



**Monash University Student Union Caulfield**

# **2017 ANNUAL ELECTIONS**

Monday 18 September –  
Wednesday 20 September 2017

## **ELECTION GUIDE**

## President

### **Ziqi Han (Unite)**

Hi everyone. My name is Ziqi Han and I am running in this election as your Presidential candidate for 2018. My involvement in MONSU began in 2016 where I started out as a volunteer, and have been closely following the previous office-bearers in their positions which has helped you bring about several big events we have on campus. I first joined the MONSU volunteer group hoping to make friends, which I soon found meaning in helping and serving students. I then continued to flourish into your 2017 Education Officer. Through my previous experience with MONSU I represented and arranged students on the Academic Progress Committee hearings, as well as organized the exam help desk for two semesters. I really would love to continue to serve the student community. I strongly believe that my team and I are the most experienced and have the ability to represent you in 2018 and ensure you have the great student experience in your Uni life.

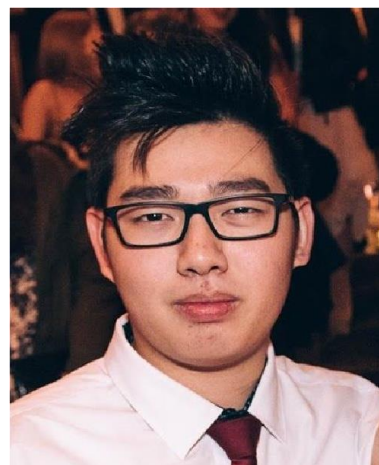


### **Eric Lee (Evolve)**

Hi, I'm Eric Lee and I'm running to be your President for MONSU 2018. I understand that University can be hard, but this is where MONSU comes in. MONSU should be there to continuously provide support to every student of Caulfield to ensure they have the necessary tools to be successful.

Your support and vote will ensure our utmost dedication to bringing you the following next year:

- Free Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Programs
- More Clubs and Club Support
- Exciting and Engaging Events
- Loads of Activities
- Student Information Packs
- Improved MONSU Rewards System
- Academic Support
- Employment Advice and Assistance
- Legal, Tax and Immigration Services
- Volunteering Opportunities
- Support for those who have been assaulted or harassed
- Most importantly, a friendly and welcoming community



You all have enough to worry about; sorting out accommodation, finding part-time jobs, assimilating to different cultures, making new friends, and to top it all off, assignments, mid-sems and tests.

With your #1 Vote, EVOLVE, will be there to support you all the way. Our experienced, diverse and hard-working team, from different clubs and programs can guarantee that 2018 will be a year for everyone to celebrate.

## **Vice-President**

### **Yangdongxue Liu (Unite)**

Hey! I'm Carol Liu and I am running to be your Vice-President for 2018. I am this year's Monsu Exec Member and taking the Welfare Officer position. I first became involved in MONSU in 2016, since then I have helped grow the student support events such as Midweek Meet, Breakfast Club, Student Survival Week and Stress Less Day. Additionally I was part of the team who improved the MONSU Pantry system. These initiatives are very important to me and because of that I have had the best time at university improving student's lives. I enjoy giving back to the students and I strongly believe every student should be given these kinds of opportunities to have the full student experience. I believe my team Unite and myself will give a wonderful university life back to students.



### **Hiu Lam Leung (Evolve)**

I'm Helenie Leung and I am running as Vice President for MONSU 2018. MONSU is made up of students representing students. You are our number one focus and priority. We value our students a lot and that's why we want to have the opportunity to serve and give back to the Monash community!

Every single one of your votes and ongoing support, helps us to achieve these goals!

We will be supporting you throughout your time at Monash. Whether you are a first-year or in your last semester, we will strive to bring you the best University experience ever!

The projects I will be personally pushing for next year include:

- More dynamic and engaged volunteer program
- More student welfare programs
- Enhancing student engagement
- A more comprehensive MONSU Rewards Program
- A larger and more diverse sponsorship network in supporting our events
- Endorsing a more friendly and welcoming community
- Providing academic & financial support
- Loads of exciting activities and parties being introduced!



