

# Student Life Starts Here.

Annual Report 2017/18

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University



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# A Message

## TO OUR MEMBERS

The 2017/2018 year was bittersweet. There were important successes worthy of celebration, but there were also significant challenges. SAMRU has long recognized that strength and resilience are not achieved without effort, and that working through difficulties provides opportunities for renewal.

Our key challenges this year were in the areas of member engagement and internal cohesion. A few years ago, SAMRU suddenly lost the ability to communicate with our members directly through a preferred method, email. Despite efforts to make up for this through other communications, we experienced a sharp decline in member engagement. In 2018, after many years of work, we successfully negotiated an Agreement on Information Sharing with MRU and we look forward to directly engaging our members through email once again. We believe that the Agreement will also serve our members in other ways, such as making access to the student health and dental plan easier and simplifying how members vote in our elections. This is a great example of how working through problems has refined the organization to make us better.

Developing and maintaining internal cohesion in an organization as unique and complex as SAMRU presents an ongoing challenge. SAMRU is a students' association established under provincial legislation; we are a membership organization

with a duty to serve the interests of our members, the credit students of Mount Royal University, and we are a registered charity with obligations to carry out our charitable purposes. Maintaining unity across the organization isn't as much an obstacle to overcome as it is a constant process requiring communication and effort. What we can say is that when good people work together for a common cause, great things can happen, and we are confident that SAMRU is continuing on a path to success.

One very noteworthy success was the achievement and celebration of an important anniversary. In 1967, the organization was incorporated under the Societies Act. In October 2017, we acknowledged this achievement by gathering together members, alumni, and supporters to mark the 50th anniversary and reconnect with and thank those who have contributed to the organization over the years.

Lastly, 2017/2018 was the 24th and final year of service by our retired Executive Director, Marcy Fogal. We dearly miss her experience and wisdom, but we are excited for her future, and strengthened for our own by her many contributions. Like the year, this consequential change was bittersweet but, as always, SAMRU remains committed to serving and representing students.

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AMBER CLARK, SAMRU Board Speaker  
ANDREW NGUYEN, SAMRU REC President  
JACKIE FISHER, Executive Director (Interim)

RANDOM HIGHLIGHTS

152

clubs events held  
on campus

123

emergency student  
loans given out

110

club-submitted  
funding applications  
this year

181

students served in  
the Student Advocacy  
Centre

128

tax returns completed  
by 46 volunteers during  
the free Tax Clinic

40

seed types planted  
in the community  
garden

219

formal service  
volunteers

19

facility rentals of  
Wyckham House and  
the Hub

328

books sold in the Used  
Book Sale

400

items sold in the  
Lost and Found Sale

600

hours donated  
by Governors

2,363

letters sent in support  
of open educational  
resources

845

tweets sent over  
2017-18 year

\$1,406

in online donations

658

votes cast during  
the REC Elections  
(6% of eligible voters)





# Marcy Fogal

## A RETROSPECTIVE

► Marcy Fogal retired from SAMRU in 2018 after 24 years serving the organization, most recently as its Executive Director. She came into the staff leadership role at a time when the organization was facing serious challenges, including threats to its very existence as an independent organization. Her work and leadership took us from this precipice to new heights of success.

In May of 2018, Marcy received the Award of Distinction from the Association of Managers in Canadian College University and Student Centres (AMICCUS-C) for her outstanding leadership and contributions in the sector.

“Her leadership was demonstrated in her daily interactions, her authenticity, her consistency, and her results over time.”

Some of SAMRU's major accomplishments across the years of Marcy's leadership include the following:

1

Turning a financial crisis into an enviable financial position through careful management and the development of fully-funded financial reserves

2

Renewing relationships with the campus community following a period of conflict

3

Developing a robust organizational policy and procedure framework

4

Expanding the Wyckham House Student Centre to meet the growing needs of SAMRU's membership

5

Growing SAMRU's budget and operations, with a corresponding increase in the full-time staff team from 18 to approximately 34

6

Producing SAMRU's first Strategic Plan and two subsequent plans with broad stakeholder commitment

7

Achieving accreditation as a registered charity under Imagine Canada's Standards Program and holding that accreditation between 2015 and 2018



Marcy's contributions go beyond these milestones. Her leadership was demonstrated in her daily interactions, her authenticity, her consistency, and her results over time. It was perhaps demonstrated most strongly in the genuine care she took with people: the staff, the board, the representation executives, the volunteers, the food court vendors, and our colleagues and friends at MRU. A lot of

people – many in their paths towards becoming professionals and leaders in their workplaces and communities – have been deeply influenced by Marcy's leadership, her friendship, and her example.

They say that the only constant in life is change, and even with this significant change, SAMRU will persist and its people will endure. But this is

in part because of all Marcy did over the years to make SAMRU and its people so strong and capable. SAMRU is deeply appreciative of all that Marcy did to strengthen and improve the organization while she was here, and all that she did to positively impact the careers and lives of so many. We wish Marcy the best in her future endeavours.

# Our Strategic Plan

- Our Mission ▶**

We represent and serve students to help them succeed.
- Our Vision ▶**

Where every student can discover themselves, build meaningful relationships and make a difference in the world.



## Our Values & Beliefs ▼

- LEARNING** goes beyond the classroom, contributing to the realization of aspirations
- COMMUNITY** is built on individual relationships and shared resources
- OUR AUTONOMY** makes it possible to respond to the needs of our members
- OUR INTEGRITY** requires accountability, openness, responsible stewardship, and ethical governance
- DIVERSITY** makes our community stronger and more vibrant
- FUN** is essential to creativity, engagement, and social development

- Strategic Priorities ▶**
- These are the broad areas where we focus our work to achieve our vision. They guide our organizational, inter- and intradepartmental planning and actions, and set the outcomes for goals and objectives.

### CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Awareness, understanding, and cooperation form the strong foundation of the network of personal and professional connections that span our organization, our membership and the campus community.

### VIBRANT STUDENT CENTRE

Our physical space is a source of organizational strength and resilience that allows us to enrich students' lives and the campus community.

### RESPONSIVENESS

We listen to, learn from, and communicate with students and stakeholders to best represent members' needs, invite their inclusion, use resources effectively and demonstrate transparency.



Essentials ▾

*These are the foundation of our current and future success. Care and attention is needed to maintain these standards of behaviour so that we can continue to build on past successes.*



LEGITIMACY

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University has the legal authority and responsibility to act as the incorporated, representative body for all SAMRU members. We demonstrate credibility by striving for transparent and accountable governance, consistent and effective management, principled representation, social and environmental responsibility, and successful operations.

**We maintain our integrity and reputation by holding ourselves to high standards.**

RELEVANCE

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University plays an important role in providing a full university student experience because we adapt to the evolving needs of a constantly changing membership. We seek feedback, study best practices, adopt improvements and evaluate our progress in order to deliver valuable service.

