

## ELECTION 2020

### Undergraduate Student Nominees to the York University Board of Governors



**Raven Lovering**

My name is Raven Lovering and I am interested in running for the Student position on the York University Board of Governors. I am a third-year student English and French student that is also enrolled in the Concurrent Education program meaning I will continue to be an undergraduate student for the next two years. I am excited to apply for this opportunity because I am eager to be an active participant in governance at York, and learn more about the process of creating policy in the university at a higher level.

I am a dedicated, hard-working creative student that loves to be involved in my community and cares about making a difference. I have worked in several different areas of the York community through volunteering and work-study positions, while remaining non-partisan, including Residence Life, SCLD, and LAPS, and I am curious to gain a new perspective into how York functions.

I am a very active student in my community and passionate about education and democracy, which is why this position is of interest to me. I feel that I would be able to bring my previous leadership experience to the table to positively represent undergraduate students, and I am eager to be exposed to a new opportunity where I can continue to learn through experiential education opportunity of being a Student Governor on the Board of Governors.



**Adaeze F Mbalaja**

My name is Adaeze Mbalaja and I am a first-year undergraduate student within the Faculty of Science. I would like to officially declare my interest to run for the Undergraduate Position on York University's Board of Governors.

I have been very proud to be a student at York University for the past 6 months. I have learned a significant amount in my time here, both in and out of the classroom. The various academic and extracurricular events I have participated in, have allowed me to build connections with the student body, while learning new skills and sharpening others. I would like to use these skills and connections to serve and improve the York community with the Board of Governors.

I am an active participant in various communities at York University, including but not limited to, the Organization of Latin American Students, Bethune College, Women in Science and Engineering, and the African Students Association. It is in these spaces that I have continued my journey as a student-leader while gaining new experiences and learning about the needs of the students on this campus.

If elected, I would ensure that I represent the undergraduate student population at York University with honesty and integrity. My commitment to advocating for the equity and inclusion of all students would not waver.

I know that my skills, qualities, and experience(s) would benefit the undergraduate students on this campus, and I look forward to proving this throughout my campaign. Thank you.



**David Mochon Senado**

Over the past two years at York University in the Schulich School of Business BBA program, I have been grateful for the opportunities that York has provided me. My time here has given me a sense of duty to give back to not only the school but also the community. This is why I am determined to represent the student body as the Undergraduate Representative to the University's Board of Governors. Through this position, I will work alongside administrators and stakeholders to ensure that the voice of the students is taken into account on every relevant issue and guarantee that decisions meet their needs.

Now more than ever, students are experiencing uncertainty about their financial future. Through this position, I will make it my mission to increase the number of available scholarships for students as well as making them less specific and competitive. I will also emphasize the importance of lowering school supply pricing and increasing the allocated budget towards reducing student expenses wherever possible. This will come in many forms, such as increasing entrance scholarships. I will create and allocate a budget for the development of free resources on campus to go toward essential initiatives, such as in-house tutors. This will allow students to get extra academic support when needed, without any financial restraints. Serving as a link between students and faculty, I will enhance communication between parties and advocate for students' needs. York University can always do better, and I plan on being part of making that happen.