Finally, as the Vice President, I will be working with the President, Eric Lee in coordinating our whole team to bring the best and most memorable university experience for you all!

## Overseas Student Service Officer

### **Akash Varma (Unite)**

I am Akash Varma pursuing masters at Monash University since 2016 would like to offer my candidature for the post of OSS of MONSU for Caulfield campus. It's a critical one for various reasons. The obvious reason being that student community needs a platform to raise issues that affect them on an ongoing basis. In addition the person in this role acts as a bridge between the students and University.

Students from across the globe join Monash and quickly try to find someone from their own culture to gain insight into the local culture and also find comfort in familiar surroundings. Which fails in the long term as students miss out on the opportunity of networking with students from other culture. Monash being a diverse place, it is essential that we encourage students to come out of their comfort zone and experience true global university culture. By organizing fun and conducive networking events, we can try to bridge the cultural differences and break the ice.



Having seen MONSU work since my first semester and the first place I started volunteering for. Given an option, I can confidently say that I will be able to make a meaningful impact on the *[statement cut off due to breaching the word limit imposed under 24.2.1 of the Election Regulations]*.

### **Tarun Kuzhikadan (Evolve)**

Hi, I'm Tarun Kuzhikadan (Tommy) and I'm running to be your OSS officer for MONSU 2018. University life thousands of miles away from home could be exciting and sometimes overwhelming.

Having studied and lived in 5 different countries, I will bring in my experience to assist you in enhancing your university experience by:

- Having an OSS team who are accessible on various social media platforms to address the needs and concerns of international students.
- More interest specific social networking events to connect with people from different countries.
- Introducing student advisors to assist with assimilation
- Assisting international students to help manage their finances.
- Organising "know my Melbourne" tours to discover local shops, restaurants around your area.
- Providing easily accessible support for international students to deal with issues related to anxiety, stress, time management etc.
- Lobbying for concession fare on public transport in Victoria for international students.
- Assisting in issues related to student visa and international students' rights in Australia.
- Lobbying the university for more work opportunities for International students within the University.



Vote #1 EVOLVE to guarantee a team dedicated to ensuring you have the best experience possible at Monash Caulfield.

## **Activities Officer 1**

### **Andrew Li (Evolve)**

Hi, I'm Andrew Li and I'm running to be your Activities Officer for MONSU 2018. MONSU is your voice within Caulfield and is there to help you during your time at University. As a team, EVOLVE, is dedicated to ensure that your University life is an enjoyable and memorable experience. We want University to be a place to look forward to going to, not just a place to attend tutorials once a week.

Events we'll be pushing for 2018 include:

- Enhancing the Midweek Meet with live music and more
- More alcohol on campus to increase diversity in events and allowing that option for clubs
- More collaboration with clubs to offer more diverse events
- New on-campus events such as:
  - Just 'Cos Week with bouncy castles and ball pits
  - More FREE Beer gardens
  - FREE weekly dinner
  - MONSU Marketplace
  - Movie & TV Screenings on the lawn
  - MONSU Rave
- Big name gigs on campus



Uni can be overwhelming and you should be able to enjoy yourself in between lectures and tutorials. With your #1 Vote, EVOLVE will work for you. We're psyched to ensure you have a once-in-a-lifetime experience here!

### **Tong Yin (Unite)**

Hi, I'm Delia and I am running for the position of Activity Officer for 2018. I'm an undergraduate student enrolled in banking and finance. I have been involved in MONSU since semester 2 of 2016 as a volunteer and I have been working as the international first year representative in 2017. I have frequently participated in the midweek meet so I understand how it works and how to organise it. In addition, as a first year representative, I have organised the first year party and also attended various MONSU events such as breakfast club, survival week and stress less day. Participating in all these events has helped me to gain a lot of organising, leading and communication skills. Since I have the experience of running parties, I'm confident in organising more social events in the following year. As a buseco student, I will use my knowledge to maintain budgets and make sure events goes well.

