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IMAN AHMEDNUR

Having just completed a post-graduate certificate at Ryerson in Voluntary and Nonprofit Sector Management and previously graduating with an iBA (Honours) in Communication Studies from York University, Iman is excited to start a new academic chapter as she enters the MPNL program.

Growing up in Toronto, Iman became passionate about the nonprofit sector at a young age through her various interactions and work with different communities and organizations in the city.

In the past couple of years, Iman has had the opportunity to facilitate after school programs for at-risk youth with the Malvern Family Resource Centre, spread awareness about the refugee crisis in Hungary with

Kalunba, and more recently became the President of the Bilal Youth Group, an initiative to foster a sense of community between Ethiopian-Muslim youth in Toronto.

Through her combined academic and professional experience, Iman has developed an intense interest in the nonprofit sector. Through the MPNL program Iman hopes to further explore her interests within the nonprofit sector and eventually plans to start her own nonprofit working with youth in marginalized communities in Toronto.

In her spare time Iman enjoys travelling, spending time with her friends and family (and cat), creating digital content, and reading.



KATHLEEN ALEXANDER

Kathy has always been passionate about making a difference in the lives of others and has worked for over 20 years in the nonprofit sector. However, it was only when the funding was cut for the program with at-risk youth she ran, that she truly became aware of the impact and importance of philanthropy.

Kathy joined Bluewater Health Foundation as the Executive Director in 2011. To this role, she brings a comprehensive background in fundraising, public relations, donor recognition, and community awareness. Prior to her current role, Kathy served as Executive Director of Big Sisters of Sarnia Lambton, was Coordinator of the Child

Advocacy Centre at the Hospital for Sick Children, and Manager of the Crisis Support Program at Toronto Child Abuse Centre.

Kathy holds two honours degrees, one in Family and Social Relations from the University of Windsor and one in Sociology from York University. She also completed the Assaulted Women and Children Counsellor Advocate Program at George Brown College.

Originally from Hamilton, Kathy moved to Sarnia in 2004 with her husband Tony, a teacher and owner of Sarnia's first craft brewery. In her spare time you'll find her chasing after her daughters, ages 13 and 9, and two husky pups, or cheering on her favourite team, the Toronto Raptors.



TIMOTHY AMIRAULT

Tim graduated with a BA Honours in Psychology with a minor in Neuroscience and Mental Health from Carleton University in 2017. For the last three years, he has been working full-time with Christian charities. Prior to graduating, he worked with a nonprofit camp during the summer months.

The fusion of arts and science in his degree enhanced his appreciation for people but also the systems they interact with. This has fueled Tim's passion for finding the right amount of policy and structure that allows programs to thrive, while providing efficient accountability and tracking to protect the organization.

Tim has seen that even the best visions can result in unnecessary problems depending on how they are implemented. He excels at helping people operationalize their vision with an appreciation for how it will interact with the overall organization and what processes need to be followed to maximize efficiency.

He looks forward to honing these skills through the MPNL program by developing a knowledge base in multiple fields including a foundation in law, human resources, finances, organizational structures, and leadership.

Tim enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife, Nicki. They love to escape the city for hiking, canoeing, camping, and skiing.



KATE ARMSTRONG

Kate is the Communications & Public Relations Coordinator for Resource Assistance for Youth, Inc., an organization supporting marginalized and street-entrenched youth in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) with a double major in entrepreneurship and management of organizations from the I.H. Asper School of Business at the University of Manitoba.

Harnessing her passion for helping people, Kate has spent most of her career in the nonprofit sector. Since her early days as a professional ballet dancer, through development positions in arts organizations and communications for agencies working with at-risk youth, Kate has focused her career on supporting frontline service delivery from behind the scenes.

Kate is a volunteer coach with the Asper School's JDC West Not-for-Profit case team and a foster for Manitoba Mutts Dog Rescue. She has never forgotten her first love, dance, and enjoys going to the theatre whenever she can.

Kate is passionate about the nonprofit sector, both for its ability to make a difference at the grassroots level and to lead social change. Through the MPNL program, Kate hopes to explore how the sector can drive systemic change, adapt to changing funding constraints, and become more resilient in the years to come.



