



ELECTIONS 2020

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STUDENT ASSOCIATION OF GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE 2020 SPRING ELECTION OFFICIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES AND CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

Official List of Candidates

I, Charles Wilson, Chief Returning Officer of the Student Association of George Brown College, do hereby certify that the following candidates are in good as candidates in the 2020 Spring Election for the Student Association of George Brown College

Director of Education and Equity

Gallwey, Taliyah
Manchanda, Taranjeet Singh
Owusu, Solomon

Director of Student Experience

Abdurhman, Amane
Matta, Anteev Kaur
Rajan, Sri Krishna
Shaikh, Rabby
Sika, ManaYaa

Arts, Design, and Information Technology Educational Centre Representative

Patel, Urvis M.

Business Educational Centre Representative

Bafna, Naman
Kaur, Ramanjeet
Madaan, Privanshi
Sylla, Ibrahim
Yadav, Sahil

Construction and Engineering Technology Educational Centre Representative

Irfan Iqbal
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Patel, Dishant
Patel, Yash A
Tayebi Arasteh, Ali

Hospitality and Culinary Arts Educational Centre Representative

Patel, Puvin

Health Sciences Educational Centre Representative

Sukhjinder Kaur

Dated this 13th day of March, 2020.



Chief Returning Officer

I, Charles Wilson, Chief Returning Officer of the Student Association of George Brown College acting under agreement for the Chief Returning Officer for the George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology Student Governor Election, do hereby certify that the following candidates are in good as candidates in the 2020 Spring Election for the Student Representative to the Board of Governors of George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology:

Singh, Ekjot

Thompson, Genevieve Maria

Dated this 13th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilson, C.R.O." with a horizontal line underneath.

Chief Returning Officer

*The follow are statements from the candidates in their own words.
Elections Services have not edited these statements in any way.
The candidates and the candidates alone are responsible for the
contents of these statements.*

Director of Education and Equity

Gallwey, Taliyah

Vote for me (Taliyah) because I understand the student life and have learned a lot about the resources available to us. I've been a student at GBC for over 2+ years. If you know me, I'm approachable, understanding and passionate in making a difference.

We enter college without much preparation or knowledge in regards to what we have access to as students. Being a student is challenging but there is support and resources available to help us.

Our education is a key to our success after graduation so it's important we are feeling fulfilled in our program. We all have different needs so let's ensure they are being heard.

Voting for me will allow you to be heard. I want to leave GBC knowing I made a difference and the students feel satisfied.

Vote for Me because I understand.



Manchanda, Taranjeet Singh

Dear George Brown College Students, My name is Taranjeet Singh Manchanda(He/Him). I am running for the Director of Education and Equity.

My passion to bring a change and contribute to the student community is one of the greatest motivations to run for this position. I am really passionate about bringing a change in the George Brown Student Community and work towards Student Solidarity.

A few things out of many things I will be working towards this upcoming year if elected would be

- Making Student Solidarity across campuses and student union autonomy.
- Working towards Campus Sustainability.(Climate Justice)
- Continuously fighting towards OSAP cuts (taking part in campaigns with CFS and working with organizations against OSAP cuts)
- Promoting Indigenous Self Determination and bringing in Indigenous leadership to the student community.
- International Student Advocacy (Including Fees Hike, Health Policies, etc)

Being a previous leader in the board , I was able to advocate for business students as the Business Centre Representative and advocate for OSAP cuts, climate justice, inclusivity, indigenous self determination and plan to continue to do more and more in the upcoming year.

Being in this National Health Emergency , we all have to take precautions and stay safe and healthy.

We also need to show our authorities how important student union autonomy is and how students will be voting during this time , showing student solidarity.

Please do vote for your Favourite candidate and make a difference.

THE STUDENTS UNITED WILL NEVER BE DEFEATED

Owusu, Solomon

No bio Provided

Director of Student Experience

Abdurhman, Amane



The reason in why I am running for Director of student experience is to ensure that students have a fulfilling experience at George Brown College in association with the student association, while able to fully experience everything the college has to offer for them as students and succeed academically at that time at George Brown.