Unite, my committees and I are looking forward to work hard and provide better services to students and enhance their university experience in 2018.



## **Activities Officer 2**

### **Kirsten Wilson (Evolve)**

I'm Kirsten Wilson and I'm running to be the activities officer for MONSU 2018. Your university experience shouldn't end when class finishes. EVOLVE wants to bring you more events that are bigger, better, safer and more inclusive to make the most of your university experience.

With your vote and support, we will be pushing for the following items next year:

- Collaborating with clubs to allow events to operate on a larger scale
- Making Beach Day more affordable for first years
- Maintaining and fostering growth of existing parties:
  - Booze Cruise
  - Fetish Party
  - AXP's
  - Full Moon
  - Blendr
- Implementing new events such as:
  - 90's party
  - MONSU Casino Night
  - On-campus rave night
- Showcasing student talent at events
- Increasing security guards at MONSU parties
- PUPPIES!
- Ensuring an enriching on-campus experience



I'm excited to bring my experience in various clubs at Monash to MONSU to restore our campus and events to their former glory. Alongside Andrew in Activities, and the entire EVOLVE team, we will work to be a student union you can rely on and give you the experience you all deserve. Vote #1 EVOLVE.

### **Bryn Dodson (Unite)**

Hey, my name is Bryn Dodson and I'm running for the position of Activities officer for 2018. 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 Delia 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!



## **Sports & Recreation Officer**

### **Anubhav Sharma (Evolve)**

Hi, I'm Anubhav Sharma and I am running for Sports and Recreational officer for 2018. Knowing that University becomes a place where people just comes in for study/work and then leave, and most of them do not spend time at uni for extra-curricular activities. And that is why MONSU is there for giving these students an actual chance to meet new people and enjoy the university culture through sports and activities.

Your support and vote will ensure our utmost dedication to bringing you the following next year:

- Introducing an actively healthy environment on campus
- Regular sports tournaments
- More student engagement in sporting events such as - AUG's, SUG's
- Promote activity through fitness, dance and healthy eating
- To ensure that all students can make full use of the facilities available at Monash Caulfield.
- To organise more weekly games and competitions
- Most importantly, a friendly and welcoming community



With your #1 Vote, EVOLVE, will be there to support you all the way. Our experienced, diverse and hard-working team, from different clubs and programs can guarantee that 2018 will be a year for everyone to celebrate.

### **Shu Shu (Unite)**

Hi everyone! My name is Shu Shu. This year I am running for the position of Sports and Recreation Officer. I currently am a business student enrolled on Caulfield campus and have a great interest in MONSU and how the student council is run. Throughout the year, as a volunteer, 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.



## **Education Officer**

### **Olivia Glynn (Evolve)**

Hi, I'm Olivia Glynn and I'm running to be your Education Officer for 2018. University can be tough, which is why we understand the importance of giving you academic support and providing you the opportunity to develop skills useful for job hunting and everyday life.

As your Education Officer, I will continue the existing successful programs, as well as new initiatives including:

- Workshops on life skills covering topics such as budgeting, time management, nutrition, resume building, filing taxes, study skills, and interview skills
- A free textbook exchange
- Free loan of chargers for phones, tablets, and laptops
- free loan of calculators for tests and exams

I will also ensure you are supported throughout your University experience through initiatives including:

- Ensuring students going through APC hearings are represented,
- Answering any questions you have in a timely manner
- Supporting academic clubs in the running events to ensure their success
- Listening to any concerns you have about the academic experience at Monash,
- Using feedback to improve university policies.



With your vote, we can improve the academic experience at Monash, and give Monash students the tools needed to succeed both at university and life. Vote #1 EVOLVE!

