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FOR PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE PRESIDENT

MANIFESTO

Brynn Walsh for Psychology and Neuroscience President (2021/2022)

A Brief Introduction

Hello, I'm Brynn! To tell you a bit about myself, I am a third year neuroscience student from Las Vegas, Nevada, but I've lived in 5 different states in the US. I also play Water Polo for the Saints and have played the sport for about 10 years now.

Why I am qualified to be School President

I have been the Neuroscience class representative for the past three years at St Andrews. My experience as class rep at the sub-honours and honours level has given me valuable knowledge about what goes on behind the scenes to prepare me to be School President. This year, I am the Online Representative for the entire School of Psychology and Neuroscience. I ensure that everyone feels that they are being heard and that their needs are being met. Through this role, I have further learned the inner workings of the School that I hadn't yet experienced. These will prepare me to be President.

Additionally, I value honesty and perseverance, and strive to be someone that my peers can rely on to confidentially and non-judgmentally discuss their concerns within our School. I firmly believe that communication is key to fostering the inclusivity that this School has worked so hard to cultivate and I intend to open lines of communication even wider. As President, I will prioritize approachability by being present and getting to know as many of you as possible.

Events I want to organize as School President

With the mode of delivery for the next academic year still uncertain, I am prepared to organize both in-person and online events:

De-stress and Get to Know Each Other

University can be an incredibly stressful environment and it is easy to get overwhelmed with the work and responsibilities we are faced with every day. Following an academic year with little to no in-person contact, I want to plan socials for students to get to know their own year's cohort and meet students in all years.

I would host events and socials such as pizza picnics and dog meet-and-greets to help the School come together in a more personal way than what this year could offer.

If the method of delivery were to remain online, I would work with the Wellbeing Officer to host events similar to those seen during Wellbeing Week, featuring music, mindfulness, animals, and more.

Career Planning

The future can be an intimidating prospect, and I want to help students on their path. Our school is full of lecturers specialising in many different areas of expertise. I would love to host career talks and invite individuals such as surgeons, field researchers, and even postgraduates to talk about their experiences and stories.

Other events

- Internship information sessions
- Study abroad information sessions for 2nd years
- Entry to honours information session for 2nd years hosted by 3rd years

Conclusions and Final Remarks

It goes without saying that this year has been strange one for us all.

Next academic year, I want to strengthen relationships between faculty and students. Our current President, Lindsay, started posting “Faculty Interviews” for students to get to know a bit more about their lecturers and I would like to continue that. I also want to work on inter-year relationships. Lifelong friends develop in University and this year has indeed taken some socialisation away from us, but I want to rebuild it to how it used to be.

My goal would be to continue to make our School a safe and inclusive space for everyone. As President, I promise to leave my email open and be someone who will always listen to what you have to say. I will also have an anonymous form for anything you don't feel comfortable coming to me with. I want to continue the work to ensure the inclusion of BAME students and students with disabilities.

As School President, I promise to represent you to the best of my ability and be a welcoming, kind, and supportive resource to you all.



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