

Candidate Profile for Waggie Alquiros

Running for Chiu School of Business

Tell us about yourself

My name is Ed Wagner Alquiros – everyone knows me as “Waggie”. Born and raised from the Philippines. I have a BS degree in Computer Science and Supplemental units in Professional Teaching. My work experiences include Teaching, Social and Community work, Customer Service focusing on quality evaluation and people management. Currently taking up Business Administration specializing on Supply Chain Management. I’ve been happily married for 12 years with an 11-year-old son who is a 7th grader. I love to speak my mind out and is always ready to help. My simple pleasures are eating, sleeping, watching T.V., listening to music, doing grocery, laundry, and thrift store hopping.

What do you know about the Students’ Association of Bow Valley College?

The SABVC is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to the effective representation of all Bow Valley College students based on each of its current school division, including indigenous and regional learners. Furthermore, the student body is being led by Councilors (9), Executive Committee (4), and Board of Governors Representative (2). SABVC also aims to promote positive campus experience and exceptional support services to all members through strong Connections, committed Accountability, change Opportunity, Trust, and Innovation. Through its various offered programs and services, SABVC time and again has been committed on working towards enhancing the overall student experience in the entire campus community.

Diversity is a strength of SABVC. In your own words, how would you contribute to promoting diversity to the membership of SABVC?

It has been a prevalent sight within the BVC campus to see people from different ethnicity, gender, age, race, religion, and sexual orientation as part of the institution. But rather than highlighting the differences mentioned, a much suitable approach is towards Diversity and Inclusion. A good example was during the recently concluded annual Calgary Stampede celebration wherein they had a parade which represented the various ethnicities in Calgary. I was really honored and proud to see delegates from the Philippines waving our flag while dressed in our national wear. A similar approach can be done in the campus like having a united nations week/month to learn more and better understand the different cultures.

What is your platform?

As an International Student which comprises a significant portion of the total BVC student population, I would advocate towards 2 very important needs: 1. Guidance on the Do’s and Don’ts of an IS / Road leading towards being a Permanent Resident – It makes a lot of sense that students being molded in the Canadian culture and education stay here for good and contribute towards the continuous betterment and stability of this great country, Canada. 2. Network expansion – expanding our ‘connections’ through programs like Family Day, Business Administration Meet and Greet, Job Fair, and In-campus work opportunities like Apprenticeship program – would better assist us in reaching our goal of gaining credible Canadian work experience.