**We are an essential part of student life.**

RESILIENCE

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University perseveres through challenges and adapts to change. Our solid foundation is based on dedicated and passionate staff and volunteers, reciprocal loyalty between SAMRU and our workers, the possession and control of our own building, excellent financial health, commitment to organizational learning, and a progressive policy framework.

**Always striving to be better, we stand the test of time.**

INTERDEPENDENCE

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University can only be fully understood by recognizing its context: shaped by legislation, bound to Mount Royal University, linked with various external organizations and situated in a larger community. We strive to balance these healthy connections with members' need for a strong and autonomous organization. Our actions can impact others in this system, and thus require a thoughtful and politically astute approach.

**We thrive as an integral part of a complex system.**

ESSENTIAL:

# Legitimacy

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While all parts of the organization strive to demonstrate credibility through the various actions noted above, it is SAMRU's Student Governing Board (the Board) that best exemplifies this concept.

The Board is the highest decision-making authority of SAMRU, responsible for determining what SAMRU's members want and need from their Students' Association, and developing strategic priorities and policies to guide and focus SAMRU's work in response.

The Board is made up of 14 governors, elected from and by members. Governors are elected by the membership for two-year terms and can also be appointed as necessary.

2017-18  
GOVERNORS

- Olga Barcelo
- Aaron Horne
- DeAnna Kweens
- Andrew Nguyen
- Shania Miller
- Shayla Breen
- Dallas McManaman
- Diana Huynh
- Samantha Barlage
- Patrick Sheldrake
- Ashton Turcotte
- Amanda LeBlanc
- Justin Nicholson
- Nyaok Manyel
- Dustin Hertel
- Renee Lorenz
- Erik Overland

2017-18  
SPEAKER

Noel Bahliby

Board Committees ▼

The Board has two standing subcommittees. The Accountability Committee is responsible for overseeing and evaluating the performance of the Board's direct employees. The Agenda and Governance Committee is the body responsible for supporting and guiding the governance functions of the Students' Association and the Board. This group sets the Board's agenda and determines its work. Governors and officers make up the membership of these two groups.

SAMRU's Advisory Committee is a third committee established to advise the Board on issues that may affect the organization's strategic direction or purpose and the fulfillment of its fiduciary responsibilities. The Advisory Committee includes members of the public who support the Board by providing additional perspectives on important issues.



### New this year ▼

On the recommendation of a consultant, the Board approved the addition of a Governance Coach to support good governance practices and board development.

### Annual General Meeting (AGM) ▼

The AGM was held on February 7 2018. Attendance met or surpassed the minimum requirement of 101 members. Students from the broadcasting

program live-streamed the discussion and decisions on topics including an overview of representation roles with a brief report on external lobbying initiatives and internal campaigns, an update on the cancellation of the fall joint MRU/SAMRU event called U-Fest, a report from the Executive Director, a presentation of the audited financial statements, an appointment of the auditors for the 2018 fiscal year, and a governance update. Minutes for the 2018 AGM are available on the [samru.ca](http://samru.ca) website.

### 2017-18 Representation Executive Council Elections ▼

The 2018 REC elections, held March 12-14, successfully filled the available positions but ended with lower than expected engagement results. Each of the four offices was sought by a single candidate and those candidates were elected with the membership endorsement of a "yes" vote. Unsurprisingly, the lack of contested positions led to a historically low voter turnout of only 6%.



ESSENTIAL:

# Resilience

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SAMRU is proud to be a registered Canadian charity and enjoys many benefits from this status including significant supplier discounts, donated software programs, increased transparency and legitimacy, and numerous financial benefits through government grant programs and the Canada Revenue Agency. SAMRU is also able to issue charitable tax receipts for donations and engages in various fundraising initiatives such as the AGLC Casino, Season of Caring, the Crowchild Classic and online donations through the Canada Helps website.

The following pages include excerpts from SAMRU's unaudited financial statements. Copies of the full set of audited statements are available online:

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► [samru.ca/about/annualreports](https://samru.ca/about/annualreports)

**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED)**

**As at June 30, 2018**

	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,326,378	1,538,557
Short-term investments	-	473,929
Accounts receivable	179,447	86,686
Inventories	68,835	58,785
Prepaid expenses	52,425	42,459
Funds held in trust	92,853	92,055
	1,719,938	2,292,471
<b>Investments</b>	7,347,854	6,403,478
<b>Capital assets</b>	13,451,205	14,056,513
	22,518,997	22,752,462
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	505,898	340,221
Deferred revenue	433,409	511,172
Current portion of promissory note	333,190	317,125
Funds held in trust	92,853	92,055
	1,365,350	1,260,573
<b>Advances and deposits held</b>	56,950	52,950
<b>Promissory note</b>	9,908,706	10,241,896
<b>Deferred contributions</b>	3,140,242	3,264,868
	14,471,248	14,820,287
<b>Net assets</b>		
Internally restricted net assets invested in capital assets	1,443,277	1,589,757
Internally restricted	6,701,743	6,393,353
Endowment	35,000	35,000
Unrestricted deficiency	(132,271)	(85,935)
	8,047,749	7,932,175
	22,518,997	22,752,462

**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES (UNAUDITED)**

*For the year ended June 30, 2018*

	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>Revenues</b>		
Fees	3,345,570	3,181,561
Membership services	2,477,668	2,000,609
Business operations	1,212,181	1,231,947
Interest and dividend income	222,379	197,897
Change in fair value of investments	211,878	203,656
Amortization of deferred contributions	134,263	133,279
Management and executive	96,133	83,099
Programming	6,213	7,871
	<u>7,706,285</u>	<u>7,039,919</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Membership services	2,882,074	2,469,105
Management	2,634,405	2,329,827
Amortization	597,517	621,087
Business operations – direct expenses	586,759	529,202
Executive	380,147	392,381
Business operations – cost of sales	259,444	245,130
Programming	250,365	251,598
	<u>7,590,711</u>	<u>6,838,330</u>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenses</b>	<u>115,574</u>	<u>201,589</u>



**STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY**  
**APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET (UNAUDITED)**

**As at June 30, 2018**

	2018-19 \$	2017-18 \$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Health and dental	3,380,437	2,806,513
General Fees	2,454,910	2,266,964
Business Operations	1,278,597	1,264,937
Capital campaign and partnership	962,830	905,113
Casino and other segregated funds	470,434	536,811
Capital replacement fund	263,010	307,230
Operations	212,848	131,435
Scholarship fee	125,676	129,090
Governance & Representation	16,000	16,000
Programming	7,900	8,550
Student service centers	6,000	12,035
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>9,178,642</b>	<b>8,384,678</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Health and dental	3,262,961	2,705,334
Operations	2,605,106	2,442,444
Segregated funds - restricted	1,362,837	1,330,269
Business operations: direct expenses	544,964	548,461
Governance & Representation	477,847	440,946
Student services	447,408	434,347
Business operations: cost of sales	233,392	232,553
Programming	181,624	182,122
Special events	23,460	35,660
Entertainment	17,400	18,250
Clubs	17,226	14,250
	<b>9,174,225</b>	<b>8,384,636</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>42</b>

ESSENTIAL:

# Relevance

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## Member Feedback ▼

SAMRU seeks feedback from student members through a variety of means each year. Some examples of annually collected feedback include the Student Satisfaction and Awareness Survey, a Volunteer Feedback Survey, a Foot Traffic Count, and Clubs' individual annual reports. In addition to these regular feedback loops, SAMRU is always in conversation with members formally and informally about how to improve services, whether it's reaching out on social media to students that help us understand what's most important to them, responding to individual complaints, or holding focus groups to gather specific input.

