeria, the United States and now, Canada, her experiences have played a monumental role in her passion for politics, advocacy, global affairs, and international development. This passion led to her involvement with the United Nations as a speaker at the UN's Join Together Conference where she talked about community development and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Following this, Eunice has been given the opportunity to serve as a Canadian delegate at the United Nation's Youth Assembly, a World Vision National Youth Ambassador and a Provincial Riding Representative for the OPYC.

She is most passionate about her advocacy work with the Child Welfare Political Action Committee where she conducted research on child welfare issues in Canada and advocated to government officials regarding access to education for children in the welfare system. She is currently the President of WaterAid Western at Western University and the Advocacy Initiatives Associate Vice President for her faculty's students' council, where she is working to advocate for underrepresented communities locally and globally. In the future, Eunice hopes to work in the field of International Development and Diplomacy, aiding in conflict analysis and resolution. She is so excited to be a delegate at DOV 2021 and is looking forward to all that is in store!

Souban Youssouf Ottawa Centre



Souban Youssouf is currently completing a BA in Law with a minor in Neuroscience and Mental Health at Carleton University. Souban's aim is to educate and raise awareness about mental health for racialized communities. Growing up, she witnessed the stigmatization of mental illnesses and mental health disorders in the Somali community. The lack of awareness and understanding about mental health and the inherent systemic barriers has further alienated the most vulnerable community members from accessing proper care. Souban has dedicated her efforts to empower marginalized communities by promoting inclusive and safe space to address issues related to mental health, social and economic disparities, and institutional racism. Furthermore, Souban is currently involved with a campaign devoted to ending the stigma surrounding substance use and mental health on campus.

In her future endeavors, Souban hopes to use her academic and professional experience to make real legislative changes to the approach to address mental health care.

Aisha Wahabu-O'Gilvie Oshawa



Aisha Wahabu-O'Gilvie (she/her) is a recent graduate from Ontario Tech University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology and Political Science. During her final year of university, she worked as a research assistant, employing an intersectional lens when examining systemic policies and institutions in Canada. In February 2020, she also travelled to Ottawa to discuss key student issues such as cost of living and climate change with elected officials, in hopes of encouraging greater funds to be allocated to youth priorities in the 2020 Federal Budget. Aisha's interest in politics and passion for helping others is largely represented in the work she chooses to partake in. Since the pandemic, Aisha continues to volunteer remotely with a variety of organizations, which focus on youth involvement,

civic engagement, career planning, sexual violence prevention and neurodiversity inclusion in schools and in the workplace. She has also had the opportunity to work with fellow youth and politicians through moderating a Digital Town Hall in Oshawa and working as a media liaison in York Region, talking to local newspapers about pandemic concerns and youth needs within the area. Most recently, Aisha worked as a researcher with PIVOT 2020, examining the COVID-19 impact on youth across the country. Aisha remains committed to and passionate about youth advocacy; she believes advocacy is not just about providing people with a voice but about giving them a platform to use their voice.

Imaan Jawad

Oakville North-Burlington



I am a 19-year-old Muslim Pakistani, currently in my second year, studying Political Science with a specialization in Public Law and Judicial Studies at McMaster University. With an inherent interest in human rights and immigration law, I hope to one day attend law school either in Canada, or in the US, and work towards a career in judgeship or federal prosecution. I am incredibly excited to take part in this program! It provides scope for opportunity and guidance in the field of politics and law. As cliched as it might sound, I believe strongly in power and influence being key tools in projecting positive societal and constitutional change. That truly is the ultimate goal for me in pursuing a career within the criminal justice system. Political interests aside, I love music in every aspect! I spend time singing and performing, playing piano, and researching and learning about movie scores

and soundtracks. I love my family, and my rabbit, and I try and enjoy the little things in life, especially at a time like this.

Sonali Patel Oakville



Sonali (Alyy) Patel is a multi-award-winning gay Gujarati gender-fluid womxn who passionately strives to mobilize and visibilize queer South Asian women through her research, advocacy, and community organizing work. Alyy is the leading Canadian researcher on discrimination against queer South Asian women in Canada, as well as the founder of the Queer South Asian Womxn's Network—a thriving national organization. Alyy is a keynote speaker, writer, and published author, who has been featured in several podcasts, press articles, and a documentary, to discuss the culturally-specific experiences of LGBTQ+ South Asian diaspora. She has been invited to speak about

Queer South Asian realities and resilience at various events, schools, and major conventions across North America for the past 6 years, including the International Film Festival of South Asia. In 2020, Alyy made LGBTQ+ history as the first South Asian speaker at Pride Toronto's Dyke March. Alyy has organized Halton Region's first LGBTQ+ Pride Festival in 2015, and countless queer initiatives across Canada thereafter. She has made monumental strides for queer South Asian women in Canada, while balancing being openly queer in social contexts and silently queer in familial contexts. In addition to being an LGBTQ+ South Asian trailblazer, Alyy holds an Honours B.A. from the University of Toronto and an M.A. in Sociology from the University of Ottawa. Alyy intends to continue influencing social change by pouring her heart into her research, advocacy, and community work.

Onome Oyiborhoro

Northumberland–Peterborough South



My name is Onome Oyiborhoro. My pronouns are she/her. I am currently a third-year student at Carleton University studying Political Science with a minor in philosophy. I am currently the co-president for the Carleton Political Science Society. I am also a fellow with the 1834 Fellowship under Operation Black Vote Canada. I have my own podcast called the Political ThisThat Podcast which aims to discuss social justice and political issues. My interests in politics is representation, mental health in marginalized communities, and health policy specifically the black woman maternal mortality rate in the Western world.

Callista Laffrenier

Nipissing–Timiskaming



I am Callista Laffrenier, the representative from Nipissing-Timiskaming. I am a 19-year-old student at Western University currently studying Music Education. I am very excited to participate in this program as I have always been passionate about politics. When I was in Gr. 7, I had the opportunity to participate in the Ontario Provincial Page Program which inspired my ambition to pursue a career in politics. Someday, I hope to earn my PhD in Music, become a teacher, and represent my community as a politician.

