

The McMaster Students Union

PRESIDENT'S PAGE



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It's that time of year again, where some students tend to stay out of MUSC to avoid engaging with candidates and members of campaign teams. The time where the study body collectively finds humour in those advocating to increase student space while simultaneously taking up a considerable amount of space to campaign. Overall, there are mixed reviews of the MSU Presidential Election; some look forward to see who will replace the current president and a select few anticipate drama, but overwhelmingly, most see it as an opportunity for change.

In my opinion, it is helpful to think of the presidential campaign process as the longest job interview ever, where the undergraduate student body is the hiring board. Members of the MSU, through their fees, pay directly into the president's salary. This relationship brings a level of accountability and a responsibility to students. Therefore, I encourage you to buy into a vision in which you believe. As a part of this process - or as I'll continue to call it, a

hiring board - students are able to determine the candidate whose vision, priorities, and platform they value the most.

Running for MSU President involves putting yourself in a public position where criticism is inevitable. Being in the public eye and developing a platform in the interest of students is no easy feat - I applaud the candidates for the work they have done thus far and the effort they will continue to put in throughout the remainder of the campaign. The value of student voices is an integral and ongoing part of this process; undergraduates are able to bring their ideas forward and in turn, have the opportunity to inform the direction of the MSU. The person you will elect from January 22 to January 24 is in charge of setting the vision for the organization and will act as the key contact amongst stakeholders such as the University, Hamilton community, and all levels of government.

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Undoubtedly, undergraduate students at McMaster consistently interact with the MSU, whether it be through our clubs systems, connecting with the multitude of services, utilizing the health and dental insurance plans, or catching a ride on the HSR to campus. At one point, many of these essential services began as a candidate's values, ideas, and principles. I would advise students to not simply vote for a candidate that you feel has the flashiest or grandest ideas - and that is in no way

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VOTE ONLINE

January 22nd to January 24th

closing at 5:00pm

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MEET & GREET

January 15th

6:00pm—8:00pm

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DEBATE

January 17th

3:00pm—5:00pm

MUSC Atrium

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meant to disregard the hard work and consultations that inform platforms - because having seen the realities of this role, I know that fulfilling points on a platform is merely one aspect of the day-to-day duties as MSU President. I encourage students to support the individual who will, against all odds, stand

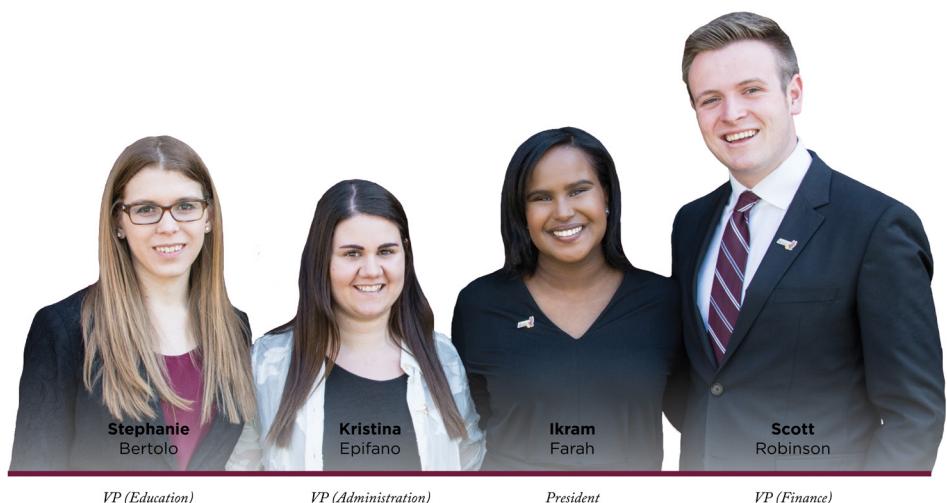
up for your voice amongst senior leadership. Elect someone who is principled in their values and stands up for you in places you may not have access or representation. Visit msumcmaster.ca/elections for more information on the candidates running for MSU President and how to vote in the election.

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