If elected in my role as Director of Student Experience, I will work closely with the college and student services to have a great welcome week in where you as the students get the opportunity to meet your SA Team and be able to connect with what we as both your SA and College have to offer you during your time with us. Another thing I wanna do is give students the opportunity to have a internship with the SA in where they can see how we operate and what it really takes to be a part of the Student Union.

Matta, Anteev Kaur



A person keeps moving forward, opening new doors and closing others because curiosity leads us out of our comfort zone.

Hi everyone, my name is Antreev Kaur and I am running for Director of Student Experience

My curiosity has led me to do various things in my life. I have a diversified experience in activities which are conducted in educational environment. I have started and managed various clubs, events, competitions, activities etc. Some instances are : business club, dance events, fashion shows, etc. I have experience in organizing and coordinating many orientations, farewells and freshers’.

I know what it is like to have plethora of options to choose from and I also know what it is like when you cannot choose anything from those options, because you do not feel inclined towards any.

I want to change that. Canada is known for its diversity and everybody comes from their unique culture with different interests.

I want to give every student many opportunities using which they would like to make their study life enjoyable and knowledgeable.

I want to work towards better student life and give them beneficial activities and chances to get a better network.

The time has come for someone to work specifically towards making the experience of students worth it. I am ready for this challenge but are you?

Thank You

Rajan, Sri Krishna



Bachelor’s in Architecture

“As students, while we strive for academic excellence, this is also time to create some of the best memories of life. Let’s do it together.”

Introduction

My Skills in Sketching, Crafting, and Imagination, Which followed me since childhood came in line with my coursework and enabled me to pursue architecture. I

started my formal career as an architect and have worked in a reputed architecture firm in Bangalore, India. I am a registered architect from the Council of Architecture, India. Currently, I am pursuing a postgraduate course in construction management for internationally educated professional from George Brown College, Casa Loma Campus. I have received the prestigious Center for Construction and Engineering Technologies (CCET) student excellence award. As a creative member of GDG Cloud Toronto digital media team, I help the organization bring creative designs for their digital campaigning. I am also a proud volunteer in GBC Student Leadership Academy.

Passion

I am Artist, Architect and love to explore different culture and tradition. My love to volunteer in different types of activities has motivated me to join various organizations which work towards community enablement. I enjoy the company of knowledgeable and passionate people. I believe in learning by doing and have a practical approach towards problem-solving. I am always interested in a fun-loving creative environment.

I plan below agenda items as Director of Students Experience -

- Creating fun, loving & positive environment by events & activities.
- Organizing events to bring more creativity & activity other than just food & parties.
- Building a strong network of students with unity, diversity and inclusion to improve the student experience on campus.
- Building a strong structure for events to reach and involve more students.
- Creating a safe environment where students feel enabled and heard.

Shaikh, Rabby



About me:

Rabby Shaikh is a kind and ambitious student at George Brown College. With an ENTJ personality, he enjoys learning and challenging himself in every aspect of his life. He strives to maintain a 4.0 GPA while still allocating time for his family and friends. He believes success can be achieved while maintaining a balanced lifestyle. For that reason Rabby would be the ideal candidate for director of student experience.

Reasons for running is to:

- Unify students at all campuses
 - Increase interaction with the SA body
 - Organize parties/events that promote inclusivity & diversity
 - Make campus life & student orientation welcoming, memorable and fun
- #GBCStrongerTogether #VoiceofGBC

If I'm Elected:

I will enhance and upgrade the common areas to make campus life more enjoyable at every campus. I will organize events such as;

- Holi party (colour festival)
- Eid dinner (after Ramadan special dinner)
- Nowruz (Iranian New Year)
- Toga party (Greek/Roman)
- Carnaval festival (Trinidad and Brazilian)
- Chinese New Year
- Open to more suggestions

With the large number of students we can make this all possible, I'm looking forward to meeting and hearing from you. Lastly I will read and respond to every feedback I will receive.

Fun Facts:

My parents were born in Afghanistan and Bangladesh but I have lived in Canada for over 20 years. I speak English, Hindi, Urdu and Bengali. I can read and write in Arabic and enjoy learning new languages

Sika, ManaYaa

No Bio Provided

Arts, Design, and Information Technology Educational Centre Representative

Patel, Urvish M.