Kaitlyn Jonescu

Niagara West



Kaitlyn Jonescu (she/her) grew up surrounded by politics but did not know the power of her voice until 2018 when she was granted the opportunity to speak at the provincial NDP's official press conference against the OSAP cuts. The success of this press conference led her to become the subject of several news articles as well as the star in a documentary against the cuts. This whirlwind sparked a fire under her, and she hasn't stopped since! She serves on the board of directors for the Niagara West Federal Liberal Association and is in charge of their social media and public relations. She is also the Communications Officer for 2019 Federal Liberal candidate Ian Bingham. She is a third year Concurrent Education student at Brock University with a major

in education and history and a minor in French. At Brock she is a Peer Mentor, helping first year students transition into university life while also being a member of the Brock Women in House and Niagara Strong at Brock clubs. She is the secretary for the Brock Young Liberals while also serving on the Pathstone Mental Health and Civic Connect's youth action committees. Her biggest passions include mental health in youth, women's rights and making education accessible to all and dreams to one day reform Ontario's education system to be more applicable and accessible for students. She is very excited to be part of DOV 2021 and is very thankful for the opportunity provided by Equal Voice.

Carrington Robinson Niagara Falls



Hello everyone! My name is Carrington (Carrie) Robinson, and I am honoured to have been selected to represent the riding of Niagara Falls at Daughters of the Vote this year. I was born and raised in Niagara-on-the-Lake, and I have spent my life admiring the beauty and uniqueness of my riding. Having worked at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce, I have gained first-hand experience and knowledge in tourism, while appreciating the work and effort that goes into making Niagara a world-class destination. My family also owned a small business in Niagara Falls for over 20 years, until it was forced to shut down this summer due to the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. This experience allowed

me to gain deeper insight into what our riding has to offer, and how detrimental it can be when the tourism industry is forced to close. I currently attend Bishop's University, where I study political science, international studies, and world religion. My University experience has opened my eyes to diverse perspectives, new knowledge and amazing opportunities. The major issues that I wish to discuss during this program include the recovery of our tourism industry, multiculturalism and diversity, and gender and racial equality. I am eager to bring the knowledge that I obtain from this program back to my home riding of Niagara Falls — as well as to my Bishop's community. I look forward to meeting so many amazing and inspiring women through Daughters of the Vote, and to representing my riding.

Emily Miller Niagara Centre



Proudly representing the riding of Niagara Centre, Emily Miller grew up in the towns of Fonthill and Welland, Ontario. She is a fourth year Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management student at Carleton University. Emily was inspired to study public policy after witnessing the barriers present for adolescents and young adults in accessing mental health services in the Niagara Region. During her time as a First Year Connections mentor for first year students, Emily had the opportunity to mentor young women in her program. This solidified her desire to address imposter syndrome and barriers that may prevent women from advancing in the field of public policy and politics. Emily was inspired to apply to Daughters of the Vote to meet with fellow young women and non-binary individuals to connect over a shared passion for change. Issues she is passionate about include access to mental health resources, food security, diversity and inclusion, accessibility, and harm reduction.

Emily previously worked as a student analyst for the Diversity and Inclusion Directorate of the Public Service Commission on issues related to diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. After graduation, Emily wishes to work in the field of public policy.

Zoe Romeo

Newmarket–Aurora



Hello! My name is Zoe Romeo, I am in my last year of undergraduate studies at the University of Toronto, completing a specialist in political science and a minor in history. As I move towards graduation in 2021, I plan to achieve higher education in a Master's Degree, in order to further my understanding of the political and social institutions that surround us. After I have completed my education, like all of us, my goal is to help people and make real change. How I intend to fulfill this goal whether it is through pursuing a degree in law or public service is unknown, but I know where my ultimate goal lies! In pursuing my undergraduate degree, I joined the University of Toronto's Policython as a Foreign Policy Officer. Outside of being a full-time student, I spend my

time as a part-time front desk administrator at a dental office. With their spare time that I occupy, I love to spend time with my family, friends and go on long walks with my Golden-doodle Bailey.

Alex McLean Nepean



I am a second-year undergraduate student at the University of Toronto. I am enrolled in interdisciplinary studies in the fields of Bioethics, Global Health, & Equity Studies with aspirations to work at the intersection of law, medicine, and global health. I am passionate about equity and accessibility as an LGBTQ2S+ and disability rights activist. I have also been involved with student government throughout my time at U of T, working to create more inclusive and accessible spaces on campus. As a basketball player, I have always pushed for trans and gender equity within sports, working to eliminate stereotypes and further the inclusion of women, gender-diverse, and trans people. In my free time, I enjoy learning different languages and immersing myself in global affairs. As a deaf person with bilateral cochlear implants, I

am passionate about furthering awareness of American Sign Language (ASL) while breaking down accessibility barriers to leadership roles. I am grateful for this opportunity to further my involvement in federal politics while working to foster a more inclusive society.

Zeelaf Fatima

Mississauga–Streetsville



As University of Toronto Graduate, with a double major in Political Science and Sociology, I have developed a keen interest in politics, especially the representation of minority groups, I have taken initiative to become an advocate for those who do not have representation. With significant experience working with different organizations in order to better serve those who are underrepresented. Over a number of years, I have worked with both political and non-profit organizations. Despite having strong ethnic roots and distinct political values, my work with these numerous organizations has enabled me to tackle situations with profound objectivity. My volunteer work gave me the opportunity to witness apprehensions of the public outside of my social circle to stand in solidarity with them. Currently, I

serve on the board of executives of the Ontario Women's Liberal Commission as the Vice President Young Women. The OWLC promotes the interests of women within the Liberal Party by encouraging the active participation of women in politics and ensuring that provincial policies and legislation embrace women and have a gender lens applied to them. By devoting my time and efforts to my community and to Canadian politics, I hope to inspire other young people to actively participate in decision making processes and become advocates for their communities.

Michelle Wronski

Mississauga—Lakeshore



I am a fourth-year student studying Communication and Management at the University of Ottawa in French Immersion. Through my university studies I've had the opportunity to intern in several branches of government such as Statistics Canada, Privy Council and Infrastructure Canada in communications and writing roles for different departments. I have actively looked at ways of getting involved in my community on subjects including equality, bilingualism and climate change. This interest has led to co-founding a student led project called Nibi focused on developing resources and steps towards tackling the water crisis affecting Indigenous communities across Canada. In addition, as a community champion for bilingualism, I worked as an activity

leader in the Explore program in Trois-Rivières. Through this five-week French immersion program, I supported young students as an anglophone ambassador to encourage French education beyond the classroom and continue to promote French education through my day-to-day activities.

Wardha Siraj

Mississauga—Erin Mills



My name is Wardha Siraj and I recently graduated from Ryerson University with a Masters in Public Policy and Administration. Policymaking, research and finding solutions to problems that should not exist is a passion of mine, especially if it has to do with women empowerment. A novel issue that has risen from several women empowerment movements is the notion that it is all about “men versus women” and not “men with women.” This issue needs to be broken down. I am actively taking part in my riding to learn about key issues within my community and learning how to tackle them. The best way to address social issues is to generate conversations with all stakeholders.

