



THE YOUTH PARLIAMENTARIAN

A Newsletter for alumni and community members

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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 our **first Alumni Spotlight**, information on **Speaker's Night**, updates on our **rural recruitment efforts**, and information about **how you can stay involved**.

Alumni Spotlight: Joey Broda



I am excited to share our first alumni spotlight of the year, Joey Broda! Joey was the Speaker during my first session as a backbencher in YPM 96 and I still can vividly recall his final speech in the chamber and the inspiration it has served since throughout my own journey in YPM.

The Member from Joliette, Joey joined Youth Parliament for the first time in the 89th session. He then went on to join Cabinet, as Whip in the 90th session, Minister of Government Services in the 91st, and Minister of Finance in the 92nd. Successfully running for the executive in the 92nd election, he was the 93rd session's House Leader, followed by Deputy Premier in the 94th, Premier in the 95th, and finally Speaker in the 96th. For his many contributions to the organization, he was elected a Senator in the 97th session.

Presently, Joey works as a chemical engineer for a natural gas utility in British Columbia. He works with municipalities and farmers to design biogas plants that break down organic waste (think landfills and poop) into renewable energy. His work also involves repurposing the gas grid to transport renewable energy and implementing new technologies like bioenergy with carbon capture and storage. . His objective is to expand the range of options available for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to effectively combat climate change.

Knowing that public policy is just as important as technological innovation in developing sustainable energy sources, he is involved with the NDP as an electoral district president. Reflecting on his time in Youth Parliament, Joey recognizes the unique blend of community and work that Youth Parliament fostered. The exposure to diverse backgrounds and beliefs provided him with a greater skill to communicate across social, political, and ideological divides. Moreover, the sincerity encouraged within Youth Parliament discussions allowed for compassionate political discourse, which has continued to shape Joey's approach to activism. After YPM, he wanted to find a community where people were politically engaged and trying to take meaningful action. He has found a similar home in mutual aid organizing, where he's focused on food aid and decreasing barriers to political participation.

His extensive involvement in Youth Parliament, followed by his engineering expertise and political engagement, is an achievement that serves as a model for an interdisciplinary approach to tackling societal challenges effectively. Joey Broda stands as a remarkable example of bridging the gap between policy and the environment, and we are privileged to have him as an alumnus.

Speaker's Night

Join us for our return to Speaker's Night! For the first time since 2019, Speaker's Night is making a return, providing an opportunity for YPM members, alumni, politicians, community leaders, family, and friends to gather and celebrate the successes of the past year.

This year, we are very excited to announce Senator Flordeliz (Gigi) Osler as our keynote speaker. Senator Osler is an internationally renowned surgeon, an assistant professor at the University of Manitoba, and a dedicated advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion. The details of the event are as follows:

- **Date:** Thursday, August 10, 2023
- **Time:** 6:00–9:00 p.m.
- **Venue:** Winnipeg Winter Club, 200 River Ave, Winnipeg, MB

Tickets start at \$100 per person or \$750 per table (8 seats). Purchase your tickets by clicking the link below:

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Rural Recruitment



At the beginning of the month, Josephine (Deputy Speaker) and Xiao (Deputy Premier) went to Gimli High School for a class presentation about YPM. We also presented at Warren Collegiate Institute earlier in May as part of our spring recruitment efforts.

As YPM's success is built on our community, we are always looking for keen youth to join our organization. Contact us on our website if you'd like to request a class presentation!

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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 (Jacob). YPM is always happy to hear from our alumni, supporters, and friends in the community.

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