

SENATE ELECTIONS: UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS At Large

The following undergraduate students have been nominated for Senate (term from July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018). The statements and photos of candidates, if available, have been included below.

1. **ANSARI, Hassam** - Science
2. **BLACKWOOD, Maailah** – Social Science – International Relations
3. **DATTA, Rav** – Science
4. **DIAZ, Mauricio** - Science
5. **EIZENGA, Allayna** – FIMS
6. **ENBAR, Ocean** – Social Science
7. **FENYES, Elie** – Social Science – BMOS
8. **HAKIM, Sarah** –Science
9. **JIWANI, Sagar** – Huron – Social Science
10. **KIM, Justin** – Science – Medical Science
11. **KURJI, Rayyaan** – Social Science - BMOS
12. **LAVI, Dean** – Social Science – Political Science
13. **LONSDALE, Hailey** – Huron – Philosophy
14. **MAK, Crystal** – Social Science - BMOS
15. **MUNDI, Parmveer** –Science
16. **REID, Ray** – Social Science
17. **SCARFONE, Joseph** – Huron – BMOS
18. **SCOTT, Jaya** – Social Science
19. **SHAKFA, Noor** – Science – Medical Science and Biology
20. **SPARLING, Matt** – Social Science – International Relations
21. **TAN, Anthony** – Social Science
22. **TANDON, Pranav** – Science
23. **TERRY, Nicholas** – Health Sciences
24. **WALI ABRO, Muhammad** – Science
25. **YU, Dominic** – Arts & Humanities

ANSARI, Hassam - Science



Advocacy is a transferable skill set, that is learned through a diversity of experiences. An understanding of the student body is essential to being an effective advocate for students, my vast experiences leading up to this nomination will enable me to best represent us. I'm currently serving as founder and co-chair of the SOU, Student Organizations' Union, as well I am president of the MSA, Muslim Students' Association.

BLACKWOOD, Maailah – Social Science – International Relations



I am a third-year International Relations degree student. I am an active campus member, serving as VP Communications for the Association of International Relations, assistant editor for The Mirror, student leader for the Leadership and Democracy Lab, and multimedia editor for the Western Gazette. If elected to Senate my goal is to be a strong advocate for students by making it clear to Western's administration that the voice students matters when making important decisions.

DATTA, Rav - Science



Hey! I'm Sowrav and I look forward to representing you. Being a first-year rep for UAEM, a Residence SOPH, Council Vice President, Programming Assistant for MedSyd, as well as incoming Programming Assistant for the Social Science SOPH team, I have always taken great interest in representing my peers. In my next endeavour I want to represent YOU on Western's Senate. In this election, vote for a strong experienced leader who will always work for you!

DIAZ, Mauricio - Science

EIZENGA, Allayna – FIMS



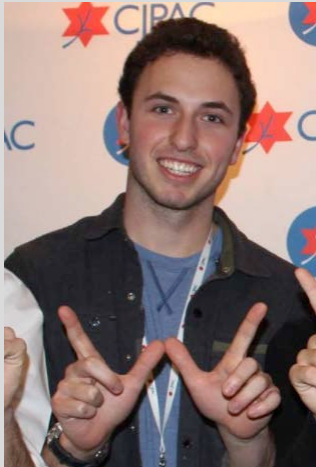
The strength of community embodied by Western students should be something that our academic policy reflects. The experiences that I've observed firsthand or heard from other students reflects a convoluted system that lacks transparency and results in frustration more than anything. Creating a more comprehensive academic counseling system as well as reforming the academic calendar to reduce stress should be our main goals, if we aim to truly maintain the best student experience.

ENBAR, Ocean – Social Science



No fall reading week. Unfair exam policies and schedules. No choice in evaluation methods or course structure. Is this the academic policy you want at Western? Lets change all that. Vote for me, Ocean Enbar, to have a real voice and influence on the UWO student experience. From getting an actual fall reading week, to opting for pass/fail credits or deferring assignments & tests, I will fight to bring students the academic life we deserve.

FENYES, Elie – Social Science – BMOS



My name is Elie Fenyes and I am a third-year BMOS student, hailing from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Since grade ten, I knew that I wanted to come to Western. With only a few semesters left before I graduate, I am confident I made the right decision. I would be honored to represent the students of Western in Western's Senate during my final year, helping make it become a better school for all students.

HAKIM, Sarah – Science



To change, or not to change? I am forever ready with constructive solutions and happy to engage in dialogue with university officials and have done so. I have noticed that academic policy affects students everyday. Every semester a syllabus is distributed for the courses we take. Every semester concerns are whispered in hushed tones. I hope to make your voice heard among the authorities to regulate academic policy - the University Senate.

JIWANI, Sagar – Huron – Social Science



Hey, my name is Sagar and I'm a dedicated and fun-loving student with a 'Need for Speed.' My mission is to stir the 'curry pot' that is Western University! Although I enjoy puns, student governance isn't a joke. I am YOUR senator because I truly want to understand YOUR thoughts and opinions. Let's eliminate the phrase: "Wait, we have a Student Senate?" by getting everyone more involved with the issues that matter to you!"

KIM, Justin – Science – Medical Science



Hi my name is Sanghun Justin Kim and I am currently a second year student majoring in Medical Sciences. I hope to advocate for a pilot program for pass/credit courses, earlier exam schedules, and correctly reword policies on multiple exam conflicts. I have held and am holding numerous leadership positions on clubs and am heavily involved in various services offered through the Student Success Centre.

KURJI, Rayyaan – Social Science – BMOS



While the University has made commendable steps toward addressing student needs this past year, the necessity for student representation on the Senate is crucial now more than ever. Major agendas such as mental health resources and exam schedules are just part of what a student voice is able to achieve. Given my strong connection with our student constituency and understanding of campus administration, I believe I can replicate this voice to appeal for student needs.

