

MUWSLETTER

Election Time!

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It's election time—so here are the blurbs for our MedSoc Election Nominees. Make sure you read carefully through each blurb—that way you'll get an idea about how each individual can contribute.

Special thanks to Priyanka Sagar (UWSMS Secretary) and the rest of the Med-Soc Executive for all their hard work in organising these elections.

Voting will be open online at www.uwsms.org from Wednesday morning till Friday midnight. A special thank you to Marcus Handmer for organising the electronic voting. So what are you all waiting for? Get reading and get voting!!

Cheers,
Angelina Di Re

Nominees List...

First Year Representative (Boy)

- Nitin D'Wivedi
- Neel Gobin

First Year Representative (Girl)

- Rachel Debono
- Kulathevy Mageswaramoorthy
- Nathalie Vo

UWSMS Historian

- Jason Wu

Membership Officer

- Luvena Kochetkova

Junior AMSA Representative

- Gokul Tamilarasan
- Samuel Rajadurai
- Rachel Debono
- Luvena Kochetkova
- Yasmeen Al-Hindawi

Junior MSC Representative

- Jason Wu
- Neel Gobin

International Officer

- Ishaan Pillay
- Nilusha Perera

Campbelltown Clinical School Representative

- Jessica Sandy

Public Relations Coordinator

- Soondoos Raashed
- Jessica Sandy

(Please note: not all nominees have submitted blurbs. Also, Public Relations Coordinator entries have not been included as this position is not being voted upon.)

1st Year Representative (Boy)

Nitin D'Wivedi



The names Nitin and it's simple - Vote or Die.

I am your finest candidate running to be your first year rep. *Help me to help you* to promote the finest UWSMS events arranged just for you, give 1st Years the representation it demands, and a firm input in any decision made in MedSoc. Voting for me would ensure the most qualified candidate / ninja gets the job, the one who has had experience in organization and leadership in a plethora of outfits from Captaining High School Chess Teams and professional sodoku outfits, to putting together an O week and next years Orientation Camp that this fine institution rightly deserves and needs. Throughout the year I will be whatever you need - a friend, a leader, a preacher, a lover, a mother or a daughter to make you feel complete.

I am your answer.

Stay Classy Campbelltown

Neel Gobin

Some interesting facts about me:

- Come from the paradise island – Mauritius
- Multilingual – English, French, Creole, understand a bit of Hindi
- Highly motivated
- Multi-tasker with the ability to work confidently and under pressure both autonomously and as part of a team
- Leadership positions at high school include serving as Secretary, Public Relations Officer, President of the Environment-Health Club (2004-2007), member of the Executive Committee of the Student's Council, Vice-President of the Chess Club (although I don't even know how to play Chess)
- Holder of a Diploma in French
- Casual French Tutor
- Working as a Voluntary Medic at events and concerts
- Official Red Cross Post Disaster Evaluator
- An awesome French accent
- Looking forward to be part of the organising team for MedCamp 2010 and ensuring 1st years are represented in decision making in the Medical Society



1st Year Representative (Girl)

Rachel Debono



What I have to offer:

- I was on the Student Representative Council through all of high school, giving me experience in student-executive liaison.
- I am not afraid to get up in front of people to make announcements (e.g. getting up to tell people about my Shave for a Cure).
- I have a degree, and thus experience with Uni: so I can represent both school-leavers (I once was one) and those with university experience.
- I have spoken to a whole range of people in our cohort and am willing to meet everyone.
- I really want to help make our uni experience awesome, and really do care about our concerns.
- I don't mind challenging the status quo to make things better for everyone.

- I went to MedCamp and can't wait to start organising for next year so that it will be even bigger and better.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ME!

Nathalie Vo

They call me Nat. Nat Vo. Also known as 'thegirlwiththereallylonghair'. But after the first night of Med-camp, they have started calling me 'the ring chick'... Just because I walked around at 2am in a white nightie with my hair in front of my face making undead noises, does not mean you can call me 'the ring chick'! Or any variations of that name. Please... Or i will cry.

