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Candidate for VP of Student Life
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My name is Jenna Nguyen, I'm a second year general business student at the University of Calgary who will be running to be your Co-Vice President of Student Life for the Haskayne Students' Association. The past 9 months working as a Director of Student Life for HSA has allowed me to work hands-on with my team members to plan and host various events at Haskayne. The experience allowed me to increase student engagement and promote student wellness through the various in person events. The positive impact I've seen on students' experience at Haskayne is something I hope to continue and increase if elected.

As a Co-Vice President of Student Life, I hope to bring more events to students that increase their sense of community as well as cater to their needs. This would mean seeking input from the student body on a regular basis to understand what kinds of events they would like to attend, whether it be through surveys or direct interactions. While this year has been the first year where we have been basically fully back in person I feel students are still continuing to lack the social and school spirit aspects of attending university. As we start to reestablish our footing in running in-person events it is important to promote these events and opportunities to students to give them a university experience outside the focus of coursework and career development.

I want to put emphasis on keeping these events financially accessible as with the current conditions of our world many of our fellow students are struggling to access resources and take part in leisurely activities. Students should not have to feel burdened by their financial situation and refrain from taking part in what enhances the university experience which are the student events for both wellness and career development. Being a student often means juggling multiple aspects of life and sometimes feeling drowned by these responsibilities and pressures. As a Co-Vice President I want to ensure students have access and know there are resources available to help manage their stresses to know they are not alone.

Regardless of being online or in-person the leap into first year university is always a big one as it's a new climate to adjust to, where some students are even still adjusting late into their second year. My goal is make this change less daunting by providing and directing students to the plentiful resources the University of Calgary has to offer. The Fall 2023 Haskayne Orientation will be an amazing opportunity for me and the HSA Student Life Team to fulfill this objective and give new students a warm Haskayne welcome and start to the school year.

To close off, I hope to increase the engagement and spirit of our student community in the coming academic year while also providing everyone an opportunity to make life long connections to enhance their experience in Haskayne. It will be my focus to bring together the student body to foster support and a positive community.