LAVI, Dean – Social Science – Political Science



Over my three years at Western I've witnessed first hand the effect that Senate can have on the student experience.

Let me be your outspoken student ally in a senate dominated by faculty.

On February 13th Vote Dean Lavi for Senator At-Large.

Let me be **your** senator.

LONSDALE, Hailey – Huron – Philosophy



I'm Hailey, and I would love the opportunity to serve the student body as Senator At-Large. I believe I have the passion and grit to be a impactful member of senate. I look forward to discussing with students the issues they feel are most pertinent, as Senate can achieve powerful and meaningful change. As an out of province student, I will passionately advocate for a reading week in October. Thank you for your support!

MAK, Crystal – Social Science - BMOS



Hi everyone! My name is Crystal Mak and I am running to be a Senator at large in the upcoming Student Senate elections. I'm currently in third year in BMOS and my experiences range from USC Elections committee to being Head Soph at Delaware Hall. I am running because I am passionate about shaping academic policy and getting the students opinion across in senate meeting of over 100 members including faculty members. I am genuinely interested in informing others about student senate so please feel free to ask!

MUNDI, Parmveer –Science



Western is a community of giving and I want to continue to give back in every way I can. I want to draw on my leadership experiences as a former Residents' Council President and Soph and current RezStaff member to represent you. I want to advocate on your behalf on issues that matter you including mental wellness, academics, and student support. Together we can work towards making the Western experience, your experience.

REID, Ray – Social Science



My name is Ray Reid and I wish to run for Western's University Senate as a member of the Undergraduate Student "At-Large" Constituency. Despite being only in my first year of university, I have experience collaborating with others on student council in high school and as well I possess a strong willingness to work with my fellow students and staff to make real change in the lives of every student to improve their Western experience.

SCARFONE, Joseph – Huron – BMOS



Joseph Scarfone is a second year BMOS student at Huron University-College, and a current Student Senator. He champions reforms, calling for open and public General Assembly meetings and sub-committee meetings to improve Senate's transparency, accountability, and communication with students. Alongside the Student Senator Caucus, Joseph is working towards lengthening the fall study break to a full reading week comparable to other major Canadian universities, and posting a tentative exam schedule earlier in each term.

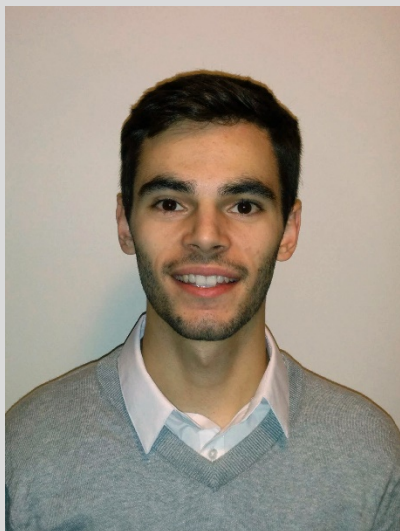
SCOTT, Jaya – Social Science



Western's student body is incredibly passionate. As a student Senator, I would be honored by the opportunity to advocate on your behalf, ensuring that your passions have a voice and are represented. Not only do I believe in implementing missed work relief, an earlier exam date release, and improving safety on campus, I believe communication must be open in both directions. I promise to listen to you and keep you informed – maintaining transparency and accountability.

SHAKFA, Noor – Science – Medical Science and Biology

SPARLING, Matt – Social Science – International Relations



My name is Matthew Sparling and I want to bring Senate to you, the students. A disconnect exists between students and the Senate. I want to change that with regularly accessible Senate updates, public consultations on critical decisions, and by bringing equal student faculty senator representation to all undergraduate faculties. Check out my platform for more plans and ideas I have as your Senator-at-Large, and I look forward to your vote this election!

TAN, Anthony – Social Science



Like you, everyday I juggle academic, social, and extracurricular pursuits while facing financial worries and an uncertain future path. Sadly, current academic policies do not reflect the various responsibilities in our lives which can often conflict with our studies. On your behalf, I will advance legislation that secures students wellbeing and support in *all* spectrums – I strive to create a daily environment in which success is not just possible, but probable.

TANDON, Pranav – Science



Beyoncé once said “I dream it, I work hard, I grind ‘till I own it”. I’m running to be your Senator-at-Large to ensure that you are provided with opportunities and support systems that promote your success. I have a passion for advocacy and will work endlessly to ensure that policies passed in Senate exceed your expectations. From health and wellness to student engagement and academic success, I look forward to enhancing your Western experience.

TERRY, Nicholas – Health Sciences



Accountability. Transparency. Integrity. I, Nicholas Terry, will stop at nothing to promote the welfare and voice of the Undergraduate student body. If elected, I will push Westerns Senate to maintain new levels of communication with the Community. In my role as senator-at-large I hope to proudly serve my friends, colleagues, and the fine people of the University of Western Ontario.

WALI ABRO, Muhammad – Science



The Best Student Experience means nothing without the Best LIFE Experience after university. To these ends, I intend to play my dutiful role as a student representative in making academic policies that will greatly improve academic practices, propel Western's standing on the world stage, and make a reputation for Western that will testify to the excellence of ALL its students: past, present, and future.

YU, Dominie – Arts & Humanities



Hey Western, my name is Dominie Yu. Growing up in the Philippines, I know what it feels like to be unheard, and left in the shadows. Being a part of the A&H student council this year has made me realize that change only happens when one speaks up. I am running for senate because I want to represent the student body, and ensure that your needs and rights are not neglected.