

2023-24 Provincial Youth Council Members



Abigail Calvin

Grade 11

Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (LCBI)

Abigail comes from Outlook, a beautiful town that sits on the edge of the South Saskatchewan River. She attends Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (LCBI) and is heavily involved in arts and academics. Last year, she received recognition for having the second highest average in her grade. She regularly participates in drama productions both in school and in town. For the past seven years, she has participated in her local music festival and just recently joined LCBI's Chamber Choir. Abby is dedicated to learning, with a special place in her heart for all kinds of history. She believes a strong education gives students a deep understanding and appreciation of their histories.



Bret Fahselt

Grade 12, Cabri School

Chinook School Division

Bret is from the small farming town of Cabri, in the southwest corner of the province. Bret is active in the day-to-day operations of his family's grain farm. When he isn't farming, he is an active member of his thriving community and can be found volunteering, curling and playing volleyball or hockey.

Bret is a minor hockey official and spends lots of time at the rink reffing. He also helps coach the U7 hockey team in Cabri. Bret is active in his school community helping out wherever he can. He was the Prime Minister of the Student Representative Council last year and Bret is pleased to make his school community better. Bret enjoys hunting, fishing and travelling in his spare time. Bret is passionate about standing up for his personal beliefs and is not afraid to share his opinion. Bret is excited to be part of the Youth Council this year and hopes to learn from his experiences.



Catherine Okolita

Grade 10

Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC)

Catherine is a 15-year-old philanthropist, entrepreneur, pediatric ambassador, student, tutor, multi-sport coach and a kindness advocate.

Catherine lives in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley with her amazing family and admires the rooted, kind, supportive environment and positive relationships that have been fostered within the communities she belongs to. Catherine learns remotely through the Sask DLC where she maintains a 4.0 GPA and values the skill sets and opportunities that come from online learning.

Catherine is passionate about both philanthropy - volunteering over 400 hours annually and having raised and donated over \$325,000 across a variety of causes; and coaching youth sport - where she is able to connect with and encourage youth, share her knowledge and leave a positive impact on those around her.

Catherine is dedicated to being a community helper, seeing what needs to be done and jumping in to do it! Catherine believes in bringing positivity and encouragement to everything. She has a strong desire for change and is very excited for the opportunity to participate in the 2023-2024 Youth Council.



Deondre Herman

Grade 11, Dene High School

Northern Lights School Division

Deondre is from the small Hamlet of Bear Creek, approximately 25 minutes south of La Loche. He is a grade 11 student at Dene High School in La Loche and takes great pride in his culture and community. He describes the people of his community as very kind, welcoming and who are always willing to help no matter what.

Deondre is an active participant in school activities such as archery, boxing, cultural practices, the Student Dene Council and is a participant in the development of a virtual reality segment for his school. Deondre has attended a showcase and a summit as part of virtual reality research. He is well spoken and portrays himself in a professional manner and is committed to his school and community by being a representative.

Deondre embraces his culture and understands the importance of revitalizing land-based education, which he believes would be a great asset to the students of Saskatchewan.



Emry Marchand
Grade 12, Lloydminster Comprehensive High School (LCHS)
Lloydminster Public School Division

Emry is a community-oriented individual, passionate about strong communication and relationships. She has lived in Lloydminster her entire life and has built substantial connections within her community. Lloydminster is Canada's only border city and home to many community-driven individuals. The city connects the two provinces, forming an engaging and unique culture that enables people to establish themselves physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Emry has been very fortunate to experience the many aspects of Lloydminster's community and connect with the people who make it up.

The majority of her community involvement is through Lloydminster Comprehensive High School. Emry is an active member of her school's Leadership class, Indigenous Mentorship, Anti-bullying presentations, Drama Department and Rugby team. Additionally, Emry is fortunate to attend many events and activities that allow her to build strong relations within her community. She has been the recipient of LCHS's General Proficiency Award in grades 10 and 11 by exemplifying academic excellence, student leadership and significant involvement in school activities. Emry is extremely passionate about honest and open communication. She believes it is beyond important to listen to understand and acknowledge the needs and ideas of others. Emry is enthusiastic about empowering young minds and creating mutual respect and equality throughout communities.



Freddie Comfort
Grade 11, Greenall High School
Prairie Valley School Division

Freddie has lived in White City, a small town outside of Regina, for over 14 years and enjoys everything about it, from the kind, wonderful people, to the many chances to get involved in various activities and events.

Freddie appreciates school as an excellent opportunity to get involved and enjoy all that it has to offer. He has participated in many school activities, including basketball, volleyball, badminton, and track and field. He also enjoys his role on the Student Leadership Council (SLC). He volunteers with Unified Sports, which is one of his favourites, because it allows him the opportunity to strengthen his leadership and communication skills, as well as recognize the importance of empathy and patience. In 2022, he also volunteered at the Greenall Senior Girls Provincial Volleyball tournament. Outside of school, Freddie has participated in curling at the Saskatchewan Winter Games and keeps busy with competitive volleyball.

Freddie is a passionate learner and works to include everyone. He continues to be honoured for his academic achievements and hopes that he is a strong role model for younger students, especially those choosing to participate in French Immersion programs like himself. He also appreciates the work that teachers put in after school to provide students with opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities.



Jan Nasibog
Grade 11, Rosetown Central High School
Sun West School Division

Immigrating from the Philippines to Canada in 2014, Jan found their forever home in Rosetown. A calm and quiet farming town down south of Saskatoon, Jan finds solace in the welcoming community and its festive populace. Although the land is beautiful, Jan believes that it is truly the joyous people that makes the community shine.