I believe that monetary aid is useful, however education and knowledge is definitely an invaluable source that can improve the quality of life. As a young woman, I want to participate and contribute to the greater society without feeling any less than my male peers. I want to aid in exposing the hidden talents that women have and develop a positive view of female empowerment.

Amanda Pereira

Mississauga East–Cooksville



Amanda Pereira is a recent graduate from McMaster University's Global Health MSc program, and has completed her BSc at the University of Waterloo. She has a strong interest in health policy and understanding how the social determinants of health shape the well-being of communities. She brings an intersectional lens to the work she does and is keen on exploring how systems can be made more equitable and inclusive.

Brintha Sivajohan

Mississauga Centre



Brintha is a passionate medical student who has experience working in the sphere of health politics and advocating for health equity. She is also a health services researcher who is focusing on improving national maternal care through collaborations at various centres across Canada. Her interests in health equity have also led to her working with elected officials at the municipal, provincial and national levels to develop strategies for improved public healthcare. In addition to her clinical, research & political endeavours she is the co-founder of a non-profit organization called The BIPOC Women's Health Network. Through this organization she is leading many initiatives focused on improving racial disparities in healthcare outcomes and advocacy projects to improve access to care using an intersectional lens.

Wardah Shaikh Milton



Hi! My name is Wardah Shaikh. I am currently studying Life Sciences at McMaster University with a minor in Political Science. Recently, I was a Research Team Member for Pivot 2020 where I collaborated with 1200 youth across 27 Canadian cities to collect national data on how cities can prosper during and post COVID-19. At the moment, I am helping with the execution of the Winter Food Empowerment Program at Penny Appeal Canada. Our goal is to prepare a meal kit for 100 families and host a virtual cooking session. As a self-proclaimed foodie, in my free time I cook, bake and look for adventure!

Tiffany Yung

Markham–Unionville



I am currently a Political Science and Employment Relations student at Queen's University. Over the past few years, I have been extremely passionate and dedicated to advocacy efforts within student government to help strengthen the voices within our student body and improve learning environments. Additionally, I am strongly committed to creating safe spaces for women of colour wherever I may be and continue to help eager allies find educational resources to help address systemic inequalities.

Michelle Hok Yee Ma

Markham–Thornhill



Michelle elle/she multilingual has been involved ongoingly going from in the non-profit government sector at the academia collegiate, local, provincial and national levels addressing issues related to equity, public policy education redefined by looking at people as wholesome beings. She is a student (and of life), program instructor, facilitator, sometimes writer, and community educator on topics such as redefined accountable inclusive wellness and long-term advocacy, education community policy and justice, restorative justice, wellness, and community health promotion. social politics, and resilience. She enjoys writing and speaking about the intersections of the racism, colonisation, social justice, and redefined accountable inclusive health to encourage other truth tellers and activists to live as fully well as possible.

When Michelle isn't advocating to end systemic oppression, you can find her with friends, observing oneself and others as some grounding practices, at events, fangirling over Issa Rae, and spending time with oneself.

Kate Daisy Deebrah London West



Hello! My name is Kate Daisy Deebrah and I am a second-year student at the University of Western Ontario. I am currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Health Sciences, specializing in biology with a selected focus in health promotion, ethics, and policy. I will be representing the London West riding for the Daughters of the Vote Program in 2021. I first got into politics in 2017, when I was appointed by the Mayor of Richmond Hill, Dave Barrow, to be a youth member for the Richmond Hill Cultural Leadership Council. During my two-year term, I began to appreciate the complexity of politics and understand the ways in which it governs individuals' success in society. I became aware of the gender and age disparities within political and scientific

communities. This demonstrated the need for more opportunities for female and youth leaders within politics. I became involved in the decision-making process within my City by volunteering at the Sports Hall of Fame and Heritage Advisory Committee. I became an executive member of student-run organizations such as Youth Nation Alliance, Gap-Gen, and the Youth Leadership Program. I was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from MP Majid Jowhari and a Community Achievement Award from MPP Daisy Wai for community leadership. In addition to my experience, I swam competitively with the Richmond Hill Aquatic Club for 6 years, training 10 times per week at the Provincial level. I competed for the Richmond Hill Lifesaving Club at Lifesaving Games and open water competitions.

Jacqueline Rintjema Markham–Stouffville



Jacqueline is a Master of Public Health student at McMaster University and a recent graduate of the Honours Health Studies program. She is also the Founder and Director of the Public Health Youth Association of Canada, a newly formed national by-youth-for-youth organization. Jacqueline's interests include advancing equity through health and social policies, pharmacare, and climate change adaptation planning.

Amina Khan

London North Centre



My name is Amina Khan, and I am a student at Western University studying Honours Specialization in Political Science. I have held a passion for politics, law, and foreign policy since I was in high school. I have been involved in youth advocacy work, refugee programs, and many other community outreach programs. Studying political science, I hope to get involved in politics one day and advocate for the communities that have unfortunately found it difficult to express issues pertaining to them.

Jehan Mohamed London–Fanshawe



My name is Jehan Mohamed and I am a third-year student at Western University. I am currently doing an Honours Specialization in Political Science and a major in Governance, Leadership and Ethics. For as long as I can remember, I have been passionate about all thing's equity. Particularly, women's reproductive rights, immigration justice and dismantling racial inequity within the Canadian legal system. I have also found myself keenly interested in the intersections of law and policy and hope to, one day, adopt a cosmopolitan ethic of good governance and a pluralistic approach towards addressing interlinked systems of oppression that continue to prevail. I fundamentally believe that a lot of the world's problems can be solved by increasing female representation at all levels of politics and cannot wait to be inspired and empowered by all the strong women participating in the Daughters of the Vote program this year.

Courtney Campbell Leeds–Grenville–Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes



Hi there! My name is Courtney Campbell, and my pronouns are she/her. I'm from Gananoque and am a current student in the Bachelor of Public Affairs and Policy Management program at Carleton University in Ottawa. I hope to attend law school after obtaining my Bachelor's degree. My research interests include global health policy, feminist foreign policy, and women's political participation. I'm beyond excited to be a part of this program alongside 337 remarkable women and gender diverse people!

Kayley Kennedy

Lanark–Frontenac–Kingston



Kayley Kennedy is honoured to be representing the riding of Lanark–Frontenac–Kingston, where she ran as a Liberal Candidate in the 2019 federal election. A graduate of the Master of Political Management (MPM) program at Carleton University and a former Parliament Hill staffer, Kayley has worked for and learned from many inspiring women in politics and wants to help more of them get elected to all levels of government. Having lost her mom to lymphoma in 2020, Kayley is particularly passionate about stem cell and blood donations and is proud to work as a Legislative and Health Policy Analyst at Canadian Blood Services.

