

## Capping Off a Year Back in the Classroom

CASA Celebrates a Full Year of In-Person Student Advocacy

Halifax, March 22, 2023- The Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) kicked off their Annual General Meeting (AGM) this morning in Halifax, Nova Scotia, hosted by Saint Mary's University Students' Association. This conference marks the end of the 2022-2023 school year for student advocates, who have gathered together to participate in CASA's AGM this year for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic started.

CASA's AGM isn't the only thing that is back in action this year. In November of 2022, CASA organized an advocacy week that saw around 130 meetings take place between student leaders and parliamentarians; most of which were in-person. Student leaders are feeling the excitement return as they are able to engage in a dynamic way with politicians and their peers that isn't possible virtually.

"Seeing student leaders back in action is truly inspiring," Christian Fotang, Chair of CASA, said. "It's great that we are able to hold not only this meeting in-person, but all of our conferences this year have been in-person as well. It adds a whole new layer when we debate policies and share points-of-view."

During the AGM, student leaders will be discussing and voting on important policies, including housing and food security, and reviewing the organization's operations for the past 12 months.

The 2023 AGM comes at a time where CASA is experiencing significant growth in membership. CASA is proud to have two new member schools that have officially joined since last AGM, Centennial College Students Association Incorporated and the Sheridan Student Union. CASA is also glad to welcome eight new observer schools at this year's AGM.



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