

# 2024-25 Provincial Youth Council Members



**Ben Ansell**  
**Grade 12, Central Collegiate**  
**Prairie South School Division**

Ben is a French Immersion student and an avid student-athlete, competing on Central's football and senior basketball teams. His passion for sports extends beyond school; he actively participates in club basketball as both a player and a coach. In addition to his athletic endeavors, Ben volunteers at the local hospital, where he builds relationships with patients and staff while gaining valuable insights into hospital operations. Eager to contribute to the Youth Council, Ben looks forward to collaborating with others to enhance school experiences and be a voice for students across the province.



**Brooklynn Gardiner**  
**Grade 12, Rossignol High School, Ile-a-la-Crosse**  
**Ile-a-la-Crosse School Division**

As Brooklynn looks forward to graduation, she is eager to embark on the next chapter of her life, with aspirations of pursuing a career in nursing, following in her mother's footsteps. In her spare time, Brooklynn enjoys playing guitar with friends and family and sharing covers of her favourite songs on social media. Music is an integral part of her daily life; there isn't a day that goes by without her singing and playing guitar. She actively shares her passion for music with her local communities, taking every opportunity to perform and make herself known. Brooklynn has led two guitar workshops at her school's youth conference, inspiring and teaching youth in her community.

Of both Métis and Guyanese heritage, Brooklynn once felt out of touch with her identity, but as she grew older, she began to embrace and learn more about her culture and her Guyanese roots. As a member of the Youth Council, Brooklynn is very excited to share her thoughts and ideas with other youth in Saskatchewan and hopes to contribute to meaningful changes in the education system.



**De Wet Luus**  
**Grade 11, Strasbourg's William Derby School**  
**Horizon School Division**

Previously a student at ECS, a South African complementary school, De Wet's family immigrated to Canada in April 2020. He is deeply involved in track and field as well as other school sports, but his contributions extend far beyond athletics. De Wet is keenly interested in academic performance, school spirit and fostering cohesion among his peers. Having experienced a significant cultural shift, he appreciates the diverse and beautiful differences that make up a culture. His enthusiasm for the Youth Council is evident in his eagerness to bring about positive change within his community and surroundings.



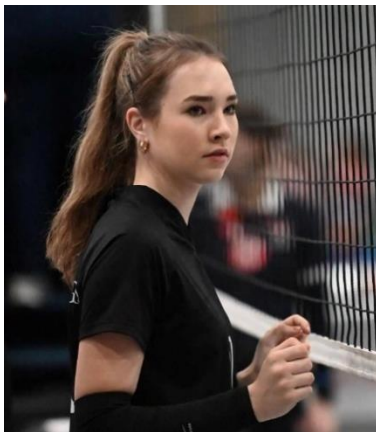
**Demi Ogundele**  
**Grade 12, Luther College High School**  
**Independent School**

As a Canadian citizen of Nigerian descent, who has lived in Regina for six years, Demi is committed to giving back to her community. She contributes to her church by working with the multimedia team and playing piano for the Children's Ministry choir. Demi has a wide range of interests, particularly in music, academics, culture and technology. She enjoys teaching and playing the piano, participating in school clubs (such as the Debate Team and co-leading Luther's Black Students' Union) and her passion for computer science has guided her summer activities, including coding with Girls Who Code and Inspirit AI. Demi also volunteers with the ARRIVE program (Assisting Refugee Resettlement in Various Endeavours), where she teaches English to young children, helping their families integrate into their new community in Regina. Her seven years in Dubai exposed her to many different cultures and fostered a love for travel. She looks forward to working with her fellow Youth Council members and the Ministry of Education during the 2024-25 school year to create a safe space for all Saskatchewan students to learn and thrive.



**Elissa Holinaty**  
**Grade 12, Porcupine Plain Comprehensive School**  
**North East School Division**

Elissa is known for her enthusiasm for self-leadership and community involvement. She has many interests and favourite activities, most of which involve sports, time at the dance studio, listening to music, or dreaming about her next travel destination. Hailing from Porcupine Plain, a small town in northeast Saskatchewan, Elissa is passionate about making a difference in the world, creating a successful life for herself and being a good human being. Her volunteerism in her school and community has positively impacted both herself and others. A fun fact about Elissa is that she is an avid reader of both non-fiction and fiction stories, having read over 500 books. She enjoys how reading strengthens the brain, reduces stress and builds vocabulary. Elissa is most excited about joining the Youth Council for the 2024-25 term because it provides an opportunity to collaborate with diverse and motivated peers to tackle important challenges, enhance student well-being and advocate for impactful educational reforms. She looks forward to using her voice and ideas to meet new people and make a tangible difference in the educational landscape.