SHERLYN ASSAM

Sherlyn is a graduate of Carleton University's Bachelor of Journalism with a minor in Political Science. Originally from Brampton, Ontario, her passion for writing and the abolition of slavery brought her to study storytelling, politics, and migration in Ottawa.

During her undergrad, Sherlyn was the Communications Administrator at the Ottawa Coalition to End Human Trafficking (OCEHT), which helps supply housing, employment, legal aid, and other services to people affected by human trafficking. Sherlyn managed social media, emails, and press inquiries for the OCEHT.

Currently, Sherlyn works at Informed Opinions, a nonprofit dedicated to elevating

women's voices in the media to 50 per cent by 2025, compared to the 29 per cent experienced now. Their database of over 1200 female academics and professionals connects journalists to reliable expert opinions to build a more democratic press.

Sherlyn applied to the Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership to explore sustainable and ethical nonprofit management. After establishing a stronger background in marketing, finances, and organizational development, she plans to program and direct an anti-human trafficking nonprofit in the future.

Besides reading and writing, Sherlyn loves playing volleyball, babysitting, and is trying to turn book-binding into a skill.



EMMA BROWN

After working as an engineer in Canada's chemical sector for five years, Emma switched gears and completed a Master's degree in Science Communication in the UK. She has since freelanced for several organizations in various business development and research and writing roles. Emma is now the administrator of a small umbrella organization in Ottawa that is pursuing nonprofit status. The purpose of this group is to promote scientific literacy on Parliament Hill for evidence-based decision making and to increase connections between senior Parliamentarians and academic experts.

Emma is also a Director of a family foundation, and hopes to use the training from the PNL program to more strategically allocate the foundation's grants, build a wider network of recipient organizations across Canada, and explore impact investing.

In her free time, you'll find Emma exploring the National Capital Region's many trails and green spaces with her "spirited" dog, Busy, and husband, Pat.



KATHERINE CHAMANDY

Originally from Quebec, Katherine attended Mount Allison University as a 2014 BMO Capital Markets Loran Scholar, earning a BA in History and Geography in 2018. For the past few years, she has lived in Halifax while completing a Bachelor of Social Work at Dalhousie University. She has worked in residential communities for the past 5 years, most recently as a Don at the University Of King's College.

Having worked with community gardens, mental health centers, NGOs, and youth programs, Katherine has a wide range of experiences with nonprofit organizations. Currently working with Leave Out Violence Nova Scotia, she is passionate

about community and building strong relationships. She has also started a nonprofit organization, Student Success Canada, to help students with scholarship applications to help fund their post-secondary education.

Drawn to the MPNL program to strengthen her leadership skills and gain a greater understanding of the nonprofit industry, Katherine hopes to combine these learnings with her background in social work to support meaningful change that promotes community well-being.

Katherine is an avid fermenter, crafter, and reader. She also enjoys backpacking and baking.



BRIGETTE DEPAPE

Brigette is a Grants Specialist at The Winnipeg Foundation. She is a member of the Grants Team where she is responsible for various special granting programs. She helped to start the Walking Together Grants for youth-led Truth and Reconciliation projects and is the Chair of the Employee Charitable Contribution Committee.

Brigette has been working with nonprofit organizations for over 10 years. She mobilized the youth vote with the Council of Canadians and researched child care with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. She cleaned up the river with Save Our Seine and advocated for climate action as part of the Canadian Youth Delegation to the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban.

She studied Leadership, Organizing, and Action with the Harvard Kennedy School and received a Bachelor of Social Sciences with Honours in International Development and Globalization from the University of Ottawa as a Loran Scholar.

Her research interests include: next gen giving, best practices in philanthropy with Indigenous communities, impact investing, and the role of philanthropy in climate solutions.

Through this program, she hopes to expand her knowledge of philanthropy and improve her leadership skills to advance our collective efforts of creating healthier, happier, greener, and more equitable communities.



ADAM FABER

Adam graduated from Dalhousie University with a Master of Arts in International Development Studies in 2014. After searching, volunteering, and paying off school as a landscaper for over two years, Adam began his career at International Teams (iTeams) Canada as a paid intern in September 2016. After this internship he was hired full-time by the organization and has been there ever since, currently serving as their Program Specialist. This rewarding career helps connect locally established leaders around the world with the resources and support they need to improve lives in their own communities.