### STUDENT SATISFACTION AND AWARENESS SURVEY

The Student Satisfaction and Awareness Survey (SSAS) is conducted annually to get a sense of members' awareness, usage, and satisfaction with services provided by the Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU). It is also used to assess how students view SAMRU and how they receive information about SAMRU services, and it identifies particular areas of student life where students are facing challenges and need support.



# 312

students participated  
in the 2018 survey

# 64%

of survey respondents had  
no affiliation with SAMRU  
outside of being members

## Beneficial Services

Regardless of awareness  
of services (high or low),  
all services were viewed as  
having a benefit to the campus  
community, with Stress Less  
programming seen as having  
the most benefit (91.50%).  
Purchasing Opportunities  
(Good Food Box, Imagus  
poster sale, etc.) were seen  
as being the least beneficial  
(67.21%)

## Top three

The services most used  
by students were the  
Wyckham House food  
kiosks (97.57%), amenities  
such as charging stations  
and vending machines  
(88.66%), and other  
businesses such as the  
dental office and pharmacy  
(61.13%)

# 86.91%

of respondents named the  
Student Advocacy Office  
as the service of which  
they were most unaware  
or lacking information.  
However, 71.91% still felt this  
service was of benefit  
to the campus community

# 68.29%

of respondents stated  
that they followed SAMRU  
on Facebook





## PRIORITY:

# Responsiveness

► **Student representation is an essential service, ensuring that students' needs and interests are communicated to external stakeholders effectively. This requires awareness of the members' varied opinions, needs and values. We endeavour to represent a balanced common purpose from many voices, while still valuing the lone voice in the crowd.**

## Representation Executive Council ▼

The four elected students who form SAMRU's Representation Executive Council (REC) act with direction from the Student Governing Board. REC represents students to the campus community, all levels of government and the general public.

### REPRESENTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2017/18 (from left to bottom right)

ARIA BURRELL VP External  
SHIFRAH GADAMSETTI President  
CORDELIA SNOWDON VP Academic  
MADELAINE McCracken VP Student Life

## UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATION

The REC continued to advocate for students to the campus community. The President of REC is appointed to a seat on the MRU Board of Governors, the most senior decision-making body at MRU. As well, REC officers work to express student concerns through General Faculties Council, Tuition & Fees consultations, the Diversity & Meaningful Inclusion Steering Committee, the Institutional Strategic Plan Implementation Committee, and a variety of other academic and non-academic groups across campus.

## COUNCIL OF ALBERTA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (CAUS)

SAMRU maintains membership in CAUS, a student-run provincial advocacy group, and continued its provincial advocacy not only to the Minister of Advanced Education but to MLAs from across Alberta. Highlights included successfully securing the renewal of mental health funding for Alberta's post-secondary campuses and celebrating CAUS' 30th anniversary. While students were grateful for the temporary extension of the tuition freeze, CAUS continued to advocate for an affordable, predictable, and transparent tuition model for students.

## CANADIAN ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS (CASA)

In 2017-2018, REC President Gadamsetti was elected the Chair of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations

(CASA), a federal student organization representing over 250,000 students across Canada. A highlight of this role was presenting CASA's advocacy priorities to the federal government's Finance Committee. REC VP External Burrell was elected to CASA's Federal Policy Committee. During CASA Advocacy Week in November, SAMRU met with over a dozen MPs from across Canada to advocate on student priorities at the federal level.

## MUNICIPAL ADVOCACY

Throughout the year REC VP External Burrell was active in municipal advocacy, especially around the Calgary Municipal Election held in October 2017. SAMRU hosted the campaign's first Mayoral Forum at MRU's Riddell Library and Learning Centre as well as a Ward Candidates Meet & Greet event where students could come and meet the various candidates running to be their Councillor. A "Get Out The Vote" (GOTV) campaign ran on campus and multi-ward advanced polling stations were situated in Wyckham House. Another municipal advocacy highlight was speaking in front of Calgary City Council in favour of secondary suite reform.

## CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

REC VP Student Life McCracken hosted a Cannabis Panel in anticipation of cannabis legalization that featured Alberta's Minister of Justice Kathleen Ganley as well as key MRU staff to discuss what students could expect on campus when legalization occurs.



“We really need to challenge the government to give us some answers on what community-based health services means for students and how that will affect marginalized communities on campus.”

ARIA BURRELL,  
REC VP EXTERNAL,  
SEP 2017

**BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)**

REC worked with Calgarians for BRT to support affordable, accessible, and efficient transportation options for students. During the 2017 municipal election, REC met with candidates to discuss the benefits of BRT. The SW BRT project is now currently under construction and is set to open in fall 2019.



**OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OERS)**

Affordable textbooks continued to be a pressing concern for students. In January 2018, REC VP Academic Snowdon launched an awareness campaign on the costs of textbooks and affordable alternatives such as Open Educational Resources. This series of "MRU OER Days" included a letter writing campaign, which resulted in over 2,300 individual letters being mailed to six different MPs advocating for funding of OERs on Canadian campuses. Other highlights of MRU OER Days included a series of Lightning Talks and an OER Fair.

**STUDENT CONNECT**

The annual mixer hosted by REC serves to bring students together with municipal, provincial, and federal politicians for an informal night of conversation and democratic engagement. While a snowstorm kept the attendance of politicians to two brave souls, the student turnout of well over 50 proved that MRU students are interested and engaged in political issues.







## Community Consultations ▾

### PRIDE CENTRE MOVE

The Pride Centre has been a dedicated inclusive space for LGBTQ2IA+ students for the past seven years. Two focus groups were held in spring 2018 to seek community input on how best to revitalize the Centre. A follow-up implementation meeting clarified and confirmed support for plans that arose from the focus group input, and the consultation process resulted in a change of venue. The new space was completely refurbished; a new Pride Centre logo, swag, social media plan and signage were introduced; and a grand re-opening was planned.

