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Life As An SRA Member

Nominations for positions on the 2014-2015 Student Representative Assembly close on **March 5**. Here are a few of the educational, professional, and personal opportunities that come with a position on the SRA.

I was an SRA member for nearly two and a half years before running for an executive spot in the MSU. There are a ton of skills I learned from the experience that I never would have received in the classroom – an understanding of how lobbying and advocacy works, insight into different forms of corporate governance, how to see a real-world project through from start to finish, and much more. Perhaps what I appreciated most was the opportunity to learn about the McMaster campus beyond my little bubble. In meeting members from other faculties and discussing issues from all around campus, I gained a whole new appreciation for – and perspective on – life here at Mac.



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I never actually ran for the SRA. Before I got my job, I didn't really understand what it did for students. What I have learned from the past year is that the SRA is what you make of it. If you work hard, ask questions and participate, it is the channel through which you can make substantial changes to your undergraduate experience and that of your peers. The twice-monthly meetings may be long and there is a lot of procedure involved, but it is one of the most dynamic and rewarding things I have done in my time at Mac. If you want to make student life better at McMaster, I would highly encourage you to run! I certainly wish I had sooner.



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As an SRA member, you have a say in everything that the MSU does. Beyond voting on things at meetings, the SRA gives you the opportunity to drive initiatives that directly impact students. As an SRA member, I ran a successful survey that indicated student dissatisfaction with the lack of TA training at McMaster. The survey sparked an interest within the university community and served as a jumping-off point for productive advocacy work in fixing the problem. If you're interested in how the SRA works to advocate on behalf of students, I encourage you to run. It's an awesome responsibility.



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Often students wonder what they can do as an SRA member. The reality is, as an individual member you can accomplish a lot. Last year as a Social Sciences representative on the SRA, I pushed forward a motion sending the CFMU fee to referendum to be reduced from \$17.29 to \$12.50. I took issue with the fact that CFMU was running a structural surplus and not providing appropriate value to McMaster students. The referendum passed, and as a result McMaster students now collectively save roughly \$100,000 a year in their student fees. This is just one example of the initiatives that you can champion on the SRA that will have a large impact on undergraduate students.

New **twelveEighty** Catering Menu:

Planning an event on campus?

Looking to provide delicious appetizers, or even a full service lunch or dinner at an affordable rate?

TwelveEighty offers multiple options for all your catering needs.

Our facility provides you with spacious rooms for large groups, private spaces for smaller groups and can even offer take-out options for events anywhere on campus. Items can be picked up for take-out with a deposit fee for the trays.

Restaurant Operating Hours:

Mon, Wed and Fri: 11:00am-8:30pm
Tuesday: 11:00am-11:00pm
Thursday: 11:00am-8:00pm

*All events held outside of our regular operating hours will be subject to additional charges

Option 1:

APPETIZER PLATTER

5 Broccoli Cheddar Bites
5 Queso Sticks
5 Chicken Fingers
5 Mozzarella Sticks
Kettle Chips (Large)
Lattice Fries (Large)

Price: \$20.99 per platter
Feeds 6 or provides snacks for 10-12 people

Option 2:

ECONOPLATTER

Kettle Chips and Salsa (Large platter)
Nachos with Salsa and Sour Cream (Large platter with tomatoes, green onions, cheese, jalapeños and freshly chopped lettuce)

Price: \$50.00 per platter
Provides snacks for 40-50 people

Option 3:

APPETIZER PARTY FOR 10 OR MORE

Kettle Chips and Salsa
Vegetarian Spring Rolls
Meatballs
Jalapeño Poppers
Vegetable Samosas

Price: \$5.50 per person

Option 4:

BURGER AND FRIES

*only available for groups of 20 or more

Burgers (served with tomatoes, onions, ketchup and mustard & freshly cooked fries)

Price: \$6.50 per person

Option 5:

SANDWICHES AND SALAD

*only available for groups of 10 or more

Assorted Sandwich Wraps & Salad (mixed green or caesar)

Price: \$5.99 per person

Option 6:

PENNE PASTA

*only available for groups of 20 or more

Penne (served with tomato sauce and a slice of garlic bread - one slice of garlic bread per person)

Price: \$5.99 per person

DRINKS:

Unlimited Pitchers of Pop

(only for events hosted inside TwelveEighty)

Price: \$1.50 per person

Cans of pop: \$0.75 per can



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