Laura Sumpter Lambton-Kent-Middlesex



Laura graduated from Carleton University in 2019 from the Bachelor of Social Work Program. Laura currently works as a Support Worker in a group home for adults with disabilities. She is very passionate about inclusion of persons with disabilities and accessibility in the community. Growing up outside London in a rural neighbourhood, she hopes to learn more about how other rural centres tackle social and political issues from the Daughters of the Vote event.

Anoosha Kizhatil Kitchener South–Hespeler



Hi, my name is Anoosha and I am representing the Kitchener South-Hespeler riding! I am a University of Waterloo student in Business & Economics. I am passionate about issues regarding gender inequality, racial inequality, income inequality, and the environment. I'm excited to be a part of DOV!

Melissa Bender Kitchener–Conestoga



Melissa Bender graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Arts in Honours English – Rhetoric, Media and Professional Communication. Since her graduation, she has worked in marketing and freelance writing. Outside of work, she is extremely passionate about social issues. She spent much of 2020 advocating for inclusivity, diversity and anti-racism action in the municipalities in which she lives and worked and started a petition to prohibit publicly visible displays of symbols of hate. She is honoured to represent Kitchener-Conestoga in the 2021 virtual Daughters of the Vote program and looks forward

to learning more about Canada's political institutions, how to work and engage in Canadian politics, and how to take action and advocate for progressive social change.

Sandra Biskupovic

Kitchener Centre



Sandra is a graduate student at the University of Waterloo where her research focuses on critical infrastructure resilience and flood risk management. Her research will advance a growing body of knowledge seeking to address the increasing threat of flooding to socially vulnerable communities and critical public infrastructure in Canada due to climate change. She is also passionate about community development and social justice. As the first of her family to be born in Canada nearly three months after coming to Canada as refugees, she quickly realized the importance of strong and dedicated public leadership and how it can transform lives. For this reason, Sandra has dedicated her life to contributing positively to her community. She has volunteered with Waterloo Public Library for nearly ten years as she believes public services, like our libraries, are vital resources in our

communities. Additionally, she has been a committee member of the City of Waterloo Sustainability Advisory Committee and currently the City of Kitchener Environmental Committee, using her knowledge to advance local environmental and sustainable policies. Sandra hopes to use the valuable experience and knowledge from Daughters of the Vote to pursue political leadership in the future and continue positively changing her community.

Laura O'Connor Kingston and the Islands



Laura O'Connor is an undergraduate student at the University of Ottawa studying Political Science and Communication, with a particular interest in reproductive justice, global health, and conflict resolution. She is also a policy analyst for the Treasury Board Secretariat, working on trans inclusive pension policy. She is also project assistant at UOttawa, focussing on track two diplomacy and conflict resolution in South Asia and the Middle East. Beyond this, she is a community organizer, activist, and writer, having been involved in sexual health spaces in Ottawa for the past three years. Her work has been published

in Our Times Magazine, Action Canada for Sexual Health & Rights, and Youth Coalition's Watchdog publication. She plans on pursuing graduate studies in global health and conflict, and hopes to remain in grassroots, community-led spaces.

Aysha Anwar King-Vaughan



Aysha is a fourth-year Communications, Politics, and PR student at Ryerson University. She is a writer, dreamer, and friend—intrigued by the intersection of digital media and community. Prior to joining IBM Canada as a Communications Intern, Aysha worked with the Ontario Public Service, Ryerson Leadership Lab, and House of Commons in various capacities. She is currently a member of the City of Vaughan's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force and an active volunteer with the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. Keep up with her heart on Twitter @ayshaanwar_.

Kimberley Meijer

Kanata–Carleton



Raised in Ottawa, Kimberley has become an avid follower of politics with a keen passion for community and addressing the problems that affect demographics all around her. With both a BA in Political Science (Concentration in North American Politics) and an MA in Political Science from Carleton University, this political scientist and researcher has great passion for understanding why governments and communities interact as they do, as well as a passion for research and policy communications and how each has a direct effect on the community she lives and works in. She loves to read political non-fiction and romance novels, watch classic films and is a great fan of legal/crime procedurals on TV. When she isn't focused on working or following politics or the news, she can be found spending time with her family or taking leisurely drives along backroads exploring her city and neighbouring townships.

Sara Dwyer

Huron–Bruce



Born and raised in Huron County, Ontario, Sara Dwyer is in her final year of her Honours Bachelors Degree in Political Science at the University of Guelph. Throughout her studies, Sara has focused on Canadian and international politics, law, and environmental governance.

Ariel Burgess

Hastings–Lennox and Addington



I'm a 19-year-old student currently attending Queen's University, working towards a degree in Political Science. I was born and raised within HLA - which rests upon the unceded territory of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee peoples -and have had the pleasure of visiting almost every town within it. My passion for politics was sparked by former MP Mike Bossio, who gave me opportunities to engage in the political process across many levels, including opportunities to campaign for various candidates across Ontario. I am the former President of the HLA CYC, was selected for the Canada 150 and Me program, and am currently the acting logistics director for QULA, along with having organized several other political events.

Taylor Robinson

Hamilton West–Ancaster–Dundas



My name is Taylor Robinson, and I am the delegate for Hamilton West- Ancaster-Dundas. I'm originally from Carlisle, Ontario but currently live in Montreal, Quebec where I study Political Science and Sociology at McGill University. At McGill I am a staff writer for the McGill Journal of Political Studies where I write about issues relating to Canadian politics. Specifically, I am interested in understanding the relationship between Indigenous People and the Canadian state, as well as understanding historical and contemporary efforts of reconciliation. In the future I hope to pursue a career in law, with my interests currently being in criminal law, international human rights law, and environmental law. I grew up training as a competitive dancer in Waterdown, Ontario and now like to stay active by practicing yoga and attending barre classes.

Yasmine Atassi Hamilton Centre



After witnessing the loss of political freedom in my home country, and after having arrived in Canada around 4 years ago, I became extremely interested in the Canadian political sphere because I think it's a beautiful human right that many often take for granted. I am passionate about building a home away from home for people who fled oppression in countries like Syria. I am also fond of environmental sustainability. This is reflected upon me through a non-profit organization which I founded in 2018 and another one which I'm currently running. Through the Arab Students League (ASL) and Zero Food Waste Ottawa, I was able to kickstart the dream path that I always dreamt of having and help a community and a country that has done so much for me. Canada has become my home, and I am willing to utilize my fullest potential to make it even better.

