
MPAEC 2018/2019 ELECTION CLAYTON CAMPUS NOMINEE

REBECCA O'CONNOR

Course: Master of Environment and Sustainability

Campus: Clayton

Study Mode: Part Time

Expected End Date: December 2018

Hi there! My name is Rebecca, but you can call me Bec. I will be running for the Clayton Campus Representative position at for the MPAEC for 2018/2019. For the 2017/2018 committee, I was the Clayton Campus representative and the Access and Equity Officer. In this position, I ran a variety of events such as the Clayton campus welcome, Clayton Rep Meet and Greet events as well as upcoming events such as a Wine and Nibbles night in April and Movie night in May. If re-elected, I plan on helping to run the mental health events currently scheduled by the MPAEC. I also plan on running more social events for both the HDR and Coursework community. I am always open to feedback and ideas so please feel free to e-mail me if I am re-elected with your ideas for events you would like me to run. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to run events for the Clayton Campus community.

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SANDESH PEREIRA

Course: Master of Banking and Finance

Campus: Clayton

Study Mode: Full Time

Expected End Date: November 2019

I believe my greatest strength is derived from my innate ability to appreciate and excel within a diverse community. With my background and study experiences in both Southern Africa and the United States, I developed an understanding and appreciation for adapting to various cultural contexts and accommodating and adjusting to differences in cultural settings I found myself in. I think this is key to effectively tailoring solutions based on the unique challenges of operating in such a diverse campus such as Monash where diversity is both the schools biggest strength and challenge as the process of assimilation may be an ongoing struggle for much of the student body. I hope to help tackle the various issues postgraduate students face and add value from the high level service expected of me. I will bring a strong work ethic along with a friendly personality and look forward to making friends and connecting with my peers as well as feeling more a part of this gorgeous vibrant campus.

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KUSH KANT GUPTA

Course: Master of Advanced Engineering (Electrical)

Campus: Clayton

Study Mode: Full Time

Expected End Date: July 2019

I am Kush Kant Gupta, 1st year student at Monash University. I am pursuing Masters of an advanced electrical engineer. My internships and work experience imparted me with a strong foundation of technical skills. To add value to the same now I am willing to be involved with MPA. It will give me an opportunity to represent my student group and to be a part of important decision making in college. Earlier I worked as a volunteer teacher in NUHOPE, it was an NGO started by me and my friends. We did activities like science project workshops and we also designed an online platform for them where they can learn subjects in their vernacular language. Also apart from technical, I won many competitions like Scrapheap, Table tennis, Biggest weight loser etc. During my undergraduate, I also headed event "Code o Crets Quiz". I am motivated to work as a Representative for MPA to augment my skill base and to improve my leadership skills. So, In a nutshell, I believe that my academics and my industrial experience combined with leadership skills and willingness to work is a testament to being a part of MPA representative group.

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KARAN MEHTA

Course: Master of Advanced Medical Engineering

Campus: Clayton

Study Mode: Full Time

Expected End Date: July 2019

I have always felt Monash university Clayton campus is a city in its own, with thousands of students coming in every year this city grows bigger and bigger. If monash is the City, MPA is like the public library which is the go to spot for any post graduate student be it for group studies or overnight assignments. Being a student of masters in medical engineering (Trust me it's easier than it sounds), I have had the opportunity to interact and communicate with students from different fields for my coursework, which has given me a fair idea about the life of postgraduates here in clayton. Being an executive committee member of Indian club at monash, I have realized that clayton is all about getting things done as a group and hence my purpose of representing Clayton in MPA would be to bring in this ideology to increase the social presence of MPA as well as highlight any issues postgraduates or international students face in the campus. So I am always up to help others out since I know the struggles as student who is trying to live the independent life.

MPAEC 2018/2019 ELECTION
CLAYTON CAMPUS NOMINEE

AISHWARYA RAJU SOLANKI

Course: Master of Counselling

Campus: Clayton

Study Mode: Full Time

Expected End Date: December 2019

I would love to serve as the Clayton Campus representative on the MPA executive committee. I am currently studying my Master of Counselling at Clayton. This is my first semester at Monash. I have had the experience of organising both large and small scale events in the past. As my chosen field of study requires a variety of qualities, such as listening skills, empathy, a non-judgemental attitude etc., I have recognised these in me and wish to continue to strengthen them. I have held the Position of a Community Service Director in the Rotaract club during college. I have volunteered and worked at the Parkinson's Society of India over a span of three years. Along with this I have also undertaken various courses towards my field of study. In my free time, I like to play sports and listen to music and read occasionally. I love to stay outdoors and am easy to interact with. I wish to be involved in the great work done by the Monash Postgraduate Association!

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LAV PRAKASH GUPTA

Course: Master of Advanced Mechanical Engineering

Campus: Clayton

Study Mode: Full Time

Expected End Date: July 2019

“Leadership is not about a title or a designation. It’s about impact, influence and inspiration. Impact involves getting results, influence is about spreading the passion you have for your work, and you have to inspire team-mates and customers”

The aforesaid dictum clearly defines my life. Fascination for science and a keen interest in the growing world of technology beget in me since childhood. The quest for knowledge for mechanics and industries was the sole driver in my opting for mechanical engineering as my major. In order to survive in this competitive world, I believe it is equally important to be adept in the other facets of life apart from studies and knowledge. Hence, apart from making constant efforts to advance my knowledge, I am also very active in sports and extracurricular activities. I was the Creative Head of Mechanical Engineer Student Association (MESA), Nirma, where I organized many state level workshops and events and was also instrumental in organizing a 3-day techno-cultural fest, NUTech’14 in my university. I also worked as Publicity Head of SAE (society of automotive engineers), International club, Nirma. The above work and the experience gained there from inculcated leadership and management qualities in me, which I believe at some point of life, will be useful to me. I am motivated to work as a Representative for MPA to augment my skill base and to improve my leadership skills. So, in a nutshell, i believe that my academics and my industrial experience combined with leadership skills and willingness to work is a testament to being a part of MPA representative group.