### EXTENDING CLUBS SPACES

In response to consistent requests from Clubs for more shared office and meeting space, a space that previously held Cultural and Indigenous Inclusion programming was repurposed to meet their needs. All Cultural and Indigenous Inclusion programming was moved to a more visible location with attending staff support. Large item storage space for Clubs was also allocated in the basement storage cages, allowing clubs with large items that don't fit in a clubs locker to store their materials easily.

### SEXUAL VIOLENCE RESPONSE RESOURCES

After consultation with clubs and MRU's Campus Equity and Meaningful Inclusion (CEMI) office—and as part of a larger organizational response to queries about SAMRU's preventive measures related to sexual violence on campus—sexual violence response content was added to clubs training, and provided by the MRU Sexual Violence Response and Awareness Coordinator. The Hub posted sexual violence response resource materials in bathrooms.



Communications  
& Marketing ▼

SAMRU faced a number of challenges in reaching our members. In particular, the inability to share information directly with our members through emails continued to be a barrier, reducing SAMRU's reach while also decreasing members' awareness of and access to opportunities, benefits, programs, and services. Some social engagement indicators trended downwards, primarily because Facebook throttled all business pages' organic reach in favour of increasing their paid advertising revenue.

On the positive side, we've seen growth in our social media reach on most of our social media platforms, but especially on Instagram. There is also increased social media growth and engagement within SAMRU's social media groups. Both SAMRU's Twitter and Instagram followers have grown, but Instagram has seen a significant bump in engagement as well, while engagement is down on Twitter. Our approach for the SAMRU Instagram page was to humanize our brand, posting real photos rather than stock photos or graphics and posting more Instagram stories. Students seem to enjoy seeing our in-the-moment reporting.

Facebook groups provide a space in which students can create community by engaging with their peers and interacting with SAMRU programmers. SAMRU maintains three Facebook groups: One for volunteers, one for the Pride Centre, and one for Clubs. All groups have shown growth in number of followers and with engagement. The clubs group had a 13% increase in followers from the previous year, up by about 50 members, but had the lowest engagement. The Pride Centre group showed the highest engagement based on posts.

MASS EMAILS TO MEMBERS

In May 2018, SAMRU signed a new Agreement on Information Sharing with MRU that granted SAMRU access to student emails and other key information about our member population. This new agreement will fundamentally change the way SAMRU conducts



TOP POST BY  
ENGAGEMENT

(Posted June 25, 2018)  
Whoa. Whoa. WHOA!!!  
How amazing is this paint  
job of the new Pride Centre?!  
#SAMRUPride #pride  
#loveislove #comingsoon

student elections and communicates with students, including the possibility of sending out a regular SAMRU newsletter.

According to our annual Student Satisfaction and Awareness Survey (SSAS), email is one of our members' preferred channels for hearing from SAMRU, so the new agreement is an opportunity to meet both outcomes of increasing awareness of and engagement with SAMRU by telling more students about our events and programming, as well as making announcements about high-priority pieces of work such as elections, the AGM, and student benefits, among other things.

The majority of respondents indicated they have received information about SAMRU through Facebook (75%). In addition, bulletin boards (63.75%), the SAMRU website (50%), and word of mouth (43.17%) were also indicated by participants as frequent mediums of communication where they seek information about SAMRU services. These four mediums are the same as the top four from last year, albeit in a slightly different order.

When asked their preferred method of receiving info about SAMRU, participants indicated Facebook (66.25%) as the best medium to receive information about SAMRU services. Email (44.58%), bulletin boards/posters (41.67%), and MyMRU (37.50%) had significant responses as well. The downward trend seen for email may related to the fact that SAMRU has been prevented from communicating with members using this format for the last three years.

*Where have students found most of their information regarding SAMRU services?*

FACEBOOK

75%

WEBSITE

50%

BULLETIN BOARDS

63.7%

WORD OF MOUTH

43.1%

#### WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

75,431

sessions increased by 11% on the samru website compared to 57,828 sessions during the previous year

8%

of all website views visited The Clubs Directory, followed by the Health and Dental Benefits Plan landing page, the Food Court, and the Elections landing page

#### SAMRU IN THE NEWS

What made headlines in SAMRU news: municipal elections, debate around the controversial southwest Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, a federal grant for mature students, a series of mysterious packages delivered by Amazon to students' associations across Alberta, a new municipal deal on secondary suite reform, nationwide student advocacy on mental health, and impending budget cuts at MRU.

70

news stories related to SAMRU this period, compared to 109 the previous year





PRIORITY:

## Constructive Relationships

► **Building strong and meaningful relationships is a primary strategy for effectively increasing awareness and understanding of our organization. Productive relationships help us to increase role and boundary clarity within the organization, within the campus community and to the outside world.**

We explore common purpose between SAMRU and the campus community and identify

beneficial goals and opportunities for cooperation to increase our influence and enhance the quality, efficiency and value of our work.

Through every interaction, we endeavour to build credibility and demonstrate the value of SAMRU's members, the worth of our organization, and the benefit we bring to the community.

## MRU COLLABORATIONS

Campus Equity and  
Meaningful Inclusion Office  
Cougars Athletics  
and Recreation  
Iniskim Centre  
International Education  
Massage Therapy program  
MRU Community Garden  
Steering Committee  
Office of Academic Indigenization  
Office of Student Conduct  
Office of Student Success  
Sustainability Committee  
Transitional Vocational Program  
University Advancement  
Wellness Services

## EXTERNAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Centre for Sexuality  
Calgary Interfaith Food Bank  
Community Kitchen Program  
of Calgary  
Eudaimonia  
Fake Moustache

Garner Girls  
Imperial Sovereign Court  
of the Chinook  
Arch (ISCCA)  
Momentum Calgary  
Pacific Assistance Dogs  
Society (PADS)  
Wildrose Brewery,  
Village Brewery, Big Rock  
Brewery, Brewsters &  
Tool Shed Beer

## SAMRU-CLUBS COLLABORATIONS

African-Caribbean  
Student Affiliation  
Broadcasting Club  
Burlesque Club  
Cirque du SAMRU  
Photo Venture Club  
Super Smash Brothers Club  
Visual Arts Club  
Harry Potter Fan Club  
Psychology Student Society  
Club N3rd  
Fun-D-Active



## SPOTLIGHT: CROWCHILD CLASSIC

This annual hockey game between the MRU and U of C, held at the Saddledome, is a local tradition since 2012. SAMRU's participation in this event helps support MRU by promoting the game, and helps SAMRU clubs raise funds at the same time. Club volunteers were recruited to sell 50/50 tickets at the game. In return, participating clubs each received a portion of SAMRU's share of the proceeds of the draw (25% of the total), based on the number of volunteers they bring. This year, four clubs participated, filling 27 shifts and fundraising a total of \$1,903.75.

