

# COLLEGE STUDENT ALLIANCE

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

## 2019-2020



New Board was elected, record number of candidates ran for CSA BoD positions Mehar Hundal, Scot Wyles, Jecema Hewitt-Vasil, Vignesh Viswanathan, Chloe Craig (Right to left)

Director of Advocacy interview with Toronto Star regarding OSAP Cuts



Interim Research & Policy Analyst, Taylor Irvine, joined the CSA team

CSA Board of Director participated in MPP Chris Glover's Press Conference regarding the impacts of the 2019 OSAP Cuts

Director of Advocacy co-facilitated the annual national CICMH Conference



*Advocacy Summit at Queens Park*  
Student leaders from 8 schools met with 11 MPPs after an informative two day conference on provincial advocacy strategies

Board of Director presented on the Student Success Pathways Panel regarding the transition from high school to PSE



New Director of Advocacy & Member Engagement, Champagne Thomson, joined the CSA team

Research & Policy Analyst facilitated an OSAP survey to inform a future publication



*In It Together Breakfast*  
As a culmination of research and advocacy efforts from CSA, OUSA, CO and COU the In It Together report was launched at a breakfast held at Queens Park to highlight the importance of an all of community approach to PSE mental health

CSA closed a chapter in history and began a new chapter in a new office space

MAY 2019      JUNE 2019      JULY 2019      AUG 2019      SEPT 2019      OCT 2019      NOV 2019      DEC 2019      JAN 2020      FEB 2020      MAR 2020      ...

Advocacy Scholarship was awarded to Chloe Craig

Board of Director interview with CBC regarding OSAP Reform



*CSA in a Day*  
Annual day spent aligning members with the vision, mission and mandate of CSA to set the tone for a productive year of PSE advocacy and engagement



*CSA Membership Q+A Session and vote on Motion to Intervene for Student Choice Initiative*  
A session was held to provide information to the membership about the opportunity to participate in a Motion to Intervene and a Vote was held two days following the session. Our membership voted unanimously to not participate in this.

*Director of Advocacy published an article in the annual Educated Solutions journal, titled: Student Advocacy in Ontario Today*  
"Provincial and local advocacy efforts are essential in Ontario. From better bus routes to increases in OSAP, positive changes in the lives of students don't magically happen. They are the result of hard work and dedication from student leaders with the vision and desire to improve a system they only use for a short period of time. Their desire to change the system is not to benefit themselves but to make sure the next generation of students can attend and excel on post-secondary campuses in Ontario."

Board of Director presented about CSA at Higher Education Summit

New Director, Tori Arnett, joined the CSA Board



CSA Submitted our Pre-Budget for review to the Minister of Finance Recommendations included increased funding in the following areas: campus mental health, OSAP, Sexual Violence Prevention and Food Security

*FebCon at Fleming College in Peterborough*  
Students from schools across Ontario gathered to engage in important conversations on topics ranging from conflict mediation from an Indigenous perspective, leadership, the future of student advocacy and transitioning out of post secondary with facilitators including: Betsy McGregor, Resilient Roots Consulting, Deloitte, OCAS, Matthew Joseph and CSA Alumni



Director of Advocacy & Member Engagement submitted a proposal to present at the Pan-Canadian Consortium on Admissions & Transfer's annual national conference on Indigenous Pathways to PSE in partnership with the Centre for Policy and Research in Indigenous Learning

### CURRENT PROJECTS

- OUSA collaborative video on student advocacy strategies
- Advocacy & Engagement Strategy Development Phase II
- CSA podcast development
- Sexual Violence Prevention Projects
  - Proposal for annual national CICMH Conference
  - SVP Advocacy Toolkit

### WHERE CSA'S VOICE IS BEING HEARD

- Courage to Act Community of Practice
- CICMH Executive Meeting
- KPI Committee
- Mental Health Joint Initiative
- Strategy Corp Micro-credential consultation
- Free Speech Task Force (concluded in October 2019)