Rukhsor Khush Mohammad Hamilton Mountain



I am a recent McMaster University Political Science graduate. I first got into my hand in policy during an internship with the City of Hamilton as a Graffiti Enforcement and Victim Assistance By-Law Officer. In this role, I collected data on graffiti within the city and worked alongside the community, by-law officers, councillors, and committees to decrease the presence of graffiti. In 2019, I traveled to China with Envision and the International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP) as part of their Diplomacy and International Relations program as part of a number of university students worldwide. Some highlights were visiting universities and connecting with student leaders, meeting with diplomatic leaders to discuss topics such as China's foreign affairs and international relations with other delegates, climbing the Great Wall of China, and

connecting with various students from several other programs to view the world from a different lens. I am excited to join DOV and meet with other delegates to engage and understand difference perspectives and opinions on some hot topics in the political sphere. In my spare time, I like listening to podcasts, cooking, and taking walks.

Molly Wilkins

Hamilton East–Stoney Creek



My name is Molly Wilkins and I am proud to represent Hamilton East- Stoney Creek for the 2021 Daughters of the Vote Program! I currently attend McMaster University, where I study Political Science with a specialization in Global Citizenship. At McMaster I serve as the Federal President of the McMaster Young Liberals, and as a representative of the McMaster Political Science Association. I also sit on the Hamilton Region Women's Liberal Association and their youth engagement committee, which aims to make the Ontario Liberal Party more accessible to young women. Outside of politics I have an interest in the fitness industry, where I work at a Spin Studio in my hometown of London, Ontario. Additionally, I also follow the philanthropic and charitable endeavours of Meghan Markle and Kate Middleton, and how their work helps men and women globally. My interests centre around changing the narrative of what power and strength looks like in society. By taking part in this program, I hope to show young girls that leadership can look like them, and that they deserve to see a woman leading their city, province, and their country.

Jessica Slade

Haliburton–Kawartha Lakes–Brock



Jessica Slade is a small-town girl from rural Ontario with big dreams of creating lasting community impact through social entrepreneurship and innovation. Since 2017, Jessica has worked to advance Canada's national Social Innovation and Social Finance Strategy. She has been awarded the Deputy Minister's Award for Advancing COVID-19 Supports for Charities and NonProfits (2020), the Deputy Minister's Award for Policy Design (2019), the Assistant Deputy Minister's Award for Program Implementation (2019), the Director-

General Recognition Award for Excellence (2017) and was nominated for the Assistant Deputy Ministers Award for Innovative People and Projects (2018). After completing an assignment in rural Colombia at a drug rehabilitation centre for children, Jessica returned to Canada and completed Carleton University's Master of Philanthropy and NonProfit Leadership program. She holds an Honours Bachelor's degree in Global Studies and Political Science from Wilfrid Laurier University, and completed the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program at the Grand Valley Institute for Women in Waterloo. In 2016, Jessica was named 'Global Shaper' by the World Economic Forum on recognition for exceptional potential for future leadership roles in society and community contribution. She is a trained as a Climate Leader through the Climate Reality Leadership Corps and is an advocate for clean water for organizations such as Copper Root Collective and Water Ambassadors Canada. As an accomplished speaker, Jessica has spoken and travelled extensively to a number of countries including the Netherlands, Ethiopia, Colombia, Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua, to assist and consult on various endeavours- including initiatives rooted in strategic partnerships and cross-sectoral collaboration. She has occupied a number of executive positions within charitable organizations, providing leadership and mentoring.

Sammie Dhillon Haldimand–Norfolk



Sammie Dhillon is currently a Master of Arts in Political Science candidate at McMaster University and holds an Honours Bachelor of Science and Minor in Political Science. She is a teaching assistant and has been elected as a member of the Faculty Council by her peers. Her main research interests revolve around the study of gender and politics. She is specifically interested in looking at the underrepresentation of women in politics and commends Equal Voice's efforts to address this persisting problem. Sammie has a strong interest in politics and policymaking and has been fortunate to have had a wealth of relevant experience. For instance, she joined the Canadian

delegation at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Voices of the Future conference and participated in a trade mission to Peru as a Junior Team Canada Ambassador. Furthermore, she has been selected to chair committees at various Model United Nations conferences, was a recipient of the Minister of Finance's G7 Student Challenge and pursued the role of Premier at Ontario Model Parliament. Sammie is committed to a journey of lifelong learning and strives to make a positive impact on the lives of those around her by actively getting involved in any community she is a part of. She is thrilled to be participating in the 2021 Daughters of the Vote program and looks forward to connecting with all the women and gender-diverse delegates across our great nation!

Maddy Godin Guelph



Maddy Godin is currently a fourth-year student at Queen's University studying Global Development and Political Studies. She is passionate about access to education, women's representation in all levels of government and sustainable international aid. She is excited to work and learn alongside all the incredible delegates at DOV 2021, while having thoughtful and important conversations about Canada's future.

Vicki Brisson Glengarry–Prescott–Russell



Vicki est une fière francophone qui a grandi sur une ferme laitière de l'est ontarien. D'autant loin qu'elle se souvienne, elle a toujours aimé donner un coup de main sur la ferme familiale et a ainsi développé une passion pour la santé animale. À travers son implication communautaire dans le club 4-H du comté de Russell et dans le club Optimiste d'Embrun, Vicki s'efforce d'apprendre en travaillant et d'inspirer le meilleur chez les jeunes, tel que l'indique les devises de ces deux organismes. Vicki a d'abord poursuivi son baccalauréat en sciences animales à l'Université de Guelph. Grâce à sa spécialisation en sciences animales et à son stage d'été en tant que conseillère en vente chez Cargill Animal Nutrition, Vicki a découvert un intérêt pour la nutrition animale et la recherche. Elle termine actuellement sa maîtrise, portant sur les modèles mathématiques et la disponibilité des vitamines B dans les vaches laitières, au sein du département des biosciences animales à l'université de Guelph et vise à incorporer l'industrie

laitière après l'obtention de son diplôme. Vicki est aussi l'une des 25 membres du Conseil canadien de la jeunesse agricole, où elle vise entre autres à promouvoir l'importance des femmes en agriculture, l'incorporation de l'agriculture dans les curriculums scolaires ainsi que la communication entre les consommateurs et les divers paliers de l'industrie agricole et agro-alimentaire canadienne. Son désir d'apprentissage constant l'encourage à toujours viser l'amélioration à travers divers défis. Pendant son temps libre, elle aime courir, faire du vélo, lire et le plein-air.