A local tradition since

# 2012

# 27 4

club volunteers  
recruited

different clubs  
participated

Clubs fundraised a total of

# \$1,903.75



PRIORITY:

# Vibrant Student Centre

► Wyckham House serves SAMRU members and the community. Through dedicated student services, we provide opportunities for support, empowerment, enrichment, fun and self-actualization. Through enterprising business services, we provide value to SAMRU members and the community by giving them access to products and services they desire, combining quality and customer service at a fair price.

The Wyckham House student centre is an asset of SAMRU because of the contributions of all past and present members. With the guidance of the membership, the student centre evolves and adapts to meet students' changing needs. Our physical space is a source of organizational strength and resilience that allows us to enrich students' lives and the campus community.

## Student Services ▼

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University offers a number of services for students housed in the Wyckham House Student Centre. SAMRU's support services strive to address the diverse needs of the student population. For some, this means free breakfast, emergency student loans, or referrals to on and off campus support services. For others, it means thought-provoking discussions, advocacy coaching, or lunchtime entertainment. For many, it's all of the above, and we encourage our members to pick and choose, engaging with us in ways they find meaningful.

3/5

average rating for all of SAMRU services supporting a general satisfaction

4.2/5

Stress Less and Support Services held the highest average of 4.2/5

251

students applied for Season of Caring hampers

128

tax returns were completed during the free Tax Clinic



## Student Advocacy Office

The Student Advocacy Office and staff provide support, coaching and resources to students dealing with challenging processes at Mount Royal University by helping students become their own best advocates. The past year saw an increase in students accessing the service with concerns involving complex academic and non-academic issues.

**181** students were served in the Student Advocacy Centre

## Peer Support Centre

Since opening in 1993-94, the Peer Support Centre has expanded from peer-to-peer counselling to include a broad range of critical support services such as emergency loans and bursaries, food and hygiene cupboards and a free breakfast program. This year saw a piloted expansion of the free breakfast program into the Spring semester, as well as the formal reinstatement of SAMRU's status as a full depot of the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, once more allowing students to not only order hampers but to pick them up onsite as well.

**60** students/day (on average) were served at Free Breakfast





“I’ve become more knowledgeable about my own school and I feel more comfortable helping people even outside school with any problems that I would have a solution for.”

SAMRU VOLUNTEER  
2017-18

## Volunteers

Volunteering is an excellent opportunity for students to build community while gaining marketable skills and competencies.

**177** volunteers contributed formal hours

**2,877** formal volunteer hours were recorded

This is the second year of a redesign of SAMRU’s volunteer structure that allows volunteers access to a wide variety of roles and activities across the organization, and many of SAMRU’s volunteers are active in multiple roles.

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|---|---|
| <b>42%</b> Tax Clinic                           | <b>10%</b> Planning and Implementation Committees |
| <b>20%</b> Casual                               | <b>5%</b> Program Support (Community Garden)      |
| <b>18%</b> Peer Support                         | <b>2%</b> Outreach Support                        |
| <b>13%</b> Event Support                        |   |
| <b>12%</b> Governance (Student Governing Board) |   |

### SPOTLIGHT: EPIC

This year the Event Planning & Implementation Committee (EPIC) volunteer committee focused on planning the SAMRU Awards event. The feedback we received from the committee was overwhelmingly positive, and overall they communicated to us that they felt pride and accomplishment with the experience.



## Cultural and Indigenous Inclusion programming

Cultural and Indigenous Inclusion programming experienced increased usage after moving to a more visible location on the second floor of Wyckham House. SAMRU currently holds the largest library of Metis resources in Alberta, and Metis history programming gained a greater audience this year, as staff and students continued to find out more about the books and resources in the SAMRU library.





Our  
Events

SAMRU 50th  
Anniversary  
Celebration

We hosted an event in Wyckham House on October 21 2017 to celebrate SAMRU's 50th anniversary of incorporation and to re-connect with our alumni in the community. The evening was divided into two events: an alumni-focused mixer earlier on in the Hub, and a party in the Wyckham bowl open to all. The alumni portion of the event was particularly successful, as alumni from different periods in SAMRU's history enjoyed interacting with each other and reminiscing about the past. We received messages of support from the Mayor of Calgary and the Premier of Alberta, and we were fortunate enough to have Robert Wyckham (for whom our building is named) in attendance.

Robert Wyckham  
at the SAMRU  
50th Anniversary  
Celebration ▼



Sex Toy Bingo

Sex Toy Bingo, promoting consent culture and celebrating gender and sexual diversity, remains one of SAMRU's most popular events. The first Sex Toy Bingo of the year in Fall 2017 set a high attendance record that caused some logistics challenges; the Winter semester event saw attendance return to the usual average of approximately 250 students.

“Sex toy bingo was so much fun! The prizes were great, the speakers and the education was awesome, and the community vibe was wonderful.”

-FROM THE STUDENT  
SATISFACTION AND  
AWARENESS SURVEY

## Wild Card Wednesdays and Student Night Thursdays

Wild Card Wednesdays, a weekly event series focussed on presenting engaging and interactive programming in the Hub, returned in 2017/18.

This semester's best-attended nights included Paint Night, Beer Yoga, Trivia Night, Name that Tune, and Karaoke Night. New events included The Super Smash Brothers' Tournament (in collaboration with SSB Club) and Beer 101 & Tasting (in collaboration with local brewers).

*Super Smash  
Brothers' Tournament  
(in collaboration with  
SSB Club) ▼*



## PJ & Soup Day

PJ & Soup Day is not only a fun tradition; it's also a bridge between the Student Governing Board and the student body. On this day, governors spent the afternoon handing out free mugs of soup and answering students' questions about what the Board does, and about their role as Governors. All students were encouraged to wear pyjamas or other comfortable clothing to campus and enjoy a little hygge.



### The Hub

*This year, The Hub worked to improve its standards for service and safety, once again receiving accreditation from Alberta Gaming Liquor and Cannabis' Best Bar None program.*

The Hub, SAMRU's restaurant and pub and the campus' only full service food and beverage establishment, focussed this year on engaging with the campus community. The Hub broadened its partnership options for clubs to provide a greater variety of choice in hosting events, although overall club bookings in the Hub declined. However, the Hub did have success in hosting events in direct partnership with clubs and students, including a Super Smash Brothers tournament, a campus-wide talent show, and the annual Gender Bender. As well, an increase in interest from external community members saw the Hub host a variety of events including dinner banquets, wrap-parties, and entertainment showcases.

### Wyckham House Tenancies

The Wyckham House food court was a significant draw to the student centre, with 12 food court tenants offering a variety of affordable breakfast, lunch and dinner possibilities with plentiful seating. Other tenants in Wyckham House include Wyckham Pharmacy, Dental Choice, the Student Health & Dental Benefits office, a convenience store, and the Reflector student newspaper.



