The following undergraduate student has been acclaimed on Senate in the Health Sciences constituency for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 term.

1. **TEMPESTA, Dante** – Nursing / Health Sciences

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<td>Throughout my life I have partaken in leadership roles. I love to serve in these positions because I remain vocal, respectful, and am always certain to account for as many people as possible. In High School, I was the vice president of Student Council for 2 years. With this position, I managed and organized events designed by my school's committees, while constantly vocalizing my peers' opinions to improve life at my school. This year, I became the floor representative for my residence floor. With this role I have been expressing my floor's concerns in Residence Council Meetings to improve the residence experience. My interest in seeking election to Senate is because I want to represent my faculty and peers accurately. I believe everyone has an important voice, and that they all must be shared and adequately represented. I am certain I will be able to meet and exceed the expectations of role, because I have consistently demonstrated it with my past positions. The perspective I will bring to Senate is one that encompasses the views, concerns and different cultures of every first-year student I've meet, each of which who have a passion to make Western University an even better place.</td>
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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: Medicine & Dentistry Constituency

(ONE acclaimed)

The following undergraduate student has been acclaimed on Senate in the Medicine & Dentistry constituency for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 term.

1. **PATEL, Margi** – Medical Sciences / Schulich

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<td>![Image of Margi Patel]</td>
<td>Hi there! I’m Margi Patel and I’m thrilled to be running as your Schulich Senator! Throughout my years at Western, I have developed an immense passion for advocacy and student relations. With two years of experience on Western Student Senators and as the existing Schulich Senator, I have first-handly seen the community-wide impact of data-driven policies, one of my main inspirations to run! As a fellow student, I can acknowledge that these past couple of years have required some great adjustments that have not been the easiest and that is why I want to continue representing your voices and concerns on the Senate floor to ensure student voices are heard during these periods of adjustment.</td>
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The following undergraduate students have been acclaimed on Senate in the Science constituency for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 term.

1. ARORA, Kenisha – Medical Sciences / Science
2. BINOY, Jeff – Science

ARORA, Kenisha

As a passionate student advocate, I am determined to transform the academic experience for all students! Serving as a Science Senator this year, I have experience with the intricacies of academic policy and Senate’s operations.

Being the student representative on Western’s Strategic Planning Steering Committee, I reimagined the future of education at Western alongside our University President and Faculty Deans. Knowing Western’s core priority areas inside and out, I will ensure our Strategic vision comes into fruition. This means continuing my work with the University Research Board to invest in more research opportunities for science students.

After advocating with other Student Senators for emergency SRAs when attacks of sexual violence (SGBV) took place, I learned that there is great resistance around SRA policy amongst Faculty. We should not be penalized for taking care of our wellbeing. I will work hard to find alternative policies to SRAs that support student well-being without overburdening professors, so that SRAs aren't discontinued.

Working with UNESCO as a member of their Youth Network, I will collaborate with our global partners to ensure International Students and students on exchange are provided with quality education.

Just remember, a vote for me is a vote for change!
With my remaining time at Western, I want to contribute to help leaving it a better place than when I got here. I want me and my fellow students to feel protected, acknowledged and enriched during the few transformative years we spent here. Also, the students of the Science faculty have their own specific needs that need to be addressed and properly represented. I am willing to listen to all my fellow students to understand their major concerns and work with the USC to bring positive and genuine lasting change to Western’s Student body, especially the Science faculty.
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:
At Large Constituency

(SIX acclaimed; TWO to be appointed by USC)

The following undergraduate students have been acclaimed on Senate in the At Large Constituency for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 term. Two additional undergraduate students will be appointed at the recommendation of the USC.