Kashaf Salaheen

Flamborough–Glanbrook



Kashaf Salaheen is a student at the University of Toronto, pursuing a double major in Computer Science and Cognitive Science, as well as a Psychology Minor. Kashaf is currently completing her professional experience year (PEY) at Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan as an IT Intern. She currently hosts a podcast called Worth the Ka\$h, and also runs a blog on Instagram, @KodeWithKashaf. Kashaf currently serves as Co-President of UofT Scientista and has previously had positions as Co-President of Women in Computer Science and Co-Chair of Hack the 6ix. She is currently volunteering as a tutor with Youth Assisting Youth, serving on the Board of Directors for Hack the 6ix, and working with non-profit Green Ummah.

Sureya Ali Etobicoke North



Sureya is a passionate youth advocate in her community. She is currently a fourth-year student at York University studying Political Science with a certification in Public Administration and Law. She is committed to community building and advocating for youth participation, women's rights, and the rights of immigrants and refugees. Currently, Sureya is a Peer Champion Ambassador for the 'Immigrant and Refugee Communities Neighbours, Friends and Families (IRCNFF) Campaign' coordinated by the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI). As an Ambassador, she aims to raise awareness about domestic violence through informative community educational events. Sureya has been involved with initiatives such as Apathy is Boring to co-create a

community project that addresses the issue of gender inequality as an Ambassador for the RISE program. Sureya has also been a member of the Etobicoke North Youth Council, where she has raised community issues such as the lack of educational services for students. Sureya is excited to be a part of this year's Daughters of the Vote and is excited to contribute her voice as a youth at the program.

Bernadette Gomes

Etobicoke Centre



Bernadette is a 24-year-old Bangladeshi-Canadian woman raised in Toronto, Ontario. She is pursuing an honors degree in political science at York University with which she hopes to help improve the systems and institutions within communities which aim to serve and protect all. Bernadette is incredibly passionate about mental health advocacy and recognizes the importance of integrating the curriculum with mental health resources – those that truly strive to foster contentment, courage, and provide communal support for the youth of future generations.

Chelsea Montgomery Elgin–Middlesex–London



My name is Chelsea Montgomery, and I will be representing Elgin-Middlesex-London in the Daughters of the Vote for 2021. I grew up in London, Ontario so I am very excited for this opportunity to get to represent my hometown. I moved to Ottawa six years ago to attend the University of Ottawa taking Political Science and Public Administration. After graduating I began my career in the Public Service. I am very passionate about helping my community especially the homeless and the elderly. I am looking forward to meeting all of the other representatives and to represent Elgin-Middlesex-London and help its residents.

Aaliah Michaela Carlos Eglinton–Lawrence- Mendicino



My name is Aaliah Michaela Carlos, and I am 25 years old. I was born in the Philippines and immigrated to Canada with my parents when I was one years old. I have a background as a signed singer and songwriter and a Bachelor's Degree from York University. I have had the privilege to work for a wonderful social enterprise called The Buy Good. Feel Good. Expo and was able to foster relationships with marginalized and vulnerable communities in Canada and around the world. My passion for academia, social and ecological justice stemmed from within this field and has led me to pursue higher education and political involvement as a means to learn and stand in solidarity against the deeply rooted issues in our nation, such as the exploitation and violence upon nature, animals, and humans. I am

passionate about music, community service, and academia and I hope to one day contribute to this field of study, publish, and be an advocate for ecofeminism and marginalized communities in Canada and around the world.

Gillian Maiorino Durham- O'Toole



My name is Gillian Maiorino, and I am finishing my fourth year at the University of Guelph, majoring in Political Science. I am excited to be a part of Daughters of the Vote 2021 and learn more about our government. I am looking forward to using the skills I have learned in my four years of undergrad in this experience.

Neeki Behbahani Dufferin-Caledon



Neeki Behbahani is an Iranian- Canadian woman in her fourth year of studies for a Bachelor of Social Sciences with a specialization in international studies and modern languages at the University of Ottawa. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in international affairs and to join the foreign service after completing her undergraduate degree.

Maushum Basu Don Valley West



Iconic youth leader, global influencer, environmentalist, champion of women and children's rights, TEDx speaker, Climate Reality Mentor, author, musician, peace and sustainability campaigner, 20-year-old Kehkashan Basu is a trail blazer who has been challenging the status quo and breaking social strictures and taboos that impede the progress and rights of future generations. A Forbes30under 30 for Education, the winner of the 2016 International Children's Peace Prize and the first-ever Voices Youth Gorbachev-Schultz Legacy Award for her

work on nuclear disarmament, Kehkashan is a tireless advocate for the UN Sustainable Development Goals. She is a United Nations Human Rights Champion, a National Geographic Young Explorer, a UN Habitat Young City Champion and the youngest ever Global Coordinator for the UN Environment Program's Major Group for Children & Youth and one of Canada's Top25 Women of Influence. Kehkashan is the Founder President of global social innovation enterprise Green Hope Foundation, that works at a grassroots level in 16 countries, empowering young people, especially those from vulnerable communities, in the sustainable development process. Her internationally acclaimed work on sustainability has resulted in her being named one of the Top 100 SDG Leaders in the world. She is the youngest member of Canada's Women in Renewable Energy forum, a Councillor at World Future Council and the Council Lead at Toronto-St.Paul's Constituency Youth Council, Canada. A powerful voice for future generations, she has spoken at over 200 United Nations and other global fora across 25 countries.

Melika Khajeh

Don Valley North



I'm a fourth-year undergraduate student at Queen's University pursuing an honours degree in political studies and global development. As a first-generation Canadian, I am deeply passionate about migrant rights and hope to further pursue this passion through research at the post-graduate level. Furthermore, my identity as a WoC has pushed me to involve myself in feminist-based organizations like the Queen's Female Leadership in Politics (QFLIP) team, where I now have the honour of serving as Co-Chair. QFLIP has introduced me to a group of incredible people who have fueled my existing passion for gender equality — I hope that my participation at DOV alongside some of my team members will allow us to experience what we fight for: women's representation in politics. I am excited to join my fellow DOV peers for a weekend of conversation, advocacy, and growth.

Mehwish Rana

Don Valley East



Mehwish grew up in Toronto, Ontario in the riding of Don Valley East. She is currently an undergraduate student at the University of Toronto Scarborough studying Mental Health. Mehwish recently became interested in politics and she is passionate about issues pertaining to child welfare, healthcare and poverty. She hopes to study the effects of poverty on the health of immigrant and refugee children and advocate for more government funding and social services for these children. Mehwish hopes to raise awareness for child poverty and is grateful to be given the opportunity to partake in this year's virtual parliament.