PAST:

I'm from a middle-class family of Gujarat, India, I am Urvish Patel. Nobody comes in this world, without the support of family and friends. Whatever you will be, it is just because of your family. My father was a respectable businessman in our community.

My mother is a working woman. They both love their occupation. That's I have learned from my parents the value of time, honesty, hard work and commitment to the purpose. Very few in the world have the blessing of both mother and father, I am not from those. I lost my father at an early age when I was too young. The Indian lady is compared with the goddess Durga and my mother is also for me the same.

PRESENT:

Currently, I'm working with Career Services as a Peer Career Coach. I help lots of students to achieve their dream job. I notice in the interview before they ask what do you know they ask Do I know you!

So I started organizing Networking events for students to help them to make a few good connections into the industry.

WHY I AM RUNNING FOR THIS POSITION?

I am running this position because I like to help my peers. My peers feel like I am a good friend, philosopher and guide for them, a good mentor for them.

Business Educational Centre Representative

Bafna, Naman



My name is NAMAN BAFNA and I am enthusiastic to represent as a candidate for this year's Business Educational Center! I began my studies last year in September and completed my first semester in Business Administration - International Business.

I am your friend/voice who will present our educational ideas and get them implemented by college. My purpose is to give peers an opportunity to develop leadership through organizing and carrying out activities which will establish relations amongst us "the students" and worldwide.

I am excited to help my fellow mates to gain new learning experiences through field visits, orientation sessions, and by conducting inter college competitions for sports and co curriculums. My leadership and good communication skills will be highly valuable in understanding, serving the student body by addressing their interests and concerns to management.

As an international student, I understand the needs of students who are new to college/country and guide them as a mentor. I will work towards the upliftment of overall well being of students by focusing on partnering with various companies for co-op programs and business fairs.

I plan to draw from all these relevant skills and experiences to be the best representative that I can be for YOU. I believe my skills and Ideas make me an ideal candidate for the position. If elected, I will use my enthusiasm and determination to advocate for our students' needs and to enhance our sense of community.

Your support is valuable to raise GBC's business environment and if we all work towards the progressive development, we will be able to enlighten our journey. If you share the same ideas cast a vote for me as this year's GBC Business Educational Center Representative.

Kaur, Ramanjeet

No bio provided

Madaan, Privanshi



Will bring out more Co-op opportunities for the students.

Work towards student rights.

Will ensure more health and safety for the students.

Work towards student problems regarding their courses.

Sylla, Ibrahim

No bio provided

Yadav, Sahil



I will ensure that every concern of the students will be represented in the board meeting and solution to that will be provided at the earliest.

Construction and Engineering Technology Educational Centre Representative

Irfan Iqbal



Hi my name is Irfan Iqbal and I am in forth semester of Construction and Engineering Technology course. I am very excited to be running as your next Construction and Engineering Technology Educational Center Representative. I am hard working student who understands the needs of the students at GBC.

If elected I will work on introducing:

MENTOR-SHIP PROGRAM: If elected, I will introduce mentorship program that will help students to overcome challenging courses Such as Building Code, 3D Modeling, Estimating & Pricing Construction, etc.

this will be done with the help of professors and directors of the college.

NO 8:00AM CLASSES: If Elected, there will be no 8:00AM Classes. The reason is a lot happens late at night — your roommates tend to stay up late, many campus events happen in the evenings, and it's normal to study well into the night.

A study from the U.S. National Sleep Foundation suggests young adults between the ages of 18-25 need approximately seven to nine hours of sleep to function properly.

NET WORKING EVENTS: If Elected, I will closely work with student associations to have networking events that will allow students to engage and network.

George Brown has opened doors for me – I would like to pay it forward and help other students successfully attain their goals.

Thank you so much for your time, and I hope I can count on your vote and support.

