

A portrait of Shannon Humphrey, a young woman with short dark hair, wearing black-rimmed glasses, a black blazer, a black collared shirt, and a pink and black striped tie. She is smiling and looking slightly to the left of the camera.

# SHANNON HUMPHREY: VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC CANDIDATE

**Tansi!** I am Shannon Humphrey; it has been an honour to serve as your Vice President Academic (VPA) for the past year. I am seeking re-election for a second term serving in this vital role. I am in the second year of my Justice Studies Diploma and hold a Bachelor of Business Administration. I am a lifelong learner honing my passion for advocacy. In my eight years at RDC, I've been involved in numerous advocacy efforts, both on campus and in the community. I believe it is extremely important to have a strong student voice in the room at every level of decision-making throughout Red Deer College (RDC) to ensure students are heard and your best interests are upheld. I want to continue to be that voice for the students and continue to represent you on multiple committees and working groups throughout the college.

In my time at RDC, I have seen many changes and improvements made across our campuses and programming and would value the opportunity to continue this legacy. I am passionate about creating visibility and a positive impact through educational diversity. As a neurodiverse student, I can assure you that I intend to continue advocating for the accessibility of accommodations and disability supports.

I strongly believe in the duty to accommodate and the importance of academic and student support services. Your education should be accessible, affordable, and attainable, and that is exactly what I will continue to advocate for.

My number one priority if re-elected is advocacy to the institution, government, and community to demand degree-granting status at RDC. It is no secret that students face challenges and barriers within collaborative programs and agreements. I intend to continue my advocacy efforts and those of my predecessors dating back to the 1980s. It is past time for RDC to have their own degrees allowing us to stay here in Central Alberta to complete them, build our careers, and actively participate in the betterment of our community.

I take a restorative approach to education through advocacy for diverse programming and inclusive spaces. I am passionate about maintaining safe spaces both online and on-campus for all humans. I will advocate for your student rights to ensure the quality and accessibility of your education is upheld and continues to improve.

This past year was tough, but we met it head-on. I am excited to navigate the coming year together. I can promise that my door will always be open whether you have a student concern or just want to discuss philosophy and debate the validity of existence.

I believe in you as a student! I am committed to ensuring you have the best possible educational experience. That means you are heard, your rights are upheld, accommodations are met, interactions are positive and forward thinking, and you feel supported and safe during your time here. I ask you to put your trust in me, again, to advocate on your behalf and be your voice, the voice of the students.

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