1. **BADYAL, Sahiba** – Ivey
2. **BERRY, Iman** – Ivey
3. **CHEN, Ethan** – Ivey
4. **FAHMIDA, Maisha** – Medical Sciences / Schulich
5. **LIU, Angela** – BMOS / Huron
6. **STOYLES, Lauren** – Arts and Social Sciences / Huron

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<td>Going into my fourth year at Western, I am excited to run for Senator-at-Large on the Western Student Senate. I believe I am well equipped to be an effective Student Senator due to my current position as Director of Internal Affairs for the Student Senate. This position has given me the opportunity to support current student senators in their roles while also learning about how senate works and the skills required to draft effective academic policy. I believe strongly in using my voice to speak up for and work to help others. This is a principle that has led me to pursue advocacy positions both in and outside the Western community. I currently serve as a Standing Member of the Student Accessibility Advisory Committee, where I work directly with Student Experience Western to help create a truly equitable campus for students with disabilities. I also previously served a three-year term working with a Member of Parliament as part of their Youth Advisory Committee to promote the interests of Canadian youth directly to the federal government. These experiences, combined with my passion for advocating for others, give me the skills necessary to represent my fellow students in the way they deserve.</td>
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<td>I am so excited to be running for Senator at Large this year! After my experience as a Student Senator this past year and getting to meet and hear from students all over campus, I would be honoured to serve as a Student Senator for the 2022-23 year and make sure that student voice is heard when we discuss our return back to normal. I have heard from students on issues ranging from online classes and SRAs, to students interested in the university’s strategic vision. There is a big gap between students and the policy that gets made; through active consultation and advocacy, I hope to change that! In the past, I have served as a residence don, an OUSA delegate and as a Student Trustee, and in all of these roles, I have been here to listen. Your voice matters when these decisions are being made, and I am here to ensure that administrators and faculty listen when building your University experience! I am here to answer any questions you may have; you can reach me at <a href="mailto:iberry@uwo.ca">iberry@uwo.ca</a>!</td>
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<td>Hi, I’m Ethan Chen, a 3rd year student, USC Councillor, and Soph! From inflexible academic accommodations to short add/drop deadlines, our academic policies need change. So I am running for Senate to make academic policies more compassionate for all of us. To do it, I’ll simplify applying for medical and personal accommodations so personal events don’t have to impact our academic performance, and extend add/drop deadlines to make it less stressful to pick courses. To create a better student experience, I will advocate for more standardized academic counselling services that are effective across all faculties, and invest in profs that focus more on teaching. To be effective, these changes must come through a more open Senate that recognizes that compassionate policies aren’t just good for students, but for the university as well. I will bring in more public meetings with the administration, and push for more student feedback on Western’s strategic and academic plans to do it. Thanks for your time, if you have questions, please reach out!</td>
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FAHMIDA, Maisha

Hi Mustangs! I’m Maisha and I’m so excited to be running for the position of Senator-At-Large! I’m a third-year Medical Sciences and my pronouns are she/her. Over the past three years, I have grown to know and love all faculty, departments and their students, and advocated for students’ academic concerns, issues and needs. By representing the voice of all constituencies, I want to continue making these positive and impactful changes by developing new and improving existing academic policies that have student wellbeing at its core.

Why me? Well, as a current student Science Senator and Academic Leadership Programmer, I advocate for students’ academic concerns and alleviate challenges. This includes extending add/drop deadline policies, SRA policies, senate appeals, increasing senate visibility and creating much-needed mental health initiatives in residences. My passion for advocacy extends to gender equality and education; as such, I am an integral part of USC’s Gender Equality Network and Early Outreach Committee. Through these roles, I developed and honed my leadership, teamwork and critical thinking skills. My goals? With the number of SRAs rising exponentially over the pandemic, students need alternative outlets like more accessible peer-programs, mental health support for their academics, which I would like to implement.
### LIU, Angela  
**BMOS / Huron (2nd Year)**

Hi there! My name is Angela and I’m a second-year student doing an Honours Double Major in BMOS and Political Science at Huron University College at Western University. Currently, I represent the BMOS Department on the HUCSC as the BMOS Rep where I hold a seat in the General Assembly, Clubs Standing Committee, and Affiliate Appeals Board. I also attend meetings with the FASS Faculty Council and Academic Council. Through this position, I have gained exposure to Student Governance at the university level and would like to continue pursuing this type of experience as part of a campus-wide institution. Student representation is extremely important, and I have the qualifications necessary to succeed in this role. To Senate, I would bring the perspective of a London local, an affiliate student, and a student heavily impacted by COVID-19. I have developed a wide network of relations with students across Western’s campuses and look forward to representing them as a Student Senator. Thank you for this opportunity!

