



Monash University Student Union Caulfield

2016 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Monday 19 September –
Wednesday 21 September 2016

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

REPS FOR YOU



President

Hey! I'm Kiandra and I am running to be your President for 2017. My involvement in MONSU began in 2013 where I started out in First Year Committee, and continued to flourish into your 2015 Activities Officer! You may recognise me from some of MONSU's best events to date during 2015 and I wish to continue my love and passion for students of the Caulfield campus as your President. I have always been dedicated to representing the rights and needs of the student body and feel that this has failed to happen throughout the past year.

Through my previous experience with MONSU I have had the opportunity to represent students on the Academic Progress Committee hearings, as well as on many forums and meetings with key university staff. I was a part of the creation of the MONSU Pantry and Chill Zone and really want to discover new ways in which we can improve our services and strengthen our relationship with students.

I truly believe myself and my team have the ability to represent you in 2017 and ensure you have the best possible student experience in your academic, professional and social life.



Vice President

Hey! I'm Adin and I am running to be your Vice-President for 2017.

I first became involved in MONSU in 2013, since then I have helped grow the regular student support events such as Midweek Meat and Breakfast Club. Additionally I was part of the team who developed and implemented the MONSU Pantry system. MONSU has been a big part of my life for the past few years, I have had the best time at university because of it. This is why I like to give back to the students, so they can have the opportunity to have the full student experience.

I am currently in my fourth year studying a double degree in business - Accounting, Banking and Finance. Using the skills and knowledge I have obtained throughout my degree I aim to ensure that MONSU is financially stable and will be able to continue supplying students with support and events in the future.

Have a look at all our policies to get a glimpse into what we want to do for you! I believe that myself and the Reps For You team in 2017 will be able to enhance and provide the full student experience.

Hey, I'm Steph and I'm running alongside Bryn as your Activities



Activities

Officers in 2017. Since starting my studies in 2015, Monash has always felt like home, from weekly breakfasts to Midweek Meet, AXP's and more. I have been fortunate to work alongside MONSU 2015 as part of the Vice Presidents Committee. I believe that I have noteworthy experience, as well as organising events and camps with MONSU, I have been privileged enough to work as part of CAS's committee planning and organising some of their Pub Crawls and Booze Cruises, which is why I believe I have significant experience in this position.

I believe that as part of your future Activities committee Bryn and I can help make MONSU great again. From restoring our beloved Midweek Meet, Fetish Party, AXP's and more. We are dedicated to working day and night to provide you and all corners of Monash Caulfield some of the best social experiences of your university years.



Activities

Hey, my name is Bryn Dodson and I'm running for the position of Activities officer for 2017. Since I started at Monash I've been actively involved with volunteering and the running of a large amount of events as well as a playing a part of MONSU in 2015. I believe I have significant experience in this area and my dedication and energy that I bring to this role is unparalleled. I believe that Steph and I will be able to help restore MONSU's activities to their former glory and even surpass the prior standard of events.

We want to ensure greater participation in all on and off campus events to help students create stronger social and professional connections that will be useful for years to come. The committee and I will tirelessly work to ensure a greater on campus social experience for all students next year to help make MONSU great again!



Clubs

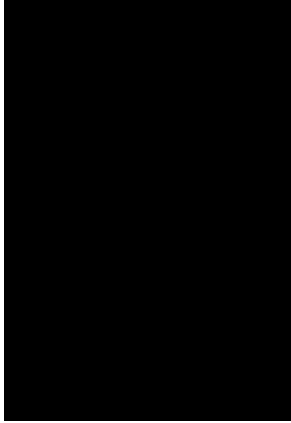
Hey, I'm Annie Wright and I am running for the position of Clubs Officer for MONSU 2017. I was involved in MONSU in 2015 undertaking the position of First Year Representative on the student council. This role allowed me to develop my leadership, organisation, event-management, teamwork and problem-solving skills. I have extensive knowledge and experience within Monash Caulfield's Clubs, experiencing first hand the passion and drive of their committee members. I trust that I will be able to support and guide our clubs in order for them to flourish in 2017 and the years to come. My team is dedicated to maintaining a positive environment on campus for all students.



