

2021-22 Provincial Youth Council Members



Abby Wilson

Grade 12, Canora Composite School

Good Spirit School Division

Abby Wilson is a Grade 12 student from Canora Composite School. She has spent most of her childhood in Canora, a charming small town that provides a variety of recreational opportunities and community events. Living in Canora, Abby learned the importance of community involvement which led her to become a member of her school's SRC. Through the SRC, she organizes school events as well as spirit days that allow students to build fundamental social skills while having fun. There are a wide variety of activities designed to appeal to students with different interests. This allows all students the opportunity to be involved and feel welcomed at school. She also strives to foster a strong relationship between the school and the community. This has included her involvement in town clean-up days and an annual "Scare Away Hunger" food drive for the local food bank. Outside of school, Abby is a competitive dancer. She trains with Extravagance Studios and also has the chance to share her passion with the youngest dancers through teaching. Abby has worked with SaskExpress and been a cast member for the past two summers. Due to her love of the performing arts, Abby hopes that arts education can be more accessible through school to youth in small towns. Abby is excited to be a part of the Youth Council and hopes to make a positive impact.

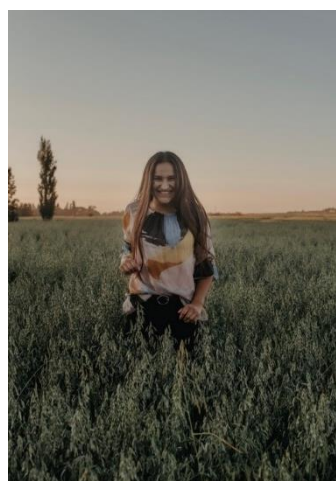


Alex Jones

Grade 12, Archbishop MC O'Neill Catholic High School

Regina Catholic Schools

Alex Jones is very passionate about his hometown community of Regina, Saskatchewan. He was born and raised in the city and takes great pride in it. He loves Regina because of the friendly and accepting community, the prairie landscapes and amazing skyline. Alex is very involved at school in athletics, several spirit clubs and he is the president of his school's SRC. Outside of school, he is very active in the community and has been a youth leader for Understand Us- Mental Health Initiative and is an instructor at Hooplif Basketball. Alex strongly believes that teaching curriculum relevant to today's world, acknowledging students' mental health and engaging students through school activities will give students the best chance possible to succeed.



Bree Chamakese

Grade 12, Melfort & Unit Comprehensive Collegiate

North East School Division

Bree Chamakese has lived in Melfort her whole life, helping out within her community when possible and contributing to the welcoming, growing city limits. Melfort is filled with endless opportunities for work, sports, indoor/outdoor activities and more. Bree is a faithful member of the Melfort Dance Centre and spends most of her free time in her own classes or assisting with younger groups. If not dancing, Bree is usually working at the gym or doing school work. She attends MUCC and is co-president of the school for her 2021-22 graduating year. Bree takes

pride in her school and aims to be a role model for the younger students. Bree strongly believes that every person needs a way to express themselves and should have achievable goals to work towards. Hard work, creativity and a little help from others can go a long way.



Daphné Hamel
Grade 12, École Ducharme
Conseil des écoles fransaskoises

Daphné is 17 years old and attends École Ducharme, a French-language school in the city of Moose Jaw. She is passionate about sports, practising competitive gymnastics for several years when she lived in Quebec. Since her father is in the military, Daphné moved to Saskatchewan two years ago. Since then, she has discovered mountain biking, which she does in Wakamow Valley and at Buffalo Pound Lake. The French language is very important to Daphné. That is why she is deeply involved in the Fransaskois community. In fact, she was in charge of her school’s daycare service last year. She also worked at the French-language daycare over the entire summer. Her love being involved with children to help them learn French. Daphné’s goal is to attend the Royal Military College in Kingston to study science and become a physician in the army. She is extremely motivated by this great challenge and will do everything that is needed to make it a reality.