### STOYLES, Lauren  
**Arts and Social Sciences /Huron (2nd Year)**

I have seen the power of student advocacy to effect change as a leader in various roles across campus, most profoundly, as a Student Senator for the 2021/2022 school year. If re-elected I will continue to promote increased access to education for all students. This includes improving access to instructors, student supports, and reliable technology, as well as, addressing the implementation of universal design and accommodation processes. I am committed to maintaining open communication of information related to Senate and to receiving feedback from my peers.
 Senate Elections

GRADUATE STUDENTS: Graduate Students Constituency

(THREE acclaimed; ONE remaining vacancy to be elected)

The following graduate students have been acclaimed to Senate in the Graduate students constituency for the July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 term. No additional nominations were received. Senate will appoint one additional graduate student at the recommendation of ad hoc Nominating Committee as per the Senate Election Procedures.

1. **BORDIGNON, Mara** – PhD / Education
2. **SAMSON, Hugh** – PhD / Information and Media Studies
3. **WELCH, Joel** – PhD / Law

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| ![Bordignon Mara](image1.jpg) | I am a first year PhD student in the faculty of Education, Critical Policy, Equity, and Leadership stream. My career background as an academic librarian includes membership on an Ontario college academic council, giving me a strong grasp of protocols, procedures, and expectations. I have also served on various cross-departmental projects and initiatives, as well as having led teams within departments. I have approximately fifteen years of experience in various management and leadership positions focused on teaching and information literacies. I also bring overseas experience, having worked in both higher education and k-12 education in the Middle East Gulf region.

I am interested in seeking election to the Senate as an opportunity to learn policy approaches from that of a U15 research university context. My work experience, combined with my academic foundation, provide strengths of collaborative teamwork with members of diverse backgrounds and perspectives, critical and analytical thinking skills, and understandings of complexity related to issues in higher education, governance, and policy studies. I also bring unique perspectives to Senate from my positionality as a mature student, parent, immigrant to Canada, and academic professional with international experience. I welcome the opportunity to work with the Western community on academic policy. |

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SAMSON, Hugh

Hugh Samson is a first-year Ph.D. student in the Faculty of Information and Media Studies, with a background in Classics, Literacy Education, and Library and Information Science. Via a synthesis of contemplative and ethnographic methods, his research explores the integration of contemplative initiatives, programs, services, spaces, and technologies, or contemplative infrastructure, within information institutions. Possessing a decade of academic governance experience, Hugh seeks election to Senate in the coming term where he will act to represent the best interests of graduate students by means of the creation of considered and responsible academic policy, the exercise of critical judgment when arriving at decisions and providing advice to Senior Administration, and enhanced communication with constituents concerning the issues that are before Senate.

WELCH, Joel

I’m living my best life right now. My name is Joel Welch and what life has taught me is that it takes a community to thrive and feel alive. Remember that feeling when you first arrived on campus? It should feel like that every day.

Western University is special to me. Presently, I am finishing my first year as a PhD candidate at the Law Faculty while serving as president of the Graduate Law Students’ Association. Earlier in life, I attended law school at Western and became a lawyer. Even before that, I completed a Master of Arts degree in journalism at Western. Nowadays, I can frequently be seen supporting the Grad Club. #PurpleandProud

I approach governance with an open mind sharply honed by personal and professional experience. Knowing the importance of conversation, I vow to be always listening and approachable. The Western community is facing many issues, but I am especially concern for the mental and physical health, financial wellbeing, and security of our students as we emerge out of the pandemic. Uncertain times abound with challenges, but we’ll get through it together.

Engage with me on Twitter (@joel_welch) or on SOGS Discord. Thank you.