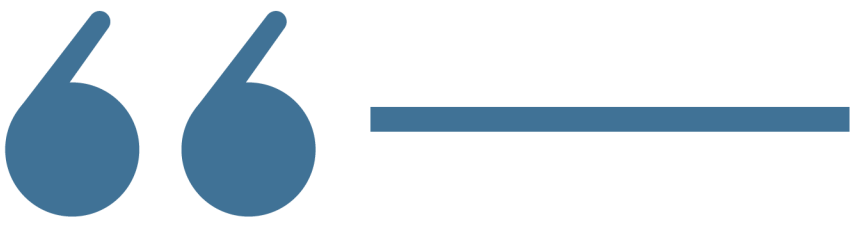


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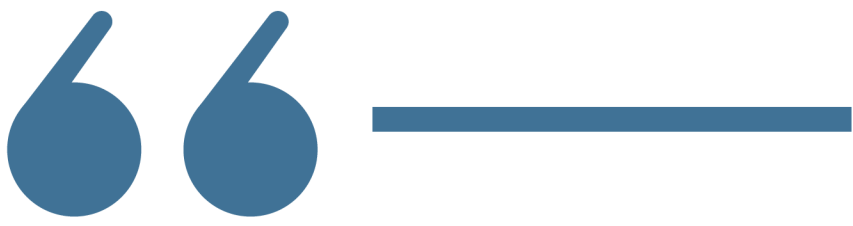
Vice-President External Candidate





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My name is Harsh Patel and I am a changemaker. In my second year of biochemistry, I aim to become a doctor, not solely with the goal of practicing medicine but to have the ability to be a force for meaningful change. I have always been of the belief that one's actions should be backed with purpose and be driven by a commitment to improve the lives of those around me. In 2025, as the Vice President External of the Student's Union Okanagan, I will listen, advocate, and create tangible change. I am dedicated to the amplification of student voices. I will ensure that concerns surrounding affordability and equity in education are addressed adequately. Representation matters, and I will make sure that I work tirelessly to form connections with students and bridge the gap between them and those who make decisions. In this manner, I plan to foster a campus environment where each student feels empowered. I have learned through my extensive experience in volunteering and being the Director of External Affairs for Inspired2Uplift that advocacy implies more than just words – it is deliberate action. I will begin by bringing back Smart Meals and enforcing them more effectively. I will push for policy changes and forge partnerships that benefit the university community. Collaboration and innovation are how I remain motivated. I will be intentional in my work; small steps make a big difference. Leading the student body is a responsibility I take seriously. I am committed to standing up for students and building a future where everyone has equal opportunities for success. The change we strive to achieve begins with the actions we take today.



Platform points

1. Tackle food insecurity and formalize smart meals.
2. Advocate for budget cuts and increase tuition for university and government authorities.
3. Stronger collaborations with external organizations and the promotion of the resource centre.
4. Free workshops for the improvement of practical skills and hands-on experience.

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