

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE STUDENTS' UNION



YEAR IN REVIEW
2020-2021



University of Lethbridge Students' Union

The General Assembly

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Keeley Gillespie, Haley Gray, Andrew Novello, Camilo Tique, Elisha Wong, Micha Ela Bermas.

A Year in Review of 2020-2021

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Introduction

President's Address



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The 2020-2021 year has been many things. The last 12 months have been full of both challenges and successes, and it is my hope that this Year in Review, compiled and created by our General Assembly and staff members, will be a good reflection of our combined experiences.

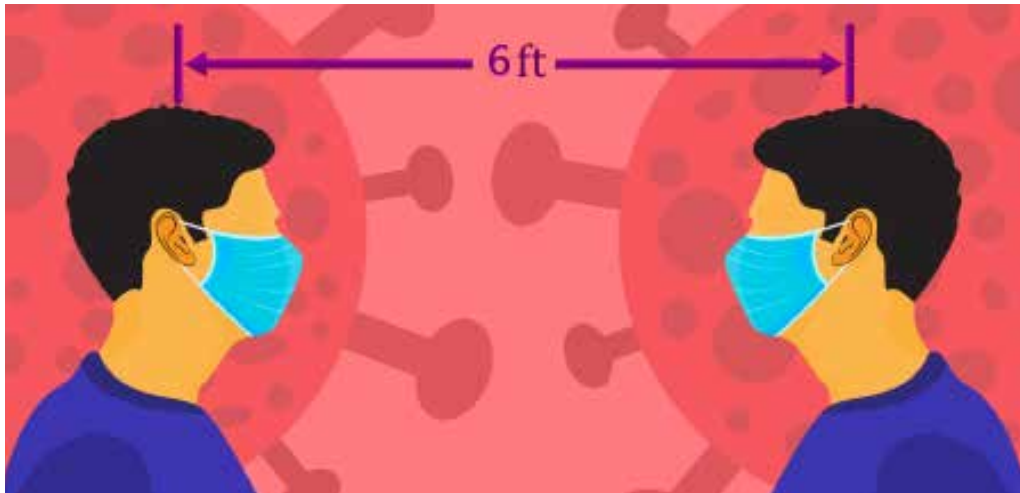
Of course, we cannot accurately reflect this year without mention of COVID-19 and the global pandemic that we are currently experiencing. Many of our operations were halted or down-sized, and the undergraduate students at the University of Lethbridge faced isolation and hardship unlike what many have ever seen before. Despite those conditions, the folks at the ULSU persisted, advocating for and supporting students in new and diverse ways.

As the end of the year and the end of my

term as president approaches, I get asked, "How do you feel now that it's coming to a close?" I'm not too sure how best to answer. Those questions remind me of some arguments I was reading online around the new year. People were asking, "Why bother celebrating when there is still so much wrong in the world right now?" However, I think when things come to a close, whether it be a whole hellish year or the end of a term, it allows us a space to reflect, take a breath and become renewed so we can move forward with determination. So, to anyone reading this, take that pause. Take a look back at what you've learned and how you've grown, and continue doing the great work you all are doing. Thank you to all of the staff and the amazing student leaders that I have had the honour of working with this year; I cannot wait to see what amazing things you will do in the years to come.

Jonathan Diaz - President

COVID-19 & the Beginnings



HOW WE BEGAN THE YEAR AND ADJUSTED THROUGH COVID-19

When I recall election results last year, I don't remember there being much concern regarding COVID-19. Of course, we quickly found out how misplaced that optimism was. The first large change to our operations was that all of the staff and Executive Council members were now working from home, wherever that may be. We were optimistic that we would return to working in-person over the summer, but I am writing this Year in Review entry from the same dorm room desk I've worked at for the last eight months. Hopefully that provides an answer to how things went.

It is perhaps strange to think about our transition to working online after doing so for a full year, but there was definitely a transition period. Many of the general operations the

ULSU oversees also had to transition in light of these new circumstances. One of these services that I would like to highlight is the food bank, which primarily gave out grocery gift cards instead of hampers to order to accommodate for students no longer being mostly located in Lethbridge. Similar adjustments have had to be made to our operations throughout the year as COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines have changed.

As we enter May and the new ULSU term, things are still very uncertain. The University of Lethbridge will be returning to a proportion of classes being in-person and/or a hybrid of in-person/online, and the province hopes to have the general populace vaccinated over the course of the summer, but things are still quite touch and go. However, no matter what, I trust that the University and the ULSU will continue to adjust and adapt.

Jonathan Diaz - President

Student Council & Staff

General Assembly of 2020-2021

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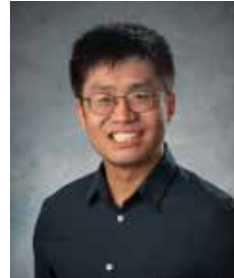
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020-2021



Micha Ela Bermas
Calgary Campus Rep



Camila Tique
Dhillon School of Business Rep



Brady Hornung
General Assembly Chair

PART-TIME STUDENT POSITIONS

Club Coordinator

William Baliko - Reports to the VP Students Affairs

Social Media Coordinator

Reports to the Communications Coordinator

Food Bank Coordinator

Elizabeth Waddle - Reports to the VP Operations & Finance and the General Manager

Advocacy Resource Coordinator

Blaine Badiuk - Reports to the VP External

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CHAIR REMARKS

What a year. When I first became chair of this year's General Assembly (GA), I was hoping that navigating Zoom meetings would only be for a few months, but that certainly wasn't the case. As a previous member of the GA, and having experience chairing meetings in the past, I felt confident going into my role. I soon found out that running smooth and effective meetings virtually was a completely new ball game. From trialing different voting procedures (including "voting with a cup") to making little tweaks in how discussions are carried out, chairing the GA meant every meeting came with new challenges in adaptability. I'm grateful to have worked with an incredibly supportive Executive Council (EC), and regular communication before and during meetings led to fairly smooth proceedings overall. The General Assembly as a whole, did a fantastic job of navigating our online meeting spaces. They constantly impressed me with the way they passionately advocated for each of their students' diverse needs in unique ways that were necessitated by the circumstances. It was truly a pleasure to be a part of the 2020-2021 Students' Union General Assembly. Thanks for the great year, and take care! *Brady Hornung - General Assembly Chair*

PERMANENT STAFF POSITIONS

General Manager

Cheri Pokarney

Bookkeeper

Nicole Dyck

Operations Coordinator

Tracy Merrifield

Executive Assistant

Susan Curtis

Administrative Assistant

Maiko Ogita

Communications Coordinator

Max Bartlett

Health Plan Administrator/Rockerman's Manager

Shelley Tuff

Bar & Events Manager

Shawn Mullen

Kitchen & Catering Manager

Warren McGinnis

Advocacy & Representation

Notable ULSU Committee Activity & Media



ACTIVE ULSU COMMITTEE LIST

1. Fresh Fest Committee
2. Legislative Review Committee
3. Student Engagement Committee
4. Awards Committee
5. Elections Committee
6. Transition Committee
7. Changeover Dinner Committee
8. Hiring Committee
9. Event Planning Committee
10. Advocacy Advisory Committee
11. Executive Accountability Committee
12. Health and Dental Appeals Committee
13. Full-time Employee Review Committee
14. General Manager Review Committee
15. Budget Committee
16. Indigenous Relations Committee

REVIEWING THE CAMPUS SEXUAL VIOLENCE POLICY

The primary initiative which was undertaken by the Advocacy Advisory Committee was a review of the University's Campus Sexual Violence Policy. We wanted to make positive revisions so it's better for survivors on campus. General Assembly members who sit on this committee brought forth concerns. I am incredibly thankful that this was their focus because it was not one that I saw the committee pursuing. We were able to come up with a total of 6 areas of improvements that could be made to the policy and we submitted these recommendations to upper administration of the University. They were very open to the changes and we are going to continue to work on these improvements with them as we move into the next term! Once again, I am very grateful for the General Assembly members on the committee who chose to make this the committee's objective this year. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