Welfare

Hi, my name is Georgia Denham, and I am second year arts student. After volunteering at countless MONSU events and serving on the welfare committee in 2015, I came to understand how the student union serves the students. As well as running parties and the Workshop, MONSU is in charge of ensuring the students' basic welfare is catered for, which usually includes the promotion of students wellbeing with services such as free food to all students and supplying a gateway to student rights and counselling services.

The one thing it is important to know about me is that I am passionate in ensuring that every student's welfare should be well above a minimum standard of living, and are as happy, healthy and safe as they can be. I believe there is significant room for enhancing MONSU's ability to cater to the wellbeing of students by expanding the welfare portfolio and I intend to do this in 2017. This will be achieved through working closer with the university to promote mental health and emphasise acceptable social behaviour at university, whilst also building on food-providing services established in the student union in the previous years.



<p>Education</p>	<p>Hi everyone! My name is Danielle Jumeau and I am running for the position of Education Officer at this upcoming election. I have been involved with MONSU since I began my studies in 2015 which gave me the opportunity to be part of MONSU's First Year Committee and general committee. Through my time in MONSU I've been able to get involved in weekly Midweek Meets, AXP, Beach Day, Weekly Breakfasts and much more.</p> <p>My time in MONSU has enlightened me to the fact that there is so much more to university than tutorials and lectures. Through the education role, I would like to ensure Caulfield students' voices are heard in academic matters and that there are ample personal development opportunities such as LinkedIn nights and networking events.</p> <p>My committee, team and myself are very dedicated and willing to put in the hard work to improve and continue the student experience at Caulfield!</p>
 <p>Queer</p>	<p>Hey, I'm Mish Forder, my pronouns are he/him and I'm running for a MONSU Queer Officer position in 2017. I currently have one of the 2016 Queer Office positions, although I have not had it from the start of the year, I gained the position in the absence of the elected queer officers after term 1.</p> <p>Since coming to Monash in 2015 I have been largely involved in the Queer community here, so I wanted to do my best to ensure the community thrived. Since gaining the position I've managed to bring back the events I enjoyed so much in my first year with some new ones and help keep the community alive. I've been working closely with our LGBTIA+ students and the other related groups across Monash, and would love the opportunity to continue this and further strengthen the portfolio.</p>

I want queer students to feel safe and accepted everywhere on campus, I want to bring information to the rest of the campus population, and of course I want to bring some fun inclusive events to everyone!



Queer

Hey! I'm Oria- kind of like Oreo, but it's actually short for Victoria. I use she/her pronouns and I'm a Queer Officer candidate for 2017. I'm one of your 2016 Queer Officers, a position I attained with my determination to regain MONSU support for the students of the Caulfield Queer Collective in the absence of the originally elected Queer Officers. I'm a second year Marketing student, and when I'm not hugging your cat, I'm watching anime or walking along Southbank farming those good ol' Magikarp on Pokémon Go.

This year I held regular events such as Games Night, Queer Tea and Queer Beers to create social opportunities for queer students within a safe space, whilst also assisting Monash's Diversity and Inclusion Division to improve the respect and safety given to queer students and staff at Monash.

Minority representation is important and I hope to continue my contribution to MONSU next year in further facilitating awareness and understanding of queer diversity. I wish to spread our strong supportive queer community network to the wider student community to impart understanding of minority sexual, romantic and gender identities, as well as crucial issues such as safe sexual practices and non-discriminatory medical practitioners.



Sports

Hey! I'm Bianca, and I'm running for the position of Sports and Recreation Officer in 2017. This year, I've been your Domestic First-Year Representative, which means I've had some experience with MONSU. This includes organising the "Coachella Party", which has been one of the biggest MONSU events of the year. Planning this event, as well as being a part of the MONSU committee, has helped me develop event planning skills, as well as develop ideas about how I would like to improve the Sports Portfolio of MONSU.

