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Vice President Students

Hi, graduate students! I am beyond excited to announce my candidacy for the Vice President - Students position at the Graduate Student Society. I am passionate about enhancing the graduate student experience, improving student resources, and building a strong graduate community that values inclusivity, collaboration and equity. I understand graduate students' challenges, including academic pressures, and financial and social hardships. Grad school is tough, but you don't have to go it alone! Whether you're commuting, living on residence, an international student, domestic student or practically surviving on coffee, I've got your back as VP-Students to advocate for your well-being every step of the way!

Here's a little bit about my background: I am a Master's Student in the Department of Educational Studies, specializing in Adult Learning and Global Change, which has illustrated the importance of community in creating meaningful learning experiences. My current role at the GSS has provided me with the knowledge to support international and domestic students on key issues, such as financial aid, graduate funding, affordable housing, food security, peer support programs, and professional development. My previous roles at Global Affairs Canada, and on the Executive Committee of a youth organization, have provided me with skills in policy analysis, stakeholder relations, advocacy, leadership and implementing community-based initiatives that I will use to advocate for you.

As Vice President - Students, I will ensure your voices are heard and enhance your graduate experience. If elected, I will:

- Expand resources that prioritize your mental health and well-being
- Increase funding for financial and social services
- Enhance collaboration with UBC and affiliate organizations
- Address challenges faced by both international and domestic students
- Increase opportunities for you to create meaningful experiences and connect to fellow graduates

With your vote, I am confident we can have a meaningful graduate experience. It would be a pleasure to connect with you and serve you as the next Vice President - Students. Thank you for your consideration!