Anyways, please vote for me as your 1st Year Rep! I would really like to organise social events and help to voice the opinion of us 1st years. As your 1st Year Rep, I promise to do so and also to listen to your concerns.

If this hasn't convinced you to vote for me, then vote for me because I know the names of everyone in our whole year! Almost. I bet I can name you! Prove me wrong. Come say hi. I bite =)

Kulathevy Mageswaramoorthy

UWSMS Historian

Jason Wu

Vote for me as MSC historian, as I'm also a historian, etc in real life (how lame & boring... I know)! Given my school and university background, experience as an oral (lol, oral!) historian and having continuing interest in humanities and the arts, etc, I think I would make an excellent MSC historian! I will obviously be able to undertake all the duties with ease and do my best to record life-long memories, and those that you're not too keen on seeing again... these I will haunt you for the rest of your life with (jokes)! Okay, if I do get elected just don't send me photos of your med debauchery!

Membership Officer

Luvena Kochetkova

So, a little bit about myself. I'm 22 and in the last four years I've been sampling a couple of degrees, Physio and then Arts before finally deciding on Medicine. In my spare time I like to read Discworld, be a superhero, conquer the world and create a hotel monopoly...all on a tiny scale.

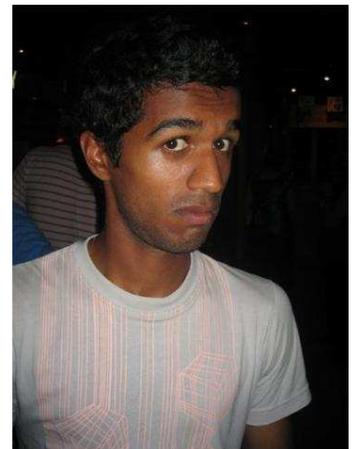
Compared to my previous unis, the friendly environment at UWS has been a breath of fresh air and I've been loving it so far. In my brief time here, I've enjoyed all the MedSoc events and that's why I'd love to promote the society since I believe all students should be involved in all the great things uni can offer. In the past, I've both represented and promoted uni societies and recruited members. I might only be a first year, but I'm confident that I can promote and inform students of all the exciting events!



Junior AMSA Representative

Gokul Tamilarasan

Hi, I'm Gokul and I'm very keen to take on the role of Junior AMSA Representative. Fostering close links with AMSA is really vital at UWSMS, so that we are at the forefront in terms of developments in medical student advocacy. Having previously served as President (2007, 2008) and AMSA Rep. (2007), I understand the kind of work that is required within this position and to increase the visibility of AMSA (in all its forms, not only the yearly Convention) at UWS. I believe that a functioning AMSA sub-committee is vital to dissecting the mountains of information available to medical students and passing it on to students in a manner that is more manageable and relevant (ie: the ever changing status of state guarantees of intern places). I feel that I am an experienced candidate for the role having attended 2 AMSA Conventions, 1 NLDS, 4 AMSA Councils and organised the blood drive in 2007 that won UWS the coveted Vampire Cup!



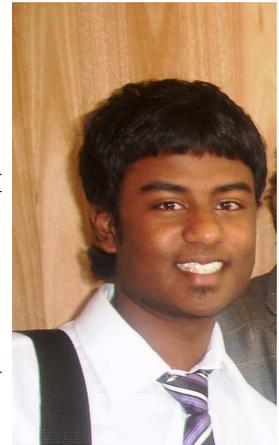
Samuel Rajadurai

Hey everyone my name's Sam. You may probably already know me as the guy with the crazy hair at medcamp, or on a brighter note, the friendly, funny and passionate guy I am.

I believe that issues faced by medical students in terms of future places and the addressing of medical education can become very serious if things aren't done now. This is why I want to represent you as the Junior AMSA Rep to dedicate my time and passion to help allow the voices and opinions of all UWS med students to be heard when decisions are made on these matters.

I know AMSA is at the forefront of advocacy for medical students nationwide and if chosen to represent you I would ensure that we UWS med students are well represented and maintain an excellent reputation.