Irfan Iqbal

Odukoya, Ayodeji



I am running for the position of the Construction and Engineering Technology Educational Centre Representative (CCET). I believe my experience as a two time Alumni of both the Construction trades and Construction engineering programs, as well as my experiences working for the Student Learning Centre (SLC) have familiarized me with the challenges that my peers and I believe can be solved with the election of a driven fellow peer. Being given the opportunity to volunteer under the Dean's Ambassador program to organize the construction related events on campus has allowed me to recognize my potential as a student leader on campus. It has always been my desire to represent

students and be their voice as it pertains to making improvements within our campus. If elected as your CCET representative, I will work towards implementing more on-site visits for the elevated hands-on learning experience of construction students. I would also like to propose information sessions with industry professionals for better insight on the construction industry, further improving the learning experience of my peers. With the support of the Construction and Engineering Technology faculty, I will be proposing a scholarship tailored to students in these programs and improve the hygiene experience on campus by proposing automatic doors and motion sensor activated faucets and soap dispensers for the washrooms. As well as increasing the number of hand sanitizer dispensers around campus. With my experience and passion for this school and student I believe I can achieve this if voted for as your CCET student representative.

Patel, Dishant



Hello construction and engineering technologies students!
My names Dishant Patel and I'm Mechanical Engineering Technology -Design Program student(2019-2022). I'm kind of excited to be a Representative Of Construction and Engineering Technologies Educational Centre for 2020-2021.

My immersion into the construction and engineering technology has allowed me to form a platform based on your comments, concerns, ideas and input that looks to enhance our college experience while engaging with you in our GBC community, and ensuring you have a sustainable path to success. I will strive to address issues that impact the construction and engineering technologies, its students and to introduce the following goals.

If I elected, I promise to always maintain an open channel of communication between engineering students, faculty members, and members of the Students Association. I will always be accessible to you, either in-person or via email/social media. I will bring all issues to meetings and hold faculty members accountable for addressing student concerns. If you have any issues at all, regarding study spaces, classes, etc. you will always be able to bring them to me, and I promise to take them up on your behalf. You Will Be Heard Always!

* Faith, Diversity and Spirituality

- With constantly changing demographics at the college, diversity is constantly increasing, bringing in more people from different backgrounds who practice different faiths.
- Help international students form communities by hosting events or encouraging mentorship surrounding similar cultural backgrounds.

I promise to fight for your values rather than representing my own interests. Make your life at college as you imagined it! Take the first step by voting for Dishant Patel between March 25, 2020 at 8:30 am to April 3, 2020 at 11:59 pm and raise your voices. And remember its time for you! As With Unity And Strength We Must Achieve!!

Patel, Yash A



Myself Yash Patel. I am 23 years old, flamboyant and passionate current international student of Electromechanical engineering technician (T146) employee of TA department at George Brown College. I have completed Bachelor's degree in Electrical engineering from Gujarat Technological University, India.

As a General Secretary of college, I have organized in a number of competitions and college events and represented my field to the state level championship also. If I point out my area of interest, I love to work for people when I can earn fame and get shine in the crowd. So, I can describe myself into single word by "LEADER". Moreover, I like to interact with students and get to know about their like and dislike, what problem they face as a student, what benefit they can

have as a student, aware the students about the most recent technologies around and solve the issues of students.

I am running this election to showcase my personality and leadership skill. As I have political family background, I have a vast experience of election campaigning and enough knowledge of how to promote, convince audience and create a mammoth supporters.

Qualities:

- True LEADER
- gratitude
- supporting peers
- neutral for everyone
- growth mindset

Tayebi Arasteh, Ali



There are number of various goals that I am going to follow up, but the most critical goal is that we do not have co-op for most of CCET programs and I am going to try and do my best to get co—op opportunity for CCET programs.

Hospitality and Culinary Arts Educational Centre Representative Patel, Puvin



Hello Fellow mates from George brown, centre of hospitality and culinary arts.

This me Purvin Patel, International student, pursuing Diploma in Hotel Operation management. What I do offer is steadfastness, hard work and the ability to work with others even during difficult circumstances while still keeping a sense of humour. I am experienced operations Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the retail industry. Skilled in Operations Management. I am bachelor in Hospitality and hotel administration and Strong operations professional with a Master's Degree focused in Marketing/Marketing Management, General. Many of you probably know me because of humorous and jolly nature and now

I am standing here to connect each one of you.