INDIGENOUS RELATIONS COMMITTEE

One of my proudest involvements with internal matters of the ULSU was the creation of the Indigenous Relations Committee, which I co-chaired with our Indigenous representative. The Committee was created through collaboration with this year's VP Student Affairs and with our Indigenous Rep on the General Assembly. The committee was created to try and help understand how the ULSU can better connect with and represent the needs of our Indigenous students. The committee was particularly concerned with the Mastercard grant that the University has received which will provide \$15 million over the course of 5 years. We really wanted to ensure that the funding the University was getting would be used to benefit students. Our concern was to make sure that student voices were prominent in the decision-making processes surrounding this grant. The work will continue into next year to ensure that Indigenous student voices are both heard and prominent in the decision-making process of this funding. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

POLITICAL MEETINGS

Throughout the year I had countless meetings with politicians on both the provincial and federal level to advocate on student's behalf. The majority of these meetings happened provincially and were mostly with the Minister of Advanced Education. The Alberta 2030 report was a large point of focus because it contained so many areas that we had a stake in. While much of it will continue to be points of focus in the coming year, we were able to get some advocacy wins during this year that will massively benefit students. The first win was the recent announcement that in the future, tuition will once again be tied to the consumer price index. This means that tuition will only increase at the rate of inflation. The win was a massive ask of ours and a huge relief and victory for not only student leaders, but also for the ULSU. Another smaller victory was the delayed implementation of performance-based funding metrics. The plan was initially to have these in place long ago and due to continued student advocacy, these have once again been set back and will continue to be one of our advocacy focused initiatives. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

CASA REPORT

CASA is the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations and is a large federal advocacy group which the ULSU is a member of. This was a year where we naturally started out advocating for COVID relief for students. We also put in a plan on how to prepare the sector to be better than it was when we entered the pandemic. We had many meetings with Members of Parliament and Senators, at which we advocated for great support of Indigenous students, international students, and also students who have dependents. We wanted to make it easier for them to pursue post secondary education in this province. I also sat as an observer on the National Advocacy Committee which helped to create the Federal asks that we would use at these meetings. CASA meetings were always a blast and I loved meeting and learning about student leaders from all over the country. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

CAUS REPORT

The Council of Alberta University Students was able to have a lot of successful initiatives this year, many of which have been detailed further in this Year in Review. CAUS was the group that developed the ideas for the penguin protests, the lawn sign campaign, and also the Alberta student leader congress. Our mission was to ensure that CAUS had a good year with a unified voice for Alberta's university students despite the fact that we would be operating in the midst of a pandemic. CAUS was able to attend countless town halls and meetings with the Minister of Advanced Education where we were constantly advocating on behalf of students. We wanted to make the university experience as positive and rewarding as possible by ensuring its affordability. It was a genuine honour and privilege to have been able to work and advocate with all the amazing CAUS members this year. I admire them all for their dedication to Student advocacy. I am very excited to be able to work with them again next year, as well as the many new people I will meet. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

One of the first major advocacy projects the ULSU was able to take on this year was a letter writing campaign to the office of the advanced education minister. This was in response to student concerns regarding the future implementation of performance-based funding metrics in the province. The concerns surrounded the idea that performance-based funding could essentially just lead to further losses of funding since these measures would be tied to financial losses if metrics were not met. Essentially, if an institution failed to meet a goal, they would be punished by losing a certain amount of funding. There was also a lot of concern with how this could affect specific faculties within the UofL since some metrics surround the ideas of employability and focussing on faculties that have greater and quicker employment rates after graduation. So, we organized an online letter writing campaign as a COVID-19 safe way for students to be able to share their concerns. We set up a Google sheet for students to fill out and then sent all these letters to the office of the advanced education minister. In total we had just under 200 submissions from students, all of which were sent at the same

Advocacy

time. This garnered a response from the advanced education minister. He wrote to me stating that he understood student concerns. Performance based funding is still an ongoing advocacy initiative but it seems for the time being implementation has started much slower than expected.

Ryan Lindblad - VP External

LAWN SIGN ADVOCACY PROJECT

In the fall we started a really interesting advocacy project in coordination with the other Albertan Universities. We purchased and distributed lawn signs so that Albertans could voice their concern and disapproval of provincial policy related to post-secondary education. We wanted to get Alberta students involved in a widespread show of concern and frustration but were not able to call them together into groups to protest due to safety concerns over COVID-19. So, the idea was essentially to bring the protest lawn signs to them for the purpose of voicing that concern and anger. The project was a big success in Lethbridge and we have distributed practically all of our signs. What was amazing about this project was the show of support from the Lethbridge community. There were many students who contacted me for a sign, but I was surprised with the amount of people who had no direct affiliation to the University, who showed up to pick up a sign and show support for our institution and our students. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

PENGUIN PROTESTS

Penguin Protests was another event that we did in collaboration with the other Alberta universities and was planned through our weekly CAUS meetings. We once again wanted to show student frustration by bringing attention to some of their most common concerns regarding affordability and access to post secondary education. The plan was to use penguin molds to make an army of protesting snow penguins outside the offices of UCP figureheads or MLAs who voted in favour of budget cuts to post secondary institutions. The penguins were holding protest signs with common student worries such as affordability and access to these institutions as well as if budget cuts would impact the quality of their education. In Lethbridge we built them



outside of Lethbridge East MLA Nathan Neudorf's office. These penguin protests became a big story across the province and were featured stories for many news networks across the province. This brought student concerns into the spotlight of Albertan conversation. The penguin protests were a huge success because they helped make many Albertans with no direct connection to the sector, aware of the concerns and problems we had been facing. This helped to garner support for our causes and also gave us greater advocacy power to affect policy change. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

ALBERTA EMERGENCY STUDENT CONGRESS

Another event that we did with our CAUS counterparts was the Alberta Emergency student congress. We invited student leaders from universities, colleges, and polytechnics to come together and discuss their concerns regarding policy surrounding the post secondary sector. At this

congress, the membership voted to denounce the budget cuts we had received in the Alberta 2021/22 budget to continue advocacy on these cuts as a united front of students. We wanted to make the Student Congress an event which would happen twice a year so that we could continue this show of solidarity as united student voices. This event was a big deal because it showed student voices from every part of the post secondary sector coming together with common concerns. What has happened, affected all Alberta learners across the province but we can stand together due to our similarities and show this concern. In terms of strengthening and garnering the student voice and student movement in Alberta, this event was an incredible success. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

ALBERTA 2030 REVIEW

The Alberta 2030 review is a sector wide evaluation into the Albertan post-secondary system. It is going to set and determine the path that the current provincial government



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plans to take the system up until the year 2030. This was arguably, the largest advocacy project of the year and it is set to come out right as members of the Students' Union are transitioning out. The contents of review will be a major determining factor of the future projects we are going to undertake. The review contains within it, everything from tuition policy, to board governance, and also plans for how to facilitate healthy and safe campuses. Almost everything a student leader could care about will be found in this review. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

ALBERTA 2020-2021 BUDGET

The most recent provincial budget revealed another round of budget cuts to Alberta's post secondary system. Across the sector we saw a total funding reduction of \$135 million. The University of Lethbridge specifically lost a further 5.8% of its funding which was incredibly disappointing to see, especially since we had already been hit so hard in previous years. These budget cuts were what led to increases in tuition as the University will need to make up the cost of these cuts. Sadly, this was a sign that the Provincial government still believed that students could take on more burden. In addition to this, the budget showed that the mental health grant would be frozen, receiving no cuts, but also receiving no increases, not even to account for inflation. This was also very disappointing because we had been strongly advocating during the entire year for the province to invest more money into the mental health of students. We were also hoping to see an increase in funding towards the prevention of sexual violence on campuses, but sadly this was another area which received no influx of money to help support students. Overall, it was a very disappointing budget for Alberta's post secondary students. *Ryan Lindblad - VP External*

STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Student representation looked different this year, as many things did. Frankly, the transition online was rough for

everyone. The student voice was integral to the institution's adjustment, and continued to be as problems arose, of which there were many. While some of the results are tangible - like the institution-wide revamping of academic advising, a student component added to the 2021 Spark Teaching Convention, an extra week of winter break, etc. - the students might not be able to notice the effort of their student representatives; and that is kind of the point. If a student wants to notice how they were represented this year, they should observe the parts that seemed familiar: a communal study space on campus, no proctoring programs, access to university resources, no diminishment of student services, and the quality of co-op and research opportunities the University of Lethbridge is known for. The largest body of work for ULSU representatives has always been the maintained quality of education at the UofL, but those efforts were more important than ever this year, and I'm thankful to be a part of that. *Liam Connel - VP Academic*

GRADE APPEALS

Due to online learning and a wider expanse of the credit/non-credit designation, there were an unprecedented drop in the number of grade appeals, but a large uptick in academic appeals for academic dishonesty. Altogether, the students who took the step to meet with me were apologetic and looking for a lesser punishment. On the whole, I think online learning is only a small part of the cheating problem; and the bump in offences is mostly due to poor mental health. The students I spoke to all disclosed a significant difficulty coping with the changes not only in course delivery, but also in their day-to-day lives. After several (nearly identical) student meetings, I decided that promoting student services was one way I could use my portfolio to help as many students as I could: thus, the @You webinar series was born. Promoting student services was my way of reducing the amount of students that needed my help. Ideally, the more students use the resources available to them, the better their university experience is. *Liam Connel - VP Academic*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To use a word that has been frequently worn out in its usage recently, this year has been unprecedented. The world is undergoing one of the biggest crises in recently memory, and many of the cracks in society that were previously hidden have begun to show. This year has been so difficult for so many people, in so many different ways, and if you are reading this, I hope you are taking care of yourself and those around you.

The purpose of this final report is to highlight some of the things I, as president, accomplished this past year. Of course, there was nothing I accomplished solely by myself. I had the help and support of the amazing leaders in the General Assembly and post-secondary community, as well as the incredible staff at the ULSU. So, again, thank you all very much. If there's one thing I would highlight, it would be the advocacy work that the ULSU has done this year, whether that be to the university, to the provincial and national governments, and to the Students' Union itself. From the cuts to Post-Secondary Education in Alberta, to the prospect of NAVITAS coming to our campuses, to the cracks and failings found in our own organization, our student representatives stepped up and brought their voice to the table, as well as the voices of the students they were elected to represent.

Jonathan Diaz - President

HEALTH SCIENCES REPRESENTATION - HALEY

This year has been the very definition of "unprecedented times".

As the Health Sciences Representative, most of the impact I had came down to my attendance and voting at GA and GFC committee meetings. My role was more of a listening and working one, nevertheless, an important one. This gave me the opportunity to understand various barriers and issues that came to the attention of the GA. There were some pivotal decisions made this year, many of them in GFC pertaining to the Committee as a whole. Though

my course schedule conflicted with many of these meetings, I did my best to keep on top of my emails to gain a full understanding of the issues at hand.

Many of my initiatives remained internal, and pertained to the functioning of the GA as a whole. Especially during a year online, I believed it was important to make an effort to get to know our fellow GA members and cultivate positive relationships. This gave us better opportunities to network and understand the inner workings of the University's policies and procedures. To the incoming Health Sciences Rep, I would recommend doing this as you are the only one representing your faculty, and it does become a challenge to be the only one.

Overall, I do wish there had been more time and opportunities this year for me to be more engaged, however, as we all know, doing everything online comes with its own set of unique challenges. I wish the incoming GA all the best for the year ahead, and the hope that you will be able to connect more in person than we did this year. Thank you for the opportunity. *Haley Gray - Health Sciences Rep*

INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION - NICOLAS

An unprecedented year, a global pandemic, and the partial closure of the University of Lethbridge campus were some of the challenge's students experienced. My main goal was to support as many students as I could. Due to the pandemic, everyone was advised to stay at home, and previous events that the ULSU held were not possible. This gave us an opportunity to be creative while we focused on providing new experiences for students with an online environment. I worked closely with the International Center to join forces and conquer. We involved students in events such as the International Week, Photo Competition, Gaming Night, and more.

This year also meant that students spent much of their time alone, especially international students studying in Canada with no family to be with. I personally invited them to chat with me and form a group with other class-

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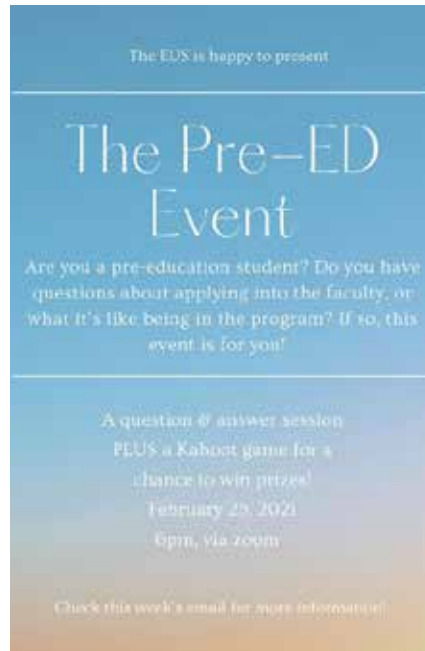
mates to interact virtually. I also spent much of my time answering emails from international students, providing them with support and guidance on where to find answers during this uncertain year.

We also had discussion with several student bodies for a possible alliance of the UofL and Navitas, an international student recruiter. We took a stand on what we believe the future of the internationalization of the UofL should be and what other alternatives we could take. Despite being a challenging year, I believe we did a great job being there for our fellow students. We hope things will get better and students can enjoy the university experience as it was meant to be. It was an honor to be your International Representative, and I believe that the future is always bright at the University of Lethbridge. *Nicolas Crespo - International Rep*

EDUCATION REPRESENTATION - KEELEY

Over the past two semesters I have had the privilege of working closely with the Education Undergraduate Society as well as the Faculty of Education. Events and initiatives

that I helped to spear head were the virtual education faculty meet and greets, send-off events for education students heading into their practicums, social events for practicum students to connect with each other, pre-education question and answer sessions etc. I also had the privilege of speaking at a couple of open houses and the Wellness Workshop for Professional Semester II for practicum students. This year I was also given the opportunity to enroll in and attend a variety of professional development opportunities. This was to better equip myself to represent students on a committee level. I wanted to ensure the events and initiatives provided a space of safety and inclusion for all of the participants. These professional development opportunities included a LGBTQ+ 101 workshop and a virtual series of 3 webinars for Board Leadership Week in Lethbridge. I attended the workshops about fund development and board diversity on creating a bigger impact within the community. I was a voting member on the following committees; the Education Curriculum Coordinating Committee, General Faculties Council, Education Executive Committee, Education Faculty Committee, Faculty Grade Appeals Committee, the Education Undergraduate Society Meetings, and the General Assembly. *Keeley Gillespie - Education Rep*



FINE ARTS REPRESENTATION - HOLLY

When I made my townhall speech to be re-elected as Fine Arts Representative, I characterized fine arts students by our passion. I declared, and still maintain, that fine arts students have passion in common. That has been especially true for those who continued their studies through a global pandemic. Without passion for our academic pursuits, we would still not be studying a year later. However, I've realized that it's not just passion that we owe to the esteem of our faculty. We are resilient, we are hardworking, and we persevere. Prior to the world being turned upside down, it is safe to say that the regular number of academic barriers and challenges existed for fine arts students. Some examples of these are financial constraints, academic challenges, and creative blocks. These challenges were exacerbated by the events of 2020 as different kinds of challenges appeared as well. How do you practice music when you're now at home with roommates or a family? How do you perform when there's no audience present? How can you make art without materials, or produce content without collaboration? With few answers, and questionable hope, students were able to persevere and re-adapt to new learning conditions. I will not sugar-coat it; this year sucked. However, I commend those who were able to re-define success for themselves during this tough time.