Adam is ready for the next step in his career and is excited to learn more about how nonprofits in Canada, particularly small and medium-sized organizations, can increase their revenue, retain top-quality talent, and develop long-term healthy partnerships with granting foundations. He believes it is absolutely critical to collaborate, network, and learn alongside others. The opportunities to do this with inspiring philanthropy and nonprofit leaders is what he is looking forward to the most in this program.



COURTNEY FELDMAN

In 2019, Courtney joined the Endow Manitoba team of The Winnipeg Foundation. She is honoured to work alongside an inspiring and passionate team dedicated to advancing the sustainability and growth of Manitoba's community foundations. The community foundation movement aligns Courtney's interests in community, convening, and philanthropy.

Courtney's rural Manitoba roots, combined with her family's commitment to community, shaped the professional she is today. From committing to grassroots initiatives to strategizing in the board room, her experience has shown her that the charitable sector plays an integral role in building sustainable, vibrant, and productive communities.

Courtney holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree and an Adult Education Certificate. Prior to pursuing a career committed to community, she has been a training and development specialist, project manager, and impression management expert. Courtney's passion for community was recognized when she was awarded the Harry Silverberg Leadership award for her dedication to grassroots causes and strategic vision.

Courtney anticipates examining processes, policy, and practices of the charitable sector in new and innovative ways. She then looks forward to applying these learnings while supporting Manitoba as a leader of exemplary practice within the community foundation movement.



HANNAH GLOVER

Hannah remembers the first day she knew she wanted to work in the nonprofit sector. It was September 2015, and she had just started the second year of her undergraduate degree. On a whim, she attended a Rotaract Club of Ottawa South meeting, and almost immediately fell in love with the fundraising aspect.

Throughout her time at Carleton University, Hannah continued with her involvement in her Rotaract Club and helped fundraise for and plan three Ottawa Terry Fox Runs. It was these experiences and her evident passion that got her hired at Causeway Foundation, a local nonprofit that supports people with barriers to employment find meaningful work. What was supposed to be a temporary summer position has turned into two years of rewarding employment.

Once graduating from Carleton with an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Canadian Studies and History, her involvement with Causeway inspired her to enroll in Algonquin College's Event Management program. She wanted a better understanding of how to plan events so that she can maximize fundraising efforts for nonprofits.

Now, Hannah is excited to start her next academic pursuit: Carleton's MPNL program. She hopes to enhance her leadership and fundraising skillsets so that she can achieve her nonprofit goals.



AMY GORECKI

Amy believes that equal access to high-quality education is critical in developing society's leaders of tomorrow. She began her career with the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario in 2011 after earning a Bachelor of Education and worked to build bilingual programming to support educators working with students with learning disabilities. She is currently the Executive Director of the Science Teachers' Association of Ontario, an organization that provides professional learning opportunities and resources to Ontario's science teachers.

Amy is a Project Management Professional and has used her skills in change management to drive the creation of new programs and organizational change during her career. The challenges she faced as a young professional in the nonprofit sector have helped her see some of the gaps in education and opportunity that exist for future leaders of nonprofits. In choosing the MPNL program, she is hoping to put her degree to use in helping train and educate the next generation. She believes that building the capacity of future nonprofit leaders and creating opportunity within the sector is important in ensuring that talent remains in the nonprofit world and that future leaders are prepared for the unique sectoral challenges they will face in their career.



WILLIAM DANIEL (DAN) GRANT

Dan has four great passions in life.

His wife Theresa and their shared love for family and friends, their adopted home of Victoria, buying and selling vintage antiques and collectables, and exploring Canada's rural and natural areas.

His career as an outdoor recreation planner/manager which has allowed him to work with various parks, recreation, and land-use agencies in western and northern Canada. His dedication to life-long learning helped him to obtain master's degrees in Recreation & Leisure Studies, Public Administration, and Business Administration. He also has a long-time involvement as a volunteer, staff member, and advisor/consultant with various nonprofit organizations.

While these four passions may seem unrelated, they have shown Dan that while one element of life and/or an organization's operation may be important, it is simply not enough. In order to survive in these times of volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity (VUCA), third sector organizations require wholistic and synergetic solutions to the many external and internal challenges and opportunities they face.