### **Miles Stafford (Unite)**

My name is Miles Stafford and I am currently in my second year of studying a Bachelor of Business and Arts and I am running as your education officer for 2018. Striving to become education officer, I recognize that the Caulfield serves to educate a large number of international students and it is thus our mission to equally divide my efforts to helping both domestic and international students. As education officer, I will strive for more study spaces around the campus, and the implementation of more 24-hour study spaces. I will also attempt to ease the language barrier facing many international students by providing more multi-language resources and texts in classrooms. Finally, I recognize that financial difficulties can plague many students, both international and domestic. To ensure that no student will ever have difficulties completing their education due to poverty, I will continue and improve the Pantry and Breakfast Club programs, which provide free food to students. I also hope to improve access to cheaper, second hand textbooks as well to ease the huge financial burden every semester that many students face.





## Welfare Officer

### **Xinyu Yan (Unite)**

Hey everyone, my name's Xinyu Yan and I am running for Welfare Officer in 2018. I am this year's MONSU General Representative. I have been involved in MONSU since the beginning of 2016 as a volunteer and have helped almost every event we had on the campus for that whole year and have loved the opportunity to engage with students in such events. So definitely I came to understand how the student union serves the students. In this year I sit in the student council and helped different departments for their events. This year I have had the experience to represent students in APC hearings as well as helped arrange Student Survival Week and Stress Less Day. I really 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! With your help and input I believe we can truly make this campus great for everyone!



### **Susan Craggs (Evolve)**

Hey everyone! My name is Susan – I'm running to be your welfare officer for MONSU 2018! My policies and programs focus on providing holistic support for all students – after all, your mental and social well being is just as important as your studies. With EVOLVE we will promote mindfulness, friendships and engaging the Monash community through regular activities and meet ups.

Here is a taste of what we have planned for 2018!

- Free weekly yoga/fitness dance classes 'Zumba'/meditation
- Free weekly pizza + conversation/language exchange
- Create open space in MONSU for students to interact and relax – provide card/board games, free tea, coffee and snacks
- Train volunteers to assist with matters such as resume writing, casual/part-time job hunting and Centrelink enquiries/forms
- Suggestions box for students to submit ideas and suggestions for MONSU to better cater to student needs
- Get involved with Evolve! Promote volunteering opportunities with MONSU to learn and develop skills for the future
- Promote campaigns for mental health and sexual health
- Continue to support students with the food pantry
- Continue the free breakfast club
- Ensure the continued success of stress-less day and RUOK? Day



Vote #1 EVOLVE for MONSU 2018!

## **Queer Officer (Female)**

### **Cindy Souphan (Evolve)**

Hi everyone, both EVOLVE's queer officers, Collins Van Souphan and Jordan Sturgess are running to be your Queer Officers for 2018.

Our community faces a variety of issues, and we fully intend to provide the support and resources needed for the queer and questioning students of Caulfield Campus.

There are still many prevalent issues that we face today, and there is a necessity for integration of our community with the different societies within our multicultural campus. We plan on bringing more activities to 2018, academic, cultural, and social support, as well as setting in place the beginnings of a network structure to benefit queer and questioning students in the long run.

The Queer Officers and other members of EVOLVE are here to stand for and support the students of the queer community. The diversity and experience of our team means that there will always be someone out here to help and support you, no matter what issues you may face. Voting #1 for EVOLVE can guarantee that we'll never left behind or forgotten again.



### **Emily Thornley**

*No policy statement was received.*

## Clubs Officer

### **Ka Ho Chung (Unite)**

Hi! My name is Jacky Chung and I will be running for the Clubs Officer role in the upcoming elections. I have been studying at Monash with a business law degree with a great appreciation in politics and philosophy. Throughout my time at Monash I have joined numerous clubs and feel that I have an understanding of how clubs are organized and developed. Due to my previous 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 have the passion to 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 2018.



### **Gianne Phung (Evolve)**

Hi I'm Gianne and I'm running to be your Clubs Officer for MONSU 2018. University isn't just studies and academic achievements - it's an experience. It's about the environment you study in, the people you surround yourself with and the connections you form.

Clubs and societies are integral in enriching your university life and we'd like to give clubs the appropriate support they deserve.