While this year's public health crisis would not allow Fine Arts to be studied in the way we were accustomed to, it has become clear that the political climate will also cause waves in our faculty of equal calibre to the pandemic. The provincial government plans on "creating skills for jobs", which our faculty already excels at. However, it is difficult to maintain that the esteem, value, and authenticity of our faculty is not endangered by the government's new plan. With that being said, a testament to our resilience was shown in the success of our students and faculty this year. I have the utmost confidence that students will ensure that their degrees will not be tainted by the biases of the government. Even more, I have the utmost confidence in my successor, Alex Dodd who is a force to be reckoned with, and for that I am glad.

My year on the Students' Union was underscored by my

advocacy and representation efforts. I was present at the faculty open houses, new student orientation, and council meetings. I also attended all GFC meetings and, come January, GFC Committee of the Whole meetings. The notable issues were; listening and providing input from the changes presented by the restructuring taskforces of the University, and advocating against the privatization proposed by the possible imposition of NAVITAS. Internal to the organization, I attended all General Assembly meetings, was part of the advocacy advisory, strategic planning, legislative review, awards, and transition committees. I also attended a GBA+ Conference hosted by Canadian Equality Consulting. It is always difficult for me to concisely summarize all of the activities of my role (and especially challenging for me now, when every day felt more or less the same), but I nonetheless leave this role with humility and optimism for the faculty that I belong to, and the faculty that I love so much. *Holly Kletke - Fine Arts Rep*

ARTS & SCIENCE REPRESENTATION - BECCA

The 2020-2021 term was unique in many ways for everyone. The transition to an online environment was met with challenges including finding ways to connect with the students I was representing. Through writing monthly reports, I was able to keep my constituents updated on the work I was doing throughout the year. I also communicated with the Arts and Science students via email, to ensure that their needs were being considered through the committees I sat on.

Throughout my term I had the opportunity to sit on the General Faculties Council (GFC) where we discussed many issues, concerns, ideas, and initiatives for the University. This committee consisted of monthly meetings with student representatives, faculty, and administration. From GFC, an ad hoc committee, Committee of the Whole, was struck up. This committee was created for members of the GFC to review reports made by the working taskforces and offer recommendations to them. I also sat on the Arts and Science Faculty Council which discussed matters pertaining to the faculty and the students within it.

Representation

Additionally, I sat on multiple internal committees. The Indigenous Relations Committee was created at the beginning of the term to focus on the concerns and needs of Indigenous students. The Online Engagement Committee was also created at the beginning of the term. Our intent was to create virtual engagement opportunities for our student body due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The Advocacy Advisory Committee focused on internal advocacy this term, with priority on the University's sexual violence policy. The Executive Accountability Committee was tasked with ensuring the accountability of the ULSU Executive Council members. The committee sent out a survey to General Assembly members and staff to gather feedback.

Becca Parkkari - Arts & Science Rep

ARTS & SCIENCE REPRESENTATION - SHAE

This year has not been what anyone would have expected, but despite that, I am so glad I was a part of the Students Union. One of my largest accomplishments was the two chair positions I held. The Arts and Science Executive Council being one of them, allowed me to establish myself as a voice that needed to be heard, to listen, and also to follow. I was also the chair of the Executive Accountability Committee, a very important internal ULSU committee. The work we did helped to establish better communication between the Executive Council and the General Assembly when used effectively. Being an active member of the ULSU is so important for both internal and external advocacy to make voices of our students heard. *Shae Dauncey - Arts & Science Rep*

ARTS & SCIENCE REPRESENTATION - CAYLEY

Despite the challenges this past year brought, my second term in office granted me several opportunities to represent and support the students in the Faculty of Arts & Science. I sat on a variety of external and internal committees where I have been able to share student issues and

advocate on behalf of my peers. As a member of the Arts & Science Curriculum Coordinating Committee, I helped to give crucial feedback on a variety of program and course alterations that impacted hundreds of students within the faculty. I also served on the General Faculties Council Academic Appeals, General Faculties Council Curriculum Coordinating Committee, and volunteered to serve on the Speaker Research Awards Committee. Internal to the ULSU, I served on the Advocacy Advisory Committee where we focused our efforts on addressing the issue of sexual violence on campus. We examined the University's sexual violence policy and identified areas of improvement based on feedback from fellow students. Additionally, we recognized some issues within the ULSU and emphasized that our organization has an obligation to promote a safe environment for students. Throughout the year I also created and managed a student mentorship initiative in collaboration with the Arts & Science Dean's Office. This program will allow student leaders and faculty members to discuss a variety of issues facing both demographics in order to enhance communication and collaboration. Finally, towards the end of my term I was selected to serve as the undergraduate student representative on the Arts & Science Inclusive Practices Working Group. This will allow me to work with faculty, staff, and other students to generate initiatives and ideas in order to promote a more inclusive environment in our community. I'm beyond excited to return for a third term this upcoming academic year and hope to continue to authentically represent my constituents! *Cayley Fleischman - Arts & Science Rep*

1ST YEAR REPRESENTATION - ELISHA

Being a GA member has been an awesome experience and working with such amazing individuals! My term as the First Year Representative has now come to an end, but I look forward to returning next year as an Arts and Science Representative. Over the course of the year, I have tried my best to reach out to my fellow students and create a sense of community, despite the current unprecedented circumstances. I reached out on Facebook to gather student input on events and relayed their thoughts to the activity coordinators. I sat on the Online Engagement Committee and organized several online events, such as the St. Pat-

rick's Leprechaun Hunt! This event was a hit, and I hope to repeat it next year, even if in person events are allowed. Another fun event I participated in was the Mix and Mingle on Valentine's day. It was nice to see students put themselves out there and visit with one another. Especially since we all know that many students were deprived of opportunities to simply socialize with one another. Although this year was different, I think that we all learned a lot and were given an opportunity to think outside the box. I look forward to bringing the lessons I have learned this year back to the GA next year. *Elisha Wong - 1st Year Rep*

RESIDENCE REPRESENTATION - MARK

This past year the residence community was undeniably devastated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Starting in March 2020, as the world began to enter a global shutdown, the ORS executive was busy selecting the residence assistant team for the 2020-2021 year. All this was accomplished not knowing the fate of the residence life industry. Residents and staff alike spent the springtime clamoring for information on if, or when, we would be able to return to campus. Thankfully come August, the residence life team was one of the first groups on campus conducting our annual team training while remaining Covid-19 compliant. After training week, we successfully moved in 300 residents safely, with a staggered move-in schedule, temperature checks, and health screenings meant we were able to get the entire residence community moved in and off to a healthy start. Our isolation program was incredibly well managed and maintained thanks to the Housing Field Team and the Housing Services staff members. This past year we only ever had one confirmed case of COVID-19 in residence, with no community spread, which is something worth marveling after this grueling year.

Residence life has always been established on the premise of in-person programming, interpersonal and face to face connections between residents and residence assistants. This was no longer possible due to the ongoing pandemic. The 30-some odd team of student leaders had to improvise, putting on events not typically in the traditional residence assistant wheelhouse. This included digital programming such as Discord servers, the ORS Minecraft

Server, and many Netflix parties. In terms of new in-person programming, many floors were reserved to doorway events. Here, residents would set up a chair in the doorway while being masked, and played games such as bingo or telephone. The launch of the Online Social Programming Committee and the Inclusion & Advocacy Committee, helped improve the overall residence community through online events, promotion of social justice, and community initiatives. We were lucky to be able to have residence wide events such as a Spikeball tournament, Food Truck Fair, and lastly, a unique partnership with the University of Lethbridge Art Gallery where we made our own buttons over a Zoom call. This gave us opportunity to socialize and bond with residents and residence assistants.

