

DT STUDENT COUNCIL CANDIDATES

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



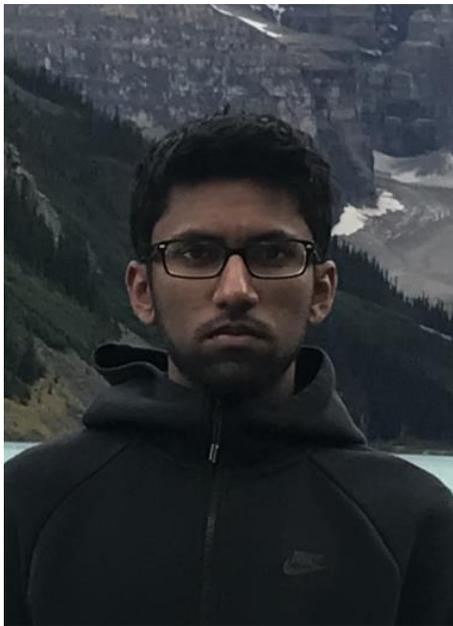
Sam Zeng

My name is Sam Zeng and I am currently in my final year of high school. Over these five years of high school, I have acquainted many friends and accumulated precious memories. Being able to socialize with other students and teachers not only enhanced my high school life but have helped me mature in numerous ways. Now that it is my last year, I want others to feel the same way I did. Nonetheless, I want to make this school year an unforgettable one for everyone. What I love about DT is that everyone is so welcoming, creating a comfortable and uplifting environment. Whenever I walk around the halls, I would always hear laughter and joy. Not to mention, the teachers and staffs are helpful and gives excellent insight. In these uncertain times, it is understandable that extracurricular activities around the school are restricted. While it is difficult to set up event like school carnival and festivities, I believe that there is always room for interactions among students. Some ideas that I have are hosting online video game tournaments. Being one of the presidents of DT Esports club, this will be less difficult to set up. Another idea that I have are making an online server that students can join to converse with their friends with week-to-week events.



Edward Zheng

My name is Edward Zheng and I am in grade 12 this year. This means it is my absolute last year of high school. My last months in David Thompson. My last chance at Student Council. Due to the pandemic, this year has been nothing but changes and unknowns. Sports teams have been cut, clubs have been cancelled, and the most exciting parts of high school have stopped. However, with my years of student council experience and my devotions on helping others, I will not go out with an uneventful and dull school year. Ever since grade 8, some of the most memorable parts of high school were the spirit days and the council events. I loved the vibe people give during dress-up spirit days and the teacher vs. student events. It is so relaxed and upbeat. Trojans, you have to experience these events for yourself. I will figure out safe, and online ways to bring back the school spirit. This year will be jam packed with contests, games, prizes, you name it! This is my last year here, so you know I will put all my efforts to ensure an exciting, yet safe school year.



Yoosuf Hanafi Bacha

My name is Yoosuf Hanafi Bacha, and this is my fifth and final year at David Thompson Secondary School. I want to run for student council because I want to try and make a difference. I want to help make my last year at David Thompson a memorable one for all the Trojans, despite being in a global pandemic. I like how David Thompson tries its best to help its students become the best they can be. There is always a place for everyone at David Thompson, no matter what type of person you are, and that's what I love about it. The welcoming atmosphere that shrouds our school is another thing that I adore. I know that having all those amazing events from the previous years is going to be difficult with the pandemic, but if I get elected I will try my best to make sure nobody has to miss these experiences. I have ideas for running club meetings and events online through Discord, and some sort of online jack-o-lantern tournament.



Vicky Kwong

My name is Vicky Kwong, and I am enrolled at David Thompson Secondary School as a grade 12 student. I have been attending to this school ever since September 2016, so this school has been my second home. David Thompson is filled with caring staff and students who are willing to support each other at any time. I desire to run for Student Council because I would like to have the opportunity to give back and present and share my ideas with my fellow peers. I have a great artistic and creative mind that would help benefit the council. Not only is this a final great opportunity for me to have a chance to participate with my school, but it will prepare me for the future, social and communication skills. This involves taking full responsibility of being a leader and a role model for the younger students. I have some ideas for David Thompson that are remoted to virtual events and activities: trivia game shows, family feuds and even talent shows for gaining donations. By creating these fun activities, charities, and other donations will help benefit the David Thompson community.



Jason Liang

My name is Jason Liang, I am currently a grade 12 senior. My belief is that socializing with friends and peers will not only lead to an enjoyable high school career but also an enjoyable life. The public events that were held in previous years were key moments during my time at DT. I enjoy exercising and fraternizing, which is the reason I try out for as many sports teams as possible. Despite my sombre facial expressions, I enjoy conversing with fellow peers, friends, and teachers. The reason I am running for student council is so I can make my last year at DT a memorable one. Not only for the grade twelves, but the current Trojans and newcomers as well. Personally, I love the cozy atmosphere that resonates around the school. Students are always seen socializing, laughing together, and sharing joyful memories. Whether it's the middle of the halls or in the classrooms, everyone is always in a state of glee. I am vastly disappointed to hear that any school clubs, teams, and other events are prohibited. Although there will not be any opportunities to interact face-to-face, I have a few ideas that will involve online events. One idea I have is holding online video game tournaments facilitated by the DT Esports club. The popular video chatting platform, Discord, will be used for contacting and spectating.