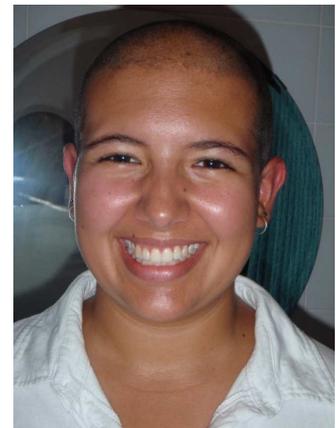
Remember AMSA SAM is the way to go! =)



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Junior AMSA Representative - continued

Yasmeen Al-Hindawi

Good day fellow Medsoccers,

You are indeed correct; it is me, the wonderful and wacky “UWS is great/multicultural” video girl. You might be thinking “Boy, she’s eloquent and rather good looking,” well dear friends, I’m more than just a pretty face and overused vocal chords, I also have the frontal lobe capacity for complex future planning and organisation!

You may remember me from events such as “Hey there Habibi/ working the BBQ– UWS medmash, AMSA blood drive ’07, UWS medball after party ’07 and Medcamp Trivia extravaganza ’08. My plea to you is simple, let me, Yasmeen AL-Hindawi, do more stuff for you!



Moral of the story: I would love to represent Medsoc in a more formal way so I can extend the boundaries of what I have done in the past, and remember: “Eagles may fly, but weasels never get stuck in jet engines”.

Until we next meet - awkwardly in the corridors as you approach cautiously to ask if it is me in the video,
Yas

Junior MSC Representative

Jason Wu

I have been a very strong willed, passionate and experienced advocate of student rights and representation as a former campus organiser for the UWS Students’ Association and as an Academic Senator for the UWS.

As Junior MSC Rep I will continue to attend NSW:MSC meetings as I have already done so. I will also staunchly **represent all UWS med** students and their interests at the NSW:MSC and the AMA(NSW), in particular those of **minority groups** such as **bonded, international** and **interstate students**; of which the later two are most likely to miss out on internship places, as we will be one of the first cohorts to face the MED STUDENT TSUNAMI! I will do my best to ensure that our generation of medical graduates are not unduly *disadvantaged* by the *crumbling* state of our health system and the lack of senior clinicians!

So vote 1 for Jason, to help protect our future!

Neel Gobin



Different positions I have held at high school required organisational, time management and problem-solving skills which I have successfully executed. As the junior MSC representative, I will be working closely with the UWS MSC Rep in advocacy and assisting the latter in casting the UWS vote. Having previous experience in organising events both at high school level (awareness talks, debates and competitions) and at national level (energy-saving campaigns, Blood Donation events), I believe I have the required qualities to assist in promoting the vision and mission of our new Medical School (an even newer MedSoc) at New South Wales level.

As the Junior MSC Rep, besides representing local students, I will also be the voice for international students who may have specific issues to raise – as I am myself an international student (Last but not least, the awesome French accent!)

International Officer

Nilusha Perera

Being international does not only mean that I used to live in a different country. The word international signifies that I was accustomed to a different way of life; a different set of cultural beliefs. Being the International Officer means bridging the gap between simply living and studying in a new country, and becoming a significant member of the UWS, and even the Australian community. As the international officer, I can guarantee that all the voices that make up the international community will be heard, and that any issues facing international students will be addressed. Living away from home can be an enjoyable experience, but only with the correct support system to guide you through your time at UWS.



Ishaan Pillay

Campbelltown Clinical School Representative

Jessica Sandy

My skills include:

- Flexibility
- Adaptability
- Talking: I can definitely hold an interesting conversation with anyone, catering to their interests and position, and the situation
- Thinking on my feet
- Working under pressure
- Enthusiasm
- Writing and grammar
- Public speaking - drama and debating experience
- Typing - I'm much faster than most GPs I see these days, though that isn't saying much!
- Basic photography and Photoshop tools
- Microsoft Office and basic computer skills



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