This year was certainly unique, and not a year that I had ever anticipated being a part of, especially in a leadership capacity. Ultimately, we made do with what we had, and I think we also did this as safely as possible. I believe the residents, and the residence assistants truly conjured miracles this past year when the future of this year looked so bleak. I am proud to have not only represented our residents, but the team of residence assistants who put their every drop of blood, sweat, and tears into this past year. It has truly been one of my highest honors. *Mark Serebryansky - Residence Rep*



Mark & the Organization of Residence Students Operations Team during the August 2020 training week

Clubs & Greek Life

Clubs & Greek Life List



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Clubs & Greek Life Activities



Events of 2020-2021

New & Recurring Initiatives



MAY EVENTS

Bingo: w/@suitandtiebingoguy
Meme Time: w/A&S Rep Cayley
We're Not Really Strangers: w/VPSA Richard



AUGUST EVENTS

Bingo: w/VP Academic, Liam
Flyers vs Islanders: w/VPX, Ryan - come join our chat for all things hockey
Sizzlin': w/Serebryansky - get the recipe & join in for a fun cooking show
ULSU @YOU Speaker Series: w/Jennifer Ellis Toddington, Manager, Counselling & Career Services
Hockey Night in Canada: tell us your favorite NHL hockey team - \$50 draw
Flyers vs Canadiens Watch Party: w/VP External, Ryan and others
Flames vs Jets Watch Party - w/VP External, Ryan, and others



JUNE EVENTS

Isolation Relaxation: tell us your favorite isolation activity - \$50 draw
Bingo: w/VP "Academic, Liam
Sketch Sesh: w/Kirsten from the @ulethartgallery - drawing & doodling
Show & Tail: send us pics of your pets - \$50 draw
Best of the Bridge: tell us your favorite place to visit in Lethbridge
We're Not Really Strangers: w/VPSA Richard



JULY EVENTS

Canada Day, Canada EH!: tell us what Canada means to you - \$50 draw
Sizzlin': w/Serebryansky - get the recipe & join in for a fun cooking show
Sketch Sesh: w/Kirsten from the @ulethartgallery - drawing & doodling
Best of ULETH Events: tell us your favorite Uleth event - \$50 draw
Away We Go!: tell us the first place you'll travel to once the pandemic ends - \$50 draw
Bingo w/VP Academic, Liam
Skymillz DJ Set: watch the set livestreaming with Riley Miller for a wicked evening of music & good vibes
Jackbox: w/VPSA Richard - join us for some jackbox games!
Satisfaction Survey Contest: fill out our satisfaction survey - \$50 draw
Drawful: w/VPSA Richard, join us for some drawful, no purchase necessary



New & Recurring Initiatives

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Fresh Fest TwentyTwenty
First Lecture



FRESH FEST TWENTYTWENTY
Visit freshfest.ulsu.ca for more details.

WEEK OF EVENTS*

SEP 8	SPEED FRIENDING 3:00PM <small>Online discussions & breakout discussions for students</small>
SEP 9	TRAILBLAZING (PRESENTED BY AGILITY) 2:00PM <small>Gain skills, create change, and get paid to learn.</small> SPEED FRIENDING 3:00PM <small>Online discussions & breakout discussions for students.</small> CHILLIN' IN THE COULEES 6:00PM <small>Outdoor, socially-distanced music, s'mores and DJ set for residence students.</small>
SEP 10	HEALTH & DENTAL PRESENTATION 1:00PM <small>Presentation about our Student Health and Dental plan available to new and returning students.</small> SPEED FRIENDING 3:00PM <small>Online discussions & breakout discussions for students.</small> COCA CONCERT & WATCH PARTIES 5:30PM <small>An online music festival featuring plenty of cover-like songs. Hosted by Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) in collaboration with post-secondary institutions across Canada.</small>
SEP 11	SPEED FRIENDING 3:00PM <small>Online discussions & breakout discussions for students.</small> WESTERN REGIONAL SPEAKERS PANEL 6:00PM <small>Presentations from panel of speakers in partnership with other regional universities.</small>
SEP 12	FIRST LECTURE SYMPOSIUM 2:00PM <small>Wellness from University of Lethbridge alumni featured towards inspiring and returning students.</small>

*Events subject to change.



TEDxULEth WATCH PARTY

Friday, October 9
3:00pm - 4:00pm MDT

Featuring:
Robbin Derry & Saga Damell
"Understanding Non-Binary
Excerpts from a Correspondence"

Jeffrey MacCormack
"Stuttering Professor:
A Case for Scrappy Teachers"

OCTOBER EVENTS

Pathways (Navitas): joins us in a university town hall
TedX ULETH Watch Parties: Join us in watching TEDx Halloween: join us for some Halloween fun!



TEDxULEth WATCH PARTY

Wednesday, October 14
3:00pm - 4:00pm MDT

Featuring:
Tara O'Brien
"The Power of
Women in the
Workplace"

Rose Cohen
"From an Artist to a Teacher"

TEDxULEth WATCH PARTY

Friday, October 23
3:00pm - 4:00pm MDT

Featuring:
Eric Oving
"Why Halloween is the Best
Time to Watch, Listen & Learn"

Lillian Smith
"Not an Artist, an Artist"



TEDxULEth WATCH PARTY

Wednesday, October 28
5:00pm - 6:00pm MDT

Featuring:
Sarah Stalder
"New Heights"

Shirley Ok
"Change that Made an Impact
on my Career"

TEDxULEth WATCH PARTY

Friday, November 6
3:00pm - 4:00pm MDT

Featuring:
Sarah Lavoie
"The Beauty of Being a
Woman in the Workforce"

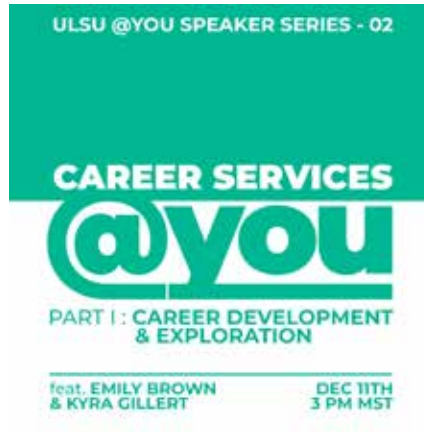
Leah Kinnear
"Thought that I'd be a
Teacher"

New & Recurring Initiatives



FEBRUARY EVENTS

Trivia Night: join the ULSU in a ULEth Art Gallery Trivia Night
ULSU Elections: nominations open
RBC on Campus: join us for a seminar on budgeting and debt management with RBC
RBC on Campus: join us for a seminar on understanding credit or
Valentines Day: join us for a mix 'n' mingle



DECEMBER EVENTS

@YOU Career Development & Exploration: w/Emily Brown & Kyra Gilbert from Career Services



JANUARY EVENTS

Mental Health Week
Trivia Night: join the ULSU in a ULEth Art Gallery Trivia Night
@YOU Career Services: join us for a discussion on co-op programming
@YOU Career Services: join us for a discussion on applied studies

Daily Mental Health Workouts
w/ JT from O2 Fitness Centre..... Jan 25-29
Daily on Facebook & Instagram

TAO Connect @You
w/ Ashley Vodarek & Vanille Rabeaux..... Jan 27
Click the link in our bio or visit our stream on Facebook

Finding Identity: An LGBTQ2S+ Conversation on Intersectionality, Mental Health, and Allyship..... Jan 28
Presented by RBC
Register at link in our bio

Mark Henick - Prioritizing Mental Health in Challenging Times..... Jan 29
Click the link in our bio or visit our stream on Facebook

#MentalHealthWeek

New & Recurring Initiatives



MARCH EVENTS

Trivia Night: join the ULSU in a ULeTh Art Gallery Trivia Night

ULSU Elections: join us live for Election results in the Zoo

RBC on Campus: join us for a seminar on Investments & Savings with RBC

St. Patty's Day: join us on the Zoo patio for green beer & fun



RBC ON CAMPUS PRESENTS
**BUDGETING AND DEBT
MANAGEMENT 101**



STRESS LESS WEEK

DRAW ALONG GIVEAWAY*

8 GRAND PRIZE \$500 GIFT CARDS!

10 LARGE PRIZE - \$50 GIFT CARDS!

8 SMALL PRIZE - \$25 GIFT CARDS!

*MUST BE A UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE REGISTERED UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT TO ENTER! PRIZE WINNERS DETERMINED BY RANDOM DRAW.