While developing these "solutions" will be difficult, Dan believes the MPNL program and interaction with his cohort peers can help make them applicable and useable by third sector organizations.



ALIZEH JAFFREY

Alizeh is passionate about developing the social sector, from the small changes to the big ones. She is a recent graduate of the Schulich School of Business and is currently the Development Coordinator, Major Gifts at Children's Aid Foundation of Canada.

Since her school days, Alizeh has been heavily involved in social justice clubs such as Global Issues Group and Me to We, as well as community initiatives including Help for HOPE and the Ramadan Campaign Against Hunger. In her undergraduate days, Alizeh worked with the York University Annual Fund and discovered a passion for fundraising, breaking the record for dollars raised. Her coursework also emphasized social responsibility, fuelling her interest in

the third sector. Managing the research and data analytics for the Children's Aid Foundation of Canada has allowed Alizeh to experience the processes and complexities of a national nonprofit organization.

Alizeh is a poet and spoken word artist, often performing at galas and slams across Toronto. She speaks four languages and enjoyed the opportunity to spend five years living in Switzerland. Alizeh is excited to pursue the MPNL because it is an opportunity to explore the intricacies of the nonprofit world while learning from her professors and peers.



SHANNON LAHAY

Shannon is from London, Ontario. She worked for ten years at the University of Western Ontario, where she also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology.

Five years ago, Shannon began pursuing her career in the charitable sector in order to affect meaningful change. As Executive Director of the AMGH Foundation in Goderich, Ontario, Shannon has been empowered to use her vision to lead the strategic direction, fund development initiatives, and community outreach for the Foundation. Shannon also developed and managed a \$3.5 million capital campaign which exceeded its goal by over \$1 million in only nine months.

In addition to pursuing a Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership degree, Shannon's pursuit of lifelong learning has led to her achieving her Certification in Management (CIM) and Certified Fund Raising Executive designation (CFRE). She is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, a Director for the AFP London & Region Chapter, member of the AFP LR Communications Committee, and a speaker coach for the AFP Greater Toronto Speaker Discovery Series.

Shannon has two daughters, one with a passion for travel and one with a love for horses, and she enjoys travelling, running, and cycling. Shannon participates in events raising funds for various causes including childhood cancer research and cancer camps.



LAURA LEACH

Through her time as an AmeriCorps volunteer at an elementary school in Chicago, Laura discovered a passion for children's psychosocial health and envisioned a career in the nonprofit sector. Laura completed an undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto, Trinity College, where she double majored in Psychology and Health Studies while volunteering with several organizations that connected with her focus on psychosocial pediatric health care. The experience of marginalized children was of particular interest to Laura, and she sought out ways to strengthen programming aimed at bettering the lives of chronically ill and disabled children.

Enthusiastic about the transformative power of higher education and the opportunities it provides, Laura recently completed a post-graduate certificate in Fundraising Management from Humber College and is excited to begin her next educational journey with Carleton University. She currently works as a Development Coordinator with her alma mater the University of Toronto, Trinity College where she most enjoys seeing doors open for students through accessible learning.

Outside of the office and classroom Laura enjoys cooking meals for groups of friends, driving the 401 to visit family in Michigan, and dreams of one day having her own brood of chickens.



ZACK LEIGHTON

Zack is Senior Vice President of Sub Management Group, a Toronto based administrative firm that works with artists and music businesses to uncover disruptive potential while achieving profitability and autonomy. The firm specializes in Integrated Funding Management, Rights and Royalties Management, and Business Affairs. Among his clients are some of Canada's most notable artists, music businesses, and events. Leighton has been a lead business development strategist behind various Grammy award-winning projects and is a key contributor to multiple gold, platinum, and multi-platinum certified releases in Canada and the United States.

Zack also operates a private consulting practice that specializes in strategic planning, fundraising, and organizational development for Canadian privately held corporations and nonprofits. He has been an advisor to Ontario Creates (formerly the OMDC), the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Ontario Ministry of Finance, various regional agencies and municipal governments, as well as major media companies including Spotify and Bell Media. He specializes in the arts and culture, tourism, and cannabis sectors primarily.



