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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Medicine July 2022 - Present**

University of Calgary

**Bachelor of Science Honours, Neuroscience** **Sept. 2018 – April 2022**

University of Calgary

**LEADERSHIP**

**Canadian Federation of Medical Students – Director of Government Affairs May 2023 – Present**

* Elected to the Canadian Federation of Medical Students (CFMS) Board by over 9000 medical students across Canada to serve as their Director of Government Affairs and Advocacy (GAA)
* Attended numerous CFMS board meetings both in-person and virtually to promote government advocacy as a portfolio of critical importance to medical students
* Conducted 21 interviews to hire National Officers to serve in the GAA portfolio
* Worked with numerous external advocacy partners such as PROOF, Empowher, the Canadian Hypertension Coalition, and the CMA Health Human Resource Planning Taskforce to establish common priorities, promote petitions, and advocate to MPs on Parliament hill
* Helped lead the 2023 CFMS National Day of Action (NDoA) planning and execution, which saw over 70 medical students from across Canada travel to Ottawa, engage in comprehensive political advocacy training, and lobby almost 50 MPs for meaningful action to address Food Insecurity in Canada
* Supported a formal petition to the Government of Canada describing specific policy asks to address Food Insecurity which is to be read in the House of Commons
* Worked on the 2024 NDoA topic selection process by writing and recording comprehensive backgrounders for potential topics, and organizing a vote by general membership
* Assisted my team in ideating, organizing, and writing 15 policy papers set to establish the strategic direction of CFMS advocacy for decades to come, doubling the existing number of CFMS policy directives
* Completed a governance overhaul of the GAA portfolio consisting of a complete restructuring, refreshed terms of reference, and the creation of 3 entirely new sub-portfolios
* Participated in numerous podcasts and promotional opportunities promoting action towards addressing the Opioid Crisis, Universal Access to Contraception, and Food Insecurity
* Successfully led the CFMS in advocating for Universal Access to Contraception in Canada, which has since been implemented into Canada’s National Pharmacare Program

**University of Calgary Students’ Union – Faculty of Medicine Representative May 2023 – Present**

* Elected by over 2100 students to represent them on the University of Calgary (UofC) Students’ Union (SU)
* Led a successful application to the UofC SU Quality Money (QM) Program for $200K to revive an annual Decolonize Health Care Congress to address and dismantle the colonial structures and practices within healthcare that perpetuate systemic discrimination experienced by Indigenous and marginalized peoples
* Sat as a member on the UofC General Faculties Council and on the Teaching Excellence Awards Committee
* Worked with provincial government officials across the political spectrum to extend an Adult Upgrading Grants program to Alberta, which seeks to provide free upgrading course to folks who did not complete high school

**Canadian Medical Forum EDII Task Force – Medical Student Representative Mar 2023 – Present**

* Contributed towards the development of 4 areas of focus: identifying and addressing racism within healthcare organizations, providing educational opportunities on the prevalence of racism in medicine, sharing best practices in the areas of EDII and anti-racism, and collecting EDII data from all organizations
* Advocated for greater representation in leadership positions for all member organization through the Government of Canada’s 50-30: Diverse Advantage initiative
* Led a project to establish universal inclusive French gender labeling for Canadian Medical Students and Residents within all medical organizations in Canada
* Served on the subgroup tasked with developing the CMF statement on reconciliation and anti-racism
* Worked with Dr. Danielle Behn-Smith, Deputy Provincial Health Officer of Indigenous Health BC, to understand how to incorporate foundational obligations towards reconciliation within CMF organizations

**Run For Little Ones – Executive Director & President** **Sep 2019 – May 2021**

* Led a registered non-profit organization and helped raise over $37k for the Edwards Family Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Alberta Childrens’ Hospital
* Managed a team of 15 in transitioning our annual 5k run from an in-person to online format during the COVID-19 pandemic
* Organized 10 bi-weekly executive meetings where I served as speaker in accordance with Roberts Rules
* Served as VP External from September 2018 – September 2019 where I liaised with community donors and sponsors, including several families that our run has directly supported

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Epineuron Technologies – Medical Student Intern Sep 2022 – Apr 2023**

* Completed market analysis via the United States database of Current Procedural Terminology for multiple surgical procedures that would benefit from utilizing Nerve Regeneration and Nerve Location technologies
* Worked to conduct comprehensive interviews with Physicians to discuss the utility of Nerve Locators and understand the workflow that surrounds their use

**NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND PRESS RELEASES**

**Jessel, C. D.,** Jin, H., Pham, A. (2023, November 2). CFMS National Day of Action 2023 – Food Insecurity [Press Release]. https://bit.ly/4127FSv

**Jessel, C. D.,** Christiansen, E., McNally, M. (2021, July 23). Open educational resources would make post-secondary costs more affordable. *The Edmonton Journal*. bit.ly/3pZOFDM

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

UofC Student Conduct Office Bystander Intervention Training 2024

RESET Society Sexual Exploitation & Trafficking Training 2024

Queens University Culture, Ethics, and Safety Training 2023

University of Calgary Office of EDI Anti-Racism training 2023

Canadian Physicians for the Environment Advocacy Mobilization Program 2023

McGill Pandemic Preparedness, Alert, and Response Course 2023

UofC Anti-Racism training 2021

UofC Unconscious/Implicit bias training 2021

UofC Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Training 2021

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ucalgarycares Sustainable Cities 2020