*New this year: INS Market opened, replacing The Collegiate Shop convenience store with a fresh concept and many new products.*

### Foot Traffic Count

The annual foot traffic count tallies the number of people moving through Wyckham House in the same week each year. This gives SAMRU practical data on how people are accessing Wyckham House and helps inform decisions about programming and events.

**+8.2%** traffic increase over last year during peak hours (11am-3pm)

**27,317** total number of entrants per week on average, slightly down (-1.5%) from 2016's total of 27,736. Tuesday is the busiest day on average, while Friday is on average the least busy.

## Awards and Bursaries

The SAMRU Awards scholarships recognize students who have contributed to their campus community in an outstanding way that inspires and enhances the lives of their fellow Mount Royal students. The criteria for student candidates include a high level of commitment and contribution to the campus community (including activeness within SAMRU), and participation in campus activities, strong academic achievement, and volunteer contributions to community organizations. This year, SAMRU awarded \$41,500 to 27 students.

### NEW THIS YEAR:

A Champion award for faculty and staff who supported and promoted open educational resources was awarded for the first time.

### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING FUND (ELF)

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University offers \$50,000 each year through the Experiential Learning Fund to help individual students fund personal and professional development opportunities outside their academic experience at Mount Royal

University. This fund was created to help eligible students take advantage of unique learning and growth opportunities.

This year we received 131 applications. An average of \$530 was awarded to 88 successful applicants.

The top three experiences for which we received the most applications were for the International Field School in India (15 applicants), the International Field School in Guatemala (10 applicants), and the International Field School in Ghana (7 applicants).



**\$41,500** was awarded to 27 students

**206** award applications received

**\$530** was the average amount awarded to 88 applicants from the Experiential Learning Fund

“The generosity of SAMRU has given me the opportunity to grow, an opportunity I want to return one day.”

SAMRU AWARD  
WINNER 2017/18



# People

## GOVERNANCE & REPRESENTATION

### Governors

Olga Barceló  
Samantha Barlage  
Shayla Breen  
Dustin Hertel  
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DeAnna Kweens  
Amanda LeBlanc  
Renee Lorenz  
Nyaok Manyel  
Dallas McManaman  
Shania Miller  
Andrew Nguyen  
Justin Nicholson  
Erik Overland  
Patrick Sheldrake  
Ashton Turcotte

### Speaker

Noel Bahliby

### Representation

#### Executive Council

Aria Burrell – VP External  
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Madelaine McCracken –  
VP Student Life  
Cordelia Snowdon – VP Academic

#### VP External Student Engagement Team

Sammy Ansari  
Drake Norton  
Megan Osterman

#### Student Life Committee

Olga Barceló  
Ashley Dion  
Serena Gadamsetti  
Diana Kurila  
Mercy Maddox  
Madyson Schmidt  
Ashton Turcotte

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Kate Fulmore  
Aaron Horne  
Nathan Lawley  
Carolyn Ly  
Brigitte Matheson  
Robbie Nelson  
Eddy Robinson

### Advisory Committee

Erin Bacon  
Derek Havens  
Travis McIntosh - Chair  
Jim Robertson  
Heather Wilkey

### Elections Officials

Joanne Doney - Poll Clerk  
Donna Gustofson - Deputy  
Returning Officer  
Shauna Hunter - Chief  
Returning Officer  
Mary Ellen Johnson - Poll Clerk  
Mona Pronk - Poll Clerk

## FULL-TIME OPERATIONS STAFF

Lisa Antichow –  
Administration Manager  
Ian Baker – Food &  
Beverage Manager  
Sebastien Tetreault-Bergeron –  
Student Representation Coordinator  
Megan Borg – Governance &  
Representation Manager  
Cory Cardinal – Cultural &  
Indigenous Inclusion Programmer  
Brendan Correia – Director of  
Communications & Marketing  
Andrea Davis – Student  
Advocacy Coordinator  
Jackie Fisher – Associate  
Executive Director  
Marcy Fogal – Executive Director  
Aly Gerling – Communications  
& Marketing Coordinator  
Camilo Gil – Student  
Representation Coordinator  
Nada Gomaa – Events Coordinator

Miriam Grenier – Receptionist  
John Hadley – Director of  
Business & Building Services  
Jonathan Heath-Smith –  
Community Engagement  
Coordinator  
Garrett Hendriks – Food &  
Beverage Manager  
Chalsie Henry – Graphic Designer  
Miho Ichinoseki – Peer Support  
Coordinator  
Mitch LaRose – Facilities  
Coordinator  
Miranda Martini – Communications  
& Marketing Manager  
Jonathan Piderman – Clubs  
Coordinator  
Lysh Piekarski – Kitchen Coordinator  
Kristian Hopfner – Events Manager  
Tanya Ross – Relationships, Identity  
& Sex Programmer  
Brent Rossall – Production &  
Rentals Coordinator  
Imogene Roulson – Student  
Initiatives Programmer  
Margo Smith – Clubs Coordinator  
Sunny Song – IT & Finance Support  
Coordinator  
Stephanie Symington –  
Events Manager  
Cara Thompson – Administrative  
Assistant  
Lok To – Peer Support Coordinator  
Shereen Samuels – Director of  
Student Services  
Brian Walters – Director of  
Finance & Information Systems  
Hong Wang – Information  
Systems Manager  
Ming Yang – Finance Manager

## PART-TIME WAGE STAFF

Hadel Abdel-Nabi -  
Clubs Administrator  
Bobbi-Lynn Adam - Food Court Staff  
Krysta Adams - Hub Staff  
Femisola Aiyeleso - Foot  
Traffic Count  
Brian Arseneault - Peer Support  
Administrator

# People

Kinza Arshad- Junior  
Graphic Designer  
Daniel Auger – Production Staff  
Michael Babb - Hub Staff  
Elaine Balogun - Used Book Store  
Staff/Foot Traffic Count  
Tim Blevins - Food Court Staff  
Patrick Bourque - Hub Staff  
Joshua Brinton - Hub Staff  
Arthur Brotzell - Production Staff  
Dexter Bruneau - Production Staff  
Jeremy Burnett - Recycling Staff  
Enma Calderon - Used Book  
Store Staff/Foot Traffic Count  
Cindy Calderon - Used Book  
Store Staff  
Taylor Cameron - Hub Staff  
Danzel Carrasco - Junior  
Graphic Designer  
Andrew Chappell - Hub Staff  
Missy Chareka - Student  
Advocacy Administrator  
Domenic Chiappetta -  
Foot Traffic Count  
Breila Christou - Production Staff  
Deaniell Cordero - Hub Staff  
Julien Darrigol - Hub Staff  
Brittany Elder - Hub Staff  
Chawna Exner - Hub Staff  
Elijah Flowers-Nelson -  
Production Staff  
Susanne Fraser - Hub Staff  
Timaj Gato - Foot Traffic Count  
& Production Staff  
Mariam Gomaa - Hub Staff  
Ganyor Harvey - Hub Staff  
Maegan Hawkes - Hub Staff  
Quinn Hawse - Production Staff  
Jeremy Infusino - Hub Staff  
Mike Kautz - Hub Staff  
Wengelawit Kebede - Clubs  
Administrator  
Alana Keleigh - Hub Staff  
Nathan Lawley - Assistant  
VP Academic  
Jonathan Lazo - Peer Support  
Administrator/Program  
Administrator  
Andrew Lehman - Production Staff  
Georgia Longphee - Hub Staff  
Renee Lorenz - Hub Staff

