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Welcome to this issue of the Youth Parliamentarian – your monthly newsletter for updates about the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. In this issue, you will find an announcement about the **new YPM100 Gala date**, a plug for our **merchandise on sale**, and an **introduction to this year's Executives**.

Save the (new) date for the YPM100 Gala!



Alumni, Abigail Theano-Pudwill (L) and Deborah Tsao (R), at Speaker's Night 2019.

We are excited to announce that we've confirmed a new date for the postponed 100th Anniversary Gala – **May 20, 2022**, the Friday before the May long weekend! The details of the event are as follows:

- **Date:** Friday, May 20, 2022
- **Time:** 5:00–9:00 p.m. (no change)
- **Venue:** The MET, 281 Donald St, Winnipeg, MB (no change)

Ticket sales will resume on *March 20, 2022*. The link to purchase tickets will be included in next month's newsletter, as well as posted on our social media and website. If you originally bought a ticket, it will automatically be transferred over. We hope you'll be able to join us to celebrate all of the accomplishments of the past year (COVID permitting)!

Limited edition YPM100 merchandise still available



If you haven't already picked up your YPM100 merchandise, it's not too late! We still have limited stock of the following items:

- The YPM history book, *The Voices of Our Future*
- Fountain pen inscribed with "Youth Parliament of Manitoba"
- Whiskey glass with YPM100 insignia
- Mug with YPM100 insignia
- Navy quarter-zip with YPM100 insignia
- Assorted stickers

Canada-wide shipping is available. Click the button below to check out the store:

Visit the YPM store

Meet the YPM101 Executive



The YPM101 Executive. From top left: Jacob Harvey, Nina Lam, Josephine Zhao, Xiao Zhang, Alexa Mucyo Kayonga.

YPM elected its 101st Executive earlier in December. The team is already hard at work laying the bricks for this year's priorities. Read more about the youth on this year's board:

Nina Lam – Speaker

Nina has been involved with YPM since the 94th Session in 2015. As Speaker in her final year, she'll be the one behind the Youth Parliamentarian for the upcoming year! Outside of YPM, she is finishing up the final semester of her Master in Development Studies at the Graduate Institute, Geneva. In addition to the social sciences, she loves making websites – you can find a longer bio on her personal one at <https://ninalam.ca>.

Jacob Harvey – Premier

Jacob's first Session was YPM96, where he was the Member from Delta. Now the Premier, he is excited to see a return to in-person activities in the coming year. He is a fourth-year Biosystems Engineering student at the University of Manitoba, with a passion for bioremediation and general waste recycling and cleanup. Other interests include philosophy, history, and the sport of wrestling.

Alexa Mucyo Kayonga – Deputy Speaker

Alexa first joined YPM in the 96th Session and presented bills as the Minister of Finance and Registrar General before being elected to the Executive in 2021. She is currently a fourth-year undergraduate student in Economics at the University of Manitoba, and is passionate about public policy in the areas of health and environmental economics. Her hobbies include reading historical fiction, growing house plants, and learning languages.

Josephine Zhao – Deputy Premier

Josephine joined YPM in its 97th Session, she served two years on Cabinet as the P.S. to Supply and Services and the Minister of Labour. As the Minister of Labour, Josephine drafted a bill on temporary foreign workers' rights. Outside of YPM, she is a second-year student at the University of Manitoba studying mechanical engineering. Josephine loves astronomy, reading, especially sci-fi and fantasy books. After spending five years in Cadets, Josephine still likes to hang around the airfield. As YPM101's Deputy Premier, she looks forward to another year of YPM.

Xiao Zhang – House Leader

Xiao first joined YPM in the 98th Session. He joined Cabinet in the 99th Session as the Minister of Supply and Service, and then presented the Online Video Game Regulation Act as the Minister of Revenue in the 100th Session. He is currently studying computer science at the University of Winnipeg while also taking several health science courses. In the future, Xiao hopes to incorporate modern technology into the healthcare field. In his free time, he enjoys exploring nature around the beautiful lakes of Manitoba. He also likes playing table tennis and playing various video games.

Get in touch

If you have any comments about this newsletter or simply want to connect, feel free to reply to this email and your message will come to me (Nina). YPM is always happy to hear from our alumni, supporters, and friends in the community!