**Grace Bosch**  
**Grade 12, Fox Valley High School**  
**Chinook School Division**

Grace has been a member of the Student Leadership Council with Chinook School Division since 2022. She is passionate about competitive volleyball, whether during the high school season or club season. Additionally, she has studied Royal Conservatory music for several years. Grace is committed to giving back to her school and community through involvement in the Student Representative Council (SRC), Yearbook Committee, or the local Recreation Board. She also enjoys the leadership role that lifeguarding at the local swimming pool has afforded her. Living in a small town has allowed Grace the privilege of working on both her family's farm and ranch. Finally, she has a passion for experiencing new cultures and foods, which has fueled her love for travel. Grace is excited about the 2024-25 Youth Council term, where she looks forward to creating new connections, developing her presentation and problem-solving skills and learning more about the inner workings of her educational system.



**Jade Ezumah**  
**Grade 12, Holy Rosary High School**  
**Lloydminster Catholic School Division**

Jade is a senior at Holy Rosary High School in Lloydminster with a passion for volunteering, participating in school clubs, playing sports and engaging in various extracurricular activities within her school and community. Jade is an ardent traveler, enjoying trips around the world and interacting with people from different backgrounds. She is always ready for a challenge and welcomes experiences that offer new perspectives on life. Jade is most excited about gaining insights into policies and directives aimed at benefiting Saskatchewan's youth and sharing her unique viewpoints.



**Kale Roberts**  
**Grade 11, Blaine Lake Composite School**  
**Prairie Spirit School Division**

Kale is a grade 11 student at Blaine Lake Composite School, known for her love of reading and writing, even though she doesn't write as often as she'd like. Although Kale is generally quiet, she becomes a vocal supporter of her teammates during volleyball season. She is the second-born of three sisters and has a hardworking mother who has taught her to be caring and determined. Kale is excited to have been chosen as a member of the Youth Council and hopes to stand up for the causes she believes in most.



**Micaiah (Mia) Hack**  
**Grade 11, Sask DLC**

Mia lives with her family on an acreage near the rural town of Milestone. She has a deep appreciation for the creative aspects of life, spending much of her free time reading, writing, or drawing. Mia is entering her second year as a Sask DLC student. She loves learning and has greatly valued the flexibility that Sask DLC offers, from its wide variety of class options to the ability to manage her own schedule. Her favorite subjects include ancient history, literature, human nature and the workings of the natural world. Mia also enjoys traveling, which provides her with opportunities to learn about cultures from around the globe. In previous years, Mia has taken on various leadership roles, including serving on her former school's student leadership committee and acting as the secretary for the local skating club. She has been praised for her critical thinking skills, her ability to search for deeper meanings and her dedication to completing tasks to the best of her ability. Mia believes in the value of collaboration and striving beyond basic expectations to thoroughly explore topics and their possibilities. She is excited to meet the other members of the Youth Council and work together to improve Saskatchewan's school system.



**Rylan Iron**  
**Grade 12 Holy Cross High School**  
**Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools**

Rylan is an Indigenous student from Canoe Lake Cree Nation who is grateful for the welcoming community and inspiring people of Saskatoon. He enjoys participating in a variety of sports like volleyball and basketball and is active in school clubs such as the Debate Club, Indigenous School Leadership Cohort (ISLC) and Wrestling Club. These activities have instilled in him discipline, a sense of belonging and respect. Outside of school, Rylan is an avid reader, gym enthusiast and enjoys spending time with family and friends. He is also interested in learning the French language. Rylan aspires to be a role model among Indigenous youth, demonstrating leadership and compassion. He looks forward to sharing his thoughts and ideas through diverse perspectives, forming relationships with open-minded peers on the Youth Council and believes that education is a stairway to endless opportunities and connections between communities.



**Tari Wenzel**  
**Grade 12, Rosetown Central High School**  
**Sun West School Division**

Tari has a wide range of interests, including hiking, cross-country skiing and nature photography. She also loves reading and is deeply committed to learning. Tari's ability to balance her diverse interests helps her be a good listener and fosters continuous growth. Her adventurous spirit has led her to wake up at 5 a.m. to experience sunrises on mountain tops and create friendships across the country. Her passion for travel has resulted in a never-ending bucket list of activities and places to explore. Being a part of the Youth Council for the 2024-25 term excites her because it provides an opportunity to represent rural youth and offer a perspective rooted in small-town community life. Tari is equally excited about connecting with youth across the province to achieve various goals.



**Theron Roberts**  
**Grade 12, Churchill High School, La Ronge**  
**Northern Light School Division**

Theron Roberts, a 17-year-old from the Lac La Ronge Indian Band, is recognized for his dedication and support within local traditional communities. He consistently contributes to spiritual ceremonies and various initiatives, often devoting his time after school or after a long day of work. Theron exemplifies the spirit of selfless service, helping others without seeking recognition, marked by his kindness and consideration. As a genuine role model, Theron reflects the Woodland Cree principles of respect, readiness to assist others, compassion and dedication to learning from the Traditional Knowledge Keepers in the community. He is enthusiastic about working with his fellow Youth Council members and is eager to learn about the activities occurring in their schools.