

The McMaster Students Union

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



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As the Vice President (Administration), I have the privilege and opportunity of supporting, managing, and working with a range of student leaders on campus – from Welcome Week representatives to Club Presidents. In befriending these folks, it has become clear that leadership comes in various shapes and sizes. The truth is, a “one size fits all” mentality doesn’t translate any better in leadership than it does in Brandy Melville clothing. There are leaders who are quiet and introverted, and others who are loud and boisterous. To celebrate student success, the MSU hosted Student Recognition Night, and the annual awards ceremony recognized various McMaster leaders who have contributed to student life enhancement in different capacities. In addition, student volunteers were recognized during the 2018-2019 MSU Clubs Awards.

The J. Lynn Watson Award for Community: UNICEF McMaster

- By providing opportunities to learn about global development issues related to children across the globe, McMaster UNICEF has demonstrated what it means to make a positive change within our communities.

The MSU Spirit Award: McMaster School of Bhangra

- Through promoting the North Indian folk-dance style of Bhangra to the McMaster and Hamilton Community, the McMaster School of Bhangra has elevated school spirit with lessons, performances, and fundraisers.

SRA Member of the Year: Sabra Salim & Max Lightstone

- Sabra has made an enormous impact as a caucus leader through assisting in the development and operations of the MSU’s first interfaith council.

- Max challenges norms and devotes countless hours to the betterment of the student experience for Engineering students.

Part-Time Manager of the Year: Carly Van Egdom & Taylor Mertens

- Under Carly’s leadership as co-ordinator, SWHAT has had the highest volunteer retention of any service and hosted their first Community Safety week.

- Taylor has helped his service grow immensely as director of Mac Bread Bin through his unbounded passion for ensuring that students have both physical and economic access to food.

The MSU Merit Scholarship: Lauren Arnold & Bolade Shipeolu

- Lauren has given back to the



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McMaster community by serving on the Student Representative Assembly and working as the MSU Public Relations Assistant.

- Bolade has demonstrated a commitment to advocacy and supporting others through her involvement with Horizons Conference, the McMaster Muslims for Peace and Justice, and Diversity Services.

The Rudy Heinzl Award of Excellence: Taryn Aarseen

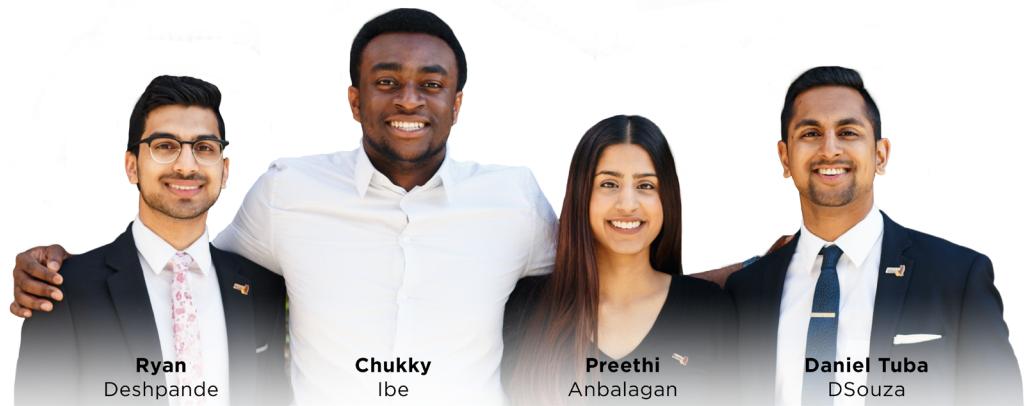
- As an employee of the Student Wellness Centre, Taryn has utilized food accessibility as a vehicle for social change by creating partnerships across campus to establish a cooking class program and a community kitchen

The Honour M Award: David Lee, Vanessa Raponi & Shaarujaa Nadarajah

- McMaster’s highest honour, the Honour M, recognizes outstanding leadership, volunteer service, contribution, and/or achievement in extra-curricular activities.

Multiple student groups were recognized during Clubs Night for the MSU Clubs Awards. The

Academic Award was presented to **McMaster Undergraduate Energy Society** for hosting Canada’s first student-led Energy Week. The **McMaster Muslim Students’ Association** was awarded the **Religious/Spiritual Award** for a successful Orphan Sponsorship Campaign Gala and for working to make praying areas more accessible. The **New Club Award** went to **CON-SNP@Mac** for hosting a seminar series and evidence-based workshops, along with partnering with other clubs. **McMaster Cardiac Care** was awarded the **Social Issues Award** for their growth, demonstrated in their successful Cardiology Conference featuring cardiologists and professors. **Mac Veggie Club** won the **Recreational Award** for increasing attendance, hosting more events, and donating to charities. Lastly, the **Cultural Award** went to the **McMaster Association of West Indian Students** for their wide-reaching impact and \$5000 charitable donation. Congratulations to all of McMaster’s exceptional student leaders.



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