We plan to:

- Establish a clubs board to assist with decision making processes
- Provide more funding for clubs through an improved MONSU rewards system
- Assist clubs with sponsorships
- Encourage the formation of new clubs
- Provide a start-up package to new clubs (tablecloth, banner etc.)
- Committee rewards system
- Arrange training courses for club executives and committee
- Improve Clubs Resources Room
- Club shop program with MONSU
- Provide support and promotional assistance to clubs and their events
- Provide full clubs events to all students
- Encourage collaboration between clubs



With EVOLVE, we guarantee that you and your clubs are supported. We are here to help make all clubs' have the resources necessary, so they can focus on bringing you bigger and better events and activities. Vote #1 EVOLVE!

## Postgraduate Representative

### **Kriti Gupta (Unite)**

Hi there! My name is Kriti Gupta and I am running for the Postgraduate Officer position in 2018. I am a monash postgraduate student studying Masters degree. With 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.



### **Sujit Ajit Kumar (Evolve)**

Hi fellow Monash survivors, I'm Sujit Ajit Kumar, running to be your Postgrad Rep for MONSU 2018.

Monash Caulfield is home to a number of Postgrads, who seldom get to be part of 'Uni-life-as-we-know-it', that MONSU/Monash Caulfield has to offer. The true potential of this wonderful platform, hasn't been unleashed, yet that is!

With your vote and support throughout the annual cycle, we can check off the items on our bucket list together:

- Free Food! Because, the real joys of life, am I right?
- Employment drives and Job fares, Corporate tie-ups and internship opportunities
- Stronger connect with peers through regular fun activities and programs
- Assistance with Student Services involving counselling, Legal, Immigration, Tax, etc.
- A sense of oneness and belonging within the student community
- A one stop 'go-to' place for every student on campus to feel at home, away from home.



As the Postgrad Rep nominee, I look forward to being the voice of all postgrad students on campus. We promise to make your experience at Monash Caulfield worthwhile and set the benchmark for future MONSU committees. We, the members of EVOLVE, can make all of it happen with your #1 Vote

## Women's Representative

### **Georgia Kalominidis (Unite)**

Hi everyone! My name is Georgia Kalominidis. I will be running for the position of Women's Representative in the upcoming election. I currently am a business student enrolled on Caulfield campus and have a great interest in MONSU and how the student council is run. Throughout the year I have been actively helping out MONSU with their events such as tax help program and stress less day and have loved the opportunity to engage with students in such events. I feel that with my efforts and contribution, I can make a positive impact. I have a passion not just for helping students in general but for representing female students and in feminism in general, and I plan to bring that enthusiasm into this role. If elected I aim to support female students with any issues they may have, run a safe and supportive space for all women, and advocate for women's issues and their safety if any issues with faculty and teaching staff arise. I aim to achieve this by establishing a space in which females can feel comfortable and valued, to talk, discuss issues, but also to meet other amazing females. By providing these additional resources and events to *[statement cut off due to word limit imposed under 24.2.1 of the Election Regulations]*.



### **Lauren Pinney (Evolve)**

Hi, I'm Lauren Pinney and passionate to be running for Women's representative for MONSU in 2018. I want to be a voice for all the female-identifying students on campus and am determined to further develop my skills to provide positive experiences for as many women within Monash's Caulfield Campus as possible.

With your support, we will be working to provide you the following for females during 2018:

- Connecting likeminded undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Networking programs
- Opportunities for mentoring and volunteering
- Female leadership programs to empower women
- Eliminating gender-biased issues
- Regular social activities to expand relationships and self-development
- Provide a clear understanding of what it means to feel safe at University
- Promote healthy bodies and minds
- FREE necessities (tampons, pads etc.)



Women deserve to feel safe and enjoy their university experience, and MONSU should be there to provide that support and security. I am willing to involve myself as much as required to ensure the whole university experience is a positive and successful one for all female students.

With your #1 vote for EVOLVE, you will be supporting me and the EVOLVE team in achieving these outcomes during 2018.