STRESS LESS WEEK

EVENTS

DRAW ALONG W/ THE ULETH ART GALLERY #1 - CUTE FOOD JOIN AURORA AS WE LEARN HOW TO DRAW SOME CUTE FOOD! FIND THE VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK AND ICTV! PART OF OUR STRESS LESS WEEK DRAW ALONG CONTEST!	MAR 22
DRAW ALONG W/ THE ULETH ART GALLERY #2 - INVISIBLE DRAWINGS JOIN AURORA AS WE LEARN HOW TO MAKE INVISIBLE DRAWINGS! FIND THE VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK AND ICTV! PART OF OUR STRESS LESS WEEK DRAW ALONG CONTEST!	MAR 23
DRAW ALONG W/ THE ULETH ART GALLERY #3 - MANDALAS JOIN AURORA AS WE LEARN HOW TO DRAW MANDALAS! FIND THE VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK AND ICTV! PART OF OUR STRESS LESS WEEK DRAW ALONG CONTEST!	MAR 24
ULSU BINGO - STRESS LESS EDITION VPA LIAM IS BACK FOR MORE BINGO! THIS TIME WITH MORE BINGO AND MORE PRIZES TO BE WON! SPECIAL GUEST CO-HOSTS. ONE PRIZE PER PLAYER. LIVE ON FACEBOOK!	
DRAW ALONG W/ THE ULETH ART GALLERY #4 - PLANT DRAWINGS JOIN KIRSTEN AS WE LEARN HOW TO DRAW SOME PLANTS! FIND THE VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK AND ICTV! PART OF OUR STRESS LESS WEEK DRAW ALONG CONTEST!	MAR 25
DRAW ALONG W/ THE ULETH ART GALLERY #5 - PORTRAITURE JOIN KIRSTEN AS WE LEARN HOW TO MAKE PORTRAITURE! FIND THE VIDEOS ON FACEBOOK AND ICTV! PART OF OUR STRESS LESS WEEK DRAW ALONG CONTEST!	MAR 26

Students' Union Awards

Award Recipients



Employee of the Year
2020-2021: Max Bartlett -
Communications Coordinator

The Students' Union Employee of the Year award goes to the ULSU employee who has greatly contributed to the organization, and personifies the values of the Students' Union in their endeavours. With many of our operations moving into an online format, Along with being a hard and dedicated worker, Max has brought a high level of expertise and talent to his position.



Student Employee of the Year
2020-2021: William Baliko - *Clubs Coordinator*

The Students' Union Student Employee of the Year award was presented to the ULSU student employee who greatly contributed to the organization and personified the values of the Students' Union in their endeavours. William brought a lot of passion to his role. This year, connections between students have been strongly sought-after, and he has helped foster those connections. Beyond that, he brought new ideas and experiences to his portfolio.



Volunteer Award
2020-2021: Brady Hornung -
General Assembly Chair

The Students' Union Volunteer Award was presented to a dedicated and enthusiastic volunteer. Accepting an invitation for a long-term volunteer role graciously, Brady has done a fantastic job sharing

his expertise and experience with the ULSU and its General Assembly. The position of Chair is one that is difficult to fill, and he has done so incredibly well.



Continued Support Award
2020-2021: Erin Phillips

The Continued Support Award goes to a community member that has supported and continues to support the ULSU and the wider University of Lethbridge Community. Food insecurity has been something that impacts many post-secondary students, and that has not changed over the course of the pandemic. Erin has continued to support students facing this issue, and has contributed to the many different projects around campus doing so as well. It is for the continued support of our students that this award has been presented to Erin Phillips.



Student of the Year Award
2020-2021: Kathryn DeLucia

The Student of the Year Award is presented to a student who embodies leadership, commitment, and betterment when it comes to the students of the University of Lethbridge. The recipient of this award, Kathryn DeLucia, has been proven to be a field in academia as well in the community. She has shown incredible ambition and dedication to ensuring that there is equal access to resources, education, and support for all persons. In all of her roles and work, Kathryn has shown that she is a dedicated and hardworking advocate.

Award Recipients



John Brocklesby Students' Union Award of Excellence

2020-2021: Toni Pashe - Indigenous Rep & Amy Lambert - Arts & Science Rep

This award is presented to the members of the Students' Union General Assembly who have made significant contributions to the ULSU, the students of the University of Lethbridge, and the community as a whole. This year, due to their extraordinary efforts, two general assembly members are being selected instead of one. Both recipients have shown incredible passion and dedication with being advocates for students, while persevering in the face of challenges that have faced them both. They have brought new ideas and considerations for the ULSU, and this organization will not be the same without them.



Bill Chapman Students' Union Certificate of Distinction

2020-2021: Imogen Pohl

The Bill Chapman, Students' Union Certificate of Distinction is presented to a University of Lethbridge student or students who have led a substantial innovative initiative in the area of student affairs, wellness, or other notable field. The recipient for this award has been a champion for mental health awareness for her entire university career. Her work throughout the years have help ease the stigma surrounding post-secondary education and mental health, and she continues to be an advocate for students in the many positions she holds.



Helping Hand Award

2020-2021: Safety Services/Risk & Insurance

The Students' Union Helping Hand Award is presented to a University staff, faculty, or campus organization external to the ULSU that has made a lasting and significant contribution to the Students' Union over the past year. Throughout this entire year there have been people on campus who have been working incredibly hard to support both the ULSU and the entire community as a whole. Whether it be supporting us in our various initiatives and events, or helping keep campus safe, their work and dedication is greatly appreciated. And so, this award goes to Safety Services/Risk & Insurance.



Outstanding Dedication Award

2020-2021: Sean Fitzpatrick

The Outstanding Dedication Award was presented to a University of Lethbridge faculty member or employee with outstanding dedication to the students of the University. Sean Fitzpatrick has been incredibly adaptable during the pandemic, connecting and being accessible to his students via many different means. This approachability and care during such a turbulent time has been a great benefit to the university community.

Award Recipients



Students' Union Building, Spirit Award

2020-2021: JT - Coffee Co.

The Students' Union Building Spirit Award was presented

to an individual or group located within the Students' Union building who embodied the spirit of the ULSU and the community by making it a welcoming place via their services and interactions. JT, at the Coffee Company was the winner of this award. Coffee Co. has been an anchor in the university community this year, beyond their service to students, staff, and faculty for prior years. Year after year, they have embodied continued dedication and are considered a staple of the University of Lethbridge.

amongst the students and were determined to make the most of the circumstances.



Club of the Year Award

2020-2021: Theatre Arts Society

The Club of the Year Award goes to a club that has demonstrated outstanding effort

and dedication to its members and the wider community over the past year. The Theatre Arts Society saw incredible growth despite working in an online world. From highlighting students' work and providing opportunities for students to grow, to connection making with one another, this club showed amazing initiative, adapting seamlessly in the changing environment and providing some much-needed support.

STUDENT GROUP AWARDS



Outstanding New Club

2020-2021: COVID Cohort, Connections and Conversations Club

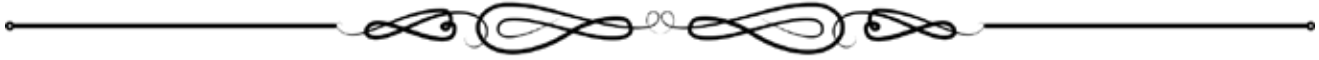
The Outstanding New Club award goes to a newly ratified club that presents outstanding work in its endeavours, events, and initiatives. As a newly formed and active club, the COVID Cohort, Connections and Conversations club was bound to meet many challenges while working online. They arose as an ambitious and innovative reaction to those challenges. Though connections have been more difficult to make and maintain this year, they were dedicated to building community



The Alumni Association Cultivating Campus Culture Award

2020-2021: Philanthropy, Advancement, Community, Tradition (PACT)

The Alumni Association Cultivating Campus Culture Award goes to a club that has demonstrated an incredible amount of campus pride and involvement on campus, despite the online nature of this year. Community is something we are in search of these days, and Philanthropy, Advancement, Community, Traditions' (PACT) initiatives and events have helped bring people together from all over the ULeth community, no matter if you are a student or alumni, or if you're in Lethbridge or across the world.