Ana Kraljevic Davenport



Hello/Bonjour/Bozhoo! My name is Ana Kraljević, and I am writing to you from the unceded territory of the Haudenosaunee, the Anishinabewaki and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. I am in my third year of post-secondary studies at the Glendon Campus of York University. Je me spécialise en études françaises et en études canadiennes. Je suis aussi inscrite dans le program d'éducation pour les futur.e.s enseignant.e.s du français comme langue seconde, et j'ai besoin d'un seul cours pour obtenir mon certificat de compétence en langue portugaise. Despite experiencing an unprecedented global climate, my leadership portfolio continues to find itself in a constant state of growth. I currently serve as a President's Ambassador, a Top Scholar Vice-President, a Robarts Centre Fellow, a student researcher, a peer mentor, a member of Student Caucus and a member of numerous committees. Ma passion pour l'engagement civique a été suscité par ma participation en tant que bénévole pendant la dernière élection provinciale en Ontario. After a successful grassroots campaign, I spent two months of my summer before university working for the Education Critic for the Official Opposition in Ontario at the Ontario Legislature. I now realize how incredibly rare of an opportunity this was, and it was what truly encouraged me to gain a heightened interest in politics. J'espère être en mesure de travailler sur la réforme du système d'éducation en Ontario dans ma carrière. I look forward to engaging in this incredible program. Take care!

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Andrea Colasanti

Chatham-Kent—Leamington



Andrea Colasanti was raised in Chatham, Ontario and is very excited to be representing her home riding of Chatham-Kent—Leamington. Andrea is currently a Junior Research and Policy Analyst at the Privy Council Office, working in the Impact and Innovation Unit (IIU). Prior to joining the IIU team, she completed her Master's of Public Administration at the Queen's University School of Policy Studies. Andrea also completed her undergraduate degree at Queen's University in political studies and graduated at the top of her class. She is passionate about Canadian and Ontario politics and improving the representation of women at all levels of government in Canada.

Brooke Dietrich Cambridge



Hello, my name is Brooke Dietrich (she/her/elle), and I am a 23-year-old white settler. I was born and raised in Cambridge, Ontario and am very excited to represent Cambridge in DOV for 2021. I am passionate about intersectional environmentalism and intersectional feminism. I have a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sociology and Global Studies (2019) and a Master of Arts in Social Justice and Community Engagement (2020). I care about understanding how local and global level politics impact one and other and how I can best leverage my privilege to raise up and amplify voices who are historically underrepresented.

Aiman Akmal Burlington



Aiman is a fourth-year student at the University of Toronto studying International Relations, Political Science, and Middle Eastern Studies. Raised in Burlington, Aiman is thrilled to be representing her hometown. She's interested in issues of global health, international development, and mental health. During her undergraduate degree, Aiman has done historical research on the Palestine Mandate and hopes to continue her work into graduate studies. In her spare time, she loves to write, learn Arabic, and spend time with her little brothers. Though the future is uncertain, Aiman hopes that she can make a meaningful difference in some capacity and improve the lives of others.

Salina Samem

Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound- Ruff



My name is Salina Samem and I am currently in my 4th year at York University studying Law and Society. My interest in law sparked in my adolescent years. I found the law to be quite interesting because of its ubiquitous nature and the fact that it can be a very powerful tool when trying to combat various social justice issues. My passion herein lies to be able to advocate for individuals whose voices are often left unheard and make sure that I can amplify these very same voices with the use of the law.

Mashaal Saeed Brampton West



My name is Mashaal and I work as a Communications and Government Relations Coordinator at Islamic Relief Canada. I recently graduated from York University where I studied Global Political Studies and participated in leadership roles within charitable student clubs. My interest in charitable, social and political work runs deep and I hope to continue working and learning in this field!

Shabiba Sultana

Brampton North



I am a dedicated and hardworking student and recent graduate of McMaster University studying Judicial Studies and Business. I also focused on putting my passions and skills to use by supporting organizations and projects that I care about whether it's joining extracurriculars at school to give back to the local and international community. At McMaster, I was a part of clubs that focused on discussing and actively raising awareness for domestic and global issues. Such as the ongoing health crisis Indigenous people face in Canada, international issues like global warming. I care about the environment and have focused my undergrad education on equal rights issues and understanding how the judicial system works. I hope to continue to learn and experience new things in my DOV journey.

Eraj Waqar

Brampton South



My name is Eraj Waqar, and I am proud to be the daughter of immigrants. I am a business graduate working in a not-for-profit sector, supporting newcomers with their settlement needs at a community level. With my experience working with incredible women in leadership roles as well as supporting various women groups through my work, whether it is seniors, youth, or newcomers to Canada related, I aim to be a part of a change that makes women feel more empowered and included in economic decision-making at all levels, from the household to international institutions.

Vennila Mathialagan

Brampton East



Hello, my name is Vennila Mathialagan, I am 19 years old and am studying Political Science at Western University. In the future, I hope to ensure Tamil survivors of Sri Lanka's genocidal acts are properly atoned, rectified and compensated, that war criminals are held accountable and a stable foundation for peace is built on the island. I am also immensely passionate about increasing the representation of diverse females in politics and increasing reconciliation and justice efforts for the Canadian Indigenous community. I joined the Daughters of the Vote program to advocate for the increased representation of diverse women in politics, Tamil females in politics and to provide a source of representation for the Canadian Tamil diaspora in the political realm. Aside from my passion for politics, I love to sing, read and workout! I look forward to building my civic engagement and being a delegate for the Daughters of the Vote program!

Alanis Ortiz Espinoza

Brampton Centre



Alanis Ortiz Espinoza has been selected to represent her federal riding, Brampton Center, in the House of Commons by the Daughters of the Vow 2021, where she will represent her community and communicate his vision for Canada to Prime Minister Trudeau and his colleagues. Alanis graduated (With Distinction) from the University of Toronto with a Major in Political Science in 2019 and is now a Law Student at the University of Leicester in the UK from which he hopes to graduate from in 2021. Alanis has always been passionate about politics and tries to actively participate in student and civic events, always representing and completing volunteer work in her local community. She is the Editor-in-Chief of her University's Law Review, a Legal Researcher for the University of Leicester's Pro Bono Global Justice and Forensic Justice Project and has been interviewed by the national Panamanian news. She is also a member of the Ontario Bar Association, the Women's Law Association of

Ontario, and the Canadian Hispanic Bar Association. Alanis is currently a Legal Intern for a Private Equity firm in Toronto and aspires to become a successful Corporate Lawyer. She hopes to use her experience as a "Daughter of the Vote" to represent Brampton Centre (her home of twenty years) to the best of her abilities and to inspire and empower other young women to advocate for themselves and their communities.

