



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION OF RED DEER COLLEGE

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Why are penguins so socially awkward? They find it difficult to break the ice.

Anyway, I just wanted to thank all of you for coming out this morning. This is a big day for the Students' Association. A day in which significant and needed changes will hopefully be made. It's been a momentous year that will shape the future of this organization going forward.

I, along with my executive colleagues have been hard at work to deliver necessary services, governance, and opportunities to our membership – the students of Red Deer College.

The year hasn't been perfect, but it has been memorable.

I have worked hard to build a more healthy and cohesive relationship between Student Groups and the SA. With the help of our Policy Analyst, we have begun what will amount to a revision of the SA's policies and approach to student groups. One that will be less punitive and more supportive.

I have strived to incorporate meaning and value into our monthly meetings by maintaining a constant dialogue with certain groups and by inviting internal and external partners to provide professional development and speak on issues like marketing, promotion, liability, branding, PR, and public health.

I have done my best to encourage collaboration and cooperation between student groups. This has culminated in an upcoming mixer involving eight active groups.

With the help of our staff, I have begun to develop a process by which students can apply to partner with whoever holds this office on awareness campaigns or relevant events with the goal in mind of developing leadership capacity among the student body.

I have partnered with various college departments on initiatives such as Orange Shirt Day, in support of truth and reconciliation and Make Some Time for Mental Health.

I have partnered with various community organizations such as the Trans and Non-binary Aid Society, Alberta Health Services, Turning Point, the Alberta Institute of Massage, and the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission to support inclusion and well-being at RDC.

Our mental health committee, which I chair, has produced two mental health weeks this year, both of which have been successful. We focused on themes such as self-care, nutrition, and physical well-being. We also incorporated Pink Shirt Day into our last mental health week to say no to bullying and harassment on campus and in the workplace.