Jessica Huang

Hello, my name is Jessica Huang, currently in grade 11. I am an all rounded person and love to communicate with people. What I enjoy the most is creating and thinking as a group and expressing them towards each other. To be in Student Council I believe that everyone should have the commitment and time to put towards in. Creating events for an entire school, is not easy. However, I have what it takes to become a part of Student Council. What I appreciate about David Thompson is how friendly everyone is. Whether it's in the hallways, classrooms, or office it brings a smile to my face! David Thompson makes me feel like I am at home and motivates me to attend every day. Since school is a whole new different now, I would love to see events that can be held online! For example, hosting contests and fun events on Microsoft teams, where everyone in the school is already familiar with. Although we cannot see each other face to face, we can also hold facetime meetings online, so it creates more of a familiar environment to work with.



Newgen Bao

It's Newgen Bao here, the events coordinator for last year's student council! I LOVE the welcoming and lively atmosphere in DT because it is wonderful to host activities in. I'm running for Student Council to further contribute to our amazing community. So let me know how I can help! Yes, I'll bring us more dedication, so Student Council can deliver on promises. Yes, I'll bring us more initiative, so Student Council can pursue new ideas and interests. Yes, I'll bring us more transparency, so we know what Student Council does during meetings. Yes, of course, I'll help DT pursue eco-friendly endeavours, so we might delay our planet from fiery extinction! And yes, every event will be planned to keep everybody safe during the COVID-19 outbreak, as safety is our number one priority. We'll have virtual guest speakers, teacher games, Kahoot challenges, and PowerPoint parties so Council activities can flourish in these difficult times. So now you know who I am and how I'll make this school year great (and safe) for everyone. So what will you do? Will you vote for New? Let's make this the best year ever by voting for Newgen for Student Council Executive!



Muskaan Khan

Hello! My name is Muskaan and I am a grade 12 student here at David Thompson. I am passionate about running for Student Council because I want every student to have the most enjoyable new school year, full of fun and exciting new events. Now that the school year is different, I will have the chance to implement innovative and entertaining ideas, and not repeat similar events from previous years. Speaking of David Thompson Secondary, I truly like the diversity, the supportive staff, and its CARES code of conduct. The diversity brings in new ideas and experiences that allow people to learn from each other, whereas the CARES code of conduct is a unique element of the school that strictly establishes and maintains safe, caring, and orderly environments for students' learning. In terms of ideas being implemented, I would like to see a "Pet Photo Competition" (post a picture of your dressed up pet), a "Virtual Trivia Contest," "Childhood Days" (post a picture of your favourite childhood TV show, movie, video game, snack, or toy), a "TikTok competition week" (share your favourite TikTok dance) and a "Go Paperless Day."



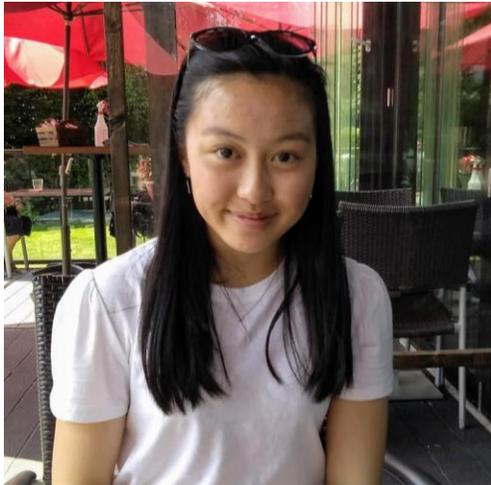
Tony Huynh

I'm Tony Huynh. I was born and raised in the south of Vietnam. When I was young, I wanted to become a superhero to help people and save them from the bad guys. As I grow older, that passion solidified into a great desire to help and support other people (without the cape). This motivated me to run for DT's Student Council. I love to assist, encourage, and support others. I love DT, and I consider DT my home. Students at DT, they are caring, and embracing others. We are not only a school; we are a big family. During this tough pandemic, many students have been staying home and getting bored. I would love to see more clubs online for students to connect and interact with each other. Some examples of clubs I'd like to see are bookclub, anime club, gaming club, or even a study group, etc. I want all students at DT to feel included. I don't want students to think that DT is just another boring place they went to for high school. I want students to remember DT as a big family and to have DT be among the most beautiful memories of their youth.



Jeslyn Ma

Hi everyone! My name is Jeslyn Ma and I'll be running for exec. I am currently in grade eleven and I've been a part of student council for the past three years. I love the atmosphere around David Thompson. May it be the students, teachers or support staff, everyone that I've met has been extremely kind and considerate. Because of that, it would be my honour to give back to such an incredible community by serving as a part of student council. As a result of the health and safety protocols for Covid-19, we wouldn't be able to host annual in-person events such as the Kick-Off BBQ, Thompsons Got Talent, and other spirit weeks which have been engraved into Thompson tradition. With that said, I'm hoping that if elected as a part of Student Council, I could use my event planning skills to give you the same high school experience but through virtual events. From the highly beloved game shows such as the newlywed game and family feud to contests like Thompsons got talent and the Halloween costume contest, I would love to organize events like those for all of you to partake in virtual. Thank you for your attention!



Tiffany Deng

Hello, DT! My name is Tiffany Deng, and I am a senior student who is running for an executive position on this year's Student Council. As an executive, I get nearer to my life goal of reaching out and helping as many people as I can by hosting impactful events and raising morale within the student population here at DT. A committed individual who takes initiative – that is what I bring to the 2020 DT Student Council. Given my community experiences, including but not limited to Science, Jazz Band, and Reach for the Top Club at school as well as my contributions towards the Killarney Youth Council, and YOUth of BC youth-led non-profit organization, I would fit right into the DT Student Council! What I like most about DT is its air of transformation and innovation, and one event I envision this year is a virtual game fundraiser including *Among Us*, *Jackbox*, and *Kahoot*. Proceeds of this competition will go towards supporting the community. COVID-19 may have stopped many physical events from occurring, but I will make sure we can still have a memorable school year. Thank you and remember to vote TD for DT!