Next year I'd love to make the sports at Monash more easily accessible to all students. There are so many sporting opportunities at Monash that many students are unaware of! I also hope to encourage a healthier and more active lifestyle to all students by offering fun sports activities throughout the year. I'm

super excited to work with the passionate team dedicated to improving student life at Monash Caulfield!



OSS

Hello, my name is Jun and I'll be running as your OSS officer for 2017. I'm from Malaysia, currently undertaking the Bachelor of Business (Psychology). I have been actively involved in MONSU since I began my studies here in Monash; I was MONSU's First Year International Representative in 2015.

I have a strong passion to help fellow international students to feel at home here and be a part of what makes their experience in Monash worthwhile. I am friendly and approachable, which are attributes that I believe would play a significant role as the OSS officer. MONSU has positively impacted my university experience and I wish to extend this experience to other students in Caulfield and aim to provide a fun, interactive and informative environment.

The current OSS events are not sufficient and do not bring the needed attention to the long-term development of the international community. I promise that I will actively take part in listening and understanding to what students want, and exerting my best effort in delivering on those promises. I'm so excited for the initiatives that our ticket, Reps for You, have planned for the upcoming year.



Gen Rep

Hey this is George Zeleznik-Pina and I'm hoping to serve this amazing community as a General Representative in 2017 with the venerable Reps for You. I've been involved on campus for a few years now, and you might know my face from Midweek Meet barbeques in 2015, Beach Day leadership in 2016, or just enjoying a sunny day out on the lawn.

Like many of you, I'm studying an Arts/Business undergrad, and I've come to know that getting amongst Caulfield's culture is one of the best things you can do with your university life. I enjoyed the chance to contribute in MONSU's 2015 activities committee, being on the ground helping out with the legendary events the union was once known for.

I'd love the opportunity to keep putting hours and effort into improving your student life as a GenRep in the coming year with this fantastic and experienced team. Make sure your SSAF is going as far as it can by choosing the team that will passionately put you first!



Gen Rep

Hey, my name is Eric Lee and I am running to be your MONSU general representative for 2017.

I'm a second year Business student, but that doesn't mean I'm all work and no play. Outside of study, I lead an ESports community, play futsal, watch anime and eat pho with my friends.

If elected as your general representative, I will dedicate myself to assisting MONSU in all my capacity to provide the students of Caulfield the best possible experience. I will try my best to ensure that every student is given a fair opportunity to strive and be the best that they can be. I will assist and push all of 2017's MONSU committee to work as hard as possible to make Caulfield great again.

I will be looking to make MONSU's activities better than ever, to ensure that all your concerns for the academic side of university are addressed, to help those who are struggling with the day-to-day parts of life and to assist those who are looking to start a new club or already have a club. But most importantly, I will represent you.



Gen Rep

Hi! My name is Samantha Liew and I'm running as your General Representative for MONSU in 2017. I have been involved in MONSU in 2014 and 2015 under the OSS committee.

During my time, I've participated and helped out at numerous MONSU events such as mid week meet BBQs, parties and migration seminars for International Students. I've learned so many great things and have gained an amazing university experience that will stay with me for life. With my experiences, I believe I have plenty to offer and would love to continue giving the students of Caulfield the best possible university experience!



Hi there! My name is Shahriar Mazumder. I'm in my second semester of Postgrad and am keen to be in the Post Graduate position in MONSU in 2017.