Daineal Maclean - Photographer  
& Videographer/Foot Traffic Count/  
Hub Staff/ Production Staff  
Faisal Mahmud - Foot Traffic Count  
Fahim Mahmud - Foot Traffic Count  
Cole Manning - Hub Staff  
Mahmuda Marin - Foot Traffic Count  
Hillary Mckay - Hub Staff  
Lauren Melathopolous -  
Production Staff  
Linda Mikel - Food Court Staff  
Mercy Ndabene - Poster &  
Display Assistant  
Evan Neilsen - Hub Staff  
Heidi Nelson - Hub Staff  
Chanel Nicoll-Ellis - Hub Staff  
Renato Niro – Production Staff  
Keith Noble - Foot Traffic Count  
Kathleen Norris - Event Ambassador  
Jasper Nyman - Hub Staff  
Sandra Nzeribe - Foot Traffic Count  
Genaro Oira - Foot Traffic Count  
Jennifer Peepeetch-Fraser -  
Hub Staff  
Eddy Robinson - Student  
Advocacy Administrator  
Phillip Samer - Food Court Staff  
Charlene Stevenson - Food  
Court Staff  
Liam Stiitt - Foot Traffic Count  
& Production Staff  
Mariam Taiwo - Foot Traffic Count  
Linda Nelson - Food Court Staff  
Heather Thompson - Foot  
Traffic Count  
Emily Thwaites - Event Ambassador  
Douglas Toner - Hub Staff  
Liam Wolstenholme - Production  
Staff  
Truman Yee - Photographer  
& Videographer  
Hyung Jun Yoo - Food Court Staff  
Maxwell Youngson - Hub Staff  
YiBin Yu - Hub Staff

## VOLUNTEERS

Rachel Abalos  
Hadeel Abdel-Nabi  
Ayan Ahmed-Aden  
Ali Akbar

Hugh Alvarez  
Sammy Ansari  
Andrea Ardin  
Brian Arseneault  
Mckenzi Atkins  
Aesha Azhar  
Yennimar Badell Leon  
Justine Bagalay  
Olga Barceló  
Samantha Barlage  
Shaleen Bassi  
Kisanet Berhane  
Kendall Bistretzan  
Dayna Boser  
Shayla Breen  
Angus Bulloch  
Kourtnee Burnett  
Italia Caesar  
Kate Calagan  
Enma Calderon  
Djordje Calic  
Luc Carels  
Aliza Carroll  
Natalie Carruthers  
Courtney Anne Casalmer  
Missy Chareka  
Chris Chen  
Sandy Chen  
Wyatt Claypool  
Christina Coleman  
Shameel Damji  
Tina Dang  
Marvin David  
Ralph David  
Kathleen Clare De Castro  
Indraneel Deodhar  
Ashley Dion  
Nicole Doerksen  
Jocelyn Drinic  
Jessica Ehret  
Ngozi Elekwa  
Demi Erinle  
Christian Factura  
Robyn Ferguson  
Kira Filippetto  
Mavis Fortier  
Mckenzie Freihaut  
Angel Friesen  
Kate Fulmore  
Laurie Gaal  
Serena Gadamsetti

# People

## VOLUNTEERS (CONTINUED)

Shifrah Gadamssetti  
Timaj Gato  
Rattan Ghattarora  
Gurjot Gill  
Gurman Gill  
Luke Gillard  
Sajal Gokani  
Tim Hall  
Jamie Hammond  
Sami Haque  
Lucas Hardardt  
Amani Hassan  
Samira Hassan  
Alex Haun  
Dustin Hertel  
Paula Higgins  
Jordan Hoang  
Aaron Horne  
Diana Huynh  
Roman Ilyasov  
Heather Ince  
Alison James  
Harsimran Jandu  
Harman Jaswal  
Madelin Jauregui  
Taha Javaid  
John Jia  
Wengel Kebede  
Brooke Kelly  
Kate Kelly  
Kareem Khalil  
Anosha Khan  
Sana Khusro  
Ester Kis  
Sean Klug  
Shelby Kochems  
Paul Kostyk  
Harsimar Kullar  
Diana Kurila  
DeAnna Kweens  
Nathan Lawley  
Jonathan Lazo  
Amanda LeBlanc  
Hoon Lee  
Tim Liu  
Renee Lorenz  
Hanson Lui  
Michael Luu  
Anthony Luzon

Carolyn Ly  
Kathryn MacMullin  
Christine Magsombol  
Nya Manyel  
Shay March  
Mahmuda Marin  
Brigitte Matheson  
Octavia Maurette  
Morgan McCaffrey  
Dallas McManaman  
Karla Faye Migue  
Shania Miller  
Erin Mingay  
Sabina Mohammad  
Graydon Moore  
Lorenza Morden  
Tadashi Nanya  
Mercy Ndabene  
Robbie Nelson  
Tereza Nepasicka  
Andrew Nguyen  
Michael Nguyen  
Si Nguyen  
Justin Nicholson  
Drake Norton  
Lauren Oishi  
Omar Omar  
Megan Osterman  
Erik Overland  
Chelsea Bianca  
Patricio  
James Patton  
Carlene Payette  
Roch Fer Pedida  
Dilushika Pilippu Hewa  
Don  
Julie Audrey  
Provencher  
Chris Remtulla  
Eddy Robinson  
Lyric Robinson  
Arushi Saini  
Roger Saini  
Amy Salahuddin  
Stephen Schmal  
Jack Schmidt  
Madyson Schmidt  
Devon Schnerch  
Ryan Seggie  
Manisha Sen  
Radhika Sharma

Patrick Sheldrake  
Em Shibley  
Pawan Sidhu  
Kamal Singh  
Jackson Smith  
Vivian Sykes  
Ashley Thompson  
Kevin Tran  
Gwen Trinh  
Gurkirat Tumber  
Ashton Turcotte  
Lester Valenzuela  
Nicole Van Damme  
Amanda VanNest  
Jazmin Vidales  
Ashley Villaflores  
Jessica Villamizar  
Christine Vu  
Amy Wei  
Kayla Wilson-Layton  
Janet Wyldes

## CLUB EXECUTIVES

*Amnesty International*  
Brayden Blacklock  
Noel Harper  
Christian Kindrachuk  
Michaela Newman