Jan is a motivated self-starter who is always looking to help wherever they can. Perhaps juggling a bit of extracurriculars, Jan always prioritizes community and family over everything. They are an avid member of the Yearbook club, a member of the Drama Club, involved with their school's Student Council as the Grade 11 Treasurer, along with being an integral member of the Sun West School Division's Leadership program as a member of their Youth Consultation team. Outside of school, Jan helps their church on occasion and partakes in many different hobbies. Jan does not limit themselves to the endless possibilities of the future and continues to find more ways to contribute to their school and community.

Jan is a pragmatic student with stories to tell beyond end. Passionate about all things creative, beautiful, and humanitarian, Jan does not fall short on finding things to do. They are also well versed in diverse perspectives, offering an open mind and an open ear, as well as finding ways to share those perspectives with the world and beyond.



Jazmine Pope
Grade 12, Maverick School
Chinook School Division

Jazmine lives in Swift Current, located in southwestern Saskatchewan. It is a small city with a creek running through it and many beautiful pathways.

Jazmine is a hard-working and responsible student as she is able to balance her school work with her part-time job. Jazmine is an eager participant in policy discussions, sharing her opinions and ideas. She is quick to think outside the box and is a creative problem solver.

Jazmine spent seven years in the Navy/Sea Cadets, where she developed confidence and leadership skills and took pride in being a team member. She served as part of the honour guard for Remembrance Day ceremonies, travelled to Comox twice for training and competed with team members in a sailing regatta. She was grateful to be a representative on the first Chinook School Division Student Leadership Council last year. Jazmine found it eye-opening to learn about the concerns youth have in other school settings. She is excited to serve on the Provincial Youth Council as she believes that student voice is important in the school setting as a means of creating a place where students want to be and where they can excel.



Mariam Touré
Grade 11, École Boréale
Conseil des écoles fransaskoises

Having lived in Ponteix for almost five years now, Mariam finds herself lucky to live in a small, welcoming community where young people like herself have the chance to play volleyball and soccer, as well as to take dance and piano lessons outside of school. In addition, the large arena helps make the most out of the winter months.

As a student in grade 11 at École Boréale, Mariam enjoys the small size and friendly atmosphere of her school. For the second year in a row, she is the vice-president of the school's student council. This gives her the opportunity to develop leadership skills and organize fun activities that get fellow students involved in school life.

Outside of school, Mariam is an active member of the Aneroid, SK District 4-H Club. As the club's treasurer, she is responsible for the financial management of a community structure that is recognized across Canada. The Club also gives her the opportunity to practice her sewing skills.

In addition to these activities, Mariam is a great defender of French language and education. For her, as a French-speaking minority, she feels fortunate to be bilingual. As a member of the Youth Council, she plans to advance the issue of French education, while contributing to developing bilingualism, which she feels is integral to Canadian values.



Momore Afolabi
Grade 12, Central Collegiate High School
Prairie South School Division

The City of Moose Jaw is a small but welcoming city. Living in the city for 12 years has introduced Momore to the pleasantries of living a quiet life. The community is surrounded by beautiful sights, like stargazing, sunsets and clean parks, while also having various thriving local businesses.

Momore takes part in several activities that connect her to the community of Moose Jaw. This includes the City Youth Advisory Committee, attending MJ RADAR meetings (for racial discrimination), volunteering for community events like Sidewalk Days and taking on several volunteer roles within the school, as well as helping local stores thrive by working and purchasing from those stores.

Momore believes that some of her accomplishments such as the participation in the Model United Nations Assembly, and taking an active role in the Youth Advisory Committee of Moose Jaw will give her good insight into how to properly participate in the Provincial Youth Council. She has also worked within larger groups such as the school's Student Leadership Council and the role of Executive Representative, which will allow her to work effectively within large group settings.

She is very passionate about living in a discrimination-free society and appreciates communities with a diverse collection of people with open minds. That is why Momore is passionate about being on the Youth Council and learning about different experiences and observations throughout the province.



Sabine Wagner
Grade 12, Holy Cross High School
Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools

Sabine is passionate about building a thriving community and growing in her faith. She loves to learn and is intrigued by all sorts of different topics encompassing academics, culture, art, language and music. Much of her time is spent joyfully involved in school clubs, in her church community and in the Saskatoon Youth Orchestra. She is part of an inter-generational community of fellow musicians, artists and friendly neighbours. Sabine has journeyed across the country and around the world, exploring other communities, navigating new situations, working with others and building relationships with the people she meets.



Sahaab Javaid
Grade 12, Campbell Collegiate
Regina Public School Division

Sahaab is a compassionate student from Campbell Collegiate in Regina. She moved to Saskatchewan eight years ago from a small town in Pakistan. Sahaab is part of the biggest high school in Regina which holds a plethora of clubs and supports that makes everyone feel like they belong.

She is the co-founder and president of one of the biggest clubs in her school, the Muslim Students Association (MSA). The MSA at Campbell Collegiate is a student-led club that strives to further create a comfortable environment for Muslim students, to educate others about Islam and to create a sense of community. Being president has not only put her in a position of leadership but also of collaboration with other team members and other MSAs around the city. She has outstanding organizational skills, has helped arrange three fundraisers, a hundred-plus guest dinner and last year, invited several guest speakers to share their knowledge with her school community.

This year, she has already held two fundraisers for charity, raising over \$1,200 with her team. She is also part of Social Justice at Campbell which works to educate and create awareness around issues impacting students in marginalized communities. She is incredibly passionate about justice and creating a safe space for everyone. Growing up as an ethnic, religious and visible minority, she understands the impact of discrimination. She wants to pursue a career in education so she can positively impact the education system. She takes pride in being a minority and knows the challenges minorities face and would love to make a difference.