



Student Trustee Election

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Background

In accordance with Board Policy Sec. A Policy – Student Trustee on the Board, the St. Clair Catholic District School Board requires two student trustees – one to represent the Catholic school students of Chatham-Kent and one to represent the Catholic school students of Sarnia-Lambton.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

School principals were directed to verify that they were to only include in the selection process those students who meet these requirements:

- Be Catholic
- During 2022 - 2023 term of office, a full-time student in at least grade 11
- Has access to transportation to attend the meetings in Wallaceburg
- Has a record of good attendance and hence is likely to be able to honour the time commitment

In advance of the selection day, Student Councils promoted among the student body of each Catholic secondary school of the student trustee selection date.

The election for St. Patrick's High School occurred on March 3, 2022 and the Student Trustee Elect was acclaimed at Ursuline College on February 23, 2022.

STUDENT TRUSTEES

St. Patrick's: Annabelle Rayson

It is with pride that St. Patrick's will announce that Annabelle Rayson is our Student Trustee for the 2022-2023 school year.

Annabelle Rayson is a determined and effervescent grade eleven student at St. Patrick's High School who is passionate about problem-solving, helping people, and improving the world around her. With these passions, Annabelle is always working on an initiative to create a more just society and support vulnerable members of her local and global communities. Within St. Patrick's, Annabelle is a member of the Irish Miracle and Cyclone Aid planning committees and is the founder of the school's Social Justice Club where she works to create opportunities for the St. Patrick's community to answer God's call for us to love one another and support the less fortunate. In addition, Annabelle has been the Chair of the Sarnia Shoebox Project for four years and when she isn't supporting women impacted by homelessness and domestic abuse, she can be found at the Sarnia Golf and Curling Club practicing with the St. Patrick's girl's curling team and coaching younger curlers.

Annabelle is a very curious person who loves to learn which she demonstrates as an annual participant in the Lambton County Science Fair focusing on projects for environmental protection and sustainability and medalling twice at the Canada Wide Science Fair. Additionally, Annabelle has plenty of experience advocating the voices of youth in her community as a member of her local Member of Parliament's Non-Partisan Youth Advisory Board and the Ontario Youth Environment Council. Another noteworthy passion of Annabelle's is music. She plays violin, viola, ukulele, and saxophone and is a member of the school Concert Band. Annabelle is also very involved in a variety of extracurricular activities at St. Patrick's such as the Math Club, the Debate Team, the LINK Crew, and the Senior Reach for the Top Team. Through her elaborate list of extracurricular activities and experiences, Annabelle has learned the importance of organization, punctuality, responsibility, and networking which are all skills that she will bring to the table as Catholic Student Trustee.

As Catholic Student Trustee, Annabelle is looking forward to highlighting and reporting on the incredible initiatives of St. Patrick's students and staff during these ever-changing times. Annabelle is honoured to be the Catholic Student Trustee for the 2022 to 2023 school year and learning as much as possible through this role.

UCC: Samantha Lozon

It is with pride that Ursuline College will announce that Samantha Lozon is our Student Trustee for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ursuline College Chatham is proud to introduce Samantha Lozon as our Catholic Student Trustee. Samantha is a well respected, articulate, and intelligent grade 11 student at UCC. She is a passionate person who gives her best in all that she does. Samantha is constantly seeking new ways to develop both herself and those around her and as such, is beyond grateful to be nominated UCC's Student Trustee for the 2022-2023 school year.

Those who know Samantha know that she is very studious. Whether it be reading a book or analyzing an article, Samantha genuinely appreciates learning about new things. She places a high priority on her academics and it has earned her a spot on honour roll as well as UCC's top Proficiency Award recognition in grade 9 and grade 10. Samantha enjoys math and science and is hoping to find a career in the medical field post secondary.

Within the school, Samantha's leads by example and while she is strong in the classroom, Samantha is equally strong on the court. She's been moving since 5 years old, first playing soccer. Since then, Samantha has played numerous sports as a Lancer and within her community, including tennis, badminton, golf, and her favourite - basketball. Needless to say even within a global pandemic, Samantha has experienced her fair share of competitive extracurricular activities. By playing a variety of sports for so many years, Samantha has learned the importance of perseverance, hard work, dedication and above all else, leadership. She found her voice through sports and knows how to use it so that others can use theirs.

Samantha evidently places a focus on well-roundedness. She balances her studies with activity, friends and family. She's been able to successfully do so through God's protection and strong family support. Samantha is a devoted Catholic and understands the importance and power of her faith. Without Him, she would not be the genuine, compassionate, resourceful, and responsible young woman she is today. Samantha plans to honour her fellow peers in the role of Catholic Student Trustee and will do so while living through God's wisdom, modeling Christ like love.

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board recognize the election of Annabelle Rayson from St. Patrick's Catholic High School and Samantha Lozon from Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School and appoint them as Student Trustees for the period of August 2022 to June 2023.