Grace Edwards
Grade 12, William Derby School
Horizon School Division

Grace Edwards is a proud member of small-town Straszbourg, Saskatchewan. She has lived in Straszbourg since she was born, and her parents have as well. As Grace grew up in a tight-knit community, she saw just how important it was to do your part and make a difference. Grace is a part of many school activities. She is on the cross country, volleyball, track and field and badminton teams at William Derby School. She is also an executive member of the Student Leadership Council as well as the editor of the yearbook committee. Grace also enjoys working throughout Straszbourg. She has a summer job at the Straszbourg Museum and works year-round at the Centennial Manor, a residential building for some older members of the community, and at the Straszbourg Pharmacy. Grace is most passionate about student involvement. She loves seeing peers in her school try new things and help out when it is needed. Grace believes that teamwork and a good sense of leadership are essential to a healthy and happy school environment.



Grayson Hanley
Grade 12, Martensville High School
Prairie Spirit School Division

Grayson Hanley is a proud citizen of central Saskatchewan. He has lived in Martensville almost all his life and takes pride in his community involving himself through sports, work, and community events. He enjoys living in the growing and thriving city that has awarded him many opportunities through education and especially sports. Grayson’s involvement includes being a part of many school committees and councils, as a referee, a janitor in the elementary schools, and a lifeguard and swimming instructor at the local pool. Grayson believes that a strong education system stems from the ideas and voices of all those involved. Every student, teacher, and parent deserves the opportunity to share their ideas, opinions and thoughts equally. Grayson believes that knowledge, understanding and respect are essential to building strong

relationships, allowing others to know their ideas and opinions matter. Grayson has been a leader in various groups such as the Prairie Spirit Student Voice Council and the Martensville High School’s Indigenous Students Society. Grayson believes that success in building stronger communities will come from all of us being intensely curious, building strong relationships, and seeking to understand each other's perspectives.



Kadence Hodgson
Grade 12, Rossignol High School
Ile-à-la Crosse School Division

Kadence Hodgson is a true believer in northern Saskatchewan. She has been a resident of Ile-a-la-Crosse, Saskatchewan for almost 18 years and is proud of her community. She considers Ile-a-la-Crosse to be a wonderful, peaceful place with amazing scenery and so many great people. She is a committed volunteer in the community as a member of the Métis youth council, the Rossignol High School’s Youth Council and she participated in and helps out with a variety of events throughout the year. She also participates in extracurricular activities such as sports, square dancing, and robotics. Kadence has been an advocate for youth mental health since 2018. Having to face challenges herself along the way, she hopes to be a part of the solutions to mental health in the future.



Kaelyn Collins
Grade 12, Marion M. Graham Collegiate
Saskatoon Public Schools

Kaelyn Collins is a seventeen-year-old student at Marion Graham Collegiate. Growing up in Saskatoon, she has had the opportunity to enjoy the unique balance the city finds between small-town comfort and hospitality and big-city attractions. Kaelyn is a hardworking student and a dedicated volunteer in her community. She has coached community soccer and Irish dance for youth for the past several years in the same programs she grew up participating in. There she has learned how big of an impact easy access to sports and activities can make in a child’s early life. She is a member of Wild Outside, a national conservation-based youth leadership program aimed at getting young people to appreciate and protect the environment around them. She has been a member of her school’s Student Representative Council (SRC) for the past four years, where she’s recently taken on the role of leader of the community outreach committee. Through this, she hopes to continue to inspire others in her school and community at large to become more involved. She is passionate about the environment, social justice and advocacy. Kaelyn will work to create a welcoming and equitable school environment for all students. She hopes she can positively impact the lives of students in her own community and across the province.