The Advocacy Award
2020-2021: *Nursing Students' Association*

The Advocacy Award is another new award this year. It goes to a club that has

provided opportunities for students to take up an important issue or cause, which aims to make a difference in the lives of students at the University of Lethbridge. This winner of this award has worked as a tight-knit team in order to tackle a variety of issues facing students. Whether it be for advocating for nursing student positions in the south region or learning experiences, this club has upheld and brought the student voice to the table. The winner of this award is the Nursing Students' Association.



Students' Union Levy Award
2020-2021: *Campus Collective Centre*

Students' Union Levy Group of the Year award was pre-

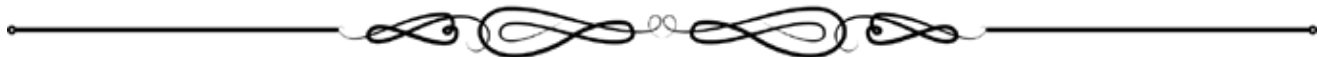
sented to the levy group that demonstrated outstanding services that support and improve student experience here at the University of Lethbridge. The Campus Collective Centre has gone above and beyond in providing students with valuable and creative resources during the pandemic. They have increased inclusion and accessibility in all of their work, and have been an incredible resource for students who are marginalized and feel at-risk.



Volunteer Lethbridge Community Service Award
2020-2021: *Circle K International*

Many clubs exist explicitly to provide community service,

with the act of giving back to the wider community woven into the fibre of the group's being. The recipient of this award has provided many volunteer opportunities for its members, both in-person and online. They have gone beyond just providing these opportunities by fostering a community of volunteering. Their engagement with the community and their members this year has been consistent and expansive, and that is why this award is going to Circle K International.



Operations

Strategic Plan & Businesses

STRATEGIC PLAN

When I recall election results last year, I don't remember there being much concern regarding COVID-19. Of course, we quickly found out how misplaced that optimism was. The first large change to our operations was that all of the staff and Executive Council members were now working from home, wherever that may be. We were optimistic that we would return to working in-person over the summer, but I am writing this Year in Review entry from the same dorm room desk I've worked at for the last eight months. Hopefully that provides an answer to how things went.

It is perhaps strange to think about our transition to working online after doing so for a full year, but there was definitely a transition period. Many of the general operations the ULSU oversees also had to transition in light of these new circumstances. One of these services that I would like to highlight is the food bank, which primarily gave out grocery gift cards instead of hampers to order to accommodate for students no longer being mostly located in Lethbridge. Similar adjustments have had to be made to our operations throughout the year as COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines have changed.

As we enter May and the new ULSU term, things are still very uncertain. The University of Lethbridge will be returning to a proportion of classes being in-person and/or a hybrid of in-person/online, and the province hopes to have the general populace vaccinated over the course of the summer, but things are still quite touch and go. However, no matter what, I trust that the University and the ULSU will continue to adjust and adapt.

Jonathan Diaz - President

ULSU BUSINESS REPORT

The COVID-19 Pandemic severely affected the ULSU operations throughout the year. The Zoo saw its operations changed. The SU Ballrooms were opened, and tables were separated to allow students to utilize the Zoo and Ballrooms to study. These spaces were some of the only full-hour spaces on campus that students could access to study. Daily turnout to these spaces was exciting and

students were grateful for a space to complete their studies given the library closure. Towards the end of the year, the General Assembly approved the purchase of space heaters for the Zoo patio. This was to expand the available space while encouraging social distancing and compliance with provincial mandates.

The Food Court also saw its operations change from day-one. Tables were taped off and only one person could sit at each table. Many tenants in the space shut down their operations for the year. Notably Coffee Co, Hiroba, and Rockerman's remained open throughout the year to support our students. At the end of the year, the General Assembly was briefed on a potential Food Court renovation that will continue its design in the following year.

Ethan Pullan - VP Operations & Finance

THERAPY ASSISTANCE ONLINE (TAO)

TAO Connect upgraded to their all new version 3, which is now accessible from the ULSU and ULeth Counselling Services websites. TAO V3 is even more comprehensive and user friendly than ever, and deserved such promotion because the utility of mental health tools grew exponentially in the last year. I used the ULSU's social media reach to provide students with quality information on how to use and access TAO, and how it can help manage stress in unprecedented times. While TAO reported a substantial uptick in use, TAO is still relatively unknown to students. Through this past year, mental health has become an even greater focus at the UofL. As conversations on improving in this area on campus, discourse on TAO education should continue to lace the meeting minutes. *Liam Connel*

- VP Academic

FOOD COURT TENANTS

- Campus Coffee Co
- Smoothie Hut
- Tivoli
- Hiroba
- Subway
- Icy's
- Baadshah Café
- U of L Bookstore
- Rockerman's Service Centre



Thank You Donors!

FOOD BANK DONORS

- James Miller
- HH Smith
- Galt School of Nursing Alumnae Society
- Health Science Faculty/Staff
- Sheena Olson U of L's Department/Staff
- Biological Sciences Social Club
- Mary Anderson
- U of L - Food for Thought Funding
- Others

Thank you very much to all the University departments, clubs, alumni and all the donors from outside the University community who are so generous and thoughtful and are the reason that the ULSU Food Bank can continue to help students. Many people have also operated food drives throughout the Lethbridge community and these initiatives are greatly appreciated. *Shelley Tuff - Health & Dental Plan Administrator/Store Manager*

FOOD BANK REVIEW

As with everything this year, COVID-19 really affected the ULSU Food Bank. Due to the University closure, the food bank was also closed for the summer, but Erin Philips, the campus Chaplain, made other arrangements for students in need. Erin acquired funding and reached out to Plum Restaurant and they put together food hampers every week for students to access. With the closure of the buses, many students did not have transportation to Plum so Erin organized a group of volunteers to deliver the food packages to their homes.

Once September rolled around, bus access and the University opened up enough that the food bank could operate once again. Instead of handing out hampers, the ULSU chose to increase the value of each Save-On-Foods gift card from \$25 to \$50 so students could purchase what they needed. From September to April 2021, the food bank handed out 245 \$25.00 gift cards. Any food that was left in the food bank was used to stock the Campus Food Pantry in the SU building, which has been well used throughout the year.

The ULSU Food Bank received an enormous amount of support from the Lethbridge community and University of Lethbridge Alumni this year, donations were at an all time

high. Community Foundations sponsored a very generous grant of \$10,000 for the food bank, which helped to buy a lot of gift cards for students. The ULSU is very grateful for their grant and for Chelsea Sherbut, in Advancement, for all her hard work with the grant application.