KIERAN MAINGOT

Kieran (he/him) is an activist-in-progress excited to explore the “ins and outs” of responsible community development. He recently completed an undergraduate degree in sociology at Western University, during which he acquired a theoretical background on social inequality that he is eager to apply to his studies in the MPNL program.

Kieran was drawn to the program by a desire to gain a deeper understanding of the nonprofit sector and how organizations are using their platforms to enact change. Passionate about capacity building, knowledge translation, and asset-based development, he is motivated to explore how he can empower communities, co-create projects, and pursue social justice.

Growing up in Mississauga, Ontario, he dedicated himself to community work at an early age. He is fortunate to bring a wealth of experiences in fundraising, event planning, governance, and communications to the program. Most recently, he served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection and an Events Coordinator for the student-led Gender Equality Network in London, Ontario.

Kieran is thrilled to be a member of the 8th cohort and excited to broaden his skillset alongside his peers. In his personal life, he is an avid podcast listener and a geography enthusiast.



AHREN MCCUTCHEON

While growing up in Toronto, Ahren was fortunate to have incredible role models who exemplified ways to make a positive impact in the community. This afforded him opportunities to volunteer with community organizations and taught him the immense value that role models have to the people around them.

While completing his undergraduate degree in international business from Ryerson University, Ahren worked as a frontline employee for the Canadian Mothercraft Society, a nonprofit organization focused on the development of children. In addition, Ahren's experience as a youth care worker at Princess Margaret Hospital provided him with real-world examples of the direct positive impact that philanthropic programming can have on families who are facing challenging situations.

This work has instilled a passion for educating children and helping children through difficult situations. This personal and professional background has led Ahren to this program where he plans to refine his leadership skills to be compatible with the nonprofit sector. In addition, he hopes to use his background in business to find novel ways to direct corporate resources to educational initiatives in underserved communities. In his free time, Ahren enjoys playing and watching sports and spending time with his family (and dogs) at the cottage.



SANDRA OEY

Originally from Mississauga, Sandra's love for community development began at an early age. As a teenager, she organized fundraisers at her high school, volunteered for a youth newspaper, and was a peer mentor for local children.

In 2003, Sandra moved to Ottawa where she attended Carleton University and graduated with a Bachelor of Journalism and double major in Political Science. With nearly ten years' experience in the nonprofit sector, Sandra has worked and volunteered for several groups, including women and young girls, Indigenous youth, refugees, and shelter animals. Currently, she is the Development and Marketing Manager at Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa.

Sandra is excited to return to Carleton for the Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership. Through the program, she hopes to build on her communications and fundraising skills while also developing a foundation in public policy and advocacy. Her areas of interest include the affordable housing and homelessness sector as well as women and child welfare.

Outside of work and school, Sandra enjoys cooking, baking, running, and fostering shelter dogs.



LAURA PADULA

From a young age, Laura had an inclination to explore topics around social justice, feminist theory, and marginalized communities. In her teens, this inclination developed into a passion that impelled her to travel to Africa and South-East Asia where she worked with women and children afflicted by inequality. It was during this time that she discovered her passion for philanthropy.

Now years later, it isn't to her surprise that she finds herself pursuing the Masters of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership offered through Carleton University. Laura currently holds a Bachelors degree in Religious Education (honors distinction), Diploma in Law, and Certificate in Cross-Cultural Studies.

Laura is a young professional with experience in program development, community engagement, legacy giving, major gifts, charity & donor relations, and event management. She has had the privilege of working at reputable organizations such as CanadaHelps and Plan International Canada, and currently sits on the Board of Directors and Development Committee at the Ten Oaks Project.

Laura loves to travel; when she isn't venturing, you'll likely find her in nature, deep conversation, or at the cottage, laying in a hammock with a good book.



AMANDA PRESTON

Amanda Preston is a registered social worker with her BSW from the University of Victoria. As an adoptive and foster parent, her passion focuses on advocacy in the child welfare system and special needs realm, particularly focusing on FASD. Her work is directed by trauma and attachment theories and she strives to see every child in a loving and permanent home.

Amanda is the founder and Executive Director of a national charity focused on advocacy, awareness, education, and support for all things related to adoption and foster care. She is an international speaker and is currently in the process of publishing an academic book on foster parent collaboration. Amanda also works for two private adoption agencies conducting home studies and has worked for her local government child welfare agency.