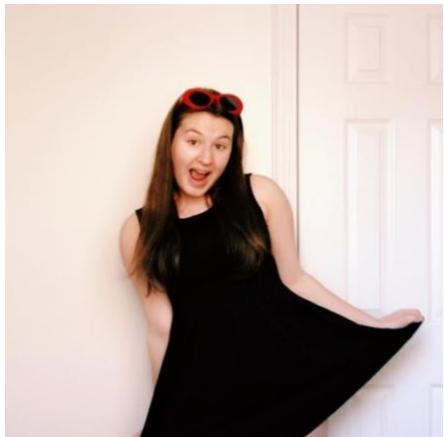
RaeChelle-Faith Hamilton Beaches-East York



My name is RaeChelle-Faith Hamilton. I'm 25 years old and elated to be a 2021 Daughters of the Vote Delegate. Born and raised in Jamaica, I graduated with an LL. B in 2016, and was most recently awarded a post-grad certificate in Government Relations. After reading for my law degree and conducting legal research on the Jamaican juvenile justice system, I worked as a summer camp counsellor in Vermont (USA) with youth from primarily low-income households and/or state care, then in educational consulting for a bit. Next, I found my footing at Global Affairs Canada (in Jamaica) for about a year and a half working in the IRCC Division, and since January, have volunteered with M.P. Nathaniel Erskine-Smith's office, serving the constituents of Beaches-East York. I'm a people-centric introvert who believes you're never fully dressed without a smile! I love people,

public policy, project management, youth advocacy, community capacity building, and meeting new people over good food and conversation! In my free time, I'm a singer-songwriter who also likes to pretend she's a chef! My sincerest joy and purpose is helping to amplify the voices of Black women and youth, and creating spaces for people to feel safe and HEARD. Presently, I'm working at the Yonge Street Mission as a Community Support Worker with youth from Regent Park. I'm excited and grateful for this opportunity to learn from and serve alongside other world-changing young women and gender-diverse youth!

Melanie Stibbard Barrie–Innisfil



My name is Melanie Stibbard, I am 16 years old and I live in Barrie Ontario. I am actively involved in my school community through sports, debate, and the arts.

Dasha Androusenkov

Aurora–Oak Ridges–Richmond Hill



Dasha is no stranger to the political community -- she jumps at every opportunity to get involved. She is currently obtaining her Master of Political Management at Carleton University, focusing on political communication. Having recently graduated from Glendon College, York University, Dasha holds a trilingual degree in international studies and communications and completed an exchange at Sciences Po Bordeaux. Dasha had the pleasure of working for the Hon. MP Peter Kent, former Shadow Minister for Immigration,

Refugees, and Citizenship. Throughout her university career, Dasha participated in various elections and volunteered on nomination campaigns. Dasha is eager at the prospect of getting to know empowered women from all political affiliations and working together.

Alaha Bakhtari Ajax



My name is Alaha Bakhtari. I am from Afghanistan. I am currently in my fourth year of Political Science at Ontario Tech University. My family and I immigrated to Canada when I was 6 years old from Uzbekistan. I am studying Political Science because my passion is to help the lower income families and to provide a better living environment for them. I volunteer for my riding so that I can understand and know how our federal government policies are implemented as well as helping them achieve their goal. I'm planning on pursuing a master's degree in public policy and administration to further my knowledge.

Mahafraid (Fara) Seddigh Thornhill



Hi, I'm Fara, a proud Persian Canadian woman currently studying Psychology and Law & Society at York University. Given my academic pursuits, I'm greatly interested in the impact of legal and political processes on the experiences and mental health outcomes of immigrant populations. Oh, and I also love overly sweet coffee!

Christina Andaya Etobicoke-Lakeshore



Christina Arcena Andaya (she/her) was born and raised in Etobicoke-Lakeshore. After completing a Police Foundations Diploma Program at Humber College in 2014, Christina transferred to York University for the Honours Bachelor of Arts in the Undergraduate Program in Interdisciplinary Social Science and a Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis. She recently graduated from York University in June 2020. During her time as an undergraduate student, Christina was a Public Relations Executive for Lions

Archery, the Marketing Assistant for the Filipino Student Association, and as the Founding President of the Social Science Student Association (SSSA). The academic student club is affiliated with the Interdisciplinary Social Science Undergraduate Program where it welcomes undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, and alumni to discuss recent social issues in a safe environment and the importance of a Social Science degree. Christina has been battling Multiple Sclerosis since 2016. Originally, she did not experience any symptoms, however; it developed overtime which led her to take the treatment in 2018. Christina hopes to spread awareness in hopes to find a cure. Her battle with Multiple Sclerosis has shown the need to expand Canada's Healthcare by implementing National Pharmacare to make medicines and treatments more accessible and affordable for all Canadians. Christina is currently the Chief Returning Officer for the Social Science Student Association and the Creative Engagement Portfolio Associate of the On COVID-19 Project. A non-profit made by young Canadians to share social media content that is credible and concise via Canadian perspective regarding COVID-19.

Tartil Shaheen Essex



Tartil (she/her) is a delegate from the riding of Essex. She is currently a fourth year Political Science student specializing in Law and Politics at the University of Windsor. Tartil was born in the Palestinian Territories and immigrated to the United States at age four. Finally, at age 10, she permanently settled in Canada with her family. Unsurprisingly, Tartil's passions lie in human, migrant and citizenship rights. She leads her university's undergraduate Political Science Society and is currently doing research on the inclusiveness of women and BIPOC students, faculty and staff in her department. She intends to pursue a Master's degree in Political Science and apply theory to complex human rights issues—particularly migrant worker rights in Canada. Tartil is looking forward to meeting a diverse group of individuals from across Canada and having meaningful discussions about the role of women in politics.

Brittany Jackson

Barrie–Springwater–Oro-Medonte



Brittany is a working student who is pursuing a MSc in Management at Concordia's John Molson School of Business, while working as a People Operations Coordinator at Plotly. She is an avid athlete, competing for Concordia's cross-country and track team during her undergraduate degree, competing in the RSEQ and USport division. For extra-curriculars, she spent her time getting involved with Concordia's Student Union and the John Molson Women in Leadership group. Inspired by the women around her, Brittany is passionate about women's careers and organizational factors that impact their ability to achieve leadership positions. For her Master's, she

wishes to study the impact of work-family programs on the proportion of women in leadership at organizations.