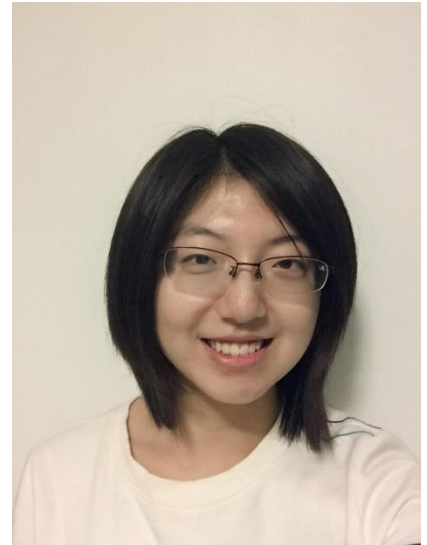
## **Student Council - General Representative**

### **Yu Zhe She (Unite)**

Hi! My name is Yuzhe Su and I'm running as your General Representative for MONSU in 2018. I have been involved in MONSU in 2017 under volunteer program. During my time, I've participated and helped at different MONSU events such as BBQs, parties and breakfast club. 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 can continue giving the students of Caulfield the best possible university experience!

### **Jiali Shi (Unite)**

Hi everyone! I am Jiali Shi, running for the position of General Rep in 2018. I am a 2nd year business student, and I have been a volunteer for MONSU for more than one year. The involvement in various events hold by MONSU made me deeply interested in more opportunities to engage in MONSU's events. Everytime I am able to help others by doing the volunteer work, I feel that sense of responsibility that pushes me to do more. As I have been involved some classical activities of MONSU, such as Survival Week and Stress Day, I would like to get a better understanding of how MONSU works and what else I can do for MONSU. Thanks to the insight given by volunteering for MONSU, I think I am qualified for the position of General Rep. If elected successfully, I will try my best to work well with other members to provide the best environment with every student in Caulfield together. Therefore, I hope you can support me and we can make better a campus life together.



## Nidzam Shah Bin Ekbal Hussain, Rebecca Alabazo & Machong Zhang (Evolve)



Hey guys! The three of us will be running to be your General Representatives for MONSU in 2018! We genuinely understand that campus life can be hard but that's where MONSU comes in. We strive to make every single voice heard to ensure that we can create an inclusive environment on campus. Amongst ourselves, we have years of experience in numerous different student clubs and societies, as well as organising amazing events both on and off campus! We have worked with a diverse range of people across different campuses and universities. Who better than us to provide the best service for you all!

As your general representatives, we promise to:

- Provide student care packages during peak semester and exam periods
  - Cater to student welfare by working on the Student Pantry
  - Work on diversity and inclusion events with OSS committee
  - Being a trusted member of MONSU representing the students
  - Organising fun and creative events with the Activities team
  - Promote health and fitness by holding regular sporting activities on campus
- ... and so much more!

With your vote, we will gain access to the necessary assistance and resources to make all these happen!  
VOTE #1 for EVOLVE!

## **NUS Delegate**

**Ziqi Han, Tong Ying, Yangdongxue Liu, Xinyu Yan, Shu Shu & Miles Stafford (Unite)**

*No policy statement was received.*

**Devarshi Desai, Tanya Goel, Hiu Lam Leung, Eric Lee, Nidzam Shah Hussain & Susan Craggs (Evolve)**



The National Union of Students team of EVOLVE is your student representative body fighting for the rights of students across Australia.

Bringing about change and standing up for the rights of students is not only a goal of National Union of Students but also the ideology of EVOLVE. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, or religion, we represent the best interests of the students and make sure they get the most return of their investment and help them shape a better future in Australia.

We as a team will make sure no concerns and voices go unheard - no matter how small or big the issue is, there is always someone you can trust and talk to. We have carefully chosen a team of people from different countries, backgrounds and faculties so that we can reach out and understand as many people possible and address more issues to make our life at the university better. Vote #1 EVOLVE!