As the Executive Director of a national charity for the last eight years, Amanda hopes to improve her administrative skills and fundraising abilities to help lead and grow her organization to the best that it can be. Carleton has a unique and strong program to help achieve that goal.

Amanda has been an adoptive and foster parent for the last 15 years and is currently raising eight children aged 3-15.



ALLISON RAMCHUK

Allison is a creative collaborator and strategic thinker who finds tremendous joy in leading fundraising teams and matching people's passion with purpose for the social good of community.

Driven by her desire to connect to people and projects, Allie seeks to meaningfully contribute to the advancement of causes and organizations that support the overall wellbeing and growth of community. She has held her CFRE designation since 2016 and is currently the Chief Development Officer at KGH Foundation in Kelowna, British Columbia and sits on the Association of Healthcare professionals National Board. In her 15 years' of fundraising Allie has lead and supported efforts to help organizations raise \$25 million for projects ranging from

College trades and student financial aid to healthcare innovation and research. She has become an expert on strategic giving programs and operations, challenging the status quo, innovative partnerships and philanthropic advising for individual philanthropists.

Allie believes in remaining curious and views learning as a great source of joy. Her commitment to personal and professional growth, and the guidance of her mentor and executive coach, is what lead her to Carleton University and the Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership program.



CHAMPAGNE THOMSON

Since childhood, equity and the disparity of resource distribution has fueled Champagne's internal fire. She defines herself as a decolonial, intersectional, harm-reduction feminist dedicated to co-creating a prosperous community-oriented future. As a practicing social worker and advocate, having just completed her Human Rights and Equity Studies degree at York University, she is thrilled to continue her passion for changemaking through the MPNL program.

Being born and raised in an Indigenous community in rural Ontario, despite not having Indigenous lineage, has offered Champagne a unique opportunity to address the patriarchal colonial structures that reign. Decolonizing systems is one of the driving

factors which has brought her to critically study hierarchical power-relations and actively demonstrate against such.

One of the ways in which Champagne directs her dedication to systems change is through her work with Liisbeth, an entrepreneurial feminist changemaking media outlet, elevating the stories of those whose voices are not represented in the mainstream. In her spare time she also loves to be outdoors with her dog, playing in the dirt, or curled up with a new-to-her book!



CHELSEA WEITZMAN

Chelsea (she/her) recently obtained her bachelor's degree at McGill University, with First Class Honours in Political Science and a minor in History.

Over the past two years, she has gained experience in the nonprofit sector working at Agence Ometz, a dynamic charitable organization that offers employment, immigration, school, and social services to individuals and families living in Montreal. As a Volunteer Department Coordinator, she recruits, interviews, trains, and supervises volunteers. A significant component of Chelsea's work consists of matching volunteers with marginalized community members who are in immediate need of assistance. She has successfully connected many volunteers with new immigrants lacking the resources to integrate, adults living with physical or mental illnesses, and children in need of role models.

Chelsea also speaks fluent French and Hebrew. In her spare time, she enjoys playing competitive ice hockey and soccer, travelling, baking, and above all, spending time with her family and friends. Fueled by her passion for public well-being, Chelsea is motivated to help build a better world, and believes that with hard work and gratitude, she will achieve her goals.



TORRIN WHITE

Torrin is a recent graduate of the Dhillon School of Business at the University of Lethbridge. With a major in General Management, it was an easy decision for him to pursue his Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership degree at Carleton University. In addition to becoming a graduate student, Torrin will also be joining the Carleton Ravens men's hockey program.

Growing up in Southern Alberta, Torrin developed a passion for his family, sports, and the outdoors. It was not until later in life that he found his passion for serving others. As a student-athlete, Torrin was provided with a unique platform for making meaningful connections with individuals in the community. The first initiatives Torrin was associated with involved school presentations engaging in anti-bullying strategies as well as the effects of drugs and alcohol.

Being a student-athlete at the University of Lethbridge, Torrin was fortunate enough to develop an anti-bullying campaign through the Pronghorns Athletics Program. This campaign, combined with previous initiatives and a growing desire to serve and encourage others, is what led him to the PNL program. He is excited to expand his knowledge and learn from his peers through this unique and humbling experience.



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