



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. To hear more live updates, follow us on social media! Link found at the bottom of this newsletter.

In addition to ***Hear Hear!!*** and ***Stay Connected*** this issue you will find

- ***Alumni Spotlight: Deborah Tsao***
- ***Meet the Team: YPM103 Cabinet***



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Alumni Spotlight: Deborah Tsao



I am happy to share our next alumni spotlight, highlighting an alumnus I was fortunate to meet and work with during my years in YPM.

Deborah Tsao's YPM journey began as the member from Nose Hill in the 92nd Session. She joined Cabinet in the 93rd Session as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Relations, then the Minister of Public Relations in the 94th

Session. In the 95th Session, Deborah served as the Registrar General, and was elected to the post of Deputy Speaker the same year. Deborah served five years on the Executive, including the Premier of the 98th Session, and twice, the Speaker of the 99th and 100th Session. Deborah was inducted into the Senate in the 101st Session. In her role as Speaker, she undertook several projects in celebration of YPM's 100th anniversary, including the research and writing of a YPM history book, the installation of a commemorative plaque in the Manitoba Legislature, and the successful fundraising campaign to raise over \$100,000 for YPM's endowment fund.

In 2018, Deborah graduated from McGill University with a B.Sc. (Hon) and began medical school at Stanford University. While at McGill, Deborah conducted research on the development of neuropathic pain following spinal cord injury and developed a novel optogenetic mouse model of neuropathic pain. While completing her MD at Stanford, Deborah also earned a Master's degree researching the genetics of type 2 diabetes using a fruit fly model of insulin resistance. This year (2024), Deborah graduated from medical school and will begin her General Surgery residency training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Congratulations, Dr. Tsao!

Reflecting on her time in YPM, Deborah appreciates the long-lasting effect YPM has on her worldview. Through meeting youth from different backgrounds across the province, she grew to recognize how vast disparities in opportunity can shape lives. This illuminated the role that privilege played in her own life and instilled a life-long commitment to equity. She also credits YPM, particularly during her time on the Executive, with developing her sense of self-confidence. Before YPM, she never imagined that she could manage a budget, plan events for 80+ people, or lead a team of other volunteers. Being thrust into these roles pushed her out of her comfort zone but in doing so, also developed her adaptability, reliability, and self-belief.

As she embarks on her next chapter, Deborah is incredibly grateful to the opportunities that YPM has provided with her. Although the House Chamber might seem very different from an operating room, she has no doubt that the lessons she learned from her time in YPM will remain salient for many more years to come.

Meet the Team: YPM103 Cabinet

YPM103 saw many eager youths applying for a cabinet position. From fresh backbencher of the 102nd Session, to veteran returning cabinet, all of the applicants

demonstrated their character, skills, and passion for youth parliamentary affairs. Please welcome the 103rd YPM Cabinet team! This team will be responsible for the planning and execution of the 103rd Session. But before that, keep an eye out for the many adventures to come!

Team Finance (Deputy Speaker)

Position	Name
Minister of Revenue	Adam Katz
Minister of Defence	Aiden Peters
Minister of Alumni Affairs	Sarah Fontaine-Sinclair
P.S. to the Min. of Alumni Affairs	Edwin Mugisha Kayonga
Minister of Internal Affairs	Annette Colbert
P.S. to the Min. of Internal Affairs	Cassidy Wolfe
Minister of Supply and Service	Julian McArthur
P.S. to the Min. of Supply and Service	Inti Nemoga Stout

Team Recruitment (Deputy Premier)

Registrar General (BPM)	Rowan Hildebrand
Minister of Communications	Clyron Elijah Hernandez
Minister of Human Resources	Trinity Sperling
P.S. to the Min. of Human Resources	Emily Jade Mann
Minister of External Affairs	Miles Kwoczynska-Brown
P.S. to the Min. of External Affairs	Bisman Randhawa
Minister of Public Relations (BPM)	Lien Huynh
P.S. to the Min. of Public Relations	Mai-Anh Huynh

Team Logistics (House Leader)

Position	Name
Minister of Government Services (BPM)	Matthew Sévigny
Minister of Labour	Hawa Bangura
P.S. to the Min. of Labour	Eddy Paez
Minister of Publications	Maxcyn Gualdrapa
P.S. to the Min. of Publications	Kristine-Claire Bolisay
Armstrong Whip	Chigoziri Samuel Okpanku
Thompson Whip	Sifa Kagondou

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Not every young Manitoban who wishes to participate in YPM could due to financial barriers, if you wish to sponsor a member, or establish a scholarship fund, please reach out to us!

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Cheers,

Josephine Zhao

Speaker, 103rd Session of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba



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