



Countdown to Haskayne...5 more weeks!

This weekly email will introduce you to some of Haskayne's team members who can help to prepare you for success in your Bachelor of Commerce. If you have any questions, please contact the Haskayne Undergraduate Student Advising team at undergraduate@haskayne.ucalgary.ca.

Previous *Countdown to Haskayne* newsletters can be found on our [Haskayne Incoming Students](#) page.



Meet Adrian!

I am Adrian Alcantara, and I am one of your Students' Union Haskayne School of Business Representatives. My job as Faculty Representative is to represent you! We act as your voice on the quality of education, student life and affordability and accessibility of your university education.

Meet Neelinder!

I am Neelinder Sarao, and I am your 79th Students' Union Haskayne School of Business Representative. My primary role is to represent and advocate for you!

We work to create a sense of community within the student body and consistently focus our efforts to enhance student experience.



CAN YOU TELL US A BIT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO AS SU REPS?

As representatives, we continuously work to improve the quality of student life, affordability and accessibility of education and resources, and promote and spread awareness about SU programs, services, and policies to students. We sit and vote on various SU committees, university and faculty councils, and meetings to protect and advocate for student interests. Furthermore, we look to create new or take advantage of pre-existing opportunities to consult and collaborate with the student body to understand their needs and work throughout our year on various initiatives to improve student life. Additionally, we assist in developing policy, processes and initiatives as well as making decisions regarding financial awards and recognition programs.

WHO IS PART OF YOUR TEAM?

The portfolio of a representative is broad and dynamic; therefore, our team changes based on the project or initiatives. However, we interact regularly with the Students' Union and HSB faculty. Faculty representatives are also members of the Students' Legislative Council (SLC) to represent and address the University of Calgary's undergraduate concerns. Within our faculty, we work with the deans, student engagement office, faculties office, academic and career development centres, clubs/programs, and students in general. We are collaborating on various initiatives this year, for instance, to support accessibility of resources, mental health and wellness, and equity diversity and inclusion (EDI).

WHAT INTERESTED YOU IN BEING AN SU REP?

Adrian: I have always been interested in improving the student experience in the Haskayne School of Business. I was someone who really struggled with their transition from high school to university, which is what made me want to help our current students who might be struggling with their time at university. I have been advocating for students ever since my first year as a director of student life for the Haskayne Students' Association (HSA), as Vice President, Student Life of HSA and as an Executive Student at Large for the University of Calgary Wellness Society (UCWS) and becoming one of your Haskayne Representatives was just another step into my passion for student advocacy.

Neelinder: SU's dynamic nature allows faculty representatives to tackle a diverse set of issues while work to create a meaningful change by advocating for pressing student needs. For instance, the transition year for incoming students can be challenging. This year, Adrian and I plan to aid and guide students from day one about campus resources to reduce stress. My portfolio enables me to interact and impact the lives of the University of Calgary's entire student body. Subjectively, there is nothing more rewarding than transforming old pathways to construct new ones to enhance student growth. Lastly, my peers have been my biggest motivator to step up and act as a voice to create and inspire change.

WHAT SHOULD NEW STUDENTS KNOW ABOUT STARTING AT HASKAYNE?

The [Haskayne First Year Mentorship Program](#) is a notable program for incoming students to learn and formulate connections with their peers. Having a mentor in the first few weeks of your time at the Haskayne School of Business will help you adjust to your surroundings and establish close relationships with your peers, and is a great way to be connected to campus life, advance in your academic and professional success, and make connections with the Haskayne community. Registration is now open!

We are currently working on the 'HSB Career Expo' held under the 'Campus Expo' where the HSB will have virtual booths to discuss the different concentrations, career paths, case competitions, clubs, and essential services. We are also working to make the 'Hello Haskayne' D2L page a central resource that will hold all the key and relevant information to alleviate some student stress regarding accessibility, which will be relaunching in September.

We also have a special collaboration event with HSA's Student Life portfolio on wellness occurring in the winter semester.

Of course, we have many more items planned and I cannot wait to tell our students about them once they are finalized! Stay tuned for those on our Instagram page [@suuofc_haskayne](#), where we share various important news items, reminders, and new developments with pre-existing concerns.

WHERE SHOULD STUDENTS GO IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND REGISTRATION?

For more updates on what we do, please follow our [Instagram page](#). If you ever have any questions or concerns, you can email Adrian at haskayne1@su.ucalgary.ca or Neelinder at haskayne2@su.ucalgary.ca.

CAN YOU TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF?

Adrian: I love to cook and bake in my spare time and have been doing it for over a decade now. Whenever I have the time, I always look for new recipes, foods, or techniques to learn about in the kitchen. The reason I love this practice is because there is always something new to learn no matter what level of skill you have, which is what keeps it very exciting and fresh whenever I step into the kitchen. It is also one of my many ways I use to destress during the exam season because it is very calming to prepare food and as a bonus you get to eat your final product!

Neelu: I am assisting my family to operate a business. It has been an astounding personal development opportunity as each day presents its own unique sets of challenges. Thus far, I have been able to apply insights from my courses to improve and expand our business. I am looking forward to further supporting my family in the near future to ensure we provide our customers with optimal service.

Stay connected!

Make sure to keep an eye on your ucalgary email for important information about starting at the University of Calgary this September. You can also visit our [Haskayne Incoming Students](#) page where we will post helpful resources and events for incoming students. Don't forget to follow Haskayne on Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn, or tag us in your photos using #myhaskayne.

Upcoming Events

Fall Move-In | Sunday August 29 - Monday September 6

The University of Calgary is currently working on the move-in plans for 2021/2022 and once finalized will update the [Residence Move-In website](#). An email will be sent to all residents on August 10 with all move-in information as well.

Fall Block Week Classes | Monday August 30 – Friday September 3

You only need to attend if you are registered in a *Block Week Course*. As a first year student, this would not apply to you but make sure to carefully check your class schedule in your [Student Centre](#).

Fall Orientation | Thursday September 2 - Friday September 3

This is your official welcome to the University of Calgary, and is two days of events and workshops where you can meet your peers, learn about university life, and get

off to the right start. Be sure to register [here](#), and make sure to check out the Online Orientation module on your [D2L page](#)!

First Day of Regular Fall Term Classes | Tuesday September 7

Check your official start date and schedule through your [Student Centre](#). If you have any questions about your schedule, you can also contact the [New Student Registration Assistance](#) team.

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