Thank you to all our donors, large and small, your generosity is greatly appreciated by the ULSU council, staff and all the students who have needed to access the food bank. *Shelley Tuff - Health & Dental Plan Administrator*

FOOD BANK FUNDRAISERS

In September the ULU Food Bank saw immense usage as students came back to an online school. We pivoted our operations from physical items to grocery store gift cards to minimize the contact points in our spaces due to COVID-19. We also saw increased usage relative to the number of students living in Lethbridge compared to a typical year. The Pass the Hat Fundraiser raised a total \$6,450 from governance groups and a total of \$11,000 was raised to support the food bank through this initiative. This is the highest amount we've ever received from our governance offices! Thank you to all who supported the food bank this year. *Ethan Pullan - VP Operations & Finance*

Grants & QIP Funding

NAME	NUMBER OF	AMOUNT GRANTED
Travel & Conference Grants	4	\$1,200
Club & Start-up Grants	15	\$3,800
Emergency Grants	9	\$4,800
TOTAL	28	\$9,800

NOTE:

Certain T&C Grants had their amounts returned to the ULSU due to the events being cancelled in response to the COVID-19, the remainder of the budget line, \$6000, was allocated to an Emergency Bursary provided by the University of Lethbridge for students affected financially by the pandemic

QIP EXPENDITURES FOR 2020-2021	AMOUNT
Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries	\$210,000
Undergraduate Research Awards	\$ 75,000
Tutoring Program	\$ 5,000
Fresh Fest	\$ 21,000
Spring Speaker Series	\$ 2,000
Global Drums	\$ 8,600
ULeth Emergency Bursary Program	\$ 1,800
iGEM Competition	\$ 6,000
Total	\$329,400

YEAR	NUMBER OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS	AMOUNT GRANTED
2007-2008	70	\$15,520
2008-2009	96	\$21,518
2009-2010	48	\$16,583
2010-2011	62	\$23,071
2011-2012	92	\$24,561
2012-2013	104	\$32,860
2013-2014	99	\$32,752
2014-2015	104	\$43,765
2015-2016	130	\$38,385
2016-2017	110	\$33,984
2018-2019	92	\$30,167
2019-2020	98	\$35,119
2020-2021	28	\$ 9,800



Grants & QIP Funding

NAME	NUMBER AWARDED	SINGLE AWARD VALUE	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS			
Community Service Award Scholarship	0 of 1	\$500	0
ULSU Part-time Scholarship	0 of 1	\$500	0
ULSU International Travel Scholarship	0 of 1	\$500	0
ULSU Scholarship	0 of 1	\$500	0
ULSU Coca-Cola Scholarships	0 of 2	\$500	0
ULSU Coca-Cola North Scholarships	0 of 2	\$500	0
QIP Scholarships	106	\$1,000	\$106,000
BURSARIES			
ULSU Bursary	0 of 3	\$500	0
ULSU Emergency Bursary	12	\$500	\$6000
ULSU Placement Bursary	0 of 2	\$500	0
ULSU Coca-Cola Bursary	0 of 2	\$500	0
Student Wise Bursary	1 of 2	\$500	\$500
Cardtronics Bursary	1 of 3	\$500	\$500
QIP Bursaries	104	\$1,000	\$104,000
AWARDS			
Sustainability Award Campus Recycling	1 of 6	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL			\$218,000



Thank you Sponsors!

SPONSORSHIP TO THE ULSU

- Coca-Cola
- Security Lost & Found
- Recycling
- Volunteer Lethbridge Association – Award Sponsor
- University of Lethbridge Alumni Association – Award Sponsor
- C&C Insurance Consultants LT
- University of Lethbridge – QIP
- Telus Communications – Fresh Fest Sponsor

Elections & Referendums

Spring 2021 Elections & Referendum



LIVE ELECTION RESULTS

FRI, MARCH 5th - 5:00 PM MST

JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR LIVE
ANNOUNCEMENTS OF
THIS YEAR'S ELECTION RESULTS!

Spring 2021: 12.58%
Spring 2020: unavailable
Spring 2019: 17.92%
Spring 2018: 18.23%
Spring 2017: 28.36%
Spring 2016: 15.92%
Spring 2015: 19.28%
Spring 2014: 19.4%
Spring 2013: 18.65%
Spring 2012: 17.84%

Spring 2011: 24.67%
Spring 2010: 21.18%
Spring 2009: 30.27%
Spring 2008: 27%
Spring 2007: 30.54%
Spring 2006: 26.89% e-voting
Spring 2005: 10.08%
Spring 2004: 7%
Spring 2003: 12%
Spring 2002: 15%

Incoming Council

Incoming Council for 2021-2022



Holly Kletke
President



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VP Operations & Finance



Amy Mendenhall
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VP External



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Dhillon School of
Business Rep

Vacant Positions for a September By-election

1st Year Student Rep

Indigenous Rep

Health Sciences Rep

Education Rep

Past Presidents

List of Past Presidents



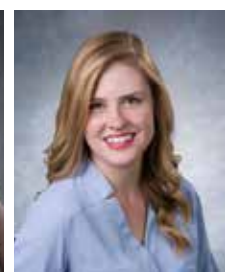
Jonathan Diaz



Andrew Gammack



Laura Bryan



Hailey Babb



Cameron Howey



Brenna Scott



Sean Glydon

2020-2021 - Jonathan Diaz (54th)
 2019/2020 - Andrew Gammack (53rd)
 2018/2019 - Laura Bryan (52nd)
 2017/2018 - Hailey Babb (51st)
 2016/2017 - Cameron Howey (50th)
 2015/2016 - Brenna Scott (49th)
 2014/2015 - Sean Glydon (48th)
 2013/2014 - Shuna Talbot (47th)
 2012/2013 - Armin Escher (46th)
 2011/2012 - Zack Moline (45th)
 2010/2011 - Taz Kassam (44th)
 2009/2010 - Jeremy Girard (43rd)
 2008/2009 - Adam Vossepoel (42nd)
 2007/2008 - Kelly Kennedy (41st)
 2006/2007 - Dustin Fuller (40th)
 2005/2006 - Tyler Tanner (39th)
 2004/2005 - Loralee Edwards (38th)
 2003/2004 - Paul Daniels (37th)
 2002/2003 - Melanee Thomas (36th)

2001/2002 - Matthew McHugh (35th)
 2000/2001 - Dezmond Belzeck (34th)
 1999/2000 - Bonnie Androkovich (33rd)
 1998/1999 - Ryan Dunford (32nd)
 1997/1998 - Jon Wescott (31st)
 1996/1997 - Jason Shriner (30th)
 1995/1996 - Arthur Wong (29th)
 1994/1995 - Humberto Aspillaga (28th)
 1993/1994 - Poul Mark (27th)
 1992/1993 - Justin Penny (26th)
 1991/1992 - David Legg (25th)
 1990/1991 - Terry Whitehead (24th)
 1989/1990 - Jon Oxley (23rd)
 1988/1989 - Jon Oxley (22nd)
 1987/1988 - Jason Slemko (21st)
 1986/1987 - Dan Laplante (20th)
 1985/1986 - Aaron Engen (19th)
 1984/1985 - Tracy Hembroff (18th)
 1983 - Mike McPhail (17th a)

-----1984 - Larry Glazer (17th b)
 1982/1983 - Chuck Cosgrove (16th)
 1981/1982 - Barry Weintraub (15th)
 1980/1981 - Rudy Peters (14th)
 1979/1980 - Alan Murray (13th)
 1978/1979 - Pat Dortch (12th)
 1977/1978 - Howard Reid (11th)
 1976/1977 - Wayne MacKay (10th)
 1975/1976 - Lee Ens (9th)
 1974/1975 - Darryl Ross (8th)
 1973/1974 - Khym Goslin (7th)
 1972/1973 - Jesse Snow (6th)
 1971/1972 - Ken Runge (5th)
 1970/1971 - Robin Dann (4th)
 1969/1970 - Lamont Nielson (3rd)
 1968/1969 - Richard Wutzke (2nd)
 1967/1968 - John Brocklesby (1st)



Shuna Talbot



Armin Escher



Zack Moline



Taz Kassam



Jeremy Girard



Adam Vossepoel

Mission & Vision Statement

The U of L Experience

MISSION

The mission of the University of Lethbridge Students' Union is to provide our students, as well as faculty, staff, and alumni a portal to the unique University of Lethbridge experience. The Students' Union complements the academic programs and enhances the overall educational experience and quality of campus life for students and other members of the U of L family.

As the heart of the student community, we are committed to student success by delivering a diverse program of cultural, educational, social and recreational services. We strive to surpass the needs of our multi-cultural student community, create a positive learning experience, and maintain a healthy balance between academic and leisure activities.

VISION

The ULSU and the University of Lethbridge will deliver extraordinary service, facilities, programs and opportunities that exceed the expectations of our students. The Students' Union will be recognized locally, provincially and nationally as a dynamic and innovative leader in the Canadian university community.



Matthew McHugh



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