What I've Done Already

From the first day I arrived at George brown, I knew I wanted to become more involved. From serving on the school student association to helping students from their day to-day issues, I consistently spend time in leadership roles in past and here I will also try to make this College an even better place than it already is. About my past experience I had been continuously participated in several college events and functions. Apart from this I have core industrial experience more 4+ years in hospitality and customer service. Recapitulating, all my knowledge and experience I will definitely work for the people, to the people and by the people.

Running for the Role of HOSPITALITY AND CULINARY EDUCATIONAL CENTRE REPRESENTATIVE
It probably won't surprise you that I have decided to run for student association for the role of Hospitality and culinary educational centre representative. As for this student association role, I will strive to continue to make improvements in the school for every student here in CHCA at George Brown.

Health Sciences Educational Centre Representative

Sukhjinder Kaur



My name is Sukhjinder Kaur. I am a second-year student in Activation Coordinator – Gerontology program at George Brown College, Waterfront campus. I have also graduated from the Nursing program and worked as a Registered Nurse in India. I am running in Student Association elections to be your Health Sciences Student Representative. I would like to be your voice at the board of directors of Student Association.

I am an organized, determined, respectful and a responsible person. I have leadership skills which is the key factor for this position. I have a positive attitude and approach to all things. I am a dedicated student that has the vision and the capability of bringing real change to this campus and student's life. I am a social person and I love to talk with people and listen to them. I am a strong, enthusiastic and passionate person. I always wanted to do something for the students and that is why I am running for this position.

I have prior experience of being a student leader. I was a representative in my school and in my previous college where I had an opportunity to organize various events and campaigns for the benefit of the students. It was a learning experience and I was able to bring a positive change in the lives of many students. I hope to do the same if I am elected as your Health Sciences Representative.

I am an open-minded person and is open to any constructive ideas which would be beneficial for health sciences students or the George Brown student community. So, I will talk and listen to the concerns of health sciences students and will do the level best in my capacity to resolve any issues that they are facing.

'A vote for me is a vote for you'.

You can vote for me online during the election period. All the details on how to vote are given on the student association website.

Thank you and stay safe!

Warm Regards

Sukhjinder Kaur

Student Representative to George Brown College of Applied Arts and Technology Board of Governors

Singh, Ekjot



Hi George brownians!

I am EKJOT SINGH from the Business Admin Program and today, I campaign to seek your support, to help me be entitled as the Student Representative in the Board of Governors!

I aim to make good on my promise to make George Brown a more culturally diverse and harmonious place where everyone is welcomed with open arms and accepted for who they are.

- Apart from that, I have seen the hiked fee of international students and I promise to try my best to make life more suitable, comfortable and economical for all such students.

There are various facilities provided by our esteemed college which might not be used due to various purposes, so I will also ensure to have various activities kicked off so that we can fully enjoy all the facilities provided to us

to their full extent, while also having fun along with an enriching college experience. We will be able to have the best of both worlds.

WE AT THE GEORGE BROWN ARE NOT JUST A GROUP OF STUDENTS, WE ARE A COMMUNITY, WHO STICKS TOGETHER FOR EACH OTHER, AND I PLEDGE TO MAKE THIS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US, TO BE TRUE TO OURSELVES AND MAKE THIS COMMUNITY AN ESSENTIAL PART OF EACH ONE OF OUR LIVES.

Thompson, Genevieve Maria



I am running for the position of student governor because I believe that awareness and access to services and resources, a sense of community and marginalization within certain groups at the college are key issues within our student population that needs attention. By serving on the board, I would invite various departments of the college, to collaborate on more inclusive and simplified methods for students to access services. I would also suggest new marketing and educating strategies so that students may fully comprehend all that is available to them. As a student who comes from a diverse

background, I believe my perspectives and insights can offer new approaches and interpretations, as well as, be a voice for those who are marginalized. Finally, a sense of community is important, as it allows us to belong to something greater than ourselves. By representing the student body, I would invite representatives of the various George Brown communities to help, "bridge the gap." I believe that a strong community welcomes countless opportunities, experiences and growth.