I'm looking forward to speaking to anyone and everyone about how we can make your university life better. Although I'm (mostly) new here, I've been involved with many clubs and organizations within Monash, like MSA, MCAC, MGDA and most importantly, the MPA. I want to ensure that through my experience, I hope to help you have a great time as a student

Post Grad	during your time at Monash.
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Aaron Lee – President

Hi everyone! My name is Aaron Lee and I am running in this election as your president for 2017! I have been involved in MONSU since the beginning of 2016 as a volunteer and have been closely following the current office-bearers on their positions which have helped you bring about the great events we have at campus! I first joined the MONSU volunteer group hoping to get more insight and make friends which soon developed into a self interest of helping students and making student life more enjoyable. Through MONSU I have had opportunities to serve my fellow students through weekly events such as midweek meet and breakfast club as well as mid semester events such as culture carnival and student survival week. I have personally met many students that have enjoyed these events and I will personally continue to strive to provide the most enjoyable student life possible for everyone. I would love to continue to serve the student community and am constantly thinking of ways to improve and make student life more enjoyable and strongly believe that my team and I are the most experienced and enthusiastic group of people to represent every student.

Carlo Spada Tello – Vice President

Hi everybody! I am sure that every one of you love our beautiful campus as much as I do. From attending MONSU's weekly events I instantly fell the need to join MONSU as one of their volunteers as to get a better understanding of how MONSU works and how I could serve the student community. As a second year arts student I would love to be able to share my experience in providing more towards the student community and strongly believe that the most effective way of doing so would be to serve as your vice president of MONSU! I have built many relationships with many students through weekly MONSU held events and hope to have your support so I can represent every single student in order to make this great campus and community heard!

April Han – Education

Hi there! My name is April Han and I am the nominated Education Officer for 2017. I have personally been part of MONSU volunteer program since the start of the year and am a 3rd year business student who has a great understanding of student life and hurdles faced by us students. If elected I plan to pour more resources into enabling students have an easier studying life. I feel that during my time studying here I have developed a passion to help students to ensure that their university experience should be enjoyable and in order to do this I will spend all my effort to ensure that all students are supported and aware of their rights while studying at university. As well as that I will work with the university to enable every student to receive the most updated information to tackle any problems now and in the future!

Carol Liu – Welfare

Hey, my name's Carol Liu and I am running for Welfare Officer in 2017. I am currently in my first year at monash and part of the volunteer program held by MONSU. Throughout the year I have been actively helping out MONSU with their events such as breakfast club and stress less day and have loved the opportunity to engage with students in such events. I believe that every student should have a happy, enjoyable and comfortable life throughout their time at university and am always on the lookout for ways to provide such a student life! Because of this I feel I am driven to improve student life at university and have many of

my own thoughts and ideas in which I can implement in the coming year. Through my first hand experience of student engagement I believe that improving health and wellbeing of students is of utmost priority and will be my single goal to improve life for students on campus in 2017. With your help and input I believe we can truly make this campus great for everyone!

Conor Yung – Clubs

Hi! My name is Conor Yung and I will be running for the Clubs Officer role in the upcoming elections. I have been studying at Monash for a year with a arts degree with a great appreciation in politics and philosophy. Throughout my time at Monash I have joined several clubs and feel that I have a grasp of how clubs are organized and developed. Due to my experience and knowledge I feel that I am in the best position to represent our vast and diverse array of clubs where support may be needed. I feel that I am passionate in providing clubs with the necessary resources for them to grow and provide back towards the student community so that our campus should be able to flourish in the upcoming year of 2017.

Syed Bilal Ahmed – Sports and Recreation

Hi everyone! My name is Syed Bilal. This year I am running for the position of Sports and Recreation Officer. I currently am a journalism student enrolled on Caulfield campus and have a great interest in MONSU and how the student council is run. Throughout the year I have experienced a variety of MONSU held events and feel that with my efforts and contribution, the sports and recreation side of MONSU will be able to accurately represent and portray this campus' competitive spirit in sports and other activities. I aim to achieve this by expanding our current portfolio with new sporting events that all students can participate in as well as communicating these events towards every student on campus so that everybody has a change to participate and engage in improving health and wellbeing.