*AIESEC*  
Omar Sherif  
Gurban Sidhu  
John Pong  
Adrian Tams  
Jenice Tea

*African-Caribbean  
Student Affiliation*  
Asma Abbas  
Shanel Barret  
Deborah Brako  
Sarah Joseph  
Ovie Lyeke  
Sarah Ngoyi  
Abena Oteng

*Athletic Therapy  
Students Association*  
Ryan Otsuka  
Jordan Parkin  
Adrian Presailla  
Maria Taylor

*Asian Relations  
and Culture*  
Catherine Chow  
Jason Lai  
Kevin Jang  
Simone Tse

*Best Buddies*  
Celine Copeland  
Julia Harrison  
Vanessa Lee

*Behavioral Sciences  
Undergraduate Journal*  
Vanessa Bolia  
Naill Emmott  
Even Fraser  
Kayla Pearen  
Maria Ramirez  
Joshua Trach

*The Bookmark*  
Isaiah Anderson  
April Beaurirage  
Edzel Cabanella  
Derek Phurg

*Bissett Accounting  
Students' Society*  
Dillon Hyde  
Ryan McNeil  
Graydon Moore  
Carly Weber

*Broadcasting*  
Victoria Ashley  
Trevor Chambers  
Ryan Dickie  
Katerina Dulay  
Ben Goodman  
Jo Horwood

*Burlesque*  
Carlye Brokl  
Payton Glagau  
Kimberly Janzen

*Badminton*  
Nathan Apprave  
Ahsan Khan  
Samantha Nar  
Danny Pham

# People

*Criminal Justice*  
Samantha Barlage  
Alexander Mizgashi  
Courtney Pham  
Leo Yee

*Catholic Christian Outreach*  
Maria J. Dominguez  
Anthony Luzon  
Carly Weber

*Chess Club*  
Fraser Campbell  
Connor Dyck  
Joshua Paredes  
Ethan Twoyoungmen

*The Cubs & Co*  
Maggie Bowles  
Morgan Heck  
Kaylee Shannon

*Coffee Club*  
Rowen Farrell  
Sajal Gokani  
Jude Guerrero  
Jason Pantigoso

*Cypher*  
Sally Kigs  
Lance Dela Rosa  
Zoe Slusar

*Club Nerd*  
Shadi Achkar  
Matthew Baluyot  
Justin Bleau  
Nlarlon Fallarin  
Jan Lopez  
Ryan McNeil  
Ian Parsons  
Karl Samilla  
Kim Santoyo

*Child Studies Student Society*  
Akshay Anand  
Brett Briarstow  
Jessica Dudek  
Ploy Ethamma  
Minsun Kim

Brittney Pawson  
Andrea Shippey  
Jenifer Taylor

*Campus Conservatives*  
Tim Barnes  
Brady Pember  
Alex Wright  
Andrew Yule

*Creative Writing*  
Amy Coneybeare  
Jarad Dubois  
Hannah Johnson  
Riley Nerbas  
Bryant Pompy

*Cirque Du SAMRU*  
Debrina Demong  
Merry Ghebretations  
Jackie Manning  
Amit Shaleu

*Chinese Students United*  
Dave Cheng  
Baoer Huang  
Yuan Miao  
Qian Zheng  
Yixim Zhou

*Debate Club*  
Zach Driediger  
Jasper Hilliker  
Devyn Millette

*Enactus*  
Laura Clark  
Cesar Jimeurz  
Joe Mostowich  
Enzo Serapin  
Kendra Shores  
Shae Solinger  
Chelsea Wolfe

*Education Undergraduate Society*  
Mark Creamer  
Katie Douglas  
Keleeja Peters  
Maya Savi  
Ira Vergara  
Anna Vitamog

*Film and English Students Society*  
Tia Christoffersen  
Chelsea Fritz  
Samantha Purchase

*Fun D Active*  
Kendall Beaugrand  
Mohamed Haymour  
Nicole McClure  
Kristen Smits  
Maddie Stewart

*Greek Life Club*  
Taylor Cameron  
Alyanna Hernal  
Travis Jozwiak  
Dasom Heather Kim  
Elizabeth Mckay  
Alex Wright

*Health and Physical Education Students' Society*  
Tayler Delannoy  
Brody Norton  
Eddy Robinson

*Historical Society*  
Damon Jonson  
Alexandra Lyons  
Michael Oeace  
Kenny Reilly  
Caprice Robinson

*Hearts of Iron*  
Sienne Abellera  
Tommy Le  
Robin Markle  
Gemoriah Ongteco

*Harry Potter*  
Emily Beckley  
Ben Van Derendonek  
Sabrina Harmata  
Rhiannon Leslie  
Joel Martens

*Human Resources Students' Society*  
Renee Amyotte  
Laurie Gaal  
Joahua Hanna

Justin Maclaren  
Michelle Mawdsley

*Initiatives for Development and Education in Afghanistan*  
Bahara Hiazi  
Sodaba Hiazi  
Mehza Sikandar

*Interior Design Student Society*  
Christina Anderson  
Kristen Brodeur  
Ginny Droder  
Avril Heckley  
Kaelan Minter

*Info Design Society*  
Carmen Bronsch  
Gabrielle Dickson  
Anastasia Jido  
Elise Martinoski  
Orry Roth  
Improvination  
Zee Bandali  
Bronte Christie  
Jamin Gin  
Kathleen Jessiman  
Seamus Mitchell  
Andy Stefanato  
Doug Toner

*Leaders in Action*  
Badria Alaboker  
Jessica Huyah  
Nyaak Manyel

*Mystery Lies in History*  
Christiana Alapo  
Elishama Ewa  
Augustine Sahr

*Journalism Society*  
Ama Junker  
Logan Peters  
Joline Rudisuela  
Tyler Ryan

*Ski and Snowboard Club*  
Kate Darough  
Jordan Hromyk  
Emily Murray  
Jared Szuch



# People

## *Meditation and Yoga Lifestyle Club*

Malvika Garg  
Amna Khan  
Maryam Munir

## *Marketing Society*

Samantha Beck  
Taryn Hart  
Monica Mogollon  
Abena Oteng  
Christina Sgaggi

## *Medical Mercy*

Reanna Butler  
Vritty Gupta  
Heidi Strandberg  
Ashley Reid

## *Mount Royal Firearms Club*

William Charabin  
Aaron Horne  
Matthew Linder  
Jeremy-James Mercer  
Matthew Smith  
Cameron Steel

## *Model UN Club*

Jusleen Shregill  
Rachel Timmermans  
Ashton Turcotte  
Andrew Yule

## *Mount Royal*

### *Mountaineering Club*

Logan Grasby  
Sara Lilley  
Ben Pearman

## *Muslim Students' Affiliation*

Nimra Aamir  
Sabaria Ahmed  
Needa Chawdhry  
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