Kaia Thauberger
Grade 12, Lumsden High School
Prairie Valley School Division

Kaia Thauberger lives in the beautiful resort town of Regina Beach situated on the shore of Last Mountain Lake. Growing up in the small town, she has enjoyed the warm sense of community and all that lake life has to offer. Life by the water inspired her to become a lifeguard, as well as teach for the same swim lesson program in the lake in which she learned to swim. She played volleyball with the local club for many years and volunteered to coach the developmental program. Kaia has been an avid volunteer her entire life. She has dedicated time to the local youth

club, where she held an executive position, and to her elementary school. She is now a member of the Regina Beach Parks and Recreation Board and holds the position of President of the Lumsden High School Student Resource Council (SRC). Most recently, she founded the new KidSport Lumsden and Area chapter, as well as hosted and organized the first fundraising event. She serves as chair of the KidSport committee and hopes to help more kids experience the same benefits of sport she experienced through her participation in volleyball. Among her many passions, Kaia loves to learn. She is a motivated student and has received awards for top marks in her classes. Kaia is passionate and enthusiastic about creating a world where everyone strives for excellence within their own interests and passions. She is excited for the opportunity to serve on the Ministry of Education's Youth Council.



Natasha Hebert
Grade 12, Lloydminster Comprehensive High School
Lloydminster Public School Division

Natasha has lived in a variety of communities in three different provincial school systems. Although tough at the time, moving into a new school system, adapting to new surroundings, making new friends, and forging a new path taught Natasha to be adaptable. Through her moves, Natasha has realized that deep down everyone wants to be accepted, something she is passionate about passing on to others. Despite living in Lloydminster for only two years, Natasha is proud to be from a diverse community on the Alberta/Saskatchewan border, where everyone looks out for each other when times are tough. Lloydminster is a city with a small-town atmosphere. She is president of her high school's Helping Educate Regarding Orientation (HERO) Club, which allows Natasha to openly share her passion for creating equal opportunities. Natasha is also a member of her high school's activity council, a team of leaders at her school responsible for hosting various fundraisers for the community. Including Lloydminster's 23rd annual Rudolph's Round Up, which grabbed the attention of the Public Schools of Saskatchewan and received one of three awards for public service. Prior to the COVID-19 restrictions, Natasha was a volunteer at her local extended care facility. Natasha has been a dancer for 12 years, under the influence of a number of exceptional role models who have taught her perseverance, fortitude, strength, teamwork, humility and what it takes to be a leader. Natasha hopes to be able to follow in their footsteps and be a leader and role model for those in her community.



Rhea Martin
Grade 12, Goodsoil Central School
Northwest School Division

Rhea Martin is an optimistic 16-year-old who loves to take on a variety of challenges. She lives in the charming village of Goodsoil, Saskatchewan, right outside Meadow Lake Provincial Park, full of sparkling lakes, vast forests, and some very extraordinary people. Rhea has been a crucial part of rebuilding school spirit by partaking in the School Representative Council, Leadership Academy, and the Northwest School Division's Student Voice Conference. She is an active volunteer in her church, community hall, and curling rink in Goodsoil, helping with the execution of all sorts of events. Travelling is a huge part of Rhea's life as she has travelled to 13 different countries, giving her a broad and worldly perspective. She is a bit of a perfectionist, but this has allowed her to excel academically, with sports and musical competitions. Rhea is passionate about improving herself as well as the things around her in all aspects of life, helping her community and family to continue positively moving forward.



Sung Park
Grade 12, Campbell Collegiate
Regina Public Schools

Sung Park is a hardworking high school student born in South Korea and moved to Canada at the age of five with her family. She believes her community has the most beautiful skies and is full of opportunities. Taking opportunities at hand, Sung founded a non-profit organization called Stargivers Initiative in hopes of supporting the homeless community through monthly donations of essential needs. She is also an enthusiastic volunteer at her local Korean School, where she helps teach the Korean language and culture and at a cheerleading gym as an

assistant coach. She is also a violin player and went around to local daycares with her string quartet team and performed children's music to expose young children to string instruments. At school, she is the co-president of the leadership council dedicating her time to make the school a happier place for staff and students. She is also actively involved in other school clubs. She has been in the school concert band for all of high school and was a section leader for the wind ensemble this past year. Sung loves getting to meet new people with similar interests as herself, like golfing and cheerleading. Sung is passionate about helping her community so that other youths have as many opportunities as she had growing up. She is a strong leader who positively inspires others to live their life to its fullest. Her life motto is "don't worry, be happy" and, therefore, she always has a smile on her face.