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Student Union Report

JASON DONNELLY - PRESIDENT



My name is Jason Donnelly. I currently live in Enniskillen and attend the Enniskillen South West College Campus in which I study Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media Production. I work part time as a sales assistant in Dunne Stores Enniskillen and have been awarded Overall Media Student of the Year twice in a row. I previously attended St Michael's College and acquired 10 GCSEs before moving onto Higher Education in South West College.

As Student President I intend to be giving the students a voice. Not just in my own course or my own campus, but for every student of South West College. I intend to fight for new social areas, to make sure students are safe and have all the correctly working equipment and facilities they have been promised with no faulty software or computers. I will be fighting to create an equal

and level playing field between all students, of different ages, gender, nationality, sexual orientation and religion. I intend to encourage students to partake in clubs and societies that they would be interested in and would enjoy being included in. Finally I will also be attempting to fight for Student Finance and to work with outside organisations such as the NUS-USI to try and ensure that there are no more cuts to EMA!

The reason I ran for student president is because I've strongly enjoyed my experiences in South West College and I want others to be able to say the same, and to ensure that I will try to improve the Student Experience.

JOEL VANGENTE - VICE PRESIDENT



My name is Joel Vangente, I am 21 years old. I am Portuguese but I was born in Africa. I study BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT in the Dungannon campus.

I believe education matters!

I want to motivate students to finish their courses and get their qualifications, and to make students aware of current opportunities that will help them achieve their goals. I feel students should be supported throughout their time at college.

Students must stand as a whole; all students must be treated fairly and equally.

CIARA MONAGHAN - VICE PRESIDENT



My name is Ciara Monaghan, I'm eighteen years old and I'm currently studying Creative Media Production in South West College, Omagh. I want to try to make a difference as Vice President of the Students Union across each of the four South West College campuses; especially when it comes to areas such as Entertainment and Equality.

I would like to assist in arranging Students Nights at local pubs and clubs, to help our students mingle and make strong and hopefully life-long connections; as I feel many peer groups among the colleges keep themselves to themselves.

I would also like to help out with equality issues among the campuses, ensuring that each student of every Gender, Age, Race, Religion, and Sexuality is catered to as best as possible. As well as these areas, I feel amenities such as cash machines, vending machines etc. need to be allocated to each of these campuses

JUSTINE MILLAR - ENTERTAINMENTS OFFICER



I am an 18 years old and I'm very enthusiastic about sport and topics that revolve around it. I love expressing myself through lots of different ways and I have always loved entertaining people and putting smiles on people's faces. I aim to do this in the Enniskillen campus by creating a better place for everyone including tutors. I plan to campaign for an ATM/card machine in the campus. I would love for there to be more fairs, for example if art students to show off their work, performing arts students to act more etc.

ELENE ANTANE - ENTERTAINMENTS OFFICER



My name is Elena Antane and I am currently finishing my first year of Level 3 Diploma in Travel and Tourism at SWC in Dungannon. I have been elected as the Entertainment officer for the Student Union in the Dungannon campus and I will make it my priority to address the problems like having no student common room and a ATM cash machine at the Dungannon campus and hopefully with the support of the rest of the students we can make our campus a better place to study for all of us

SHANE IRWIN - ENTERTAINMENTS OFFICER



I am 18 years old and I live just outside Omagh, in the little village of Killyclogher. I am currently in my first year at South West College, studying Level 3 Extended Diploma in ICT.

I want to create a lively campus atmosphere where everyone knows each other and has a lot of fun and banter. I also want to make sure that everyone respects each other.

This year I hope to get College football teams up and running and organise campus wide tournaments. I also want to establish an amateur poker club in the College. In addition to clubs and societies, I also want to create volunteering opportunities for students through Duke of Edinburgh and Young Enterprise. Charities are important to me so fundraising events like a SWC take me out will be part of my plans this year.

PATRYK ORLIK - SECRETARY



I'm Patryk and I'm a student in Dungannon Campus.

I am a dynamic person who likes problem solving and I never give up. I always try to do every job the best way as possible. I am easy to communicate with and try to help other people. I am punctual, hard-working and organised, but I'm also friendly and fun loving. I'm looking forward to being a part of the Students' Union.

PHILOMENA MC DERMOTT - HE OFFICER



I am a second year student studying for a BSc (Hons) Degree in Social Work with University of Ulster at the SWC Dungannon campus. The course is delivered by experienced professionals with links from local providers of health, social care and education, creating opportunities for SWC students to further their professional development.

I was born in a multi-cultural society in England where my friends and neighbours came from every corner of the globe, then moved to my parents native Omagh as a teenager during some of the darkest times of the 'troubles'.

Two of my three grown-up children and my granddaughter live in Australia. I love traveling; experiencing other cultures,

meeting people, new challenges and experiences especially food and I am very keen on Thai, Malaysian, Vietnamese, Chinese, Indian and Italian dishes.

I have spent a lifetime working with computers, including starting my own business and being one of the very first Apple Macintosh retailers in Ireland back in the late 80s and long before PCs appeared in schools and businesses.

Throughout my life I have been involved in numerous community and voluntary organisations and been a carer for a family member and hope some of my own personal life experiences, knowledge and skills will be of benefit to others as they face life's challenges.

Being a student can be a very tough time with many unexpected difficulties and multiple pressures, no matter what age, gender, religion or nationality and I hope the student union will be a valuable resource and support for all the students at SWC.

Student involvement as well as voluntary and fund raising opportunities will benefit everyone and I hope that one of the first charities will be the local Buddy Bear Trust as we all have a duty to ensure that the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community are supported and given equal opportunities.

My role as Higher Education Officer will be to represent the voice of HE students at management level and to liaise with other student unions for the benefit of the students, college and community.

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