## Candidate Profile for Gurleen Kaur Running for School of Technology

#### Tell us about yourself

Hello everyone! My name is Gurleen Kaur (she, her), and I am excited to be running for the Student Councillor to represent the School of Technology. I am now enrolled in the third semester of the Information Technology Systems Diploma Program at Bow Valley College. I am a member of the sustainability committee and an active volunteer. I was a peer tutor at the School of Technology last semester. Basketball, cycling, walking, and designing are some of my hobbies. I am enthusiastic about meeting new people, making connections within the college community, and gaining leadership experience.

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

SABVC is an association that represents students at Bow Valley College. SABVC is on a mission to enhance positive experiences for learners on campus. It also offers a variety of support services such as free hygiene items, grocery aid every semester, assistance in getting affordable housing, and many more. They do have several different clubs and volunteer opportunities for students. SABVC has board games in the office as well as health, and dental benefits. SABVC conduct numerous events, contributes to awards and scholarships, and offers discounted UPass, and bright passes for members of the students' association.

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

I will adhere to the goal of SABVC which is "Build a sense of community by embracing diversity and ensuring equality and acceptance." I pledge to be an open-minded councillor who believes in EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) and will make every effort to ensure that all perspectives are heard. I will work to advocate and get all cultures' holidays acknowledged in the college calendar. Bow Valley College has students from 115 countries. Cultural diversity improves the campus environment. I will continue to learn from SABVC members while promoting the core value of diversity on campus.

### What is your platform?

I would want to run for council because I believe technology students have not received the attention and consultation they need. My platform is to change this by holding general meetings and consulting with students. I would like to represent our voices, advocate for our ideas, and create positive changes on campus. I will represent and empowers the students at the School of Technology. I will work closely with the SABVC to address some common issues such as students having to spend hundreds of dollars to purchase access codes, in-person classes should be recorded and made available to students when needed and the availability of Internship programs.