Laksh Suryavanshi – Postgraduate

Hi there! My name is Laksh Suryavanshi and I am running for the Postgraduate Officer position in 2017. I am a monash postgraduate student studying Masters in IT. As my role as a postgraduate officer my goal will be to enable postgraduate students to be more integrated with student life at Monash. As a postgraduate student I understand the needs and difficulties of postgraduate students and therefore will implement more methods of communication through larger events aimed at postgraduate students. I feel that I am most suitable for this role as I have large amount of connections throughout the postgraduate community and would be able to represent our needs to be vocally heard throughout the upcoming year.

Ben Huynh – OSS

Hi there! My name is Ben Huynh. I am currently an international student from Vietnam studying my masters degree here at Monash. As an international student and staying in Melbourne for quite some time, I feel that I will be able to represent the overseas students well. I believe that with my previous experience and relations with staff and students I will be able to actively promote and organize events and activities that are aimed at international students in order to make student life more comfortable and easy to adjust to.

In order to achieve this, I will aim to set up various social gatherings as well as many workshops which will educate international students on employability, self development as well as have various cultural nights throughout the year. If elected, I promise to bring my best to represent the great community of international students.

Helenie Leung – Activities 1

Hi everyone, you can call me Helenie! Since I have been at Monash, I have attended the various events that have occurred over the campus. Furthermore, being a non-res college member as well as advisor has helped me to develop my skills in organizing activities and developing connections with all kinds of students. Because of this I feel that with my skillset and experience I have the ability to bring the best events on and off campus to every student on campus! With our newly developed Caulfield green I hope to be able to use our many resources to bring you great events in the coming year on and off campus! I look forward to meeting you all!

Xing Qi – Activities 2

Hi all, my name is Jasmine Xing and have been part of the MONSU council for the past year as the welfare officer. Throughout my time as the welfare officer I have learned about what students want and need in campus life. Because of this I feel that I am well fitted to fill this gap in by performing as the upcoming activities officer working closely with Helenie to bring all students on campus great social parties that will bring our student community closer. I hope to bring events worthy to this great campus of Caulfield and can only do so with your help and input!

Crystal Yan – General Rep 1

Hi, my name is Crystal Yan. This is my first year of studying at Monash and have been regularly involved with MONSU's volunteer program since the beginning of the year. Since the start of the year I have regularly helped out with breakfast club as well as midweek meet. In doing so I feel that I have a good understanding of organizing events and feel that I have a lot to offer as Gen Rep. I hope you will support me and my team so that we can represent you in 2017!

Yang Jiawen – Queer Officer Female

Hi everyone! I am Jiawen and currently in my 3rd year of my bachelors in business. I am outgoing and love to have fun. I feel that the queer community is underrepresented and feel that being implemented as the queer female officer will allow me to voice the concerns and issues that our community faces. I hope to work closely with all the queer students to create a supportive and nurturing environment so that our community's presence will be felt on campus.

Education Committee

Hi everyone! We are the education committee running under the Connect ticket. We consist of experienced candidates that aim to represent each faculty with our student experience as well as your input! In the coming year we aim to voice your student concerns as well as your input into developing student education into becoming a more enjoyable and seamless aspect of student life. We recognize it is one of the utmost important areas for every

student and that is why we will pour all our effort and resources into making it the most well represented aspect of student life.

OSS Committee

Ni Hao! Hola! Guten tag! We are the OSS committee and we will represent all international students on this campus in the coming year of 2017. We know that coming to a new country all by yourself is extremely tough and we as the OSS committee will use all our effort and resources to make the transition more bearable. In order to do this we plan to implement more social nights as well as more cultural events to cater to every international as well as domestic student on campus so that everyone may enjoy the vast variety of cultures that reside at Caulfield campus!

Activities Committee

Hi there! We are the activities committee that are dedicated to improving social life here on campus. With our large range of experience and background of organizing events, we hope to bring a more colorful life to all students through on campus events as well as off campus events! We firmly believe that along with the importance of studying, relaxing and having fun at university is just as important! Vote for us and you will be seeing a lot bigger and better parties in the coming year. Work hard and play hard!